Cater announces resignation

by Susan Di Leo
Editor-in-chief

President Douglass Caer announced his intention to esign after this year at an unexpected meeting of faculty members and student leaders on Monday.

His decision was prompted by health reasons; in a statement, Cater said he and wife Libby had hoped "that a full decade of service might not be so wild a dream. Now my cardiologist has blown the whistle."

Cater became the President of Washington College in 1982.

When he assumed the presidency, the former reporter, author, and aide to President Lyndon B. Johnson found an institution struggling at once to survive and maintain its smallness.

"Survival for the independent small college will not be won by betting the odds. Instead, we know that we must win our way by distinguishing ourselves from the other small institutions...by the continuing pursuit of excellence," Cater said in his inaugural address.

In keeping with his vision of a distinguished Washington College, Cater embarked on a campaign which sought to improve the College financially, academically, and cosmetically.

He crusaded vigorously and profitably for financial support for the College, attracting funding from such luminaries as Alonzo G. Decker, Jr., former chairman of the board of Black and Decker and namesake of the recently christened Decker Science Center.

Washington College now ranks in the top 25 colleges and universities in alumni contributions, and Cater's Campaign for Excellence has raised more than $40 million for everything from scholarships to buildingrenovations.

President Douglass Cater announced his intention to resign after this academic year.
(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

Such high-profile campaigning has paid off in increased awareness of graduating high school seniors of the College. "Student applications have reached a new high," Cater said. Indeed, applications have doubled in the last seven years, as has the academic quality of applicants.

The Master Plan is perhaps the most visual and controversial reflection of the Cater presidency. Buildings have sprung: the Decker Science Center and the Casey Swim Center are among the finished, with the Constance Stuart Lar-

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College tightens reigns on alcohol policy

by Tracey Connell
News Editor

A change in the College's alcohol policy has alarmed several returning students this semester.

Dean Maxcy of Student Affairs explained this week that the alteration is meant to "prevent problems caused by serving heavily intoxicated students as well as those obviously underage."

Page twenty-eight of the Washington College Student Handbook outlines a list of regulations for "social events sponsored by student organizations or by individual students."

Number five on this list is a new regulation: "The organizers of any party which is open to the campus MUST hire college approved bartenders through WCDS, if approval for beer or wine is to be given."

Maxcy stated that legal pressures in addition to those exerted by parents and Chestertown residents have facilitated the change in policy.

The new regulations hold all members of the sponsoring organization responsible for damages and for the observance of state law.

KA President Mike Jenkins has mixed feelings about the new restriction. Representing the views of many students, he commented, "It's just another chip off of the historically liberal stance that the college has taken."

However, Jenkins views rule five as a helpful provision to the student organizations holding parties. Having Dining Service bartenders will "take some pressure off of fraternities, sororities or any other social group" when sponsoring a function. At the same time it will cause them to hold parties by invitation, as the regulation only requires them to hire bartenders for functions open to the entire campus, he stated.

Jenkins was reluctant to predict if the College's social life will be adversely affected.

"A lot of the biggest parties on campus, for example Homecoming and the Birthday Ball, have bartenders and no one hesitates to attend them."

Dean Maxcy defended Washington College's new regulations, stating that the measures are necessary in order to maintain the institution's "liberal" policy.

"We are trying to protect the establishment from lawsuit. This is a responsible way of trying to allow students to have these kinds of events on campus."

As cooperation of student leaders is needed, Dean Maxcy plans to "talk to student leaders. It's going to take the support of all organizations."

Washington College students socialize on the steps of Bill Smith.
(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

Students choose off campus housing

by Tracey Connell
News Editor

Enrollment projections and rising costs of obtaining a college education have forced many students to move off campus this year, says Dean Maxcy, Associate Dean of Students. Over 300 students are currently living in Chestertown and elsewhere rather than in college housing.

The Admissions office projected a 1989-90 freshman class of 250 at the end of last semester; Student Affairs expected to allocate rooms to the freshman class in concordance with that number.

For the first time in the history of the College, Student Affairs could not guarantee on-campus housing for every returning student. At the time, they issued a memo stating that a number of students should find off- campus housing.

According to Kevin Coveney, Director of Admissions, 232 freshmen are now enrolled, more than fifty students short of last year's projection. If those 68 freshmen were to have lived in double dormitory rooms, they would have occupied a total of 34 rooms.

Thus, 34 rooms were allocated to nonexistent incoming freshmen.

In addition, approximately 345 upperclassmen have moved off campus.

According to Coveney and other administrative officials, the discrepancy between last May's projection of incoming freshman and current figures could not have been predicted. Said Cove-

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Master Plan progresses

by Ed Schroeder
Reporter

Clint Baer, Director of Planning and Special Projects, stated this week that recent construction at Washington College will come to a close within the next few years.

Over the summer, work crews vigorously attempted to continue the Master Plan. While rain seemed a hindrance at times, it was not a setback for what Clint Baer and the Development Office team had in mind.

"Rain was our only real concern," Baer said. "Our team was pretty much on the ball. We kept up with our schedule except for when we hit a problem in a water main pipe in College Lane."

Currently, College Lane, known as the "fire lane", is marked off while plumbing problems dating back to 1950 are repaired.

Benches will be installed so that this avenue can be used as a gathering place for activities and functions.

To authenticate College Avenue, "eventually we will have all the walkways done in brick," Baer stated. "This is just a stepping stone for us to accomplish that."

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EDITORIAL

Cater established basis for realizing visions

Whether you love him or hate him—and unless you're brain dead, you have a definite opinion about him—there's no denying that Douglass Cater has Done Great Things for Washington College.

What Cater found in 1982 was a small, independent, institution struggling to stay small and independent, lacking in a number of basic elements necessary for survival. Underenrolled, financially unstable, apparently stagnant, this school had but a leg to stand on.

OK, OK, you say, Cater raised a lot of money for Washington College. Big deal.

It's more than money. It's ideas. By raising the College's profile, finances, enrollment, and credibility, Douglass Cater has returned the ability to imagine great things to the College community; arguably, you and I would never have known nor cared about Washington College if not for the high visibility he brought to this school.

Indeed, Cater has pursued his own visions for Washington College with great passion, and several of his expectations have been realized. He has implemented innovated curricular programs such as the Freshman Common Seminar and the President's Forum, and honors seminar courses. The sophomore writing obligation he instituted has not been an overall success, but now has been revamped into a more workable format. Additionally, faculty salaries have improved, and the College is attracting students of high academic profiles.

Perhaps the most controversial of his visions is the Master Plan, the project he has fought hard to see to its completion. It looks as if it's finally coming together.

The buildings that constitute the Master Plan will certainly stand as a Cater legacy, tangible representations of his accomplishments from 1982-1990.

For years, however, certain members of the College community—be they in the minority or otherwise— have damned the Master Plan, especially since construction began on the Casey Academic Resources Center. No one seems to know exactly what it's for, other than to provide a formal entrance to the College.

Opponents of the Plan say that pretty landscaping and big, impressive buildings have taken precedence over academics.

This may be true. Seniors in the upper academic echelons of their high schools want to come to Washington College; are our academics challenging enough to meet the rising standards of incoming freshmen?

We will soon enter a new era, and it's time to decide where we're headed. A search committee is in the works to attract candidates for president, and that committee will include student representatives, which by no means implies that two students should make such an important decision for the entire student body.

It is every student's obligation to voice his or her notions of who our next president should be: do we need another Douglass Cater or is it time to shift priorities? At any rate, Cater has laid down superb groundwork for realizing whatever visions are in store for Washington College.

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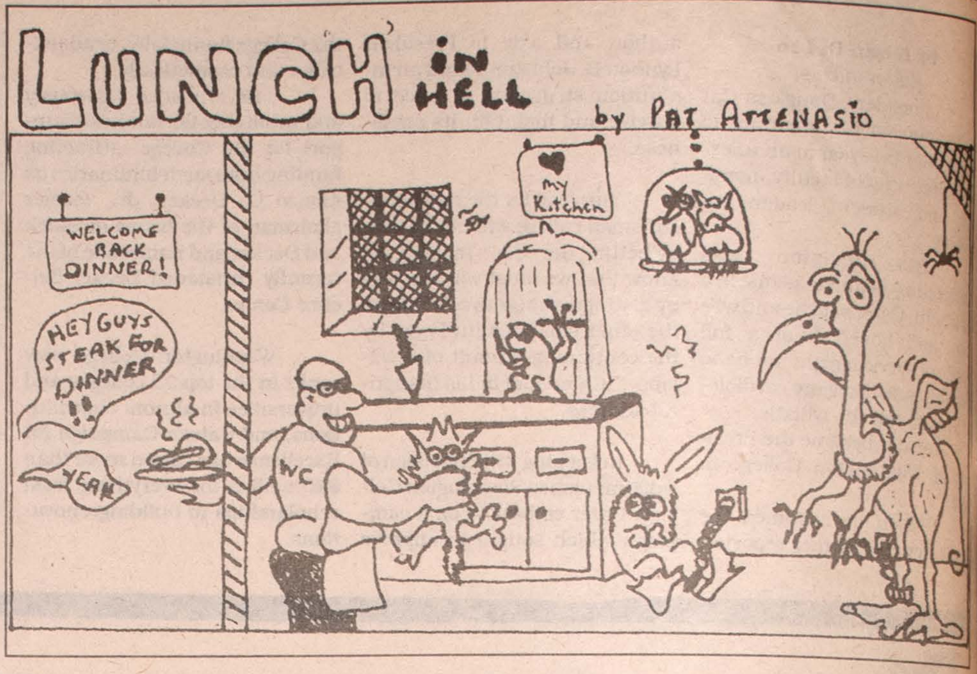

Welcome from President Cater

Welcome to a Major Work in Progress.

You may be asking yourself by your first week's end: What am I doing here? Is there room for life and mental growth on a construction site?

My answer is— read our plans and not just our lips. You will discover that this year will be remembered as the year of the Transformation and that you are in the midst of it.

Don't just watch it. Help make it happen. Creativity can be at its highest in the midst of change. Use your imagination to make the most of a college on the move. I hope this will be a productive and interesting time.

The student body faces challenge. You can go down in college history as the discoverers. The new world of the campus is waiting for you to explore as it comes into being.

Libby and I hope this year which culminates our own happy career at Washington College will bring our community closer together.

With best wishes,
Douglass Cater

Cater

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rabee Creative Arts Center and the Academic Resource Center in the works.

Both students and faculty were taken aback by Cater's decision to resign in the midst of a successful presidency which has put Washington College back on its financial feet, attracted more students, and increased its profile.

Sherry Magill, Vice President and Deputy to the President, commented in a personal statement, "It saddens me greatly to hear the announcement of Douglass Cater's retirement. He brought with him a national reputation which has benefited Washington College greatly."

Steve Attias, President of the SGA, said that he and many other students were "surprised" by the announcement. "I personally have mixed feelings, as I am sad to see President Cater leave, yet excited to see a new president who can become more active with the students."

A search committee, overseen by Chairman Al Goldstein, is in the works to attract candidates for the presidency, Cater said. This committee will include student representatives.

There has been some speculation as to whether Cater's imminent departure will touch off a domino effect in the new president's office.

About the speculation, Magill said, "It varies from institution to institution."

"Meanwhile, I am determined to prove that Washington College will not have a lame duck on its hands during the year ahead," Cater said.

"There are promises to keep before I step down from this high office. I devoutly hope you will share my ambition that the 'home stretch' of the Cater Presidency will sustain our pursuit of excellence to be passed on to the twenty-fourth President."

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CAMPUS VOICES

ISSUE: How have your impressions of Washington College changed since you were a freshman?

" I will leave this school with new perspectives."

I was raised in a big city, accustomed to the nightlife, culture and unending opportunities that those places offer. Washington College was a bit of a shock to me.

My high school senior class was 800 students large, with an 80% ethnic majority. WC's "traditional atmosphere" threatened to stifle me.

Learning to respect all cultures and people regardless of their differences has been a lesson I loved to learn. It frustrates me that this twentieth-century college can exist with such a gross underepresentation of minority students. I find it difficult to forgive this flaw and this difficulty has created resentment in my attitude towards the College.

However, one day during my sophomore year I stumbled upon a tiny, dusty department with a little sign out front which read, "Student Affairs." I went in and and told them of troubles with my roommate.

They listened to me sympathetically, treated me like a human, and then fixed it. The discovery of such caring people committed to student happiness raised my opinion of the College immensely.

My junior year, I suffered a setback which arrived in the form of Convocation. The problem: students did not attend Convocation.

The College administration sent out letters to all campus leaders assertively "inviting" them to attend. Not only were they expected to attend, but they were to bring the members of their group to be introduced during Convocation. Flyers were posted in all the dorms with statements like, "Come see Washington College Baseball team at Convocation!"

Convocation came, attendance higher than ever. At some point during the proceedings, President Cater said "Thank you," read off a list of campus and athletic groups, then continued with regular Convocation proceedings.

This flagrant misrepresentation infuriated me because it implies that the student body's physical presence is more important than their actual involvement in the proceedings. It was a sad statement on the relationship between the administation and the student body.

Elizabeth Rollins

Strangely enough, all this summer I craved to come back here.

I am graduating this year and it occurred to me that I did not want to leave, despite all my gripes. I conceded that all my problems were caused by the administration, and I moved on to discover the origin of my newfound love for WC.

I found it, of course, in the classrooms. I am a student of literature, but have taken a variety of courses and I have discovered that the words exchanged in those high ceilinged rooms between students and professors have served to change my life.

I will leave this school with new perspectives that have sculpted and polished my approach to living. Even that nasty old maid, Distribution, by forcing me into dread biology, has opened my mind to the rhythm and pattern of my blood beating through my veins.

The literature I have read here has reinforced that idea of good old "Carpe Diem" until I find that I am actually living my life in accordance with these words.

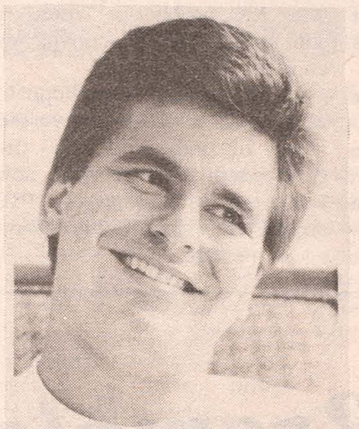
Elizabeth Rollins is a senior RA majoring in English.

Mike Tyson
Sophomore

Most of the College, I've found, is what I expected. Small, friendly. I feel now that the people are the same, but the politics are too capitalistic (concerning the EPA fine, development, and tuition.

Peter Johnson
Senior
Rochester, NY

I think the campus has grown and includes a broader base of student types than when I first arrived on campus.

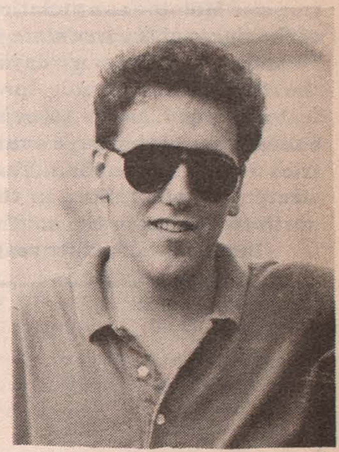


Geoffrey Robert Girard
Senior
Cherry Hill, NJ

The men of Campus Voices are more charming than ever before. Plus , I think that Bon Jovi, and all lads and lasses from New Jersey have added a touch of class to the College.

Justin McIntyre
Senior
Bishop, CA

I first arrived at WC with great expectations of learning at all levels. I have found that I learned more things than intended. I can only hope that this trend continues in a positive way.



Stefen Strein
Senior
Bel Air, Maryland

The campus is looking better than when I was a freshman, but I still think they should tear down Kent House and build luxury condos.

by Amy L. Undercoffler

"I can't even get a set of good impressions."

I passed more McDonald's than Burger King would like to admit exist. Then cornfields. Then Money's Truckstop. Then more cornfields.

Finally, I came upon the pearly gates and tipped my hat to the somber honor gaurd who called himself Suds 'n' Soda. Our car slowed as we reviewed the 4x4's standing at attention on the banks of Route 213; and within minutes I found myself sandwiched between the Literary House and a big red box that was to become my home.

So far, my college experience was unfolding as I had thought it would. Everything remained copasetic for the next few hours. I stood in some lines. I signed my name a lot. And I met the stranger I'd be living with. Now what?

At this point our hero is supposed to have all his delusions and fantasies about college — whether they be academic, athletic or sexual— about college either shattered or fulfilled. Everyone is supposed to have daydreams about going to college . I couldn't even muster up a simple little fanatsy.

Chris Deri

This lack of scenario as to what my college career might hold for me was probably the hardest part about going to WC. Even toward the end of the summer before my freshman year I still knew nothing about the school. I soon realized that this was in large part due to the fact that no one else seemed to know anything about WC. Whenever the subject of any other college came up, everyone always had a blanket, characterizing statement about a school. "Oh, UVM? Party school. American? J.A.P.'s. J.A.P.-Central. Bennington? D'you how much that place costs?" Then when I would bring W.C. into the conversation, my fellow conversants would hush and look around the room uncomfortably like puppies who couldn't fetch.

Despite constant collisions with this wall of ignorance, I was determined to find some shred of information— true or false at this point— from someone who had a brother or sister or parent or pet that went to WC. So whenever I found myself with a self-proclaimed college adviser I would mention WC. Usually this was followed by a blank look from them, and then the all-too -familiar, "Oh, in St. Louis." After I made the geographic correction, I'd spend the next few minutes explaining the Eastern Shore's proximity to places like D.C. and Baltimore. Then, I'd look into the eyes of whoever it was I was seeking an illuminating stereotype from, and I'd get a response like, "— Never heard of it." If I had the energy, I'd spew off some facts and figures about the lacrosse team and the Sophie Kerr Prize, but usually I would just walk away frustrated.

I wanted to know about this mysterious place. Part of me also wanted others to know about my school. I wanted them to say, "Washington College, isn't that where they...?"

When my parents roared off in their mini-van, I still didn't have any prejudices or preconceptions about Washington College. Was it a jock school? Was it full of hippies? Was everyone a hick? I spent my first semester trying to find out which of these catagories Washington College filled. I was like this aimless traveler straggling through Miss Dee's, Bill Smith and Kent. My quest was to find anything— a clique, group or induvidual— whose traits would allow me to form a misconceived, cloudy innacurate judgement about this place. Of course all I came upon were these hoards of normal looking people. I thought maybe I'd have something to go on if I could figure out what L.A.X. stood for, but I soon gave up on that.

Now by this time I was developing a real failure complex because, not only couldn't I get a hold of any real strong pre-judgements, but here I was at the damn school and I still couldn't find a bonding stereotype. Some people did sports. Some people got stoned. And some people had uncles named Jed.

So how have my perceptions changed about Washington College? I can't even get my hands on a good set of first impressions.

Chris Deri is leaving WC this spring.

Eastern Europe: the first fifty years

by Laura Hopper
Perspectives Editor

In the early morning fifty years ago today, German tanks rolled across the border into Poland, signaling the start of the Second World War. Only a few days earlier, on August 23, 1939, the foreign ministers of the Third Reich and the Soviet Union signed the infamous Soviet-Nazi Nonaggression Pact and agreed to divide Eastern Europe between themselves.

With two signatures came the end of the independent states of Poland, Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia. Six years later, the Third Reich was a ruin and Soviet puppet governments ruled Eastern Europe.

Change comes much slower to the area today. On August 23, 1989, the Polish Parliament condemned the Nonaggression Pact of Ribbentrop and Molotov as a violation of the rights of the free state of Poland. And on the same day in the three Baltic States, protesters joined hands to symbolically unite the three countries in a human chain that stretched from Tallinn in the north to Vilnius in the south.

But it has taken fifty years for the citizens of these countries to be able to perform such acts of conscience. And following the bloodbath in Soviet Georgia earlier this year, they are performed with an ever watchful eye on Moscow.

In Poland there are fears for the new non-Communist government. The state of the economy and Communist control of the military and police forces could undermine any chances of success. In Moscow, the Communist Party condemns the nationalist movements in the Baltic States, and protesters for Baltic independence in Moscow are quelled by police. These are not the signs of a government willing to be generous and grant freedom to very economically important region. The industry rich Baltic States will be held onto by the Soviets, perhaps even at a high cost.

The collapse of the Soviet economy will cause a great change in their political system, but it may not be for the better. All of the effected countries have limited experience with more democratic forms of government. And then the question arises of the willingness of the people to suffer great privations while a new government is trying to sort out the mess of the economy. Will they believe rapid inflation and shrinking incomes are worth personal liberty? Their exposure to democracy and its benefits is limited. They see our culture through our television shows, and the few visitors who come to the West each year.

Our democracy however was not built in one, two or even three years, and it was built on the centuries old British tradition. The most experience these states have is twenty-one years of democracy. Twenty-one years, in some cases, of housing and food shortages, and fear of the new, powerful Soviet state forming under Joseph Stalin. But the countries have changed so much in the past fifty years that even that halcyon period may prove to be an insufficient example.

Changes will come to these places, and they will be as great as the one begun on that September morning on the German-Polish border. They may not be for the best.

In the World

United States:

Walt Disney Corporation Michael Eisner has announced the purchase of Henson Associates. Analysts estimate the purchase, which will include the Henson film libraries, creature shops, and some of the Muppets, will cost Disney between 100 and 150 million dollars.

Former PTL evangelist Jim Bakker will be in court in Charlotte, N.C. on Monday where he will face fraud and conspiracy charges.

Bakker's lawyers hope to present him as a true believer led astray by underlings while the government plans to show how Bakker used money given by PTL supporters to finance his extravagant lifestyle.

Soviet Union:

The Communist Party in Moscow condemned the nationalist movements in the three Baltic States just days after protesters for independence linked hands to form a human chain that stretched from Tallinn to Vilnius. The Party also condemned a recent report in the Lithuanian parliament declaring the Soviet annexation of the Baltic states illegal and immoral.

In a phone call to Lithuanian Communist party chief Algirdas Brazauskas, Mikhail Gorbachev stressed that Lithuania should not consider succession.

China:

Chinese officials say that Deng Xiaoping is suffering from complications from prostate surgery. Although reports of the 85 year old Chinese leader's condition are varied, none suggest he is terminally ill. He is currently recuperating in the beachside resort community of Beidaihe.

Chinese college student Zhang Weiping became the first student to be given a prison sentance for his part in the student protests in Beijing last spring. Mr. Zhang, a senior at the Zhejiang Fine Arts Institute, was sentanced to nine years in prison for calling the Voice of America, and drawing anti-government cartoons.

compiled by Laura Hopper

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Katherine E. Absher
Features Editor

The fan cuts the steam in the bedroom, and the night shadows mix with the steam and the heat of the room. The sheets lap the sweat of the body in bed who is turning the pages of Albert Camus's *The Stranger* .

The reader and Meursault, the protaganist of *The Stranger*, feel the same heat together. The heat that hypnotized Meursault into commiting a criminal act pours off the reader's fingertips onto the book until Meursault's Algeria is the reader's bedroom; Meursault's summer is the reader's summer, and Meursault and the reader combine.

This affinity between Meursault and the reader shows the difference between summer reading and academic reading. Summer is a season for vacations to the beach, the mountains, and abroad, but it can also be a vacation for the mind through literature. Tickets to Spanish bull fights or steam boat trips down the Mississippi are sold at the local library or nearest book store.

And books always heighten a summer's intensity. *The Sun Also Rises* or *The Stranger* are not the same when read in winter. As summer is three months of pleasure, summer reading should be a relaxing hobby.

June, July, and August are three months where Washington College's faculty can immerse themselves into novels that are not course-related. They can relax and read without pondering the use of tone, symbolism, or point of view.

"I have this absolute impatience with anything not perfectly written. I'm a notorious half-reader."

After returning from two years in Paris where he taught at the Sorbonne, Professor Tom Cousineau walked the cliffs of Newport and perused such "light eading" as Shakespeare's history plays and the Japanese writer Mishima's *Forbidden Colors* whose hero disembows himself by committing hari kiri. "I ust go to the library and pick out books that strike me— usually writers that I haven't had time or. I don't read junk. I never do. 'm just not that way. I have this absolute impatience with anything not perfectly written," explained Cousineau.

But most of Cousineau's summer entailed reading the proofs of his soon-to -be published book on Samuel Beckett's play *Writing for Godot* , out in December.

Jackie Collins and Danielle Steel are not on Kathy Wagner's summer reading list. This summer Wagner explored the connections between the visual arts and literature by reading *Apollinaire on Art: Essays and Reviews 1902 -1918* and *Writings of Marcel Duchamp*. She first became interested in "writers writing on art" when she team taught a course on that theme two years ago. The summer gave her a chance to continue her interest in the subject.

After teaching the course Southern Voices last spring semester, Dean Baer, like Wagner, continued her interest in her course by reading more books about slavery and the South in general. Her summer reading consisted of *A Turn in the South* by V.S. Naipaul, *Best Intentions* by Robert Sam Anson, and *My Folks Don't Want Me To Talk About Slavery* , edited by Belinda Hurmence, which was an anthology of ex-slaves interviewed in the 1930s by employees of Roosevelt's Work Progress Administration.

G.W. Cable's *Grandissimes* also catered to Baer's preoccupation with the South, describing black life in New Orleans.

Baer also read novels in preparation for her women's literature course next spring semester. Three women novelists she concentrated on were Chinese American women writing about Chinese immigration and adaption to the United States. Amy Tan's *The Joy Luck Club* is narrated by four mothers and four daughters describing their experiences as Chinese immigrants on the west coast.

Maxine Hong Kingston's *Trip Master Monkey—His Fake Book* "looks hard, surprisingly enough, at the experiences of a Chinese American male character and all the influences that come to war on minorities," commented Baer.

The third novel she read about Chinese Americans is Jade Snow Wong's *Fifth Chinese Daughter*, so named because Wong was the fifth Chinese American woman to publish a novel in the U.S

Of course, summer being the season of fun and sun, Dean Baer also enjoyed some light reading such as Amanda Cross's *A Trap of Fools*. Cross has "written nine murder mysteries all set on college campuses where the major detective is a Professor of English at a large urban university in New York City," remarked Baer. "In this novel a professor is found dead below his office window...These novels give a lot of interesting insight into higher education. It is almost a subgenre of murder mysteries— academic murder mysteries," explained Baer.

Unlike Baer, Christine Pabon did not find summer an ideal time for reading. "110 degree heat in Spain made reading a struggle," sighed Pabon. But in the cool hours of the morning Pabon did manage to read many of Shakespeare's and Cervantes' works to prepare an essay comparing the two.

Pabon, however, opened up her summer by reading Anne Tyler's *The Accidental Tourist* on the plane to Madrid. "I wasn't reading it to teach. I was reading it as a best seller and just enjoyed it," stated Pabon.

Dr. James Locker, assistant professor of chemistry, obtained his summer adventure not from seeing *The Abyss* or *Ghostbusters*, but from reading science fiction such as Anne McCaffrey's *Dragon's Dawn.*

Locker, however, also listens as well as reads his science fiction. During his interview, he pulled down a well-filled cassette case of taped books. While traveling during the summer, he listened to Tom Clancy's *Red Storm Rising*, about a Soviet submarine commander who decided to defect to the U.S.

He also listened to Ursula LeGuin's *The Left Hand of Darkness*, which he had read in novel form and later bought on tape.

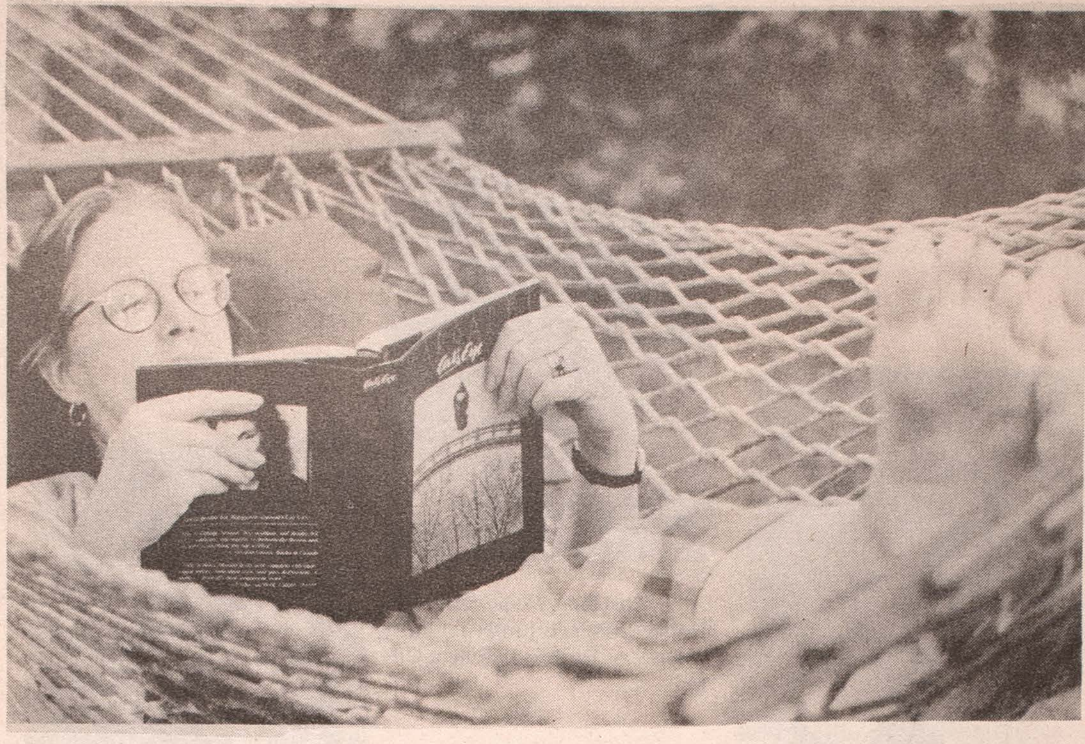
Dr. James Siemen, associate professor of psychology, relaxed this summer with *Acute Effects of Aerobic Exercise on Mood.* "I clocked in some hours at the beach in Cape Cod and read journal articles...it's not the sort of thing you curl up with, with a dog by your side, and a cup of coffee, but it brings you up to date on the scientific research in your field," laughed Siemen.

Although summer is a time for tennis matches, rainbow sherbet, and reading *Gone With the Wind* on the beach, members of the faculty do not rest when it comes to reading; most of their reading is course or research related.

Dr. Nathan Smith does little recreational reading; his summer reading consisted of pouring over works on witchcraft, the French Revolution, and Imperial Russia. "My recreational time was spent doing work around the house....although I did enjoy *Parenthood* with Steve Martin."

Dr. Emilie Amt, who researched her medieval crusades class this summer, summed up most professors' problems, explaining, "We professors are awfully busy, and we don't have time for much light reading."

Stephen King and Clive Barker did not haunt these professors shelves this summer.



Dean Baer relaxed this summer by reading literature in the genre of the Southern Voices seminar she taught last year. Several professors read course-related books this summer. (photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

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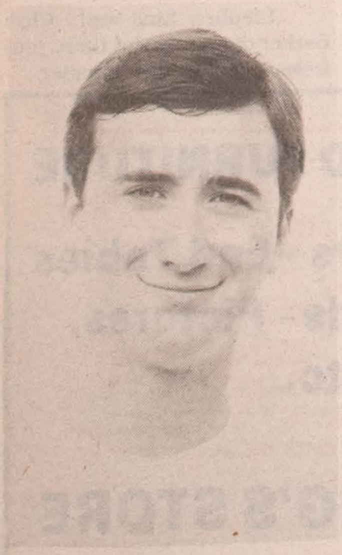
Erin O'Neal, RA for East Hall, is a junior. She is majoring in American Studies and lives in Earleville, Md.

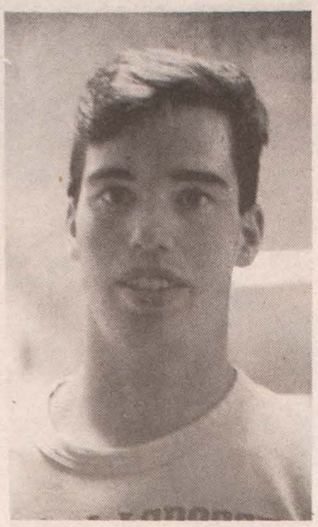
Elizabeth Driscoll, a junior from Philadelphia majoring in Psychology, is the RA on the first floor of Queen Anne's.



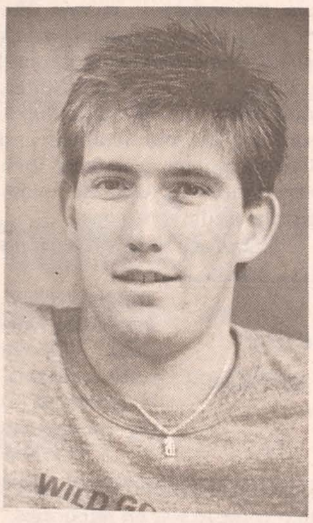
Brooke Frank is the RA on the first floor of Worcester. He is a Politcal Science and History double major. He is a sophomore from Moorestown, NJ.

Ryder Daniels, RA for the Writer's Floor in Wicomico, is a Drama major.

Ann Urban, RA for West Hall, is a senior majoring in Biology. She lives in Pasadena, Md.



Matt Moore, one of the Kent House RAs, is a junior majoring in History. He lives in Ellicot City, Md.



Tim Keehan, a senior majoring in business, is the RA for Dorchester. He lives in Lutherville, Md.

Sharon Orser, RA for Cardinal, is a Biology major. She is a senior and lives in Baltimore, Md.

Chris Long, a senior majoring in Economics, is the RA on the third floor Somerset.

Matt Conaty, RA for the first floor of Somerset, is a junior majoring in English. He lives in Wilmington, De. but his heart belongs to Ireland.

Wendy Kloiber, RA for the second floor of Wicomico, lives in Syracuse, Ny. She is a senior majoring in Humanities.

Elizabeth Rollins, RA on the second floor of Worcester, is a senior majoring in English. She lives in Alexandria, Va.

Katie Moses, second flo RA for Queen Anne's, is a sopho- more from West Hartford, Conn

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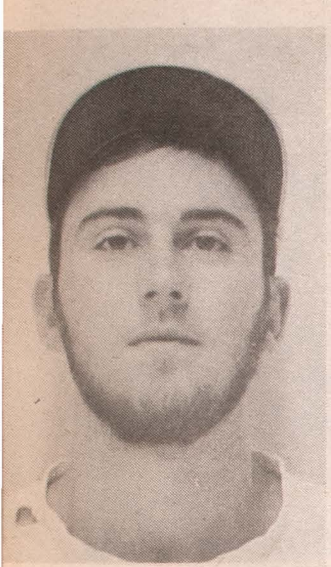

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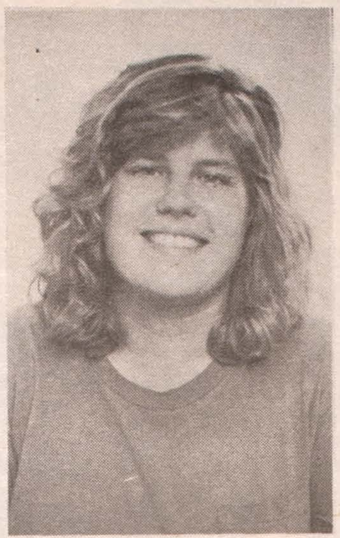
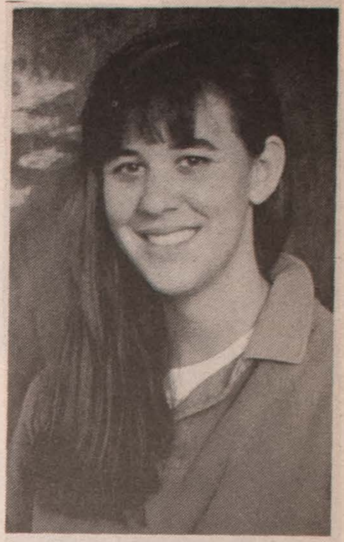


Jennifer Mauser, a junior from Glenwood, Md. with a double major in English and Philosophy, is third floor RA in Reid Hall.



Carrie Blackburn, RA for the first floor of Reid , is a senior with a double major in History and Philosophy. She lives in Reston, Va.

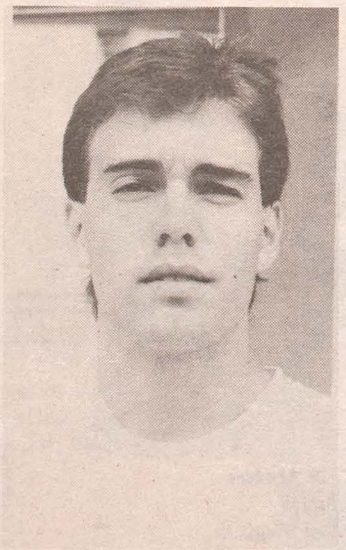
Susan Stobbart, third floor RA for Minta Martin, lives in Stone Harbor, NJ. She is a junior majoring in English.

Diana Holden, a psychology major, is the RA on the second floor of Minta Martin. She is a junior and lives in Baltimore, Md.

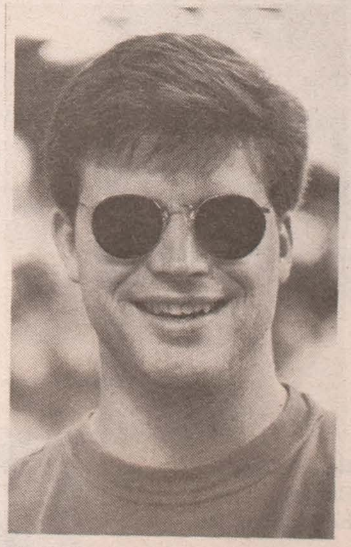
Jennifer Jefferson, second floor RA for Caroline, is a junior double majoring in Psychology and Business. She lives in Milton, De.

Debbie Smethurst, RA for the fourth floor of Minta Martin, is a junior majoring in Sociology. She lives in Portchester, Ny.

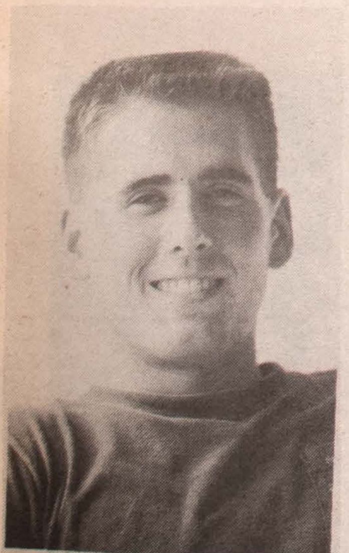
Tina Smith, a Sociology major from Andover, Mass, is the RA for the second floor of Reid Hall. She is a Senior.



Brian Kelly, RA for Cardinal, is a senior Business Management major from Ellicot City, Md.



Steve Gregory, RA for Cecil, is a junior majoring in Philosophy. He lives in Richmond, Va.



Jason Ebrite is the other first floor RA in Kent House. He is a Senior majoring in Biology, and he lives in Towson, Md

John Thomas, one of the second floor RAs in Kent House, is a Senior Business major from Gambrills, Md.

Missing but not Forgotten:

Jackie Bell, first floor RA, Caroline House.

Sean Murphy, third floor RA, Caroline House.

Caroline Reese, RA, Talbot.

Anthony Caliguiri,RA, Middle Hall.

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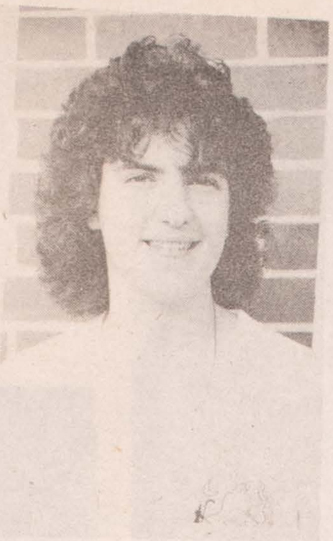

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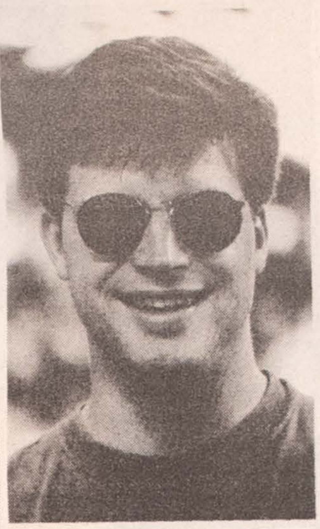

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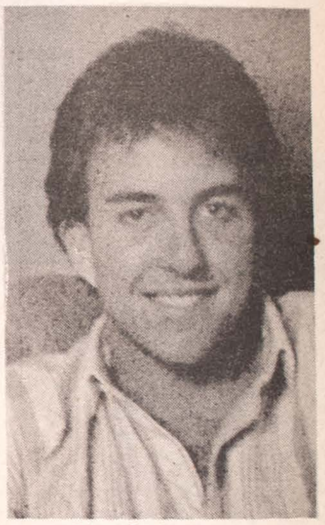

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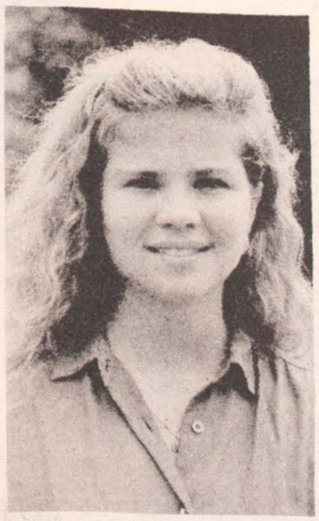

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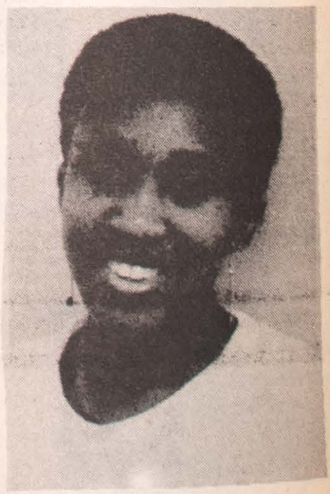

Kemi Ladeji
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Nigeria

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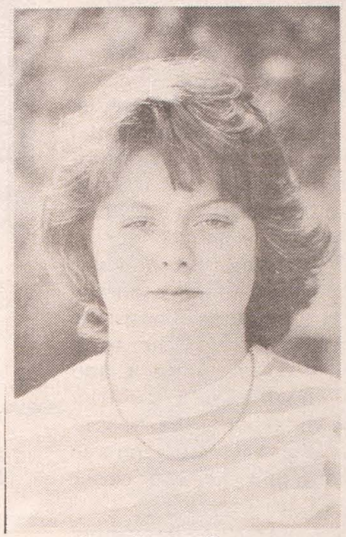

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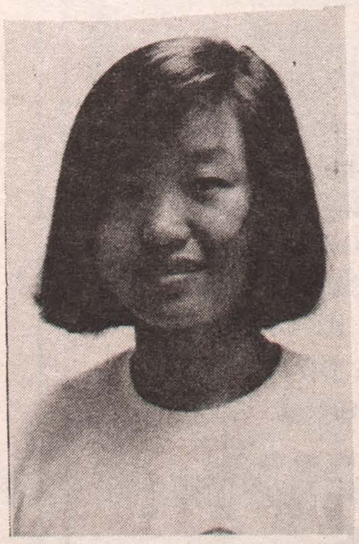

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Philadelphia, Pa.

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- Jennifer Golden
- Kris Winschel
- Peter Mallor
- Mary Riner
- Troy Petenbrink
- Brent Hopkins
- Debbie Johnson

Soccer team looks promising in '89

by Brett Lankford
Sports Editor

After an inconsistent 1988 season and a summer of learning in England, the Sho'men soccer team is preparing for the upcoming season. This year's team is loaded with talent and experience, and coach Tom Bowman is excited about the prospects for 1989.

"I think this team has the potential to be the best soccer team this college has ever had," Bowman stated in a recent interview.

Coach Bowman has good reason for such optimism. All but three players return from last year's 7-10 squad. The 1988 team displayed flashes of greatness, but it took most of the season for the players to adjust to each other's abilities.

This year's team benefits from an abundance of talent as well as an unselfish attitude that should make the team one of the powers in the Middle Atlantic Conference.

The team's nucleus of players is led by All-MAC selections Mike Bishop and Tom Bowman. John Thomas is back in goal after missing a year due to illness; Coach Bowman says he has been terrific since his return. John Seal, Benjy Ward, Peter Van Buren and Scott Smith are other key players who return for this potentially dangerous team.

Most of the talk on the team, however, centers on the addition of forward Enrique del Prado. A transfer from Universidad de Mexico, del Prado has displayed soccer skills that has Bowman drooling.

"I talked to him all spring and was aware that he had been accepted here, but I was under the impression he was not coming. Then he showed up last week, and he has just been amazing."

The team also benefits from the unselfish play of Bishop and del Prado. "Both Mike and Enrique are content to give the ball up, and this has been a positive influence on the squad."

Another positive influence was the team's summer journey to England and their exposure to European soccer. The team developed both a physical and mental toughness on the trip, but Bowman says the biggest bonus of the visit to England was that it brought the team closer together.

"I would say that team unity was the biggest benefit. The players hung around together while we were over there, and we came away a friendly and cohesive unit."

Armed with a confident coach and a close-knit group of talented and experienced players, the WC soccer team appears ready for an exciting season and a possible MAC championship.

The soccer team scrimmaged last weekend in preparation for the upcoming season. Coach Bowman says the team's trip to England this summer brought the players closer together. *(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)*

Injuries pose problems for volleyball

by Brett Lankford
Sports Editor

The 1989 women's volleyball team is facing its toughest opponent before the season has even started: injuries have decimated the squad in the preseason and may put a damper on what coach Penny Fall thinks could be a strong season for the team.

"If this team gets healthy and stays healthy, we could have the best year we've had in a long time," Fall stated. "We've suffered numerous injuries prior to and during the summer, and we have to remain healthy to be successful."

One of the major setbacks for the team has been the slow-healing wrist of Sharon Orser. She was injured during softball season, and what was originally diagnosed as a sprain was eventually found to be fractured. Fall hopes that Theresa Sganga can pick up the slack for Orser during her absence.

Orser is one of four seniors who make up the nucleus of this year's volleyball team. Fall expects big things from Debbie Cohn, Valerie Williams and Ann Urban. These seniors are needed to display leadership for a team missing a number of key players at the start of the season.

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ARTS

Artist /Writer Snags Coveted Kerr Prize

by Stephanie Hess
Arts Editor

It's safe to bet that most students who graduated from Washington College this past May received graduation gifts. Family and friends showered graduates with gifts in the forms of watches, stereos and money. Probably, a few lucky students received cars.

One very talented graduate, Michele Balzé, received **$26,767 dollars.** No, the money **was not given** to her by a rich **uncle.** Balzé is the latest recipient of Washington College's Sophie Kerr Prize.

The Prize is awarded annually at Commencement to the graduating senior who shows the greatest "ability and promise for future fulfillment in the field of literary endeavor."

Balzé is the 22nd recipient of the Prize.

Balzé says that she invested part of the money, and used some of it to live for a month in Austria, where she studied German. Though she had plans to travel before she won the Prize, she admits that the money made the trip easier to finance.

Balzé majored in Art and English; these creative forms were reflected in the portfolio she submitted to the Sophie Kerr Committee, which included her senior thesis, ten poems, and several art reviews.

Dr. Nancy Tatum, chairman of the English department when the Committee chose Balzé, commented, "Michele's work showed unusual expertise in more than one art form."

Creative writing instructor Kathy Wagner noted a "large amount of creativity and maturity of intellectual pursuit in [Balzé's] work."

Her thesis advisor, Dr. Richard DeProspo, praised the unconventional approach to William Faulkner Balzé took with her thesis. "[She] applied feminist principles to an unlikely subject in a very sophisticated way," he commented, adding that her approach to Faulkner was "radical" without being overly feminist.

DeProspo says that Balzé will "do interesting work as a theorist," in and beyond graduate school.

Bennett Lamond, the current Chairman of the English Department, agrees with his colleagues: "Michele was a terrific student. She has a wonderful future ahead of her."

Balzé's immediate future includes graduate studies at the University of Rochester in New York, where she will work in Rochester's unusual interdisciplinary program. The program will allow her to obtain a doctorate in English and take art classes at the same time.

This innovative program seems to be ideal for Balzé, a writer, artist and photographer who received departmental honors in both Art and English.

In addition to capturing the Sophie Kerr Prize, Balzé shared the Clarke-Porter Medal with fellow senior Andrea Kehoe. The medal is awarded to students "whose character and personal integrity most clearly enhanced the quality of campus life."

Balzé admits to being shocked by both honors. "I was physically numb after Clarke-Porter...when they announced my name for Sophie Kerr I became really tired."

Immediately after Commencement, Balzé was swamped by reporters and photographers. "They yanked me out of the line and asked me if I wanted time with my family before I started interviews...people from newspapers were calling my house, but I was still in Chestertown...a guy from *the Sun* called every dorm on campus trying to find me."

Despite all the hoopla and media coverage, Balzé asserts, "[winning the Prize] never really hit me too much." Apparently, Michele Balzé is still very much like any other talented writer/artist/photographer who has recently graduated from college—the only difference is she's $26,000 dollars richer.

After winning the Clarke-Porter Medal and the Sophie Kerr Prize, a shocked Michele Balzé smiles for a crowd of eager photographers. *(photo by Austin Walmsley)*

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College welcomes new professors

by Tracey Connell
News Editor

Fifteen new professors were appointed for this academic year, 1989-90.

Dr. Sylvia Lahvis, Visiting Assistant Professor of Art, has replaced Janson-LaPalme in that department. Janson-LaPalme is on leave for the Fall Semester 1989.

Gerald Walsh has been appointed Assistant Professor of Business Management. Walsh will teach in the fields of Accounting and Individual Income Taxation.

Dale Daigle, Assistant Professor of Drama, will be a valuable asset to the Drama Department. He has experience in directing, producing, lecturing, and lighting design.

Dr. Bonnie Sachs has also been appointed a Visiting Assistant Professor with interests in Prose Literature, Literature and Society in the 19th and 20th centuries, German Culture and Civilization and the German Language on all levels of difficulty.

Suzanne James has been appointed to lecture in French. She brings twenty one years of teaching in public junior and senior high schools to Washington College.

Dr. Richard Striner is Assistant Professor of History. His teaching areas include The Civil War, New Deal and World War II.

Dr. Ellen Kline is Visiting Professor of Philosophy. Her areas of interest include Epistemology, Logic, Feminist Theory and Philosophy of Science.

Dr. Satinder Sidhu has been appointed Assistant Professor of Physics. His areas of research include condensed matter theory and design.

Drs. Robert and Shireen Hunter, joint recipients of the Goldstein Chair, will both teach one political science course this semester. Robert Hunter is current Director of the European Studies Center for Strategic International Studies and will teach "Making U.S. Foreign Policy". Shireen Hunter is Deputy Director - Middle East Project at Georgetown University Center for Strategic and International Studies . Her course will be entitled "Introduction to the History of Politics of the Middle East".

Dr. MaryAnne Baenninger is Assistant Professor of Psychology. Her areas of interest include research in gender differences and she will teach in the areas of developmental and social psychology.

Dr. Theodore Kurze will be Senior Fellow for the academic year 1989-90. Kurze will teach in both the Philosophy and Psychology Departments this year.

Dr. John Stewart has been appointed Visiting Associate Professor of Psychology. His areas of expertise range from social development to psychopathology.

Master Plan

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The Casey Academic Resources Center is well on its way to completion. The shell of the building is complete and within the next few weeks crews will begin installing a steel roof,

The Center is expected to open in the spring of 1990.

The boiler room next to the Computer Center is undergoing renovations thanks to a grant from Constance Stuart Larrabee, thereby putting to rest the controversy concerning its fund allocation. The Constance Stuart Larrabee Creative Arts Center will house ceramic, sculpture, photography, painting, and drawing students alike.

Last year, Baer announced plans to build a bridge over the railroad tracks which separate the athletic fields. The project is now in its initial stages of construction.

Renovations on Dunning Hall and Decker Science Center are complete; the Psychology department has moved from Foxwell Hall— which was recently razed to create additional campus parking— into Dunning Hall.

Among the renovations, Queen Anne's and Caroline dormitories have new furniture, and the bathroom facilities in both of these dormitories have been cleaned. Over the summer, work crews turned one battered and used complex into the International Building. The furnishings of East Hall were either removed, destroyed, or repaired in order to better suit its new occupants.

While the Master Plan is not totally complete, it is now on its way to its final stages, Baer said. "We are hoping we have done everything possible where we will not inconvenience students as we build about the campus."

Housing

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ney, "It's like [trying to hit] a moving target."

Maxcy cited last year's housing warning as one apparent reason for the exodus of students.

"There's also a second reason. I would guess that if students live together in an apartment or house and they are careful or thoughtful it would be less expensive than on campus."

The current housing situation may turn profitable for students with last minute requests for housing,

Dean Maxcy said. "Some people leave it up to a friend or something to make arrangements and then find out they have no place to live. They call us wondering if we have any rooms left."

Volleyball

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Fall remains optimistic that the team can reach their potential for this season. She notes the solid performance by the squad last year, and she is enthusiastic about the freshmen on this year's team.

Amy Rowe heads up Fall's list of talented new performers. Only a freshman, Rowe has cracked the starting lineup and will play primarily at the hitter position. Dawn Manion and Sherry Gallagher are other freshmen who could have key roles in the team's performance.

This year's team also has to deal with their toughest schedule in years. The squad is playing many of the top volleyball schools in the country. They also have a hectic schedule, beginning this Saturday in the U.S. Navy Early Bird Scrimmage.

Despite the rash of injuries and the difficult schedule, coach Fall still believes the team can come together and have a successful season."If this team is healthy, they have the talent to do a lot of good things."

Table Talk

Welcome back, returning students and incoming freshman! I hope everyone had a relaxing and fun summer. Now it is time once again to get back into the swing of things and start another semester that will further prepare you for your future. Good luck with your classes for the fall semester!

The Dining Service has been working extremely hard this past summer to come up with new ideas and new recipes to make you feel more at home. If you have any suggestions at all, please feel free to stop by and speak with a manager on duty or, as always, put your suggestions on the "napkin" board in the main dining room.

Being the newest manager in the Dining Services at this time I would like to introduce myself to those of you who do not know me. I am Theresa Harmon from Millsboro, Delaware. I came to Washington College from Easton Memorial Hospital where I was a trayline supervisor and diet clerk for three and a half years. The main concern at the hospital was ensuring that the patients were pleased with their meals and received the correct meal for their diet.

As a diet clerk, I collected preferences from the patients and corrected the menu according to a predetermined pattern prescribed by the dietitian.

I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics from University of Maryland Eastern Shore campus.

The special events for September are as follows:

SEPTEMBER:
4TH LABOR DAY DINNER
6TH STEAMSHIP DINNER
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20TH PRODUCE NIGHT
27TH ITALIAN FESTIVAL

I hope that everyone will have a good week. Will talk to you then.____________________________"TT"

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Notice to all students:

In light of the recent disciplinary action taken against three students for the theft of college property, I feel it is very important to reiterate the College's policy. No one is to remove college property from its designated location and move it to another area for any reason. This policy pertains to lounge furniture as well as room furnishings.

Indeed, this policy applies to all property belonging to the college. Students who violate this policy will be subject to severe disciplinary action.

Students who have inadvertently violated this policy are advised to return any college property in their possession on or off campus immediately.

Maureen Kelley McIntire
Dean of Student Affairs

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Presidential search begins with open forum

by Tracey Connell
News Editor

A small group of students and faculty met with representatives of the Academic Search and Consultation Service in an open forum on Tuesday night.

According to one visiting member of the service, Dr. Ronald Stead, the meeting offered "all members of the Washington College community" an opportunity to voice opinions and concerns about the presidential search as well as to discuss "what problems a new president might have to deal with at Washington College." He was accompanied by Dr. Stanley F. Paulson.

Stead opened the forum, stating, "We want to get aquainted with your college so that the right president for Washington College can be found. He or she will have to fit a very unique and special institution."

He then asked the14 students assembled to outline the "needs you see for the College. Things that you would like to see the new president deal with. Give us what you think are the priorities for the new president."

Students and faculty present took the floor of the forum for the next hour, voicing their concerns and criticisms about the College; a main theme was student alienation from the current Administration.

One student said, "A president should be aware that we are not just building blocks." Another stated, "we don't feel that the administration is truly open to us. We need a president to establish that student response does matter."

No one, however, seemed to doubt Cater's sincerity. Many cited the President's availability to students.

Nevertheless, students felt that Cater has not been visible enough and therefore has an inadeqate knowledge of the student's point of view.

Another concern was for the Washington College philosophy, specifically its commitment to an intimate, small school atmosphere. "People come to WC because they expect a small school, small classes. What they find is a faculty and students who like that it's a small school, but an Administration which screams for this to be a 'University of Maryland,'" said one person in attendance.

A brief time was spent for student and faculty praise of the College, at the urging of Stead, who asked, "What would you tell the perfect candidate that would make him or her want to come here?"

Those who commented concurred that the College represents an abundance in opportunities and resources. A new faculty member praised President Cater for his fundraising abilities. "They won't have to worry about paying the rent, so to speak. I think that's amazing for a college."

The Academic Search and Consultation Service is a non-profit organization which aids institutions in their quest for key administration members. The Washington College Board of Visitors and Governors invited the service to assist with the search process. Staed and Paulson will spend two days meeting with board members, faculty, staff and students.

International Studies students stand outside of their house, formerly the fraternity house of Phi Sigma Kappa. (photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

International House reality

by Andrew Diller
Reporter

One of the most important transformations at Washington College this academic year is that of East Hall; the building made the switch from home of the Sigs to the International House over the summer.

The House is meant to provide a nucleus for all foreign interest groups on campus. It will serve as a central and definite gathering place for all students who are interested in gaining an international perspective on life at Washington College.

The creation of the International House was championed by Mariella Ruiz as an outgrowth of the Language Floor, which was formerly located on the third floor of Caroline House. East Hall was picked by the Administration to serve as the new International House because of its ideal and central location on campus.

This will enable the House to become an "umbrella organization for any International Relations, German, Spanish, or French clubs...a focal point for all foreign interests" says Jeff Chaffin, Director of the International House. "We hope that the new House will promote and encourage an international perspective on campus."

The absence of a specific house for students who are interested in foreign cultures and languages was strikingly apparent to the Administration. West Hall, the counterpart to East Hall, serves the same basic function, but for scientifically oriented people. The writers and poets also have a meeting house, the O'Neill Literary House.

With the addition of the International House, the most basic groups on campus (Science, Writing and Language) now all have individual meeting places where they can socialize with like-minded peers.

The International House has space for 22 students, with 14 rooms, and has an ample lounge area, and a seminar room for lectures. There are numerous lectures planned for this year, including some by the members of the faculty who have been abroad for several years.

East Hall's former occupants, Phi Sigma Kappa, were asked to leave the premises last year because of a mysterious fire which occured in February. The Sigs had already been placed on social probation on December 15, 1988 because they committed "a series of violations of stewardship," stated Dean McIntire.

Because of the fire, Phi Sigma Kappa is no longer a rec-

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Off campus students at odds with town

by Tracey Connell
News Editor

Local authorities have recently begun to enforce the warnings they issued to off-campus students this summer.

According to Ed Maxcy, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, letters from Student Affairs and Chief Stetson of the Chestertown Police were sent to off-campus students because of citizen complaints.

He stated that the complaints came mainly from residents of Queen Street. "Many were super during daylight hours. But after dark there were parties, loud noise, cars blocking driveways, students in the street." Citizens were concerned about establishing the best relationship possible with students living there, said Maxcy.

Maxcy then asked Chief Stetson to draft a letter to be sent out to individuals living off campus.

The letter, dated August 1, begins by welcoming students to Chestertown. He wrote, "Washington College has always been an asset to our town and the students add to its life and vitality."

Stetson reiterated statements he made last academic year. "I would like to remind you that...with those rights go the same responsibilities that all the community members are expected to fulfill."

According to Stetson, citizens and officers have been leni-

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EDITORIAL

The Buckley loophole

Readers may notice an unusual coincidence in *The Elm* this week; a police report on page 12 notes that Mr. Cavallaro, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Darcangelo are scheduled to appear in District Court on charges of theft of College property. On this page, a statement from President Cater details the penalties brought against three upperclassmen by the College for the same offense.

Since both incidents occurred on approximately the same date, one can only speculate that the same people were involved in these seemingly separate events. But we can't verify it officially until we attend the judicial hearings, if they are held. In this case, there isn't going to be a hearing since the offenses occurred prior to the formation of this year's student judiciary.

The Elm doesn't have official access to the names of the students in President Cater's statement, and the College doesn't have the authority to issue them to us. All this thanks to a nifty little privacy act known as the Buckley Amendment.

Initially passed in 1974 as an act giving parents accession rights to their children's school records, there's a twist which is the bane of any student journalist's existence: once that "child" reaches 18 years of age, only he has access to his own records.

Simply put, *The Elm* can't print names of students who are accused of crimes without that student's written consent; even the Administration doesn't have the authority to disclose these names.

There's a problem of accountability here; anyone who's old enough to be in college is old enough to be held responsible for his actions. Students have the right to know if their peers are accused of wrongdoing, and they have a right to know the names of the accused.

You won't read an article in *The Elm* this year detailing the alleged offenses of "unidentified students." What's the point of printing a description of the alleged offenses of phantom students? To do so would only encourage rumors to fester rather than put them to rest, which is what good journalism sets out to accomplish.

Certainly the Buckley Amendment has its constructive points—for instance, no one has access to your transcripts except you—since it rightly guarantees every student his right to privacy.

However, when any person commits a crime, this is an act against the public, and the public has the right to know about it. Even if you don't care about having, say, one less couch to lounge on, theft of College property is an act against you.

The only reason we can speculate that the aforementioned names are somehow connected with President Cater's letter is because these men happened to have been apprehended by the Chestertown Police. Had this occurred on campus, *The Elm* would not have been privy to the identity of the accused.

There's been a lot of discourse around here about how the campus is not a haven for illegal and illicit activities, and Washington College is surely not the only institution with this policy.

Why, then, are law-breaking students not subject to the penalty of accountability? For some, the humiliation of knowing that other students are aware of their acts of idiocy inflicts greater pain than the formal punishment. In the "real world," adults are subject to disclosure of their names to the press when they are accused of breaking the law. Why not at colleges?

Why hasn't the Buckley Amendment been amended?

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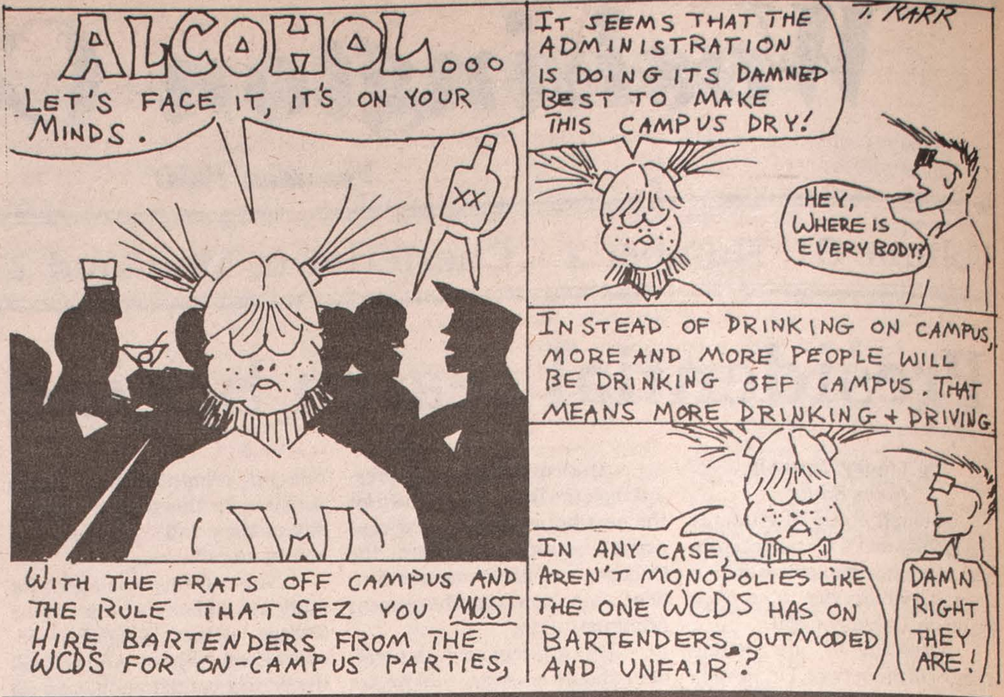
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IN ANY CASE, AREN'T MONOPOLIES LIKE THE ONE WCDS HAS ON BARTENDERS OUTMODED AND UNFAIR?
DAMN RIGHT THEY ARE!

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Washington College and Chestertown try to provide a caring community for students who attend here. Yet the week before last, three upperclassmen abused this trust. They were apprehended by the city police in the act of stealing furniture and an air conditioner from the Kent House lounge. In addition to dismissal for violating the College's Honor Code and Rules of Conduct, they face the possibility of prosecution for grand theft by the State's Attorney.

I am reporting this dismal episode to serve as a reminder that both the College and the Town are prepared to deal severely with acts of vandalism and violence as well as alcohol and drug abuse. No student should assume that the campus provides safe haven for illegal conduct. Three students in recent years have been obliged to serve prison terms when local law authority found them guilty of trafficking in marijuana.

We have moved actively to provide counseling services for those who seek guidance and help. I remain confident that the College Honor Code provides the best and most effective way to maintain standards of civilized behavior within our small college family.

Sincerely,
Douglass Cater

Landscaping woes

To the Editor:

I have a gripe that needs a-airin'. My knees hurt dammit and I'm derned sure it's the result of landscaping. All these furrows and troughs, bumps and dips, and mudpuddles and such, coupled with the uneven curve of Mother Earth (heh, heh) prevent me from striding properly. Once bumped out of my routine I just can't seem to right myself, causing a nonchalant shamble. Maybe my biorhythms are outta whack, but I'm inclined to believe that it is the result of poor landscaping and slow progress in that the bang up crew doing it didn't start building on last year's dilemma until mid-August. Tisk, tisk. Shabby scheduling indeed. If I get bunions, I'll sue.

Michael J. Cannon
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Letters to the Editor

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CAMPUS VOICES

ISSUE: Recently, the Administration enacted a regulation requiring that a bartender serve alcohol at all-campus events. How will this affect the social life at Washington College?

Policy is a problem of perception, not reality

Mark Stenger

Once again that perrenial question: how do you think the "new" alcohol policy will effect social life on campus? This new policy, as I understand it, will be the nomination of a group of responsible students to attend campus functions. They will be there, not to be narcs at the beck and call of the Administration, but to be concerned and responsible participant/observers.

What's the big deal? We don't have a problem of realities here, we have a problem of perceptions. If you choose to look at it as the Washington College version of "Big Brother," then you do have a problem. This conundrum readily evaporates into that mystical plane of nonsense from whence it came if we see it for what it really is. How can giving the responsibility for our actions back to us possibly hinder our social development?

Wake up and smell the coffee! It sure as hell smells better than stale beer. Some are going, inevitably, to bemoan their perceived loss of social freedom and cry foul. What foul, for heaven's sake! Yeah, let's talk social life. What about the social life of that guy (everyone knows at least a few) who got drunk and made a complete fool of himself at the last party? You know, the one who spilled the gallon mug of god-knows-what on his date's dress. What about his social life? Or his date's social life for that matter? Or his friends—who had to drag him off of the porcelain when he passed out in the can? If you were lucky you didn't have to step in it the next morning!

OK, what about the couple sharing a quiet moment of amorous embrace only to be rudely interrupted be the rowdy and usually offensive caterwauling of the inebriates stumbling blindly back from that weekend's kegger? Is their social life just peachy? Or how about walking into your bathroom in that wonderfully fuzzy state after a good night's sleep only to discover that someone ripped the sink off the wall in the throes of a riotously good drunk? Wonderful social life, don't you think?

Enough already! We like to pay alot of lip service to "responsible drinking." Think about what that means. Responsible. This simple word is synonymous with accountable, answerable, honorable, ethical, rational, sane, etc. ad infintitium. We can protect ourselves from irresponsible drinking. This is one of the ways. And if you're worried about enforcement of the drinking age, you're obviously under age—and should worry about it. That's the responsible way. Instead of screaming about our supposed rights, let's co-operate in creating a more rational environment, a more responsible community. If we have something to prove, it's that we can be responsible. In a very carefully considered and concerned move, the Administration is givivng us the opportunity to put our money where our mouth is. Let's put up—or shut up!

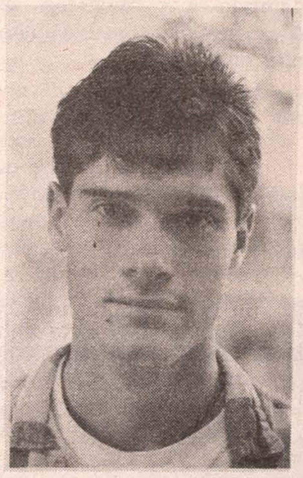
Mark Stenger is a senior and is ***not*** *the Coffee House Manager.*

Blair Donovan
Boston, MA
Junior

I think that a school-issued bartender is unnecessary. As far as I understand, a form ust be filled out to have an on-campus party. Once the party is registered, the party—and its bartending—become the responsibility of the hosts.

James Myers
Endwell, NY
Freshman

I don't think having a bartender at fraternity parties will keep kids under age from drinking. If they want to drink, they can just get someone of age to buy for them.



Brett McCrea
Georgetown, DE
Sophomore

The bartenders won't solve the problem because if students want alcohol they will find other means to get it. It will also stop students from going to school-related activities, therefore taking money from the school.

Cecile Gutscher
New Providence, NJ
Junior

The new policy seems to be ambiguous and inconsistent. By allowing some parties to serve alcohol to students under 21 (invite only parties), but not others, the regulation does not take a firm stance...a rule which is not true to itself is not worth following anyway.

Amy Klamberg
Washington, DC
Freshman

I think that this rule could not work because people will simply have "invitation only" parties (in order to avoide a bartender) and find a way to get more people in.

by Amy L. Undercoffler

The alcohol policy: one student's "humble" opinion

Julian Kirtley

Is it just my imagination or has there always been a fairly large amount of drinking going on on this campus? Well, to answer my question, it probably isn't my imagination, because others seem to have noticed it as well, namely our esteemed Administration. Like any group of concerned adults would, they have decided to take drastic action to save us poor decadent youths from ourselves, and popular or unpopular, they will no doubt stick to their guns. The drastic action I'm refering to is, of course, the new drinking policy.

Well, just what is this new drinking policy we've all been hearing so much about? Basically it means, no parties. But wait, says the administration. We didn't say that. All we ask is that if you serve alcohol at your party, you also have an employee of the dining service present to "bartend." In other words, no one under 21 drinks, and that shouldn't be a problem, because it would be illegal anyway, and no one at Washington College would (gasp) break the law! Well, that seems fair.

There's still one thing I don't understand, however, and I'm sure a lot of readers are as confused as I. Why, after God knows how many years of grossly excessive drinking at Washington College, has the Administration chosen now as the time to adopt a strict alcohol policy.

One unreliable rumor is that the College is afraid that with all the lawsuits in this country right now, some poor drunk teenager from Washington College is going to kill himself, and/or lots of other people in a orgy of senseless drunken violence, and the school will be, dare I say it, sued!

Please, don't listen to these rumors. These rumors are spread by troublemakers. As we have already established, the Administration has taken said actions only as a last ditch effort to save us from ourselves. This being the case, however, there may be one or two things that the Administration has failed to take into consideration. Obviously, some one needs to enlighten them, and it might as well be me. Are you listening, Administration?

First, students will ignore it, and they won't be caught and punished and they know that. Second, more students will drink off campus, at places like Newts. Since they can't just go over and pass out on the couch, more students will be driving drunk, increasing the risk of death and mutilation considerably.

Finally, students, deprived of alcohol, their drug of choice, will grudgingly settle for one of the many other drugs available nowadays. Unless I've really been misinformed, no members of the dining service need to be present while marijuana is smoked (although they may be saving that rule for next year).

In short, the Administration won't be saving us from ourselves at all. Why, if you didn't know better, you might think their motives were a little less humanitarian, say more monitary, but hey, not this school. See y'all at Newts.

PERSPECTIVES

EDITORIAL

Harry and Sally try to live in Wheaton

Once upon a time there was an unmarried couple who both had jobs in Chicago, but wanted to live in the suburbs. So the couple, Harry and Sally, decided to do some apartment hunting. They thought they'd found the perfect two-bedroom place in one of Chicago's western suburbs, Wheaton.

But they were wrong.

Harry and Sally's would-be landlady asked them if they were engaged. When they told her they weren't, she refused to rent them the apartment. Harry and Sally took her to court.

The landlady claims she has a moral right to refuse to rent the an appartment to the unmarried couple. Never mind that Harry says his relationship with Sally is platonic. Never mind that they both have jobs and probably would be able to pay their rent and utilities each month. If they were married, they might have been welcomed by their future landlady with open arms. They might have been a credit to, in the words of Wheaton community leaders, a "family-oriented community." Should you ask one of these community leaders, you would find out that the community is "coming together" in defense of the landlady.

For now, the landlady also has a legal right as well. There is an 1827 Illinois law prohibiting cohabitation between unmarried members of the opposite sex for the purposes of fornication. But should the State allow the landlady to deny housing to an unmarried couple on the basis of that law, then they should also take steps to break up all the domestic couples that are living together in the City of Chicago (a city which Mayor Richard M. Daley would probably call Family-oriented.)

California now takes a responsible view towards Domestic Couple. It has passed laws t to protect their rights. It's time the rest of the country followed. There are, after all, groups who watchdog the rights of gay and lesbian couples. Had a black unmarried couple been denied that apartment in Wheaton, the outcome would have been very, very different. There would have been considerably less "community support" for the landlady. She would have been labeled a racist. As it is, she chose to discriminate against Harry and Sally because of their marital status, instead of their religion or skin color.

The upper-income, middle class suburbs that ring Chicago have been insulated for many years against the changes and social turmoil of the city. These suburbs see themselves as small towns where the emphasis is on family and home, and where small-town morality can easily prevail.

But these are not small towns anymore. There is a new type of individual moving to the suburbs. Career-oriented, upwardly mobile, they are moving from the city to suburbs just like Wheaton. For some, marriage is just not in the cards. And they won't get married just to be able to find an apartment in Wheaton.

There are some questions for the town of Wheaton. What's next? What will happen if the legislature fails to change that 1827 law? Will some landlady grasp the initiative and begin to question prospective married tenants on their private lives? On the stability of their marraige? On infidelity? Will she ask two people of the same sex their sexual preferences? Or choose to deny housing to a couple of different religions or races? Discrimination is discrimination no matter what names you use to cover it.

Harry and Sally decided they didn't want to live in Wheaton after all. Neither would I.

News from around the world

United States:

Baseball Comissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti, 51, died last Friday at his summer home on Martha's Vineyard. Mr. Giamatti, a Renaissance Scholar and former President of Yale University, suffered a heart attack and was pronounced dead at Martha's Vineyard Hospital in Oak Bluffs.

In what would create the largest employee owned company in the U.S., the Pilot's Union announced a 6.75 billion dollar buy-out plan for United Airlines. The bid by the Union and United's parent company would include a 15% share to be purchased by British Air.

Hoping to improve the dismal conditions in its schools, the city of Chicago has decided to turn control of the city's 600 public schools over to local parent-teacher councils. These councils, which will be elected in October. will assume some of the administrative functions of the trouble-laden Chicago School Board.

Former Executive Assistant to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Deborah Gore Dean said in a sworn statement that she had her office files shredded when she left her post. Ms. Dean, who worked for Secretary Samuel Pierce, Jr. from 1984-1987, gave the statement in April of 1988 during a civil case heard in a Federal Court in Chicago. While there is no indication of wrongdoing on Ms. Dean's part, the absence of her office files will hinder Congressional investigators inquiring into favoritism and mismanagement at the Department.

Soviet Union:

As local elections approach, Communist Party leaders in the Baltic States are seeking to distance themselves from the Central Party in Moscow. Mindful of warnings from the Politburo, the heads of the parties are faced with a dilemma. They must, to avoid a total defeat in the upcoming elections, declare some split with Moscow, yet they must maintain a relationship with Moscow or risk possible military intervention.

Poland:

To commemorate the outbreak of the Second World War, the Polish President Wojceich Jaruzelski, Polish Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki, and Solidarity founder Lech Walesa laid wreaths at a momument in Westerplatte, near Gdansk. It was at Westerplatte that the German bombardment of a Polish garrison opened the six year war. The same day as the wreath laying ceremony, the Polish press published a message from Soviet leader Gorbachev urging strong ties between the two countries.

China:

In an effort to limit the western influence in Chinese society, the Chinese government announced Saturday that it would limit the number of Chinese graduate students permitted to study abroad. Stressing that efforts to modernize China must come from students educated inside the country, the government has instituted an "ideological re-education" course for all college students this fall. They will be studying the speeches of Deng Xiaoping following the stiffling of the Student movement last spring.

Hong Kong:

A Vietnamese man was killed and eleven others wounded when a riot broke out among Vietnamese refugees. Thirty British soldiers were called in to help police search for weapons in the Sek Kong Detention Center where the riot occurred. This was the second riot by refugees in a week. The first occurred on the island of Tai A Chau where 5,500 Vietnamese refugees are being detained.

Germany:

Police in Bonn said that two British soldiers were shot and wounded at a military housing area by unknown assailants. In a telephone call to a Dublin news agency, the Irish Republican Army claimed responsibility for the shooting and said it would attack the British Government and Army anywhere as long as Ireland remains divided.

compiled by Laura Hopper

After the demonstration: China's future in doubt

by Laura Hopper

Perspectives Editor

The Chinese Government announced they will limit the number of students permitted to study abroad. China must, Deng Xiaoping has declared, modernize herself from within, relying on students educated in China only to lead her into the next century. China's space program must now develop its own technology, rather than importing it from the West.

So it appears that China, so recently removed from isolation shall be plunged back into it. And why? Because Deng's regime realized how much of a threat western ideas are. The student demonstrations of last spring would have been impossible without the influx of western ideas such as personal liberty, private property, and free elections that have been brought back to China by people who went abroad. Those students belong to a generation that did not participate in the Second World War or in Mao's Cultural Revolution.

This was a generation young enough to believe that with economic freedom might come political freedom. And for a few weeks, they convinced us that their beliefs might turn into reality. They sat infront of the gates of the Forbidden City, under the very nose of Mao Tse-Tsung. They presented a list of demands to the government and brought their Goddess of Liberty eye to eye with Chairman Mao.

But the regime is not dead. It isn't ready to give up its power. So Deng sent the Army to drive the students away, to hunt them down and bring them to justice. What justice can there be for someone who fights back against tyranny and oppression and loses? Those students who were caught will have many years in prison to think about challenging authority. To regret, the regime hopes, their actions.

For the rest of China, things shall not be the same either. There will be more vigilance, more oppression, less exposure to ideas not Chinese. For the University students who will be returning to classes, there will be a new distribution requirement. Something along the lines of Political Ideology 100 "The Speeches of Chairmen Deng Xiaoping following the Student Demonstration" Deng has decided it is time to reeducate the youth. Let them see by example that the government will allow no dissension among the young. No turning from the chosen path.

Poor China, to be drawn back behind that curtain before having a chance to benefit from what the non-Communist world could have brought you. You have taught the world a valuable lesson at great cost. These governments in the Soviet Union and China are as ready to crumble as we hoped. Their sickly economies have yet to weaken their resolve to rule. If anything, they clutch harder at the people they govern.

Before the countries of the western world merrily sound the death knell of Communism, they should remember that nothing governs a nation quite like fear. China and Eastern Europe can easily retreat behind Mr. Churchill's Iron Curtain, and we would be powerless to stop them.

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North American Drug Habits Fuel Colombian War

by Carter Boatner

The recent assassination of Colombian presidential hopeful Louis Carlos Galan on August 18 by drug traffickers began what has been a period of chaos for the Latin American country. Galan's assassination was prompted by his bold platform for combating the drug trade in Colombia.

Following his death, there has been an extended assault upon the drug lords, in an attempt to bring them under the law. Galan was gunned down by death squads hired by drug lords. Along with his death came a bold statement from the targeted Colombian drug cartels, the Medellin and Cali. Their message was "Peace or else."

Efforts by the Colombian Government to round up drug offenders have so far resulted in over 80 convictions with the planned extradition of figures wanted in the United States to begin as early as next month. The Colombian government crackdown is an attempt to curtail and ultimately halt what Colombian president Virgilio Barco has called the "world's largest criminal enterprise," Latin America's multi-billion dollar drug business.

Although recently the violence in Colombia has made the front pages on papers throughout the world, it is not by any means a recent occurrence.

The drug activity being carried on in Colombia and her neighboring countries has been firmly entrenched in Latin America since the early Seventies, and is controlled by individuals brazenly called "Drug Lords." As the name suggests, these individuals are, or were, free to conduct their illicit activities without fear of reprisal by their countries' governments. They were aided in large part by repeated attacks upon representatives of the nations' Government and Judicial systems.

The most recent victim of this intimidation has been the seemingly strong-willed Colombian Justice Minister Monica de Grief, 32. Regardless of mounting pressures, including death threats to herself and her family, De Grief refused to resign, stating that "the law is under siege." Finally, however, she resigned her post after only six weeks, leaving the position open to her successor, who will be the ninth Justice Minister Colombia has had in the past three years. Her immediate predecessor had compared the job to that of a swimming instructor on a sinking ship. Although she had increased requests to the Bush administration for more aid in Columbia's war on drugs, her resignation leaves the justice system in a state of collapse.

The drug-related violence in Colombia is not new. In the past decade more than 50 judges have been slain at the hands of killers hired by Colombia's drug lords, including half of the members of the Supreme Court who were slain in an attack upon the Justice palace in Bogota in 1985. This is consistent with the devaluation of human life which has led to the outburst of drug-related activity among drug gangs in Washington, DC. Over the past year-and-a-half, drug-related killings have escalated to such an extent that they bestow upon the nation's capitol the onerous honor of being the nation's murder capital.

There appears to be no end in sight to the violence in Colombia; drug cartels continue to take responsibility for the most recent outburst of violence, which has resulted in numerous bombings throughout that nation's capitol. Six government owned liquor stores were bombed in retaliation for the government's refusal to negotiate with the cartels.

Also targeted was one of the country's two major daily newspapers, El Espectador, which as recently as last Friday issued a letter of support to the Government for its effort to combat the cartels.

Although the violence in Colombia is the most obvious result of the drug trade, there are other implications founded upon simple economics.

The increase in drug activity has caused the influx of large amounts of cash, called narcodollars. In economies which lack stability such as Colombia's and her neighbors, such large sums of money cause rapid inflation. It is estimated that in 1979 more than $3 billion entered the Colombian economy as the result of drug trafficking. These funds were not invested in legitimate business pursuits, but went largely towards luxury housing.

This occurred in the Peruvian town of Tingo Maria, where the vast number of coca traffickers became wealthy over a short period of time.

With their sudden increase in wealth came an increase in the demand for luxury products; in this case automobiles which pushed the price up astronomically. For example, in 1981 the price of a Chevrolet Chevette reached $25,000, and a Mercedes would command upwards to $350,000.

Another damaging aspect to the drug trade has beeen it's effect upon agricultural economics. With the increase in the demand for coca, many farmers have halted legitimate crop production and diverted their efforts to producing coca. Coca is the only agricultural product whose price has kept pace with inflation, thus posing a dilemma to farmers: either abide by the law and live on sub-standard income, or produce coca so that a comfortable living can be made, and risk imprisonment. As a result, traditional crop production has declined.

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Students invade downtown Chestertown

by Katherine Absher
Features Editor

High Street, Chestertown, Maryland U.S.A. is a street that Norman Rockwell would relish in painting. "The Star Spangled Banner," corn bread and cole slaw, and lemonade stands emanate from this neighborhood. This street secretes an atmosphere in which every day is the Fourth of July and a fife player, drummer, and flag bearer will in an instant parade around the next corner. As the ancient brick sidewalks adorning High Street wrap around trees and meander up to houses, the Rolling Stones blasts from the windows, typewriters and computers click clack, and a jolly game of quarters goes on in the kitchen.

Washington College students have invaded middle class America! Lower your flags at half-mast citizens of Chestertown and pray to your colonial forefathers and puritan god that Kent House and Queen Anne will be remodeled!

345 students are living off campus this academic school year. All of course are not traditional students; some are housewives taking classes or graduates working for their teaching certificates.

345, therefore, can be a misleading number. Yet, rooms are vacant in Minta Martin to Reid which does signify that more students have left the campus.

Walking down High Street students can be seen relaxing on the porches of every third or fourth house. In most college towns this is not unusual; the University of Virginia overwhelms Charlottesville, and Ohio University is Athens, Ohio. Only freshmen at U.V.A. or West Virginia University, for example, live in the dorms provided on campus.

Traditionally, Washington College's social and academic activity revolved around the campus itself, but this tradition is vanishing. "It used to be that W.C. students drank their alcohol and did their drugs in the confines of one piece of property. Now the Administration is chasing the students off campus which may cause more fatalities and problems for the local police," commented a former student.

Of the students interviewed, one house on High Street had been fined $100 by the police for a party held on the weekend before classes, and two other groups of students had been warned for excessively loud music. Chief of Police of Chestertown, Mauritz Stetson stated that three noise ordinances have been issued as well as two possessions of alcohol, three for theft of property and one controlled dangerous substance abuse.

Many neighbors are furious with the changing climate of their street brought about by the onslaught of students moving off campus. "I live next to two houses of college students. They think that they are living on their own without their parent's guidance. They are wild cats! They still need mommy's and daddy's overseeing; they have not grown up at all. They're just renting, and they think they own the whole neighborhood. You used to be able to leave your house unlocked—not anymore," argued Jane Alleger. Alleger says there was so much trash in one of the houses next to her last year that the owner called Washington College maintenance and had them haul it away.

Enjoying life off campus, Tim Madison and Claire Capuzzi hang out from their apartment window on High Street. Some residents, however, do not find their student neighbors too enjoyable. ***(photo by Amy Undercoffler)***

When 70-year-old Edward Kenard was asked to name any problems with his student neighbors, he responded by listing "drunkenness, dope, loud music, and screamin' and hollerin', and just all around keeping people up until daybreak." He also added that when he asked his neighbors to lower the volume on their stereo, one young man threatened to beat him up.

Another neighbor on High Street was disgusted with the littering of students: "One morning I picked up 48 empty beer cans and set them on the porch."

Allison Taylor, a former student and resident of High Street, revealed that she is not bothered by the students who live next door to her but admits, "A lot of older people are used to living a quiet and subdued life in my neighborhood and having their own neighborhood to themselves. Now there are a bunch of [students] running around. It's going to make the people from town look down on students from the College."

She further explained parking downtown is more difficult, and there seems to be a shortage of off-campus housing. "The kids that are getting this house after me keep on bugging me on the date I'm moving out. These kids are living with friends until I leave."

Dean Maxcy of Student Affairs, who lives directly downtown, disagrees with his fellow neighbors about off-campus students, "I think it's nice to have students downtown as a resident. As I sit on my front porch, it's nice to see students jogging or on their bicycle and stopping to say hello. The town is more active and lively."

He does acquiesce, however, that there are problems with parking downtown. "My only hope is that the students living off campus will understand that they are citizens of Chestertown. And realize that the townspeople have to go to work at 7 AM—that the townspeople are on a different time clock than most students."

Other townspeople had complimentary things to say about their student neighbors, such as Kevin Langford's (who is running for off-campus dorm senator) neighbor, "Kevin is fantastic. You can't just say a ten, you have to say a thousand. Most of the girls I've lived next to have been outstanding also. It is usually the guys who make the trouble."

Most merchants are pleased with the fact that more students are moving downtown. Andy Goddard, owner of Andy's, commented, "As long as there aren't beer bottles outside the doors and the music isn't cranking until three in the morning, I've not complaints. Basically, it's better for the downtown. They're going to buy more sodas and food."

A local shop owner added that she has no problems with students inhabiting the downtown area, but she suggested, "If the students are going to live off campus they should be aware that they have a responsibilty to the town and to the community. They have to be good about parking, and they can't have large, loud parties. If they do that, they can just pitch them in jail.

Matt Weir, who has lived off campus for three semesters, realizes his social obligation to the community: "Personally, I'm a member of the community. I do not consider myself to be a transplanted member. I'm registered to vote in Chestertown, and I pay taxes here. I've lived in Mexico, Hong Kong, and Venezuela, and I'd rather live in Chestertown than anywhere else."

Jim Doran also feels a comradery with Chestertown: "I like feeling a part of the town; it keeps me in touch with the real world—not banished to dorm and campus life."

Kristy Schiminger continues this train of thought by explaining that she felt her "entire life revolved in one room" when she lived on campus. Now she is enjoying more freedom, although more responsibility, off campus.

Some students, however, feel harassed by their neighbors and townspeople. Jim Doran, Brent Hopkins, and Drew Elbern had one particular experience: "We were practicing yesterday—not past 8 o'clock. An hour-and-a-half later this lady across the street comes snooping around our house with this huge flashlight in her hand. She told us she was the town council representative for our street, and that she thought we were making too much noise. We explained to her that we are all in a band, and we only play in the afternoon, and the people next door have been supportive of us—one of them wants to [jam] with us." After they explained this to her, she became friendlier toward them, but many neighbors are stereotyping students without prior cause.

With more upperclassmen moving away from campus, the community and the students are groping for a happy medium to conduct relations. The townspeople are trying to be patient and understanding, and students are beginning to realize that there are rules governing the community as well as the campus.

The wave of students moving to off-campus housing will probably not stop; too many interviewed enjoyed the freedom of "standing in my pajamas and eating breakfast and not having to get dressed for the dinning hall," laughed Bissett McCurdy.

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Dr. Jock: How to enjoy golf despite your score

Golf is a challenging and popular game. However, it's not a fitness sport and since you can play good golf without being in very good shape, many players are not. They are overweight, underflexed, and they have a cardiovascular system that isn't being challenged as it should be, would be, by such aerobic activities as walking, swimming or cycling. Though many golfers do feel pain from time to time when they're playing, they have very little understanding of what they might do to reduce that pain and increase their enjoyment of the game.

MANY GOLFERS FEEL BACK PAIN. Out-of-condition golfers know they can still swing a club, so there's very little incentive for them to get any more exercise than they already get chasing that little white ball in and out of 18 holes. The problem with that is spelled p-a-i-n; more specifically, back pain. According to a recent article in Physician and Sportsmedicine magazine, the major injury suffered by professional golfers is back pain. In the past five years, 80 percent of the injuries sustained by PGA golfers have been back injuries.

WHY DO GOLFERS GET BACK PROBLEMS? There are three primary reasons why golfers have back problems: poor physical conditioning, poor mechanics and overuse. Overuse is caused by a lot of bending over. You bend over to tee the ball and pick it up, you bend as you swing, and you bend in an awkward position as you putt. When you golf three to four hours, you're doing that over and over and over again. Putting may be the toughest on your back. Not only are you bending over, but often you are tense at the same time.

A POOR SWING HURTS MORE THAN YOUR GAME. Most amateur golfers have poor swing mechanics. Most of them swing too hard, sway too much laterally as they rotate, and flex their spines too much as they address the ball for both ground strokes and putting. Keeping the swing compact by cutting down the backswing and follow through should help to reduce stress on the back and might even improve your game. Keeping your shoulders over your hips during the swing reduces lateral bending. Bending the knees rather than bending at the waist minimizes excessive flexing of the spine.

BETTER CONDITIONING, BETTER GOLF. Golf can't get you fit, but a simple program of intense regular exercise, three to four times a week, at least 30 minutes per session will. And the better overall condition you're in, the better your chance of improving your game. Fit golfers have more strength and flexibility. They have more endurance so they don't have to fight fatigue and sloppy performance as they make their way around the course. Most professional golfers walk a golf course every day (Unfortunately, that's the part we don't see on TV!). Too many amateurs ride carts. The pros have begun to understand that they need good aerobic conditioning programs and many have added running, cycling and swimming to their training regimens. You should, too.

EXERCISE TO PREVENT INJURY. A good regimen of back exercises will help you keep your back strong and flexible and much better able to cope with the stress and strain of golf. Diagrams and information about proper back exercises should be available to you through your doctor, or local sports medicine center. Meanwhile, here's a look at some of the exercises recommended:

TO IMPROVE SPINE FLEXIBILITY. Lying on the floor with hips and knees bent and feet flat on the floor is the starting position for all flexibility exercises. First, do the single-knee-to-the-chest stretch, alternating legs. Do it slowly, gently and be sure to keep up an easy pattern of deep, regular breathing. Then bring both knees to the chest. Both of these exercises stretch the muscles of the back.

Then do some rotary stretching. From the same position, stretch your arms out to the side, then rotate your lower trunk to the left and try to touch your lateral right thigh on the floor. Keep your arms in contact with the floor. Repeat, this time throwing your right leg over the left leg as you rotate to the left and extend your right knee. Then rotate your upper trunk to the right and left as far as you can while keeping your knees pointing straight up.

REMEMBER: You are not in a race to finish these exercises quickly. Take your time. Breath deeply. Feel the rotation, the stretch. Be gentle with yourself. Focus your awareness on how your back feels as you go through your paces. Take your stretch to the edge, but don't overdo it.

STAND-UP EXERCISES. You can try these additional back exercises while standing. Raise your arms straight out to the side and stand with your legs spread shoulder width apart. Rotate your trunk as far around to the right and left as you can. Does that sound like what you do during the golf swing? Spread your feet twice as far apart as your shoulders. Then, keeping your knees straight and your feet planted, reach down the side of your left leg as far as you can. Reverse and reach down your right leg. Keep doing that, trying to move further and further down your leg each time. When you can touch the floor with your finger tips, be proud. Even if you never get that far, doing these stretches, day and day, will dramatically stretch both your lateral trunk muscles and your inner thigh muscles and significantly reduce your chance of injury.

Rose loses bets as well as respect

by Brett Lankford
Sports Editor

There is not a baseball fan live without an opinion on the ecent banning of Pete Rose from aseball and the effect it should ave on his election to the Baseall Hall of Fame. His supporters ay that it would be ludicrous for nything to keep the all-time hits ader from a position in the Hall. is opponents suggest that any an who has so blatantly violated one of the cardinal rules of iseball should be denied enrinement from Cooperstown. ose has always a controversial llplayer, and this controversy ll follow him for the rest of his e.

Regardless of a person's inion on Rose's election to Cooperstown, it is impossible for a fan not to realize the immense disservice the Cincinnati manager has done for baseball. In taking the national pasttime to court, Rose shows complete disregard for all that baseball has done for him over the years. This was Rose's effort to prove that one man can be more powerful than a sport with as storied a past as baseball. Thankfully, all of these selfish efforts proved to be for naught.

Rose must now live with the realization that not only did he bet himself out of the sport he loves but he departed with very little dignity. A man who achieved success by relying on gutsy performance and confidence in his ability, Pete allowed his pride and confidence to get the best of him. Rose is still refusing to admit to his gambling problem despite the amazing amount of evidence pointing to his guilt. For this reason, Rose is making it impossible for baseball fans to give him the respect he yearned for as a ballplayer and manager.

In regard to his enshrinement to Cooperstown, I could never bring myself to voting for a man who has made no effort to pay the game back for all it did for him. One of the many qualifications for election to the Hall is integrity, and at this time the name Pete Rose seems to be an antonym for such a word. If Gaylord Perry is missing from the Hall because he threw a spitball and Ferguson Jenkins is still being punished for his one time arrest for possession of drugs, then there is no way that a man who blatantly abused gambling rules of baseball, then lied in an effort to proclaim his innocence should receive such an honor. It is frightening to think of such a man sharing a place in the Hall with players like Roberto Clemente, Jackie Robinson and Lou Gehrig. These men did all they could for the game of baseball, while Rose has made every effort to completely disregard the laws and tradition of the game. These are efforts that should never be rewarded.

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Youth is key for ladies' tennis

by Holly Bramble
Women's Tennis Coach

The WC women's tennis team enters this season dominated by a youthful enthusiasm. The squad is dominated by freshmen and sophomores, and they seem ready to continue the progress started in 1988. Last year's team finished 12-7, placing second behind Gettysburg in the Southern Division of the Middle Atlantic Conference. That was the team's best showing since attaining varsity status in 1975. They begin their season next Monday against Division III opponent Glassboro St., their sights set on the MAC Southern Division crown.

The top six seeded players from last year's team all return for another year of W.C. tennis. These players combined for numerous individual accomplishments last season. #1 seed Tracy Peel and #4 seed Meg Wheatley teamed to play doubles in last year's MAC individual tournament. They reached the finals, falling in three sets by Franklin & Marshall's nationally ranked duo. Peel and #2 seed Monica Blanco qualified to attend the Division III National Championships in Claremont, CA. They returned to Washington College after reaching All-American status.

Peel was nationally ranked in the top 20 by the end of last year, while Peel and Blanco were ranked seventh in doubles. All three of these players return for another season.

Junior Sarah Coste is among the players returning to play "Fall Ball." Coste is a two-sport standout, playing a major role in the success of the women's lacrosse team.

One newcomer has shown a great deal of promise in the early season practices. Tina Lennon-Rye, a freshman from New York, may pay immediate dividends for the women's team.

This team is not only filled with talent, but is also dominated by youth. Meg Wheatley is the only senior among the top six seeds, and Monica Blanco is the only junior on the squad.

Tracy Peel is only a second semester freshman, while #3 seed Miriam Dittman is only a sophomore. Rachel Rice and Marti Roughen are other sophomores who have key roles in the success of the team.

With a makeup of promising freshmen and players experienced in national competition, the women's tennis team should continue their rise to the top of the Southern Division of the Middle Atlantic Conference.

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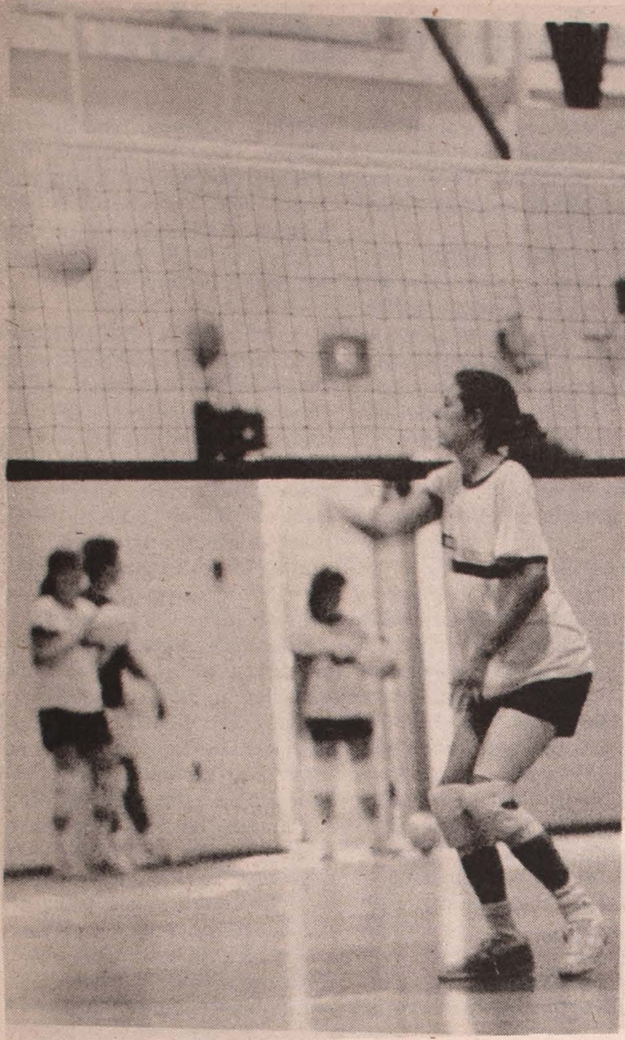


Leigh Ann Gay joins the volleyball team in preparation for the 1989 season. The team's final warmup takes place Saturday in the annual CWAC scrimmage. *(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)*

Restructuring unites crew for upcoming season

by Matt Conaty
Reporter

The Washington College crew program has been revitalized by a new sense of vigor and purpose. At the fall 1989 preseason meeting held August 28th, the turnout of potential rowers and coxswains was impressive: 65 men and women are out for the team this fall.

The freshmen turnout included ten to twelve rowers with high school experience. Those in attendance were informed of radical changes in the structure of the coaching system.

In the past, the men and women's crews have been coached as separate programs. That standard has been altered with the combination of the men and women under the leadership of Don Chatelier and Mickey Dulin. The coaches will rotate between the men's and women's shells, allowing them to assist members of the entire program. The prospect of several coaches rotating from shell to shell will allow every rower, male and female, to benefit from a variety of coaching techniques.

Aston Richards was hired to join this team of coaches for the fall season. Richards has rowed since the age of fourteen, and he rowed collegiately at Syracuse University. His impressive record includes coaching positions with the University of Nebraska, various club teams and the St. Andrews School in Middletown, Delaware.

Richards attended the meeting and spoke of the love-hate relationship most rowers develop with their sport. He talked about the pain and struggle involved in crew, but reminded the rowers of the ultimate goal of the sport.

Richards related, "After winning a race, rowers can stare over at the opposition and know that they have put them in their back pocket. They own them."

The other coaches joined Richards in his enthusiasm for the sport, and they were optimistic about the potential for a great year. Don Chatelier was impressed with the high-school experience of the new members of the team, while Mickey Dulin spoke of the importance of pacing the team to prevent burnout at year's end. Dulin and the other coaches have their sights set on the Dad Vail Regatta in the spring.

"We hope to have a large number of boats at the Dad Vails, and we want all of them to deserve to be there," Dulin stated. "This will be the best year in WC crew history."

Soccer drops first game of year to Division I opponent

by Brett Lankford
Sports Editor

The men's soccer season started off on the wrong foot as the Sho'men fell to Division I opponent Mount St. Mary's 3-0 this past Tuesday. The team was unable to capitalize on early scoring opportunities and played a lackluster second half in this first loss of the season.

The team was unable to display their offensive power in this game. Their three best chances came in the first half, and each time the Sho'men player failed to put the ball in the back of the net. Mike Bishop's shot off of a free kick was denied on an excellent save by the Mount St. Mary's goalkeeper. Jon Seal made a brilliant run down the field, but his shot proved to be high and wide. Larry Kilroy had the best chance for a Sho'men goal in the game, but his follow-up shot sailed just over the net.

The Sho'men spent much of the second half in the defensive end of the field, and they had very few opportunities for so much as a shoot on goal. Mount St. Mary's lengthened their 1-0 halftime lead to 3-0 within the first twenty minutes of the second half to put the game out of reach.

Still,Aassistant Coach Peter Allen warned there was no reason to be worried.

"It's hard to get excited after being blown out, but it was obvious that overall this team has improved drastically from last year. We played a lackluster game, but we played the type of game that would ordinarily get things done against regular Middle Atlantic Conference competition."

This was the first of two consecutive games the Sho'men will play against Division I teams. Many strong Division III teams play inferior teams to start the year in an effort to pad their record. Coach Bowman and his staff decided that it was more important for his teams to face a strong challenge in the early games.

"With as strong a team as we have, it's a far better tuneup for us to face this tougher competition," Peter Allen commented. "These games don't really count toward our position in the MAC standings, and this difficult early schedule should prove to be a learning experience for the team."

The Sho'men played a strong defensive game, but the superior ability of Mount St. Mary's eventually proved to be too much. The team suffered only three defensive lapses, and all three resulted in goals. These lapses proved to be the difference in the game. "Mount St. Mary's only had three excellent chances all day and scored all three times."

The soccer season continues this Friday against Delaware out on Kibler Field, and the team plays its first Division III opponent Sunday at Greensboro.

Coach Allen hopes that the game against Delaware will be one more step on their road to the Middle Atlantic Conference Championship. "While other teams are playing games in an effort to improve their record, we are continuing the learning process we started this summer on our trip to England."

Tennis hopes to continue success

by Fred Wyman
Men's Tennis Coach

Over the past few years, the W.C. men's tennis team has quickly turned into a national powerhouse. Last season was a resounding success, and there is good reason for optimism as the team readies itself for its first test of the year, this Friday against Haverford.

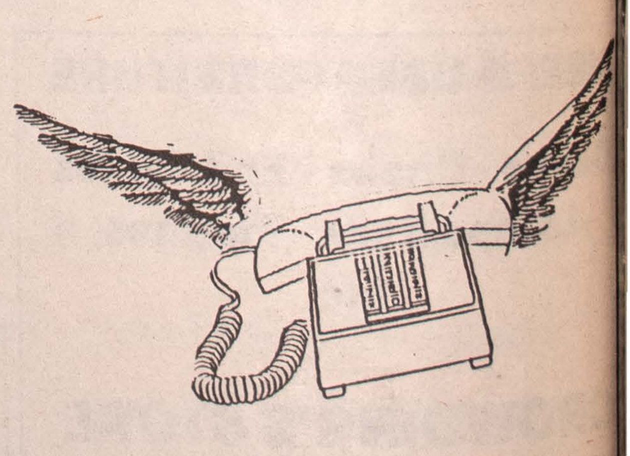
The 1988-1989 season marked the fourth consecutive year the Sho'men have reached the NCAA Division III National Championships. It was also the third straight year the WC netters reached the semifinals. The team ended the season ranked fourth nationally.

1989 was also the first year a Sho'men player has ever battled for the national championship in Division III men's singles. Larry Gewer bowed to Washington and Lee's John Morris in three sets. Gewer and teammate Scott Read also made huge steps in the Championships, making it all the way to the semifinals. Read was a hit on the national scene as well, winning the singles title at the Eastern Regional Small Colle3ge Championship at Swarthmore College.

This year's team is built around a nucleus of three standout players. Gewer, Read and Peter Maller were all nationally ranked last season, with Gewer and Read finishing the year among the top ten. All three players were honored as All-Americans, and Maller was also an Academic All-American. Maller plays soccer in the fall, but returns in the spring to close out his fine career. Gewer is also a senior, while Read returns as a junior.

The national success of these three players often overshadowed the success of the team itself in the Middle Atlantic Conference. They dominated the competition, winning the team title for the fourth straight year. Peter Maller also won the MAC singles competition, while Read and Bill Shaw combined to take home the doubles crown.

It seems definite that the team will continue its winning ways this season and for years to come. All of the players return from last year's 22-7 team, with the exception of Bill Shaw. Gewer and Maller are the only seniors on the squad, while Read and Roman Inochowsky are the only juniors. Sol Schwartz, Scott Shepherd and Andy Bohwtiwsky are sophomores, and Alberto Diaz is the only freshman on the squad. With the experience and the winning tradition of the team, this promises to be another exceptional year for the men's tennis team.



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Campus bands set the record straight

by Stephanie Hess
Arts Editor

It is apparent to returning tudents that some changes have ccurred at Washington College ver the summer. To mention a ew, a building is taking shape here once there existed nothing ut a pit of mud, the firelane is npossible to navigate, and oxwell Hall has been leveled.

Other changes, which are ot so apparent, have taken place ithin the entertainment scene t the College.

Namely, campus bands. new band has been created, an ld band has disappeared, and nother band has revamped its nage.

The new band on the scene his year is *SPG*.. Three of its embers, Jim Doran, Drew lburn and Brent Hopkins, were embers of *Shy At Parties*, a mpus cover band that played gether two years ago.

Shy At Parties broke up st year when Hopkins left to udy in England. While he was one, Elburn and Doran spent eir free time writing original ongs that their new band, *SPG*, ill perform this year.

According to Doran, they ow have "almost enough music r a whole set of originals." *SPG* kingly describe their music as emi-random post-acid house." oran provides a more serious escription: "rock and roll."

Though the songs they will ay are not all originals, Doran plained that "the covers we are ing now have been modified to ır taste."

"This band is more of our rsonality than *Shy At Parties* as," Elburn added.

The members of *SPG* are ick to point out the differences tween the two bands. While y *At Parties* was strictly a cover band that played at campus parties, *SPG* is more serious about performing original songs, not only at Washington College, but at other schools and in clubs as well.

In addition to playing here on campus, *SPG* plans to play at Towson and at the University of Delaware, where their fourth member, Bill Burnside, is a student.

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A band greatly missed this year is *The Incorrigibles*. Though they suffered a geographical split at the end of last year when three of the four group members (Jeff Cessna, Todd Karr and Ken Winkler) graduated, they had planned to search out summer gigs and continue performing as a group.

The actual break-up occurred in early July when Todd Deitelbaum, the drummer, left the group for another campus band, *49 Reasons*.

In regard to a reunion concert at the Coffee House, an idea proposed by the band's guitarist and lead singer, Winkler, Deitelbaum admitted that he "would play" if asked.

When asked the same question, Karr responded negatively, explaining that he wasn't interested in playing for the public without rehearsing, an impossible feat given the scattered locations of the band members.

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49 Reasons has been practicing hard and has seen the most changes this summer. Not only have two of the original five members been replaced, but a sixth member, saxophonist Sam Ferguson of Queenstown, has joined the group.

The new lead singer, Razz, is from Baltimore and Todd Deitelbaum replaces the original drummer, who moved to Virginia.

Guitarist and back-up singer Kirk Ross is trying to correct the bad publicity that has built up around the band over the last year; rumors abounded that the band had not only landed gigs in Ocean City, but a recording contract as well.

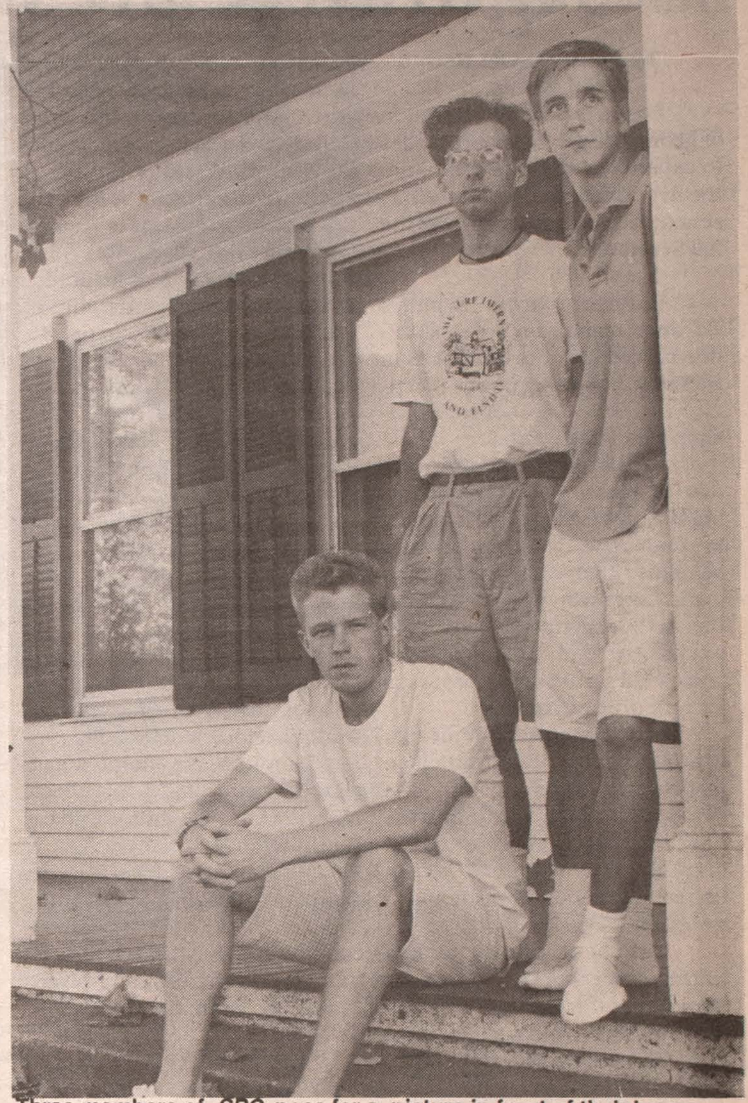
"The people who started rumors about the band are not in the band anymore," Ross said.

He added that their "show is much better now." He explained that last year they were performing about thirty songs in an evening. This year they have increased that number to fifty, four of which are originals.

When asked how the band has changed, Deitelbaum noted that "the sound is different, more upbeat than the band was last year."

While WC is their "favorite place to play," this summer *49 Reasons* performed in clubs in Newark, Annapolis, and Baltimore. When asked how he feels about playing in clubs outside the Eastern Shore, Ross said, "it's a big adventure."

Ross stated that although *49 Reasons* is "a little club band right now," they would eventually like to record an album.


Three members of *SPG* pose for a picture in front of their house.
(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

There are two promotional agencies in Philadelphia with whom Ross would like to work. Unfortunately he explained ,the agencies will not look at the band until they become more well-known in big-city clubs and bars.

This weekend, *49 Reasons* will play at Armadillo's in Annapolis, and they will play at the Coffee House on September 22. (Watch for announcements about *49 Reasons* and *SPG* around campus and in *The Elm*.)

SEPTEMBER

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by Andrew Donaldson

Mississippi Burning is a dramatization of the death of three civil rights activists, and the subsequent investigation. It opens with a white man drinking from a metal water fountain, followed by a small black boy drinking from a ceramic one, a stark enough reminder of the systematic nature of racism.

For a movie that purports to deal seriously with the related problems of bigotry and racial violence, this scene is as close as the movie comes to social commentary. Even the next scene, where the activists are run off the road and shot, is watered down. In Mississippi, in 1964, the car held two blacks and one Jew. In the movie, one is Jewish, one is caucasian, and one is black.

Much of the acting in the movie is poor. The villains, from the sheriff to the deputy sheriff to the mayor to the leader of the K.K.K. are all completely unmemorable as caricatures of bigotry and small-mindedness. The blacks, whom one would think would be depicted in some sort of empowering, or at the very least prominent, role in a movie about the deaths of civil rights activists, are almost wholly absent. Mostly they are portrayed as silent and sullen and cowed, with their other performances equally stereotypical.

Gene Hackman stars as Anderson, a grizzled FBI agent, who was once a sheriff in a Mississippi town not unlike the one he has come to investigate. His superior, Ward, played by Willem Dafoe, is aserious-minded, by-the-book, Kennedy appointee. Dafoe rises to the occasion at times to perform beyond his character, and Gene Hackman is convincing as a persuasive, glib, clever, and essentially unscrupulous law man. The performances do not deserve the superimposed good cop-bad cop routine.

Despite a p[illegible] character, Dafoe [illegible] a sometimes inno[illegible] and admirer of those wo[illegible] for social change, while Hackman works best while developing the genuine chemistry between his character and Mrs. Pell, the deputy sheriff's wife, played by Frances McDormand. The character change which leads to the movie's degeneration into vigilanteism is unconvincing.

In the end, a movie which should commemorate civil rights, assert the dignity of man and the necessity of just laws, celebrates criminal behavior. The movie, then, receives a mixed review: it contains one outstanding, and one very good performance, but is morally indefensible.

Baltimore artist Symmes Gardner exhibits figurative art with an unexpected twist

by Jennifer Del Nero
Staff Writer

Following the WC tradition of giving students opportunities to experience the arts firsthand, the Arts Exhibits Committee has scheduled its first art show of the fall semester.

Baltimore artist Symmes Gardner opens his solo exhibition of recent works tonight from 5 PM to 7 PM with a public reception in the Tawes Lobby of Gibson Fine Arts Center.

In his paintings, Gardner uses images from classical painting and mythology, refashioned to create new, twentieth-century symbols. Describing Gardner's work, Tex Andrews, Lecturer in the Art Department, said, "His works are odd juxtapositions, somewhat unusual compositions for a figurative painter."

In a statement about art, Gardner wrote, "The desire is to inspire the intellect and the emotions to make a 'leap' into the unseen...; to a universe that is invisible and contained within us, comprised of all our experiences individual and shared.

"Art," he continued, "aspires to this other world. To explain man in another sense. This is a different world and sense of man than that of archaeology, science, history and religion."

Gardner's work has not gone unnoticed. In 1979 he was awarded the Engal Prize for Painting from the Philadelphia College of Art. In autumn of that same year, Gardner attended Brooklyn College as a student of its graduate program and went on to graduate with his MFA from the Tyler School of Art at Temple University in Philadelphia.

Outside of a solo exhibition at the Tyler School of Art while he was still a student there, 34-year-old Gardner also presented his work in a solo exhibition two years ago at the Walker, Ursitti and McGuinnis Gallery in Washington, DC. Within the past 11 years, Gardner has taken part in six group exhibitions, four of which were held in DC.

In addition to participating in exhibitions, Gardner has lectured at Prince George's Community College in Landover, MD, and at the Anton Gallery in D.C. Articles featuring him and his work have been included in New Art Examiner, a national magazine, Museum and Arts, a local mid-Atlantic publication and the Washington Post.

Presently, Gardner is the Director of the Art Gallery at the University of MD, Baltimore County campus and is also a part-time teacher at Howard County Community College.

The artist at work in his studio; Symmes Gardner mixes paint at the table, and in the background stands one of the twenty paintings that will be on display in the Tawes Lobby until September 24.
(photo courtesy of Marshall Williams)

Gardner's show kicks off what Andrews predicts will be a "lively season" at WC. Planned for October and the beginning of November is a traveling show of prints, sponsored by Maryland Art Place (MAP). In the spring Constance Stuart Larrabee will present her WWII photographs, which are currently opening in Washington, DC at the National Museum of Women in the Arts.

Also in the works is a show to be scheduled between Thanksgiving and Christmas, while planning continues for the Student Art Show and the Chestertown Arts League Show in the spring.

Andrews credits WC for the resources to schedule an active year, explaining, "The [Arts Exhibits] Committee is very grateful to the President's Office for a generous allocation of money for discretionary funds for our budget this year." He added that this year's funding is three times the amount of money the Committee has worked with in previous years.

Nearly twenty of Gardner's paintings and drawings will be on display Thursday through Sunday from 1 PM to 5 PM in Tawes Lobby until September 24.

Campus events this week: things to do and places to be

Sept. 8,10,11

The Film Series will show the movie *Mississippi Burning* at 7:30 PM in the Norman James Theater on Friday, Sunday and Monday nights. Featuring Gene Hackman and Willem Dafoe, and directed by Alan Parker, the film deals with racial issues based upon a real-life incident of the Civil Rights movement. A related review by Andrew Donaldson is presented on page 9.

Friday Sept. 8

The opening reception of an art exhibit by Baltimore artist Symmes Gardner will be held from 5-7 PM tonight in the Tawes Lobby of the Gibson Fine Arts Center. This exhibit is the first of several planned for the year. A related article by Jennifer Del Nero can be found above.

Also planned for this evening is a dance held by the ZTA's in the Coffee House from 9 PM to 1 AM. The deejay is Rockin' Rupe from Ocean City. Admission will be $3. An ID is required from anyone who wishes to drink.

Saturday Sept. 9

Daytime entertainment can be found in Chestertown at Art in the Park, where local artists and craftsmen will be displaying their work in the square.

Those looking for rugs, lamps or antique jewelry can entertain themselves on campus by browsing or buying at the Kent and Queen Anne Almumni Chapters Flea Market held on the campus lawn.

Tuesday Sept. 12

Creative Writing Professor Robert Day will speak on "The Poetry of Howard Nemerov" at 8 PM in the Sophie Kerr Room of the Miller Library. Nemerov is the poet laureate of the United States and will be visiting the College and reading from his work on Sept. 19 as part of the Sophie Kerr Series.

Thursday Sept. 14

Erich Bloch, Director of the National Science Foundation, will be speaking at Fall Convocation at 7:30 PM in Tawes Theater. Bloch will discuss the state of science education, research and development in America today.

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Cable confusion

by Sharon Bonner
Reporter

Simmons Cable Company representatives met with Washington College administrators this summer to discuss plans for the installation and reactivation of cable lines in campus dormitories.

Simmons agreed to notify Clint Baer, Director of Planning and Special Projects, and Dr. Paul Bishop, Director of Computing, when an exact date for installation of the cable is decided.

Although no official notice has been given to the College, Simmons stated that they will install cable lines in Middle, East, and West Halls by Monday, September 11.

"We have established good working relations with Simmons Cable Company. We anticipate that within the next two to three weeks, cable should be installed depending on Simmons Cable Company's work schedule," commented Baer.

Simmons will eventually restore cable to Caroline, Queen Annes, Kent, the new dorms, and Hodson Hall; the company has not yet notified the College with a proposal on the reinstallation of cable lines to Reid Hall and Minta Martin.

The Administration requested that Simmons present the College with a drawing of the plans for installation of the cable wires. This will insure that no telephone or computer lines already installed underground are accidentally damaged during the cable installation.

At this time, Baer has received no written plans for cable installation from Simmons Cable Company.

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ent in the past toward college students.

Last year, apparently, students "exploited" that privilege: "...the behavior...was at a new high and an unacceptable level."

This year Stetson plans to "vigorously" enforce laws and ordinances. "I would like to point out...that the law prohibits the possession of an alcoholic beverage if you are under the age of 21; that disorderly conduct and the disturbance of public peace are criminal statutes and could result in that person's arrest for such an arrest obtaining a criminal record the rest of their lives."

"This letter is not meant to be a threat," he concluded.

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On September 1, a former Washington College student, Peter Andre Goode, was arrested at 500 Queen Street at the party of a current student, according to police reports. Police visited the party in response to a complaint about the noise, and arrested Goode for possession of a controlled dangerous substance.

Yet residents and students of Queene Street met this Thursday to try to communicate their concerns to one another. Said Maxcy, "Everyone just wants to be the best neighbors possible."

Erich Bloch, Director of the National Science Foundation in Washington, D.C., will be the keynote speaker at Washington College's Fall Convocation Thursday, September 14 at 7:30 p.m. As the head of the governmental agency that awards grants for scientific research in all fields of natural and social sciences, Bloch is leading efforts to improve science and engineering education. At the Convocation, Bloch will speak on the state of science education in the United States today, and review the efforts of the National Science Foundation to strengthen scientific research and increase the interchange of scientific information among scientists in the U.S. and abroad. Fall Convocation is held in Tawes Auditorium of the Gibson Fine Arts Center at Washington College in Chestertown. Admission is free and the public is encouraged to attend. *(photo courtesy Marshall Williams)*

New Department Heads

In an August 18 memo to the faculty from President Douglass Cater, the new departmental chairs were officially announced.

Dr. Davy McCall will replace Dr. W. Michael Bailey as chair of the economics department, and Dr. Bennett Lamond will take Dr. Nancy Tatum's place as chair of the English Department. Dr. Garry Clarke is now chair of the Department of Art, Pro Tem, previously held by Ms. Susan Tessem.

While Dr. David Newell is teaching at West Point, Dr. George Shivers will act as director of the graduate program, and Dr. Robert Andersen will act as chair of the Department of Philosophy.

The steering committee for the Washington College 1983 Self-Study for Middle States Accrediting Association suggested that "there be at least occasional assessment of the performance of department chairmen by the Dean and President to ensure that incumbencies are not carried forward by inertia alone."

In an interview with Susan DiLeo, Dr. Elizabeth Baer, provost and dean of the college, explained that each spring the dean and the president look at the departments, take into consideration who "needs a break," and talk with the Tenure Committee about possible changes.

Baer also explained to DiLeo that the provision 'for' turnover "allows for the sharing of burdens (of the job)," gives different people a turn at the leadership role, and with the change of the chair comes the opportunity for different policies and ideas within the department.

Alcohol Policy reflects other issues

by Tracey Connell
News Editor

Recent changes in the alcohol policy have prompted discussion among students. Some feel it may compromise the College's "traditional" liberal policy. Nevertheless, College policy has changed several times over the past twenty three years.

In 1965-66, Washington College was a dry campus. The Student Handbook for that year states, "Intoxication on or off campus will not be tolerated. In addition students are forbidden to bring or possess intoxicants on the College campus."

The State Alcoholic Beverage Law was then quoted. Four paragraphs of statutes expounded on the 21 drinking age.

Only two years later the policy was shortened from a full page to three lines in the Handbook.

"Alcoholic beverages of any nature are not permitted on campus. Any student who is found to be intoxicated on the campus will be subject to disciplinary action."

Finally, in 1978, the "liberal policy" was added to the handbook.

"Washington College's policy regarding alcoholic beverages on campus is based on the assumption that students will accept personal responsibility and will strive to maintain a standard of personal conduct consistent with the Standards of Conduct."

The policy remained relatively unchanged until 1985 when it was again expanded to allow for "change in legislation".

In that year's handbook it was stated, "The College has always held as one of its goals the teaching of responsible social behavior. (For students of legal drinking age, this includes the responsible use of alcohol.)"

Many of the restrictions placed on organizations serving alcohol were placed then, such as the requirement that food and non-alcoholic beverages be served at functions where beer and wine are served.

This semester, students returned to campus to find yet another rule added to a three page list.

"The organizers of any party which is open to the campus MUST hire College approved bartenders through WCDS..."

Ed Maxcy, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, cited legislation as well as pressure from parents and Chestertown citizens. "Not only are all the members of the sponsoring group liable, but also, of course, the College is liable. We've had complaints that local high school students are being served at college, too.

"We are very concerned."

Another issue may have clouded the "liberal policy." Students living off campus have clashed with some local residents.

Kent County News reported this week that "The group [of residents] even had videotapes and snapshots of dirty laundry, bottles, debris and cars on the sidewalks."

Students were reported as having "all-night parties often involving alcohol consumption, public urination, brawling and littering."

Christine Wiant, President of the Zeta sorority, expressed her personal opinion. "It takes a lot of pressure off of the sorority

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Freshman Demo

by Tracey Connell
News Editor

Two hundred and thirty two freshman are currently attending Washington College. They represent twenty one states and one foreign country. Director of Admissions, Kevin Coveny, deemed this year's freshman "almost a mirror image of last year's". He stated that the quality of students is virtually the same, although a surprising number of them have international background. The class, according to the Director, showed a variety of talents which they exhibited in High School through the mediums of their school newspapers, student government, musicals, etc.. They also seemed enthusiastic about orientation, stated Coveny. THis should portend good things in the future.

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Police Reports

by Tracey Connell
News Editor

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Lt. John Price made the arrest after observing the group loading furniture into a truck at night. Darcangelo and Johnson have been expelled.

A hearing for a former Washington College student will be held on September 14 at district court. Peter Andre Goode, 25, was in attendance at a student party at 500 Queen Street, according to police reports. At approximately 12:50 AM, Chestertown police responded to a complaint about the gathering. Upon entering they found Goode in possession of the illegal substance. His court date will be set at the September hearing.

John Manning, Daniel Pratt, and Ron Council were arrested and charged for violating the noise ordinance after 11pm, August 26. The usual penalty for first offense is $100.

Chestertown Police Chief Stetson stated in this weeks issue of the *Kent County News that* "When we get a complaint of noise, we'll look for every violation we can...possession of drugs, underage possession of alcohol or serving alcohol to minirs..until these kids learn their lesson."

November 2 is the new date set for Phil Tom Jackson's trial at the Kent County Circuit Court. Jackson allegedly extorted funds from the Student Government Association when he served as Treasurer last year.

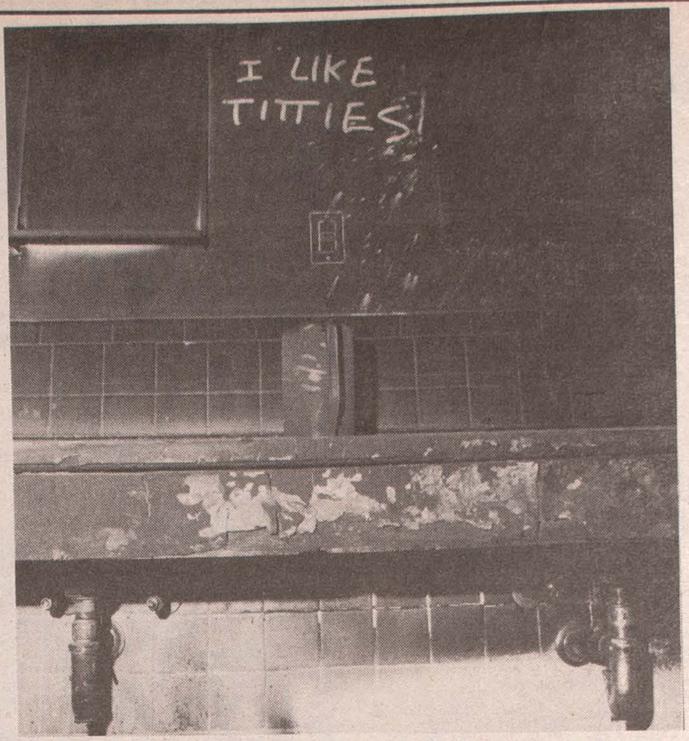
Summer Board appointments

Kevin O'Keefe '74, Ellen Corddry Adkins '49, and Donald F. McHugh '53 were elected by alumni ballot to the College's Board of Visitors and Governors in May.

O'Keefe is president of the Sandler Group as well as various other Wasington College groups

Adkins is a former member of the Washington College Alumni Council.

McHugh has been a member of the Washington College Visiting Committee and a panelist at a colege Symposium.



The Sig fraternity lost their college recognition after a fire was allegedly set in their East Hall bathroom. East Hall was renovated over the summer to accomodate International Studies students.

(photo by David Johnson)

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liability wise. I really understand the College's tightening up of the alcohol policy."

Wiant added that student response may not have been so critical "if we had been informed before hand. There is a major lack of communication. If they are going to do it that way, students are going to rebel."

Both Maxcy and Wiant agreed that Washington College still has a liberal drinking policy. Stated Maxcy, "this is a responsible way of allowing students to have parties with alcohol."

East Hall

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ognized fraternity by Washington College, but in October they can petition that the fraternity be reactivated. Then the Administration will have a chance to review the situation and decide wether or not to reactivate them.

Regardless of the Sigs, the International House is here to stay. With the advent of this centrally located facility for International studies, it is hoped that many more people who were confused at the diffused state of affairs before will be able to take advantage of the many opportunities that the International House has to offer. "In today's world of instant communication and modern technology, it is absurd to consider a national perspective for your education- an international perspective is much more adequate and enjoyable," said Chaffin.

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There are several positions still available on the serving line and in the dishroom. All are welcomed to apply. Anyone interested in working for the W.C.D.S. should contact Mrs. Crew.

The W.C.D.S. has really gotten the new school year off to a good start. We have had two special events- both were a success. On August 30th we had a Welcome Back Dinner featuring as the crabs and spareribs you could eat with a host of other great items. Last Wednesday evening we had a Steamship Dinner which was really well attended . There's more to come next Wednesday evening, we will be having an Eastern Shore Dinner. We will be having an extra special Sunday Buffet September 17th. Continental Breakfast will start at 10:00-11:00 a.m. and the buffet will start at 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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Satellite station proposed for the College

By Sharon Bonner
Reporter

A report submitted last year by Paul Bishop, Director of Computing, and Jay Meranchik, Audio/Visual Director, proposed the idea of a satellite station on campus. Recently, the idea has resurfaced due to the desire for cable television in student dormitories.

Included in the written report were summaries of the progress other colleges and universities have made in constructing satellite systems.

Hampden-Sydney College organized a satellite system consisting of two satellite dishes; student population there is about 900-1000. The satellite system is connected only to the library, not in individual dormitories. Located in the library are ten viewing rooms, featuring channels which offer nationwide programs, science educational, Russian, Spanish, and German education channels and some international stations, as well as entertainment channels.

The University of Maryland located on the Eastern Shore (UMES) has also successfully planned and constructed a satellite station system. One satellite dish receiver is connected to the library, the other is connected to the Arts and Technical Center.

Funds to support the UMES satellite station were granted through "Title Three Funds," a federal-funded program to support instructional programming.

Leon Copelan, Chairperson for the Department of Technology at UMES, commented, "The keypoint in getting started in planning the satellite system is to evaluate how it can be best used to enhance an institution's educational programs. The opportunities with the satellite program are unlimited."

A satellite system would provide Washington College with access to educational programming distributed via satellite by various organizations, such as the National University Teleconference Network at Oklahoma State University. A video distribution system on campus could provide cable TV service over the same cabling plan.

It is possible that the College Administration could negotiate a contract with Simmons Cable in order to offer students both channels recieved from the satellite and from the cable network.

Many problems exist with students dealing individually with Simmons Cable Company. The College Administration has no control over the prices students are charged. With a campus video distribution system, the College could negotiate directly with Simmons Cable for only those channels requested by campus residents. No additional adapter box would be required with a campus video system as it uses only the standard channels 2 through 13.

A college-owned video system would allow the College to be directly involved in the installation and wiring of all dormitories. This would alleviate the danger of the cable company unintentionally destroying telephone, computer, and other wiring already installed underground.

The report written by Bishop and Meranchik explored the feasibility of a satellite earth station from the technical standpoint. Problems with initial organization of the campus cable TV system include: dormitory access, student billing, selection of channels provided on the system, and funding for the installation of this system.

"I would like to hear what the students think about access to educational programming currently available via satellite, and what types of programs would be of interest to them," commented Bishop.

One approach to selecting programming on a campus system would be to send ballots and questionaires around the campus offering a choice of channels for selection.

Science educational, language educational, Financial networks, international programming, teleconferences at various universities, and other entertainment channels, are examples of the types of programs that would be available. Another progam available through the satellite is live and taped coverage of US House of Representatives and US Senate.

The initial report on the satellite proposal explained another technological program termed "two-way interactive distance learning." These are specialty courses instructed by professors across the state or nation which the satellite system can receive.

The concluding statement of the report states, "This tool could be used by many of our departments, including language, business, economics, political science, and knowledge of our world in general for our students' futures."

Dr. George Shivers, Professor of Spanish, commented, "The language department is in favor of the proposal assuming that the satellite system would be useful in our educational program." In the past, the language department had suggested the idea of a satellite system to improve language education. The language department had not formerly been informed that a written report of the satellite system proposal was submitted to the Administration. The department supports the proposal as long as funding for the project is available.

The financial feasibility of the satellite station program depends on whether or not the National Endowment for Humanities Grant is granted to the College.

Gene Hessey, Senior Vice President for Management and Finance, explained, "If the response to the portion of the grant request which deals with the satellite station proposal is positive, then we would be in a position to move ahead with the project."

According to David Wheelan, Vice President for Development and College Relations, the Administration expects a final decision concerning the grant by the end of December

Although the College expects to receive the grant, if the response from the proposal is nega-

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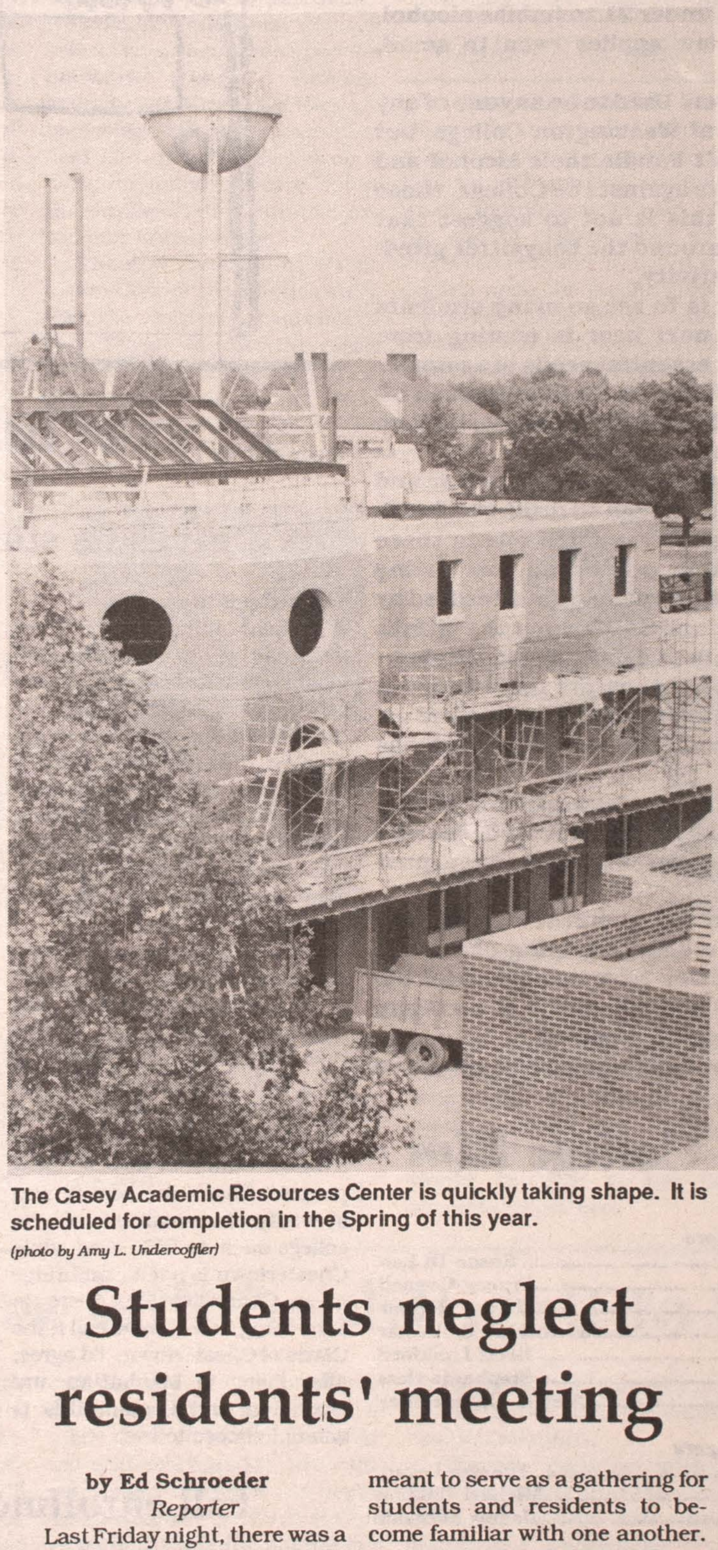

The Casey Academic Resources Center is quickly taking shape. It is scheduled for completion in the Spring of this year.
(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

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Students neglect residents' meeting

by Ed Schroeder
Reporter

Last Friday night, there was a scheduled meeting for the residents of Queen Street, which was to include both the participation of students of Washington College and community members of Chestertown.

Not one of the student representatives showed up to actively participate.

"This meeting wasn't meant as a forum to launch complaints against students," one Queen Street resident explained. "We merely wanted to get to know who our neighbors are."

The first and most important concern was to make sure that the students were happy with their new housing. It was also meant to serve as a gathering for students and residents to become familiar with one another.

Secondly, trash pickup and badly maintained houses has been a pending dilemma. Residents needed student as well as community input to better help Chestertown Town Manager, Bill Ingersoll, in evaluating the situation.

Finally, there has been an issue of reckless driving in this area. Many drivers use Queen Street as a shortcut because of its accessibility. Police will be notified to insure the safety of the street's inhabitants.

Residents who attended this meeting were shocked that stu-

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EDITORIAL

Students must take action to change alcohol laws

The latest addition to the alcohol policy—unaffectionately known around here as the 'babysitter provision'—has been lambasted ad nauseum, but several opponents of the policy are targeting their criticism in the wrong direction.

The buck does not stop in Student Affairs; they cannot say that it's OK for students under 21 to imbibe alcohol, since it's illegal. Federal law applies even to small, independent colleges.

The party, as it were, is over. Used to be anyone of any age could down a few beers at Washington College, but thanks to students who can't handle their alcohol and the possibility of liability suits against the College, those days are gone. Of course, this is not to suggest that students will not find a way around the babysitter provision with a modicum of creativity.

However disheartening it is to see so many students fretting about where their next beer is coming from (alcohol being one of the four essential needs of a number of students, along with food, sex, and cable) instead of, say, worrying about the decline of the Chesapeake Bay, there is a principle at stake.

The concept that anyone who is old enough to vote and to fight for this country is old enough to drink alcohol is a long-dormant idea, and arguably a dated one in these conservative times of relative peace and low voting records. Then again, today (most) people are educated by organizations like AA, MADD, and SADD about the pitfalls of alcoholism and the dangers of drinking and driving.

Thus, it's pretty safe to say that we are more aware of the pros and cons of drinking than generations before us. Today, responsibility where alcohol is concerned has little to do with age.

The bottom line is that the Administration is powerless when it comes to reforming federal law; students who are truly concerned about the present drinking age must take action.

Think about it: there are dry campuses across the country with thousands of students griping about the drinking age. A student coalition to reduce the drinking age is not as farfetched as it sounds, and it is certainly more effective than moaning and groaning.

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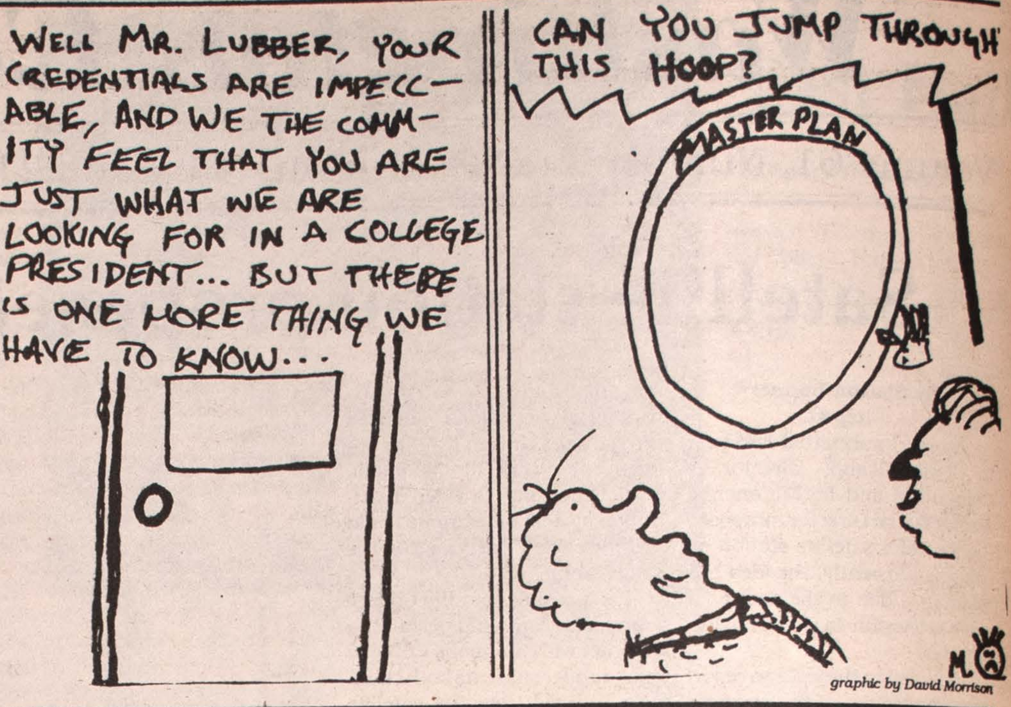
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Letters to the Editor

WC gives its students a grounding in the real world

To the Editor:

In light of the arrival of 200+ freshman on campus defining Washington College for themselves, Chris Deri's article on "Impressions" of WC caused me concern. I couldn't determine if the piece was intended as a satire or if it was written as a serious editorial. Can Deri really be so preoccupied with finding a "stereotype to bond to" that he can't find his own niche?

As a 7 Sisters graduate who spent her "Junior Year abroad" at WC (and it really was that culturally stimulating), is this Newton waiting for the apple? If he is, he'll only end up with fig on his face, and miss the arrival of the geese, the first pep rally, and a whole bunch of diverse, neat people. That's the beauty and specialty of a small liberal arts college such as WC. And while Chestertown is not a Cambridge or a Charlottesville, there is something here— some call it the Claws of Chestertown. I'd agree; after living in Manhattan and Lexington and Boston, this is where I choose to live.

But specific to the College: The academic and social education I experienced at Washington College was far superior and more enlightening than that at Smith College. It was the Washington College students who were willing to help me with my first polysci oral report and who brought me home from the 'Vern when I had mono Spring semester. At Smith, my colleagues hoarded the previous year's bio tests; competitive to the point of cattiness for vet and med school places. Look at the alum notes. My friends at the Ivys - Harvard, Brown, Princeton who went on to the Kennedy School of Government, or Stanford Law School or Columbia MBA— are in the peace corps, baking bread, having babies and learning massage or stressing out at a Fortune 500. My friends from WC— who had active schedules— are entrepreneurs, brokers, their own bosses. Not that there is anything wrong with baking Russian bread. The point is - Washington College gives its students a sense of true accomplishment, of citizenship, a grounding in the real world. I was continuously amazed that students who stayed up until all hours were at their 8:30 AM class. The students learn to discover, to juggle and apply real knowledge to the real world. These students master the art of public speaking (the benefit of small classes) and can literally talk their way out of a paper bag. WC students gain a competitive edge by virtue of the College's size and individualized attention. The faculty are not preoccupied with getting published (for tenure) so they can focus on the students-and that they do, incredibly well.

The renown of Washington College is spreading. I've met people in Europe and even from Australia who know about Washington College-wither from tall tales or their own adventures on campus or contact with students and alums. it was my Smith College dean who suggested I spend my junior year here. Those who know the College, know it well and have a high regard for it. President Cater has indeed been "telling the story of Washington College" and called great attention to this small College, in part by the people he's familiarized with WC. I've met— not just glimpsed at from the back seat in some lecture hall - but had lunch with, spoken with some incredible people at Washington College from Sandra Day O'Connor to Seymour Toppings, Editor of the NYT Sunday Magazine. President Cater has "let the cat out of the bag." However, it is upon to us, the students and alumni to make sure that the tale continues with the integrity and independence of a cat. For it is by its alumni that a College is judged.

My comment to Chris Deri is too bad for your sake you're leaving the College and with such a passive defeatist attitude, good luck in the real world where opportunities and labels do not fall at one's feet.

Chesa Profaci
Acting Assistant Director of Development

Fall enrollment statistics

To the Editor:

In order to clarify the facts regarding our 1989 fall enrollment and housing figures I wish to report the following:

1. The new undergraduate headcount for Fall 1989 is 271. This translates into 19 fewer freshmen and 9 fewer transfer students in this year's entering class. Please note that to comply with our "steady state" enrollment mandate, we planned to enroll fewer new students this year.

2. There are 646 students housed on campus this fall; 253 are new students and 393 are continuing students. Last fall, we housed 695 students; 264 were new students and 431 were continuing students.

3. There are 244 students living off campus this fall as compared to 191 students last year. Both figures include adult learners and local residents who are matriculated as undergraduate students at Washington College.

It is important to understand that enrollment and housing counts remain somewhat fluid through the first few weeks of the semester and the above-listed figures are subject to change. On campus housing will remain available to interested students throughout the balance of this academic year.

With our enrollment ceiling in effect for 1990-91, there is no anticipated shortage of housing projected for either new or continuing students next year.

Kevin Coveney
Director of Admissions

CAMPUS VOICES

ISSUE: The search for a new president is underway. What issues should the next president of WC take into special consideration?

Next president should stress academics, not revenue

We are about to enter the most important decade in history. With the retirement of President Douglass Cater, the new president will have the immensely important task of leading Washington College into the next century. The importance of the next ten years cannot be underestimated and the person who holds the most prominent position at this school must be equipped with the determination and understanding needed to adequately prepare students for what lies ahead.

If our culture is to survive and flourish, one area must take precedence above all others: education. Without it we are doomed to continue on our path of decay, where materialism dominates over all aesthetic and ethical values.

Washington College is perhaps one of the few remaining bastions of the liberal arts where these values are still held in high regard, while other institutions emphasize the more tangible and scientific areas of study. Our next president must be one who can realize and exercise the full potential of this school to produce cognizant, creative, and open-mended students who are not solely preoccupied with owning expensive cars or holding corporate positions.

Few would begrudge President Cater for what he has done for this school. It can certainly be said that he did a great deal to put Washington College on the proverbial map. However, if and when the Master Plan is completed, will it have achieved what Cater intended? It seems likely that if we continue on this course of expansion and "improvement," Washington College may very well lose its renowned focus upon the individual student. Already, many have noticed that they are becoming little more than student ID numbers filled in on a form, the individual case lost in the shuffle of administrative jargon and bureaucracy.

The new president of Washington College should turn away from the physical appearance of the College, forsake increased revenue and prestige, and bring his forces to bear on the problems at hand. Every department does not perform at its fullest potential, nor is there any kind of social and ethnic balance among the student body to fully utilize those departments.

Washington College has grown in size and stature, but it has not kept up social progress around it and it may be losing its hold on the art and creativity which should beat its core. As the size of classes swell with increased enrollment, so too the burden upon the faculty grows. Invaluable time better spent teaching and learning goes into keeping records and fighting red tape. Too much of the student's money, time, and energy is wasted in a struggle with the Buntingon.

Stephen F. Lorenz

Understandably, a school cannot be run without an administration, but we can and must have a president whose strength, dynamic character, and love of learning will bring about a progressive balance between the faculty, the administration, and the students.

Along with the change in presidency, a change in the student body is required. A president who is willing and able to bring about a higher degree of equality and academic excellence must be reflected by students who are aggressive and critical about their own education. We accept too easily how we are taught and the problematic sys-

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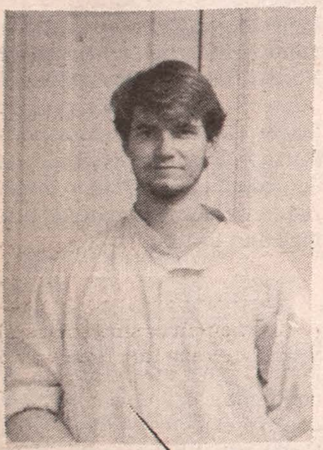


Liam Kennedy
Baltimore, MD
Junior

Why against the decree of the Great Pharoah Benjamin Hinkle did the College again raise tuition?

Heidi Hausmann
Pennsburg, PA
Sophomore

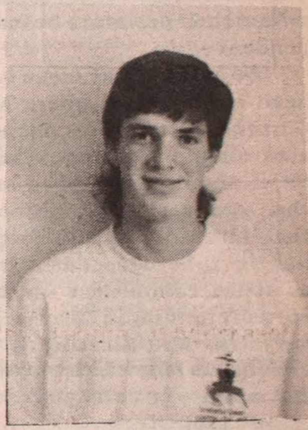
One question he/she should ask, is why over 30 percent of the students live off campus— it does seem a little odd, don't you think? It would also be nice for teachers and students to work with the administration, not around them.

Seth Engel
Geneva, Switzerland
Sophomore

The next president should consider the opinion of the student, especially the off-campus studnts. He/she should also install condom machines in each dorm.

Heather Skidmore
Houston, TX
Junior

The new president needs to be consistent in increasing faculty and courses along with the rising number of enrolled students. Also a wider course selection; it would be nice to see core subjects broadened.



Franklin Adams
Memphis, TN
Freshman

With the present construction scheduled to be completed by next spring, I think the new president should work out a major landscaping contract to help beautify the campus.

by Brian Simpson

Cater's shoes will be difficult to fill

Filling the shoes of Douglass Cater. On an ordinary day, the thought would be humbling enough; yet half-way through the most dramatic growth spurt which this college has seen in its two centuries of history, the task of finding a new president may well be one of the most challenging and exhaustive projects faced by our community to date.

And Cater's shoes have grown considerably during his few years of service; partly because of the growing difficulty in maintaining a small college and partly because of the overwhelming goals which he has set for ours. So big are his shoes that he himself admits difficulty in dragging them around any longer, leaving us with the task of finding a willing and able replacement, ready to take the helm mid-way through this journey to a mysterious destination known only as the Master Plan.

The new president will have to face the responsibility of living up to many of the accomplishments of the present administration. One of the biggest challenges to the new president will be to keep the momentum going which has driven the College through so many dramatic improvements in such a short period. In addition, Cater is noted for his accomplishments in reaching out to the alumni and raising money for Washington College. This feat, made possible primarily by Cater's sense of long term planning and goal setting, will be a standard not easily matched by a new president.

Tony Caligiuri

Yet, besides the many accomplishments for which Cater's administration may take credit, the student body is calling out for more personal attention and appreciation of student views and initiative by a new president. Although the administration has made great strides in modernizing and rejuvenating the campus, many students are beginning to feel that the interests and views of the wealthy alumni and unborn graduating classes far outweigh the views and opinions of today's student body. The new president should be willing to make a greater effort to stay in touch with student opinion and views, keeping in mind that an alienated student body today will inevitably result in alienated alumni tomorrow.

In addition, students are looking for a greater role in the planning of the future for Washington College rather than simply a half-hearted annual update on its progress. One with a willingness to open up more to student input, as well as one who is as comfortable walking the hallways and sitting in on a classroom discussion as reaching out to alumni would undoubtedly serve to strengthen student-administration relations.

The new president must be one who appreciates the role of the small college and understands the importance of its survival. As Cater has stated many times, in a world of corporate takeovers and unprecedented buy-outs, one must constantly fight the notion the "bigger is better."

The new president must not only be attentive to the work that has already been done, yet she must also be ready to take new initiative in dealing with many pressing issues which will face the campus in the next few years.

One of the most blatant problems facing this campus is the racial inequities of the student body. To the naked eye, Washington College appears to be a lasting outpost of racial segregation, and the new president must be willing to take serious initiatives to create a more acceptable racial balance in the student body.

Washington College has also reached a state at which the fate of the Greek system and the continuance of the present alcohol policy are coming under serious question. Both of these issues have the potential for dramatically altering the image and atmosphere of the college, and warrant serious attention by a new administration.

Finally, as the new president begins to serve her term and the last of the master plan finally falls into place, the greatest challenge to the youthful administration will be the prevention of a sense of complacency and satisfaction settling over the campus. President Cater proved that one of the most important things in the survival of the small college is maintaining a drive to improve, to stand out, and to never be

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PERSPECTIVES

Editorial

Gorbachev faces a troubled Soviet Union

Laura Hopper
Perspectives Editor

Paranoia must be running quite high at the Kremlin these days. Mikhail Gorbachev just returned from his vacation in the Crimea, and certainly has his work cut out for him. According to him, the conservatives and radicals in the government are trying to push the Soviet Union to the brink of instability. It looks as if they don't have to push very hard.

The trouble spots are familar, the Baltic States, Armenia and Azerbaijan. A new one could be developing in Moldavia, where there is a movement for self-determination.

In the Baltic States, the situation continues to worsen. These three small countries have non-Russian ethnic majorities, and were independent before the war. They have never willingly considered themselves part of the Soviet Union. Their nationalistic movements reflect their desires to be independent again.

The conflict may come to a head in Lithuania where Mr. Gorbachev personally phoned a warning to Lithuanian Party Chief Algirda Brazauskas less than two weeks ago, warning that Lithuania should forget wanting to be independent. But as strike committees are reportedly forming in Lithuanian factories, Mr. Brazauskas is warning his fellow Lithuanians that military force may be used against protesters.

To compound Mr. Gorbachev's problems, regional and ethic conflict between the provinces of Azerbaijan and Armenia could flare up again. There were several incidents of bloody ethic conflict between the Azerbaijaniis and the Armenians following the devastating Armenian earthquake.

Something is going to have to give in the Soviet Union, and the Bush Administration is concerned that it might be Mr. Gorbachev and his programs. Confidence is not high in Washington regarding the Soviet Leader's future; the Administration is concerned over the situation in the Baltic States. They [The Baltic States] have, one official remarked, forgotten that Gorbachev is the one is responsible for the new attitudes in the Soviet Union. He is the one who has pushed through the reforms that have touched off the nationalist movements in the Soviet Union.

In Washington, the biggest fear is that of a military crackdown in the Baltic States, which would cause division among the members of NATO. The members of the Alliance rely on trade with the Soviet Union in differing amounts, causing their reactions to be different. And a crackdown would certainly spell the end of glasnost.

The coming months will be difficult for the Soviet Union, and interesting for the rest of the world. As the Soviets cope with their social and economic problems, we will see how strong Mr. Gorbachev's position is and how strong the resolve of the disgruntled ethnic groups is as well.

So far, both seem dead set on a confrontation. Mr. Gorbachev has achieved some successes in recent months; he ended a coal miner's strike in the Ukraine that might have spread to other sectors of the economy.

But it is the upcoming elections in the Baltic States that will be the real test of his regime: a test of his power and the creativity of the Communist Parties of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.

News from around the world:

United States:

Former President Ronald Reagan is recovering from brain surgery in Rochester, Minnesota. Mr. Reagan underwent surgery to remove fluid that had collected in his brain after a fall from a horse two months ago. Following the operation, which lasted slightly more than an hour, Mr. Reagan was described as "comfortable and in good spirits."

In a speech last Tuesday night, President Bush declared a "war on drugs." Saying that drugs presented "the gravest domestic threat facing our nation," he proposed to spend an additional $ 716 million more than already budgeted for drug control problems. Mr. Bush's new approach will mean more spent on law enforcement and less on treatment and education. Nearly 70% of the proposed drug package will be spent on law enforcement.

Exxon is ending its clean-up efforts in Prince William's Sound, Alaska, and it will be leaving behind 7 of the 11 million gallons of crude oil that were spilled last spring in what was termed "the worst of any oil spill around the globe." Along over 300 miles of shoreline, the oil remains in a muck that is in some places three feet deep. One environmentalist who witnessed the clean-up said that Exxon was "good at writing checks and getting stuff." (Exxon spent $ 1 billion on the clean-up) but not so good at actually cleaning up the oil.

Bloomingdales, one of the world's most famous retailers, went up for sale on Saturday. The retailer has been owned by the Campeau Corporation of Toronto since last year. Campeau's chairman, Marvin S. Traub, is putting together a group to buy Bloomingdales.

South Africa:

In South African elections last Wednesday, a white majority voted to extend the 41 year reign of the National Party headed by F.W. de Klerk. Much violence surrounded the elections, and Archbishop Desmond Tutu said Saturday that his count of people killed by the police on election day numbered 29. One Pretoria officer said the police behaved like "Wild Dogs" chasing and beating both demonstrators and bystanders. The National Party has proposed some concessions to the Black majority; including the repeal, if not suspension, of the national state of emergency; and the release of Nelson Mandella. F.W. de Klerk hopes these proposed changes will move the country towards "evolution away from apartheid".

Poland:

As the formation of Poland's first non-Communist dominated government draws nears, surprising and unexpected developments are emerging from preliminary talks. The government, to be headed by Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki, will be formed by the Communist Party and the Solidarity Party. The Communists will retain control of the Foreign Ministry, Interior Ministry, and at least one other ministry with influence over the economy, while Solidarity will control the Finance Ministry, and the Labor Ministry. At Saturday's talks, the prospective Solidarity Ministers pledged to return Poland to the Market Economy and to seek war reparations from the Soviet Union. They discussed reprivatization, returning large chunks of nationalized industry to private ownership, price deregulation, and cuts in government spending.

Hungary:

Rezso Nyers, the leader of Hungary's Communist Party, has unofficially consented to let 6,000 East German refugees travel to West Germany. The refugees are mainly young people seeking better economic opportunities, as well as political freedom, in West Germany.

Somalia:

The Somali Army reportedly killed 5,000 unarmed civilians over the last 10 months. The deaths occurred during the prolonged struggle between government and rebel forces in the North. The rebels are seeking the ouster of Somalia's current leader, General Mohammad Siad Barre. The government has denied charges of other human rights violations including beatings and torture.

El Salvador:

Salvadoran rebels, the Farabundo Marti National Front (FMNL) have agreed to the preconditions set down by Salvadoran president Alfredo Cristiani. Negotiations between the government and the rebels will begin sometime this week in Mexico. Archbishop Arturo Rivera y Damas will act as mediator, and the Organization of American States and the United States will be present as well. This will be the first formal contact between the rebel and government during the 10 year civil war which has cost the lives of 70,000 Salvadorans.

compiled by Cecile Gutscher

Virginia Beach: Race or Media

by Amanda Burt
and Tanya Cunic

Were the riots in Virginia Beach really racially induced or was it just another media distortion?

I will be the first to admit that I am prejudiced (anyone who claims to be free of prejudice is living in an unrealistic world). But does every civil disturbance have to be linked to a racial stem? The Media is not the only culprit. Other groups such as the ACLU and NAACP seem eager to fuse these riots to racial undertones. They fail to recognize that each time they do this, they are not only hindering the minorities' progress but are fueling the groups' sense of repression.

Virginia Beach is no exception. The Labor Day weekend disturbances brought to light the broadness and the shallowness of the war between "the blacks and the blue suits."

It was a typical Labor Day weekend-Greekfest happening, extra police were on hand to ensure safety. By late Saturday night, most students were at the beach and ready to have a good time. But when an ambulance summoned officers for help in order to get through crowded streets, the trouble started. Within minutes, more policemen arrived on the scene in riot gear.

As they attempted to unclog the streets, students began ransacking local stores. This behavior was carried on for two more nights and escalated into several life threatening situations, including students throwing rocks and beer bottles at police officers, who were using night-sticks in an attempt to subdue the crowd. The National Guard sent 325 guardsmen to Virginia Beach to aid in the effort. As a result of the violence, thirty policemen and National Guardsmen were treated for injuries. There were also a number of lesser civilian injuries. Reports recorded that 1,235 people were charged with numerous offenses.

A lot of people want a formal FBI investigation. But they do not need one. The answer is frighteningly clear. Whether you are black, white or orange, race has nothing to do with moral character. So is this Media distortion? YES! Race had nothing to do with this incident. It was simply a matter of lack of respect for others' well-being.

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Peru: balancing between democracy and war

by Camilo Leon-Castro
Spanish Assistant

For the military guard of the town of Vchiza, the 27th of March seemed to be just another day.

At 6 PM, a couple walking through the town square unexpectedly drew their guns and assassinated the first soldiers that passed in front of them. This was the signal for 200 guerrillas of the Shining Path to attack the garrison. Five hours later the 13 survivors, including ten soldiers and three officers, surrendered. The officers were executed at the town square, one by one, in front of the town's residents. After robbing the banks and vandalizing the state buildings, the terrorists returned to their hideouts in the Amazon jungle.

In nine years, the Marxist guerilla organization Shining Path has expanded its radius of activity from the mountains of Ayacucho (an area roughly 200 miles southeast of Lima) to all others areas of the country. Their alliance with narcotics manufacturers in the jungle allows them to acquire ammunition and recruit followers from the peasants who farm the coca used in producing cocaine. Following the assassination of about 50 mayors and other government authorities in Peru, the Shining Path is able to impose their own laws, based on terror.

The military response guerilla activities was the so called "Dirty War," a strategy used by the army in the field against the Shining Path. The army's ideological leader, the retired general, Luis Cisneros Vizguerra has been quoted as saying, "The peasants must choose where to die: either with the army or with the Shining Path." In other words, if a peasant community is suspected of collaborating with the Shining Path, they must all be eliminated.

Because of the Dirty War, the count of those "missing" is 4,000, divided between peasants and syndicate leaders. Six mass graves have been discovered with hundreds of bodies in them. Congressional investigations have been unable to arrive at any conclusion as the power of the Army in the declared Emergency Zones prevents them from obtaining information.

So far, the cost of this war has been high. 15,000 people dead, millions of dollars in vandalism and the destabilization of the democratic system. Because the military and the Shining Path exercise supreme power in half the country, democratic rights have ceased to exist in those areas.

Far from the war zone, terrorism is not the primary occupation of the people and politicians living in the cities. Their problem is the 4000% inflation rate suffered since 1988. Added to this is the cut in external credit which came after the decision of President Alan Garcia not to award more than 10% of export income towards the external debt service payments, which have risen to more than 14 billion dollars.

This crisis has sharpened the differences between the rich and poor. The infant mortality rate has increased to 90.5 deaths per 1000 births, a rate surpassed only by Haiti and Bolivia.

For the middle class, the last resort seems to be leaving the country; in 1988, 120,000 Peruvians emigrated. The majority went to the US, Canada, and Australia.

In the meantime, business men deposit their profits in Swiss banks or invest overseas. Residential areas now have walls three meters high, complete with electric wires and televised security systems, all to protect the luxurious mansions of the bourgeoise.

The political parties have candidates in the upcoming presidential elections in 1990: APRA (the Popular Revolutionary American Alliance), the United Left, and FREDEMO (Democratic Front).

APRA seems to have little chance of winning the election following the failure of the current government. The United Left was favored until it split into a Marxist-Leninist faction and a Social Democratic faction headed by the former mayor of Lima, Alfonso Barrantes.

FREDEMO, a coalition of rightist parties headed by the writer Mario Vargas Llosa, seems to be the likely winner. FREDEMO is currently leading in the polls.

There is much doubt in Peru about the ability of the government to overcome this crisis. Two of the men running for President have governed the country in the past and been unsuccessful.

The one thing that is clear is that Peru must choose between democracy or civil war. Once that is decided, hopefully the political parties and democratic institutions will be able to peacefully channel the longing for change felt by many Peruvians into action. The actions of these parties and institutions will, in the following months, determine Peru's future as a nation.

translated by Mariella Ruiz

North American drug habits fuel drug war

by Carter Boatner

Finally the brutal consequences of the lucrative Latin American cocaine trade have been realized. The drug lords who so successfully developed the enterprise are under fire in their own country. With the extradition of various figures to the United States, the well-established cartels are experiencing the most serious threat to their power. They have fought back with violence, but this is common news. They are retaliating in typical terrorist fashion like they have done in the past in similar circumstances. These are the stories that cover front pages across the world. Aside from the violence, there is another, equally devastating aspect of the drug trade which is not so well exposed.

This aspect has to do with those drug-producing nations themselves. As a result of the drug trade parts of Latin America have suffered severe social, political and economical changes. The lucrative enterprise has lashed back at the very nations which perpetuate it. The issue of North American drug dependency is not limited domestic ramifications, it has far more damaging effects upon the indigenous peoples of Latin America.

Coca chewing, or as it is traditionally known as Hallpay, is a deeply embedded ritual necessary in the religious life of the South American Indians. Present as far back as 2100 BC, Hallpay aids the Indians in spiritual and physical ways. Apart from being the single-most unifying element among South American Indians, the stimulating effect of leaf-chewing helps Indians to withstand the harsh conditions in which they must make a living.

Modern laborers also consider it crucial. They find it difficult sometimes to put in the long days which are required of them in the mining business and other agricultural efforts, so they have long depended upon coca to provide them with energy. But this dependency did not transform their lives the way the recent increase of cocaine in North America has. The demand for cocaine has increased to levels in the United States never before seen in the World.

Because of this, there has been a corresponding demand for coca which has threatened the vital customs involving the leaf among Indians. The governments, under pressure from the United States, has tried to eradicate coca production. They have failed to target the most significant operations, instead it is the laborers who are not caught up in the drug trade are who suffer most.

Because coca demands an inflated price, many farmers are enticed into the illegal cultivation of coca, often neglecting to cultivate legitimate crops. This has lead to the shortage of traditional crops, thus driving food prices skyward. Earlier in this decade It was estimated that in the Chapare region of Bolivia, the amount of coca production has risen by as much as 400%. Because of the recent increase in the demand for coca, it not viewed so much as a spiritual element, as it is a commodity.

To maintain the unthreatened presence of the drug enterprise, drug lords have contributed to widespread corruption in their countries. In Colombia in 1984, President Belisario Betancur's efforts against the drug cartels lead to an investigation in which approximately 400 judges were found to have been receiving drug-related bribe money. By paying off judges, and other key officials, the drug lords in some cases have taken control of vast areas of their countries, leaving the government virtually helpless in checking drug activity. This is evident in areas such as the Chapare regions which are sometimes mockingly referred to as an independent, "Republiqueta Pichicatera", meaning Drug Republic. In these areas the cocaine boom has led to the development of commercial hubs whose markets harbor the sales of coca, coca paste, and even the materials required for the production of cocaine. This is turn compounds the problem surrounding the rapid influx of "Narcodollars", which are funds drawn into the areas usually by foreigners involved in the drug trade.

Drug lords have also found ways to spread their influence into the United states as well. In 1984, a former United States Customs Agent testified in front of the Commission on Organized Crime and Cocaine Trafficking, that he received $50,000 for each petroleum truck filled with marijuana that he let pass into the U.S. It is bribes such as this which entice low-paid U.S. government officials into the lucrative drug trade.

Money laundering schemes which are a closely-related to the drug trade, have been repeatedly uncovered in Florida. In 1982, Miami's Bank of Dade County was charged with being involved in a $96 million operation involving profits from South America. In 1985, money laundering was found to be an $80 billion a-year-industry thriving throughout the border areas of the United States. In that same year the Miami Herald reported that "virtually every piece of U.S. currency handled in South Florida is contaminated with microscopic traces of cocaine".

These are just a few of the many, far-reaching implications that are the result of the North American cocaine boom. No longer should the drug trade be considered exclusively as a North American problem, as a nation we are once again greatly involved unfavorably in the affairs of our Southern neighbors.

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FEATURES

Campus mourns history professor

by Amy R. Caddle
Reporter

Guy Fair Goodfellow was known at Washington College as a man of integrity. He was a man of uncompromising ideals coupled with compassion.

Goodfellow, after a four-year struggle with cancer, passed away Thursday, September 7, at the age of 60. Surviving are his wife Alice, two children, and four stepchildren.

Dr. W. Robert Fallaw, Chairman of the History Department, remembers Goodfellow as "an outstanding faculty member, a kind neighbor and a wonderful friend. He was an excellent family man, taking great interest and pride in his children. Guy always impressed me with his effective teaching methods; he truly enthused his students. He had a way of putting students at ease so learning would come naturally."

Fallaw continued: "Goodfellow always did what he sincerely felt was the best for Washington College. I always admired him for being true to his principles."

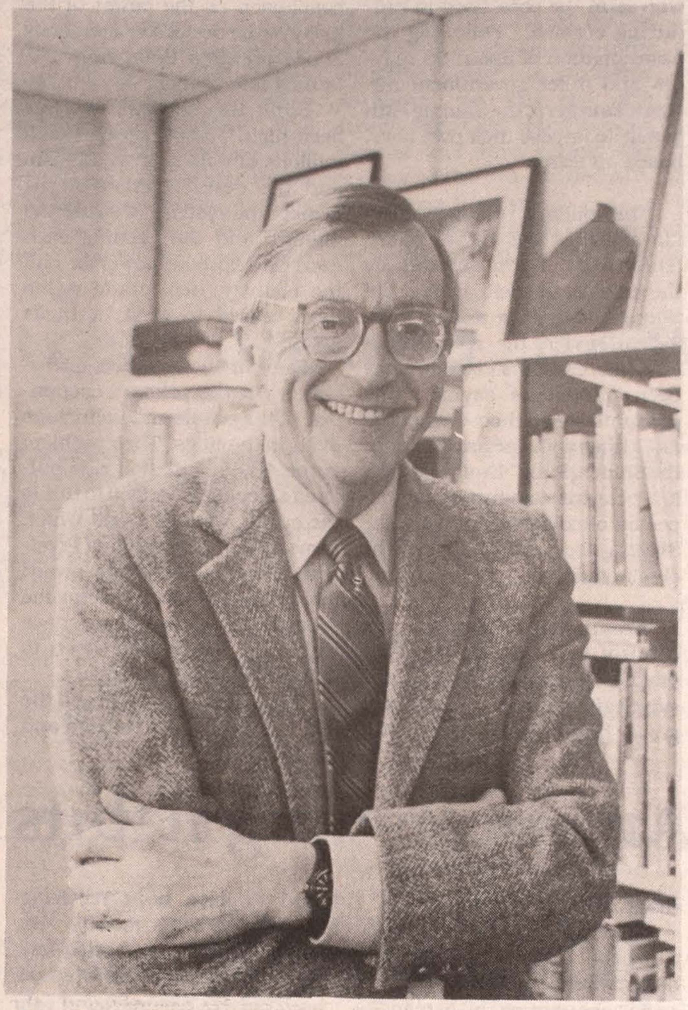
Goodfellow served on almost every college committee from Academic Standing to Admissions, as well as the 1973 Presidential Search Committee and the 1982 Bicentennial Committee. He also served as the Pre-Law adviser for several years. He always involved himself in activities beyond the classroom, yet these activities always related in some way to students in the classroom.

Dr. Nathan Smith, Professor of History, recalls Goodfellow as a man who performed "above and beyond his call of duty. Goodfellow was very sympathetic with his students. He was concerned with their academic as well as personal lives. His students adored him," Smith states. "He was very good about keeping contact with history majors after graduation. I am sure his death has moved many of his former students."

Goodfellow will also be remembered through his written work. The History Professor had been co-editing with Robert Janson-LaPalme the autobiography of artist Charles Wilson Peale. Their work will soon be published by Yale University Press as part of a Smithsonian Institution series on Peale.

"It is a great tragedy that the current Washington College students were not able to get to know Dr. Goodfellow," said Dave Wheelan, a 1980 graduate of Washington College who is currently the Vice President for Development and College Relations here. "Dr. Goodfellow was one of the professors at WC who had a significant impact on my peers and me. He invested his total self in the classroom-he was very passionate about the material he taught, especially race relations," explains Wheelan.

Wheelan continues that Goodfellow was "an historian in the true sense of the word. His teaching encouraged students to absorb history not just through memorizing dates and facts, but through making history a part of our lives." Wheelan adds, "Dr. Goodfellow was respected by everyone. He had such a positive impact on so many lives that he won't soon be forgotten."



Guy Goodfellow, Professor of History, died last Thursday after a four year bought with cancer. *(photo courtesy of College Relation's Office)*

Goodfellow taught American history, history of the antebellum South, and pioneered the teaching of Afro-American studies at Washington College. Goodfellow was awarded the prestigious Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching in 1977.

A native of Hanover, Pa., he was a political science graduate of Dickinson College and later received his master of arts and doctoral degrees in history from the University of Maryland, where he chose as his dissertation the presidency of Calvin Coolidge.

Last May family, friends and colleagues took part in a celebration honoring Guy Fair Goodfellow for his outstanding achievements at Washington College. He was presented with a citation from the College praising his dedication, service and integrity.

Dean Elizabeth Baer extolled Goodfellow as "a very courageous man. He is a source of inspiration for many here at Washington College."

Goodfellow began as an instructor at Washington College in 1959 and left as a professor in 1985. Although never formally retired, Goodfellow continued to serve the college community despite his illness.

One may not express how much Guy Fair Goodfellow, as a professor, colleague and comrade, enriched the lives of those around him. He was a man of extraordinary character— a man to be remembered as intelligent, giving, and brave. He was an involved, interested, and broad-minded individual–looking at history through a minority's eyes.

President Douglass Cater, in notifying the faculty and studnets of Dr. Goodfellow's passing,said:"Professor Guy Goodfellow has always symbolized the very best of Washington College. As teacher, historian, and gentle, caring friend, he will leave a lasting memory on our campus. The Washington College community grieves the loss of such an exemplary faculty member and loyal friend.

Caligiuri

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satisfied. Hopefully, with a few of the lessons of the past in mind, the new president will be someone who will be energetic, driven, and willing to provide fresh insight and initiative in facing the many challenges which lie ahead.

Tony Caligiuri is a senior majoring in political science.

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Raincoats, light beer, and sandstorms

by Katherine Absher
Features Editor

The summer before I embarked on my Washington College career, Student Affairs inundated me with letters ranging from the meal plan to buying a Macintosh computer. But there was one letter which prepared me most for college, and I still hold it close to my heart. It was a memo listing what I should bring to college,such as book ends, a shower bucket, and a raincoat.

The mentioning of a raincoat in this list seemed very strange to me, but being a good little freshman I went out and bought a brand new red raincoat. I was quite proud of myself; it was lined inside with plaid material: very college, I thought.

I should have taken this hint to bring a raincoat to college as an ominous warning of all the wet Chestertown weekends I would have to endure. My raincoat protected me from all the construction muck, the cars spraying me from the crosswalk, and the many tornado warnings I always seemed to become stuck in.

But it also protected me from the Lamdas' beer throwing contests, tipsy townies with wobbly drinks, and the splashing of a ping pong ball in a Kappa Alpha's glass of Milwaukee Light.

My raincoat was with me when I stood with three hundred other people outside of Kent on May the First and watched naked Lamda pledges slide in the mud. My raincoat was with me when I tried to fish two of my friends out of the mud puddle in front of Queen Anne; they were very smashed and thought it was a hot tub. My raincoat was with me from fraternity party to Coffee House to Tamara Alexander's benefit, and my L.L. Bean duck shoes usually came along for the ride, or I guess I should say the slosh too.

Last year was a wet and festive time– splashing, singing, and drinking in the rain. Last year this campus was a wet campus, flooded with rain and beer.

In preparing for this coming year, I bought a sweatshirt picturing a duck swimming in the rain, crowned with a plastic raincap, and an umbrella tucked under its wing. I had the sales clerk iron below this transfer "Washington College" in red lettering. I was ready for another wet and wonderful year.

It hasn't rained since I came to school. My raincoat hangs on a hook unused, and my duck shoes look quite forlorn. I really dreaded being bogged up to my waist in mud from our unfinished brick-lined fire lane, but only dust coats my shoes.

Riding my bicycle along the fields of Chestertown, the earth cracks around the corn, and the stalks are turning brown. The farmers I pass are a solemn looking lot– wearing the expression you usually see in 1930s depression photos of Oakies farming the dust bowl.

Wondering if it is going to rain or shine, Kate Absher is prepared for both. Last yeara dry weekend did not exist weather-wise or party-wise. This year the sun has not stopped beating down- -neither has Security. *(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)*

The Thetas, however, are wearing this expression also. This year this campus is a dry campus, besieged by security and tumbleweeds. The campus truly resembles a desert, especially the parking lots, which are deserted on weekends. The students who stay here roam the campus like a lost wagon train, and beer cans litter the campus (because there isn't a legitimate party to drink at) like the bones of cattle on the lonesome desert. Kent House, which used to be a haven from the storm, will be lucky if it is an oasis on our dry, desolate sand storm of a college.

Today the weatherman said this week was going to be besieged by ninety-degree days, hot and humid. He also said, however, it is supposed to rain. Outside I hear thunder mixing with the night, and I think it just might rain.

Yet, I truly doubt it, for the next Theta party isn't until September 23, and Security will be watching.

Uncle Benny and the Master Plan

Ahoy, young cherubs and dudes of Washington College. This your uncle Benny here with a little bit of helpful advice to ease you into the school year and improve your sad, distasteful life. Now I don't want to hear any of you saying, "But dear, kind, infallible, def, personally altruistic philanthropist, Uncle Benny I don't have a sad distasteful life!"

Hogwash. You are only fooling yourself. Your life is an incomplete swoon of mental and bodily excretions that leave you a physical plebian and a intellectual waif. Trust me, I know all.

Now that everything is in perspective, and you have hopefully realized the lowness of your existence, you can finally begin to grow. I have noticed many a student roaming about campus; they have slight scowls and furrowed brows. They say, "Uncle Benny, dude, the Master Plan totally sucks."

The inquisitive expression clearly mapped about my visage conicides perfectly with my following statement as I ask. "Why?" The cute little disgruntled student replied with intensity. The brunt of his argument placed blame on the administration. His playmates agreed with him as he complained that the administration is placing all its time in a plan that reaps results in five years but offers little for the present student body.

It was quite clear to me that this lad was chowderhead. As a matter of fact, most of the students I have spoken with or have overheard through my magic Benny Ball seem to have adopted this chowderhead attitude. Why are all of these anti- Master Planners chowder heads?

off the cuff

I'll tell ya why. It is because the Master Plan was never intended to meet immediate student needs. This plan will make this place grow, and will provide better facilities for research– I'm sure you have heard the rest.

So let Uncle Benny shovel the bunk aside and hip you to what the Master Plan will do for you...That's right, you, the one holding the newspaper. It will raise the quality of education and thus the quality and marketability of a Washington College degree.

This means, my little friends, that the degree you earn now will be worth more than the amount of work you put into it. So quit wasting your time griping about the MP. A more important matter is at hand.

This is a matter of utmost seriousness. What Uncle Benny is alluding to is Aristocrat.TM Aristocrat toilet tissue is standard issue at WC. Any of you who have rested upon the bowl know of the terror of Aristocrat.TM It comes from Wisconsin, you know.Listen up, this paper of toil and grit is the nemesis to happy movements. The capital of Wisconsin is Madison. Uncle Benny belives that all of the complaining about having to walk further to class does not stem from people's anger towards the MP. It comes Aristocrat.TM

So quit fooling yourselves kids. It is not the MP. It is the TP. Oh Wisconsin! Ah Wisconsin! I like eating cheese! So Uncle Benny begs you from the bottom of myself. Mobilize a movement. The Fonz is from Wisconsin. This campus must be Charminated or it will be the end of us all. Give me cottony softness or give me death.

Jim Sobczak is Uncle Benny.

Writing obligation

This semester marks a change in the sophomore writing requirement. Until this year sophomores participated in writing seminars, small groups meeting six times to review one another's papers. Now, in response to students' requests, the tutors will offer another approach: during one semester of the sophomore year, students will meet individually with a tutor for three, one-hour conferences to review papers in progress for academic courses requiring writing. This change should eliminate scheduling problems that sometimes occurred in the past but retain the advantage of discussing a draft with an objective reader.

If they have not already done so, sophomores enrolled in the Sophomore Writing Obligation this fall should come to William Smith 7 in the next few days to schedule three meetings. According to Alice Goodfellow, Coordinator of the Writing Program, the tutors' calendars become increasingly full as the semester progresses, so sophomores should reserve time early. In order that participants may plot their own growth and development as writers, she recommends that they space the three conferences over the semester.

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SPORTS

Erin O"Neal makes one of her three saves in the field hockey season opener against Haverford last Friday. Their season continues this week against Wesley and Fairleigh Dickinson University. *(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)*

Despite loss in opener, field hockey looks strong in '89

by Brett Lankford
Sports Editor

The women's field hockey team tried their best to ignore the first game jitters and come away with a win against conference rival Haverford, but it was not to be. Haverford won 3-2, blitzing the women with three unanswered goals late in the middle third of the game. WC peppered the opponent's goal with shots in the second half, yet they were never able to tie the score.

The team had good reason to be nervous going into the first game of the year. Expectations were high after last year's team posted an outstanding 9-5 record, and four freshman were beginning their college field hockey careers. Junior Erin O'Neal was also playing in goal for the first time since her career began at Washington College.

"In light of all the changes in the lineup and the pressure on the freshmen, we played well in the game," Coach Diane Guinan said. "We made some errors in the game, many stemming from lack of experience. Still, we dominated play in the second half and created many opportunities for ourselves."

Washington College started the scoring at the 28:58 mark of the first half on a goal by Julie Schram. The defense held for over twenty minutes, led by freshman Kris Phalen and goalie O'Neal. Haverford finally broke through with a goal at the 8:25 mark, then added a goal with 2:10 remaining for a 2-1 halftime lead.

Haverford stretched the lead to 3-1 at the 24:14 mark, and things looked grim for W.C. The women responded, however, and freshman Carolyn Athey scored on a pass from Donna White. The goal came at 16:47 of the second half and brought the team to within one. The team then began to pepper Haverford's goal with an array of shots, led by the play of senior Carole Reece and Julie Schram. They were unable to cash in on these opportunities, however, and suffered their first loss of the season.

The team's next four games are on the road, starting September 13th against Wesley College. This should allow the freshmen of the team to get over their jitters and develop the experience necessary to be successful for years to come. Coach Guinan looks for upperclassmen such as Carole Reece, Amy Tiehel and Donna White to take charge on the road and hopes that the team continues the successful climb they have made over the past five years.

Men's tennis displays depth

by Fred Wyman
Men's Tennis Coach

The men's tennis team displayed their strength as well as their depth this past Friday at Haverford College. The team left Larry Gewer, Scott Read, and Roman Inochovsky home in an effort to give the rest of the team experience in match play. The players showed themselves to be worthy of the challenge, defeating Haverford 7-1 in the Middle Atlantic Conference competition.

Scott Shepherd, the #5 seed was the only player to lose a match. Shepherd played up at the #1 position and bowed to Haverford's Andy Jewel 6-4, 6-4 in a close match. Jewel, Haverford's #1 seed and a semifinalist at last year's MAC championship, broke Shepherd once in each set to take the match. The netters dominated the rest of the matches, both of the singles and doubles variety. Freshman Alberto Diaz made his WC debut an impressive one, defeating his opponent in straight sets 6-4, 6-3. The veterans of the squad also paid dividends for the team. Sol Schwartz also won in straight sets, defeating Adam Kies 6-4, 6-1. Andy Bohutinsky was very impressive in his thumping of Nathan Patton, blanking him in the second set and winning 6-1, 6-0. Jim Lim also defeated his opponent 6-4, 6-3.

Two other newcomers to the Sho'men tennis roster figured prominently in the team's victory. Both Brian Nilstoft and Greg Coss rolled over their opponents, winning in straight sets. Nilstoft, a freshman from Wilmington, Delaware, won 6-3, 6-1 while Coss defeated Randy Peale 6-2, 6-3.

The netters also dominated the doubles competition. Bohutinsky and Lim teamed up won with a solid performance, and Shepherd and Coss combined for a victory of their own.

The team hopes to continue its winning ways this weekend. Gewer, Read and Inochovsky will be back to lead the netters as they take on the U.S. Naval Academy. This should prove to be a test for the squad, as well as good preparation for the Millersville Tournament to be played later in the week. Judging from the performance in last week's victory over Haverford, the entire squad is solid from top to bottom and poised for a run at another MAC championship.

Ladies' tennis wins opening match

by Brett Lankford
Sports Editor

The women's tennis team paid a tribute to the mailmen of the world this Monday against Glassboro State. Neither their late arrival nor rain nor dark of night could stop the team from beating their Division III opponent on their home court. Despite the many hazards of their trip, the ladies were still able to win 7-2. Their next match comes against Division I opponent Navy.

The team was late arriving at Glassboro State, and they were promptly greeted with a rain delay. Most of the matches were played under the lights, and the doubles matches were played in the standard pro set format in an effort to speed up play. The ladies showed no ill effects from these changes, dominating both the singles and doubles matches.

Tracy Peel solidified her position as the #1 seed on the women's team, trouncing Glassboro's Chris Mellon in straight sets, 6-0, 6-2. #2 seed Monica Blanco was victorious as well, taking three sets to defeat her opponent. Miriam Dittman also played solid tennis, conceding only two games while winning her match.

Meg Wheatley played excellent tennis, yet still dropped her match as a result of a mixup in scoring. After dropping the first set, Wheatley came on strong to win the second set 6-3. The two players became confused and played a tiebraker instead of a third set, and Wheatley lost in the tiebraker.

"That's a shame," Coach Holly Bramble said, "because Meg is very strong in the third set."

The team did win the rest of its singles matches, and performed just as admirably in the doubles competition. Peel and Blanco teamed together to whip Glassboro's #1 doubles team by a score of 8-1. The women won two of the three doubles matches played, giving the team their first victory of the year.

Tracy Peel also joined the men's tennis team on their trip to Haverford and displayed her unlimited potential against Haverford's #1 seed. Peel defeated Marcell Siegel 6-3, 6-1 last Friday in an exhibition after the men's matches. Siegel was the winner of the MAC women's singles championship last spring. Siegel did not have to face Peel, however, who was busy placing second with Meg Wheatley in the doubles competition. This exhibition introduced Siegel to Peel's tennis ability and gave her something to think about for the MAC championships next spring.

Coach Bramble and the team hope to continue their winning ways agsinst Navy. Regardless of the team's performance, the ladies have already proven that they can endure hardships and get the job done. Just like the US Postal Service.

Soccer continues losing streak

by Greg Oliver
Reporter

The men's varsity soccer team continued their rough start this past week, dropping two more games. This lowered their record to 0-3, and the team has yet to score. Still, the coaches are not worried by these early season losses. The two defeats came at the hands of Division I Delaware and Division III powerhouse Greensboro, and the squad has gained experience necessary for a successful year.

A sudden rash of injuries has been a major blow to the team. Larry Kilroy tore ligaments in his leg, Peter Maller hurt his leg and Scott Overund suffered a twisted ankle. Several other players had to leave the Greensboro game due to heat exhaustion.

WC fell to Delaware by a score of 4-0 last Friday. The team played poorly in the loss, creating good chances that they could not put away. The coaches were unhappy with the team's performance in the game..

The team played much better Sunday against Greensboro. The game was played in extremely adverse conditions, with soaring temperatures and high humidity affecting the endurance of many players. This was the team's best-game of the year, led by the solid play of Mike Bishop and Tom Bowman. Goalie John Thomas made several great saves, including one crucial stop on a penalty kick late in the second half.

WC had a number of scoring opportunities, but were unable to capitalize on any of them. Most of the shots were taken from difficult angles and either sailed wide or hit the post. Both teams were held scoreless in regulation, sending the game into overtime. Greensboro was finally able to score on John Thomas in overtime, while WC continued their scoring drought and dropped their third straight game.

The team appeared to work out many of the problems from previous games against Greensboro. In the losses to Mount St. Mary's and Delaware, the Sho'men were having trouble controlling the ball on offense. In the Greensboro loss, the team was able to overcome problems with their passing and clearing to play a better team game.

With the tough early season schedule nearly out of the way, there is light at the end of the tunnel for the soccer team. Coach Bowman hopes the experience from these three games will prove helpful when league play starts against St. Mary's on September 20. The men take on Millersville in their next game, looking for their first win of the year.

ARTS

Wit or philosopher? Dual aspects of poet

by Stephanie Hess
Arts Editor

In a talk on Howard Nemerov given this past Tuesday, Professor Robert Day explained, "the best poetry is always dangerous," adding that poet and novelist Howard Nemerov writes against the power of authority, suggesting that he writes "dangerous" and consequently excellent poetry.

Students of the College will have the opportunity to judge Nemerov's poetry firsthand when he visits to read from his work on September 19.

Nemerov is in the midst of his second term as the Poet Laureate of the United States.

In addition to receiving the Pulitzer Prize in poetry in 1978, he is also a recipient of the Theodore Roethke Memorial Prize for Poetry (1968), the National Book Award in poetry (1978), and the Bolligan Prize for poetry (1981).

Nemerov has written nine books of poetry since the publi- ation of his first collection, *The mage and the Law*, in 1947. He has also written seven collections of literary essays, three novels and two collections of short sto- ies.

Born in New York City in 1920, Nemerov is a 1941 graduate of Harvard University, and has taught at schools such as Hamilton College, Bennington College, Brandeis University and Hollins College.

In 1969, he became the Fan- ie Hurst Professor of Creative iterature at Washington Uni- ersity in St. Louis, where he is now the Edward Mallinckrodt Distinguished University Professor of English.

Nemerov uses rhyme and conversational idioms in his poetry: Day explained that the "effect [of this colloquial language] is to debunk authority."

About the subjects and settings of Nemerov's poetry, Day spoke of intellectual scenes such as universities and the academic world in general, and used film jargon to explain that these scenes were "arenas more than setting."

Day added, "Nemerov's main poetic concern is with thought."

On a less technical level, Day called Nemerov's poetry "delightfully conversational and full of twists and turns," adding, "Nemerov is of the poet family that descended from Longfellow" and other classical American poets.

Nemerov has explained that the natural world has had an impact on his work. This confession brought many critics to compare him to Robert Frost, not only because of the natural themes, but also for the philosophical issues he incorporates into his poetry.

Nemerov himself admits that his earlier works show influences from other writers: "...I began and for a long time remained imitative, and poems in my first books ... show more than traces of admired modern masters—Eliot, Auden, Stevens, [E.E.] Cummings, Yeats."

Critics of Nemerov also have noted this imitation; some condemn him for it, while others note the improvement that his work shows after the publication of his third book.

Not all readers find him so easy to categorize. In *New Republic*, Joyce Carol Oates states, "romantic, realist, comedian, satirist, relentless and indefatigable brooder upon the most ancient mysteries—Nemerov is not to be classified."

Critics also point to a dichotomy in Nemerov's work, and Julia Bartholomay claims that this duality is shown in his poetry through paradox: there is a seeming conflict between his "witty, ironic manner" and his "serious, perhaps pessimistic, philosophy."

Nemerov's prose fiction receives similar critiques for its wit and irony; many writers have lauded his biting satire.

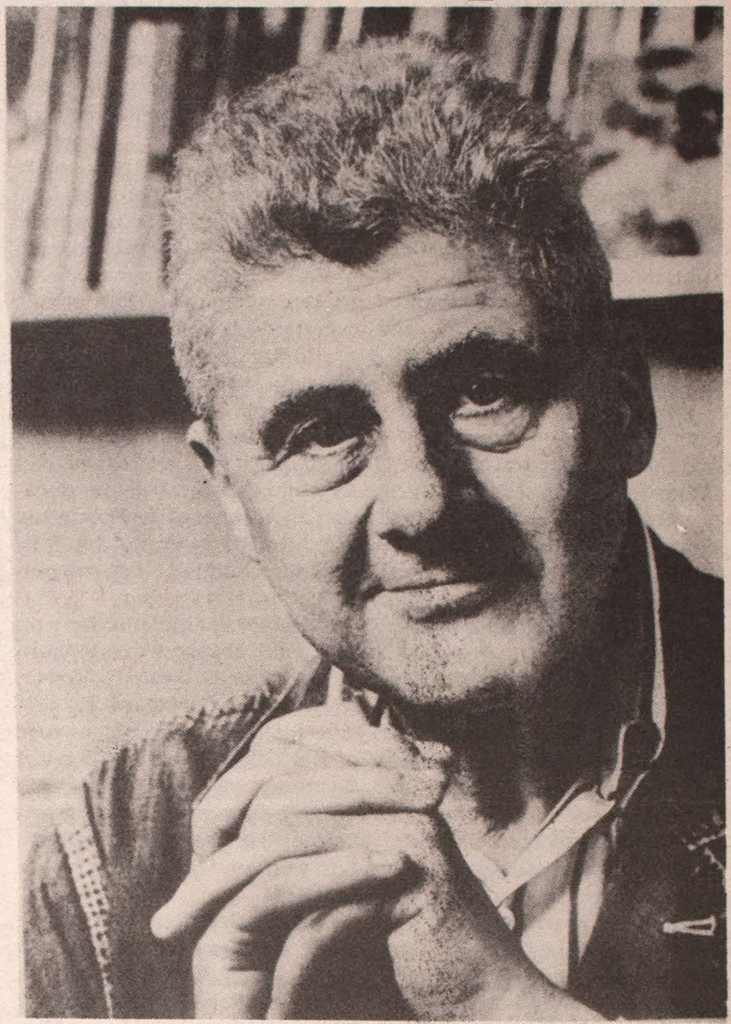
Of his novels, Peter Meinke says "like his poems,...[they] are basically pessimistic....Nemerov's dark viewpoint, which in his poetry is redeemed by beauty...,in his fiction is redeemed by humor."

Meinke also pointed at a problem with Nemerov's novels: "...readers do not know how to take Nemerov: Is he being funny or what?"

At the same time, Meinke quickly urges the reader not to "confuse seriousness with solemnity; Nemerov is never solemn but is always, even at his funniest, serious."

Through all the conflicting and varied appraisals of Nemerov and his work, one definitive statement by Oates stands out like a beacon: "Nemerov is, quite simply, a brilliant mind."

On Tuesday, September 19, students will have the chance to make their own categorizations of Nemerov's poetry. Nemerov will be reading from his work at 8 PM in the Norman James Theater as the first visitor of the Sophie Kerr Lecture Series.



Poet Laureate, Howard Nemerov, a writer upon whom critics cannot seem to agree, will read from his works of poetry this Tuesday.
(photo courtesy of Marshall Williams)

Myth and beauty blended in fascinating exhibit

by Andrew Donaldson
Art Critic

Baltimore artist Symmes ardner's exhibition, "Recent Works of Symmes Gardner," Sponsered by the Arts Exhibits ommittee of Washington Colge, features seven paintings, nd twelve drawings, which, hough a small collection repre- senting only the last five years of ork, displays a very sophisti- ated and composed representa- on of myth, growing more con- dent and self-referential over ime.

His first work, *Prometheus* 985), offers us our first intro- duction to his work. The broad strokes and delicate absences of paint on Prometheus' frame give im a dense, bulging musculature, contrasting starkly with the rough, sparse, geometrically designed backdrop of rocks. The sky and water are both portrayed in a drab manner, serving to compel attention towards Prometheus and his face, the most striking feature, looking downward, almost centered, is a blur.

The Ancient Pulse (1989), among his most recent material, gives a visually stunning portrait of Odilon Redon, the famed Symbolist, above the center, that resembles most in structure a self-portrait by Redon in crayon, around 1895. Beneath Redon is a wheel, to which the Venus de Milo, a young boy with a Roman face, and a back torso, which is ironically a far more developed musculature than the Venus,are each connected to the wheel.

His two paintings, *Orpheus* (1988) and *Will and Necessity* (1986-8), both depict the tale of Orpheus and Eurydice, but from two vastly different vantage points. In *Orpheus* , the smaller work, Orpheus' face, shown here darkly romantic, soulful, and Eurydice, facing away from the viewer, superimposed over a lyre, and a red-skied, barren, almost molten background, reminding the viewer that Orpheus, the poet, played his lyre and convinced the gods to release his wife from Hades.

The second, much grander piece, *Will and Necessity* , shows Eurydice nude on the left, again facing away from the viewer, and Charon, the boatman, a giant, almost dominating figure, to the right gazing at her, his face old, grim-faced, from behind a rock. This title, and new emphasis, marks a mature consciousness of the twists of interpretation myths can undergo in order to remain contemporary.

Danae (1987) is a drawing of a woman writhing (who, Greek myth tells us, was visited by Zeus as a shower of gold) partly covered by some sort of cloud, an almost hilarious juxtaposition of subject and art.

Icarus (1989) is a beautiful drawing of the winged Icarus bursting into flames, and falling. The violent, impulsive, unsubtle brushstrokes with which Gardner captures the flame invokes Icarus' impulsiveness in flying too close to the Sun, here represented by a glorious, multi-colored golden sky.

Pilgrim in Winter (1988), perhaps his most ambitious work, uses images without reference to myths to capture a mood. Yet this work was mildly disappointing, as the Roman bust is reminiscent both of the boy's face in *The Ancient Pulse* , and Orpheus, in *Orpheus* . The water to the right is distracting and unnecessary, even inappropriate. The falling figure, graphically, skillfully composed, and the boy with his hand uplifted, at an angle, both show lively action compared to that stale figure.

Symmes Gardner's work is a vivid display not only of the power that myths still conjure, but also of the symbols and images through which art can express and complete the soul. The exhibition shows a skill which is worth nourishing. It's worth seeing. Go to it. It looks better than the construction.

The Exhibit is on display Thursday through Sunday from 1 PM to 5 PM in the Tawes Lobby of the Gibson Fine Arts Center until September 24.

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DC magazine editor examines libel issue

by Jennifer Del Nero
Staff Writer

Discussing what it's like to work for an influential magazine in a high profile city like Washington D.C., John Sansing, husband of Dean Sansing, will be the first presenter for the fall semester in the lecture series sponsored by the William James Forum, now in its 27th year.

Sansing, Executive Editor of *Washingtonian Magazine*, will speak on "Liberty or Libel: Telling Tales in a Political Town"

When asked about the lecture, Special Events Coordinator Marshall Williams predicted , "There'll be a lot of life to it [the presentation]," as Sansing will provide anecdotes about what it's like to write personal interest stories for a magazine in DC, a city where, as Williams pointed out, "people are concerned with self-image and how they're represented in the press."

Focusing on modern day journalism, Sansing will explore what he believes to be the "thin line journalists have to take in writing about public personalities." In particular, he will describe the caution reporters must exercise when covering articles on people and events as they pertain to the White House and Congress.

"Expectant" is how Sansing briefly described the atmosphere in DC now that Congress recently convened for its fall session. Among issues involving political figures that Sansing feels certain will be under the careful eye of the press are "drugs linked to foreign policy, ethical problems on the [Capitol] Hill, international affairs and financial and sexual scandals."

One recent situation where the question of liberty or libel was a controversial issue is in the case of Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.), a liberal advocate of human rights who has openly admitted his homosexuality.

Earlier this year, the press played a major role in the fall of the careers of two other prominent politicans. After a string of damaging press where the ethicity of their behaviors was questioned, Speaker of the House Jim Wright and Democratic whip Tony Coelho submitted their resignations.

Another example of the ruin of a political career due to damaging press is John G. Tower, whose alleged womanizing and drug history was the major cause of his defeated nomination for Secretary of Defense early in 1988, a time when many members of the Reagan administration were under scrutiny by the press.

In the past poiticians have made obvious their disapproval of the ethics practiced by some reporters. Rep. David R. Obey of Wisconsin, in a quote from a New York Times story published in June of this year, accused reporters of "a mean-mindedness and reckless disregard for balance and fair play in their skewering of the Congress." Added Rep. Barbara Boxer (D-Cali.) in the same article, "The media have been spending so much more time on the personal morality of Congress than on political morality...."

Although allowing that these critcisms may possibly have "a chilling effect on the press," Sansing doesn't forsee the future of print media as a time when the press will refuse to report the behaviors of politicians or confront controversial topics and said, "I don't think there's any particular threat to it."

Yet there has been a tremendous increase in the number of libel cases in the past decade. Sansing admitted to the probability of a media that may become "overly timid over libel suits" explaining, "libel suits are easy to win, but expensive to fight."

After practicing law in D.C. for nine years, Sansing, an Amherst graduate with a law degree from University of Virginia, joined *Washingtonian Magazine* in 1979 as senior editor and lawyer. In 1982 he was promoted to the position he currently holds, writing and editing the *Capital Comment* section of the publication.

Sansing's lecture on the dangers of writing about people in DC politics will begin at 7:30 PM next Thursday evening in the Hynson Lounge of Hodson Hall.

John Sansing, Exectutive Editor of *Washingtonian Magazine*, will address the question of "Liberty or Libel" in this year's first Forum.
(photo courtesy of John Sansing)

Campus events : things to do and places to be

Sept. 15, 17, 18

The Washington College Film Series presents *My Sweet Little Village*, a Czechoslovakian film of small town triumph over bureaucracy directed by Jiri Menzel.

Friday 15

Guitarist Tom Larsen will play in the Coffee House tonight from 9 PM to 1AM. Admission is free; no one should miss seeing WC's favorite blues man in action.

Saturday 16

Saturday afternoon, writers and other students interested in campus literary activity, should stop by the Lit. House at 1PM for the Writer's Union Picnic. Usual picnic fare will be served, along with the opportunity to join the Writer's Union. Membership to the Union provides students with a mailbox in the Lit. House and fisrt-hand information about literary events on campus.

Saturday evening, the Historical Society of Chestertown will be hosting a Candlelight Tour of Chestertown. A great opportunity to view and learn more about the historic homes of our town, the houses on the tour are open from 6PM to 10PM. The tour is self-guided and tickets for students can be purchased for $12 in Rhodes and the Butterfly Bush. Money from this fundraiser goes to the maintenance of the Giddes-Piper House.

Kappa Alpha's annual Beach Bash will be held Saturday night from 9PM to 2AM in Middle Hall. The door charge will be $3 for those in bathing suits and $4 for those in regular clothes. Come dressed for the beach and join the fun in the sand.

Tuesday 19

Poet Laureate of the United States, Howard Nemerov, will be visiting the college to read from his work. The reading is made possible by the Sophie Kerr Fund, and begins at 8PM in the Norman James Theater. An article about Nemerov and his work appears on page 9.

Thursday 21

As the first speaker in th 27th year of the William Jame Forum, John Sansing, Executiv Editor of *Washingtonian Mag zine*, will speak on "Liberty or Li bel: Telling Tales in a Politic Town." Admission is free to th lecture in which Sansing w discuss libel and the dangers writing about people in Washing ton politics. The lecture is op nand free to the public and b gins at 7:30PM in the Hynso Lounge of Hodson Hall.

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Benedictine children to visit college

by Tracey Connell
News Editor

The Dutch Dumschott Society, staff and volunteers of the Benedictine School for Exceptional Children, and Washington College student volunteers will provide a day of fun and games for children at Washington College's Fall Fun Day, September 30. Washington College has ties with the school, since almost 10% of its employees are alumni.

The Benedictine School, located in Ridgely, MD, is a coeducational, residential facility for children ages five to twenty-one with mild to severe mental disabilities. The school offers educational, physical and vocational training.

Nancy McCloy, Director of the Benedictine School, is a graduate of Washington College and Co-President of the Kent-Queen Anne Alumni Association.

Susan Bennett, also a WC alumna, is the supervisor of the Industrial Training Center (ITC), where students learn job skills in an effort to achieve and maintain employment and move toward more independent living.

Kathleen O'Donnell, Class of '86, is Benedictine's Assistant Director of Development.

Benedictine has also sponsored internships for students from the Sociology and Psychology departments at Washington College. The Washington College Dining Service has catered several affairs for them and WC's Alumni Association has contracted with them to provide silkscreen t-shirts for special events.

The purpose of Fall Fun Day is to celebrate the long standing relationship between the College and Benedictine, as well as to give the Dutch Dumschott Society an opportunity to promote the value of community service.

Fifty students from Benedictine, fifteen volunteers from the school and twenty five WC students will take part in the event under the leadership of Dutch Dumsschott.

The day will start at 10 AM and conclude at 2 PM.

Anyone interested in volunteering should attend a recruiting meeting in the Sophie Kerr Room on September 21 at 7:30 PM.

Kappa Alpha fraternity in the news

Kappa Alpha Order's Beta Omega Chapter on the campus of Washington College recently received one of the fraternity's highest chapter citations. They were presented with the Samuel Zenas Ammen Award, at Kappa Alpha's 63rd National Convention and 44th National Leadership Institute in Scottsdale, Arizona, August 11-14.

The purpose of the Ammen Award, named for the Order's Practical Founder, is to recognize chapters that functioned at a level of excellence in all areas of operations during the previous academic year.

Beta Omega Chapter is one of only 16 of KA's 122 collegiate chapters to receive an Ammen Award this year.

To apply for the Ammen Award, chapters must complete an extensive two-part process. In the first semester or quarter, the chapter is asked to evaluate its operations and to set goals for itself to be reached during the school year. Near the end of the year, the chapter then reports on its achievements, specifically in the areas of scholarship, membership and development, finances, alumni relations, public relations, national reporting efficiency, conduct, and housing.

The chapter is awarded points, by a panel of usually three or four judges, in each area based on its general performance and its success in reaching its goals in each area. The aggressiveness of its initial goal-setting is also taken into account.

Finally, a grade is given by the Educational and Leadership Consultant who visited the chapter during the year (each chapter is visited by a consultant from the National Headquarters each year who offers guidance on chapter operations). The points are figured into a formula which produces a final cumulative score for the chapter. Chapters which score above a certain cumulative mark receive an Ammen Award. Furthermore, the chapter or chapters (up to three) with the highest cumulative scores also receive the J. Edgar Hoover Award for Chapter Excellence which recognizes the very best chapter(s) for the year.

KA President, Mike Jenkins, and members Don Diefendorf and Jon Longest recently appeared on local television in Salisbury, MD. They presented a $250 check to the Jerry Lewis/MDA telethon in the name of their fraternity.

March of Dimes Walk

On October 1st, the Eastern Shore Chapter of the March of Dimes will hold its First Fall Walk in Chestertown beginning and ending at Wilmer Park. Chapter Director, Pyda Sterling, invited Washington College students to participate this week.

Check-in time for this ten kilometer trek is from 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. at Leila Hynson Pavilion with the actual walk beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Delegate Clayton Mitchell, serving as Honorary Chairman, intends to walk the route. Rose's Stores, whose grand opening is also October 1st, will serve as the Fall Walk sponsor. Headquarters and Headquarters Company 2/115 Infantry of the Maryland National Guard is providing "Victory Vans," ambulances, water, tables and chairs for the event. March of Dimes Goodwill Ambassador, Mandy Kent, will give her "pep talk" to the crowd before they begin their journey.

People can participate as an individual or as part of a team. But, as this is a prepaid event, walkers must preregister and bring their collected pledge amount the day of the Walk.

Regional Walk sponsors are WBOC-TV 16, Delmarva Health Plan and Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company of Salisbury.

For more information or to register, contact the March of Dimes at (301) 546-2241.

Said Sterling, "We really want Washington College students to participate in this. They could be a great asset to the charity walk."

Sig update

by Ed Schroeder
Reporter

Rumors circulating throughout campus recently about the possibility that the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity will be re-recognized were denounced by Assistant Dean of Students, Edward Maxcy. Says Maxcy, "The Sigs charter has been suspended for the whole academic school year."

The fraternity will not be recognized officially until the fall of 1990. At this time they must have contacted the National Phi Sigma Kappa Organization and provided the necessary provisions needed to be nationally recognized. When this provision is fulfilled, Washington College board members will meet with Phi Sigma Kappa leaders to discuss terms of reinstatement.

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tive, President Douglass Cater explained that he will continually approach as many sources as possible to receive funding for the project.

The Administration needs the encouragement and input of the students and faculty members in order for the project to be successful. "I always look favorably on initiatives to make use of communication technology. My task now is to see whether the satellite station proposal is something that is in the common interest of students and faculty of Washington College," President Cater commented.

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tem which attempts to organize this campus. We must make demands, be willing to fight for them, and have a president who will take them in absolute seriousness and try to accommodate them.

The new president of the College must carry a vision beyond simply preserving and sprucing up a small liberal arts college. He or she must be fully aware of problems such as the ethnic disparity among the student body and the faculty, and their frustration with the administration. The next president must concentrate less upon the cosmetics and social prestige of the College and even greater emphasize the importance of writing, literature, art, and music, all tempered by philosophy and the social sciences.

Our generation is in a position of the greatest potential, able to shape the beginning of the next millennium. The tools we require can be gained here, but only if we and the next president of Washington College prove capable of demanding the necessary education.

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PCB update

by Andrew Diller
Reporter

Last year, the Environmental Protection Agency found that six of Washington College's PCB transformers did not comply with federal EPA regulations; some were even leaking the highly toxic PCB. With the new academic year, the issue surfaces about what has been done to remove PCB transformers and to replace them with new silicon or oil based transformers.

On June 6, 1988, the EPA conducted a surprise inspection of the College's six transformers, located at Queen Anne's, Kent, and Caroline dormitories, Hodson Hall, Miller Library, Gibson Fine Arts Center, and Cain Gymnasium.

The EPA found the transformers in violation of a number of applicable laws, those laws having been in effect since 1987. Fortunately, the violations were relegated to administrative infractions.

The infractions included failing to post warning signs on PCB transformers, failing to keep detailed logs concerning possible PCB leakage from the transformers, and failure to notify local fire officials about the potential danger of the PCBs.

For violating these laws, the EPA filed suit and fined the College $150,000.

At this time, the two most dangerous leak sources, the transformers in Queen Anne's and Caroline House were removed (following federal EPA procedures) and new silicon transformers were installed.

According to Clint Baer, Director of Planning and Special Projects, the remaining four PCB transformers are still operational, but all the rough work for the installation of new transformers has been completed.

This rough work consists of pouring the new packs for the transformers, and laying of underground cable for their eventual hookup. The only hold up is the obtaining of actual transformers.

Old transformers will be removed by January 1990, and new transformers should arrive this fall.

PCB was thought to be the perfect additive to the oil which serves as a coolant. The transformers are "step-down" transformers: they step down the current to usable levels for the buildings on campus. This process generates heat, and oil serves to cool the huge copper coils which convert electricity.

The positive characteristic of PCB is that it extends the life of these oils, but is also believed to be a carcinogen. PCBs do not break down chemically, so they will not biodegrade if allowed to escape into the environment.

Additionally, there is the threat of PCBs forming deadly dioxins in high degrees of heat, such as fire.

"The only positive side of it is now we have brand new transformers," said Baer when asked what benefits the College will derive from their installation. The new transformers are not better than the old ones, they simply don't contain the illegal PCBs.

However, there is still the matter of the EPA fine, which is currently under litigation.

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dents didn't make an active effort to participate considering that students "have always been so very thoughtful....there haven't been any noisy parties so far."

The apathetic attitude alarmed one resident who said, "It was very sad. If only one had shown up, maybe then we wouldn't have been so disappointed."

Many of those who live on Queen Street question whether the students of Washington College will come to the next meeting. The date is as yet unscheduled.

Police Report

Kent County News reported this week that two Washington College students were released on their own recognizance following their arrest on Controlled Dangerous Substance charges, September 7.

Hamilton Brooks Durkee, 21, was stopped at approximately 12:00 am on Cross Street for a speeding violation. Having suspected that Durkee was intoxicated they administered several field sobriety tests. He was then arrested for driving while intoxicated. According to Kent County News, a search incident to his arrest turned up 124.7 grams of suspected marijuana.

Both Durkee and his passenger, Jill Mackay Butler, were charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance and possession with intent to distribute/manufacture.

Student fined for cross walk violation

On Friday, September 8, a Washington College student was stopped by local police in the crosswalk across from Reid Hall.

According to Chestertown Police Chief Stetson, she was cited for not hesitating, "or even looking," before attempting to cross the street.

Chief Stetson was forced to stop abruptly to avoid hitting the student. He claimed that she was too busy listening to her walkman to observe traffic.

The Chief stated that if he was driving a tractor trailer, or even was a less attentive driver, chances are that he would have been unable to avoid hitting her. Instead of getting fined she would be seriously hurt.

"I think it was for her own good, but I don't agree with the extent of the citation," stated Chris Rummell, a freshman who lives in Caroline and uses the crosswalk everyday.

Amanda Burt, a resident of Minta Martin, stated that citing the student was for her own safety.

"A lot of drivers don't bother to stop at the crosswalk, so I think it's important to be aware of the traffic, especially since there's a lot of construction going on in Chestertown and it is often difficult to stop."

TABLE TALK

I hope that everyone enjoyed themselves at the Eastern Shore Dinner last Wednesday evening. This Sunday we will have our regular Continental breakfast from 10:00-11:00 a.m., followed by a Special Brunch Buffet. The menu will consist of: Fried Eggs To Order, Belgian Waffles, Bacon, Sausage Patties, Assorted Pastries, Mini Bagels, Meat Platter, Veggie Basket, Rolls

Upcoming events for the remainder of September are:

September 17- Special Brunch Buffet
September 18- Seafood and Pasta Dinner

The Seafood and Pasta Dinner is sponsored by Habeck and Zaitz Food Brokerage Firm. It features Domani Pasta Products, as well as Samband of Ireland. There will be a blanket raffled off and other giveaways.

September 20-Mini Food Show

Featuring Hunt Wesson products; Mexican and Chinese Cuisine. There will be several gifts given away during the food show. The only way to be a winner is to come and join us for the next couple of special events. See Ya There!!!

September 21- Recipes From Home

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Thiamine can be found in enriched and whole grains(Breads and cereals); liver and organ meats; dried beans; leafy vegetables and pork.

Thiamine Article By Michelle Garand R.D.

Until next week have a good one. ____________________"TT"

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State of College assessed

by Tracey Connell
News Editor

The 1989 Washington College State of the College Report was released over the summer. Submitted by last year's Student Government Association Vice President and Student Academic Board Chairperson, Robert Albers, the report centers on the apparent need for more faculty.

In the first paragraph, Albers cited the 1977 report, which claimed the College was "academically stagnant and drifting without purpose or vision."

In 1989, Albers sees the College in a more optimistic light. "The school has improved because of an increasing acknowledgment of the need for personal responsibility on the part of individual faculty members and students."

The rest of the report addresses the need for additional professors. "Buildings alone will not make a school a place of learning," he wrote.

Some concerns were with the four course plan, a current policy which increases the credit values of most classes in order enable students to make the most of their college career. Instead of a fifth class, there exists an extracurricular fifth obligation, which encourages students to attend College events, such as lectures, concerts, and films.

This is a recognized student responsibility, said Albers, but "dedicated and demanding faculty can encourage more responsibility on the part of the student."

Another issue in the report is student faculty ratios from the

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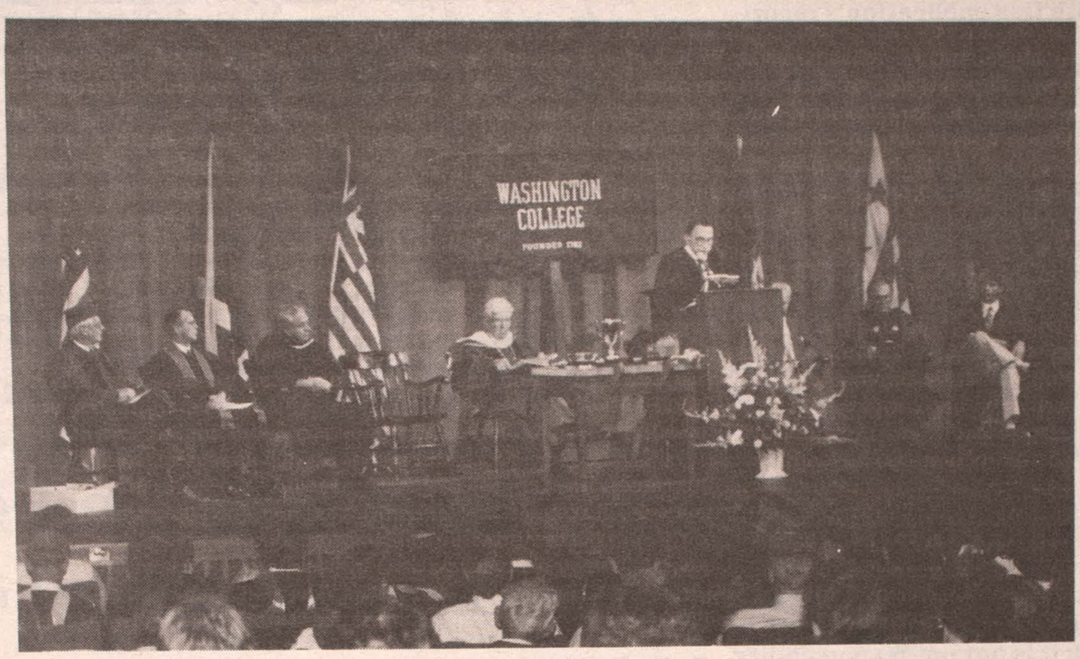

Erich Bloch, Director of the National Science Foundation in Washington D.C., spoke at Convocation last Thursday, September 14. (photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

Constitution reflects new SGA

by Jeni Gilday
Reporter

The Washington College Student Government Association is doing things a bit differently this year, according to executive officers Steven Attias and Joe Van Name. Everyone in the SGA is making a serious commitment to improve the quality of all areas of the Association.

This new and serious attitude has come about because of actions taken in the past few years. Changes in the SGA Constitution are examples, especially that of the treasury department. Due to the behaviors of the last few treasurers, new steps have been taken to form a different kind of treasury.

Instead of the treasurer alone signing checks for the SGA, the President, Attias, and Treasurer, Van Name, must both sign all checks for the SGA. If clubs need money they must fill out a fund request form.

Once all checks have been written, approved receipts will be turned in to the Business Office. Since there has been some trouble with the amount of monetary funds open to the treasurer, it has been decided that $2000 will be kept for petty cash. The account will be replenished when money has been taken out.

Besides the changes in the handling of money, Van Name stated that he is determined to make a budget, pay off bills from the last SGA, and keep records. The treasury will be reorganized with Attias' help

According to Van Name, one of the biggest problems with the past treasurers is that records were not kept to trace the input

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Cable issue still unresolved

by Sharon Bonner
Reporter

Simmons Cable Company was supposed to meet with the college administration last week but failed to make an appearance.

"The College did everything in its power to facilitate Simmon's Cable Company installing cable in the dormitories. Now it is all up to Simmon's Cable to contact us.", commented Mr. Clint Baer, Director of Planning and Special Activities.

The meeting between the college administration and Simmons Cable will allow the college to examine Simmon's drawings of plans for cable installation and to discuss the plans for reinstallation of cable wires in the newly renovated dormitories. The college administration needs to insure that telephone, computer and other wires previously installed underground aren't destroyed in the cable installation process.

At this time, Simmons Cable Company has not contacted the college to set another meeting date or to plan a definite date for cable installation. Simmons Cable Company was not available for comment.

Student interest in cable television in the dorms has lead to the resurfacing of a proposal for a satellite station on campus. A proposal for a satellite system was submitted to the college administration by Dr. Paul

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Search committee formed

by Tracey Connell
News Editor

Members of the Presidential Search Committee, who will engage in the search for the next President of Washington College, have recently been announced.

According to chairman of the Board of Visitors and Governors, Louis Goldstein, the committee will be comprised of eight trustees of the Board of Visitors and Governors, four faculty, two administration representatives, two students and one alumni representative. W. Jackson Stenger is serving as executive secretary of the committee and will also coordinate efforts on campus.

Board representatives are: David T. McLaughlin (chair), Christian Havemeyer (vice-chairman), Josiah Bunting III, Alonzo G. Decker, Jr., Alexander G. Jones, Thomas J. Maher, John A. Moag, and Mary Wood.

Professor of Sociology, Steven Cades, Daniel L. Premo, of both the political science and international studies departments, Rosette M. Roat, of the chemistry department, and Nancy Tatum, of the english department, will

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SGA has first meeting

by Kyndra Ponder
Reporter

Tuesday night the SGA had its first meeting of the year in the Minta Martin basement. Most of the 27 members present were newly elected Dorm Senators waiting to be sworn in.

After swearing-in ceremonies, senior SCC representative Neil MacIndoe discussed the Student Conduct Council and its new role at Washington College. The SCC is made up of a 5 member board— 1 rep from sophomore, junior, and senior classes, 1 faculty adviser and 1 member of the Administration. The council handles student conduct violations which are not related to academics.

There are currently 4 members on the SCC. They currently await the nomination of a Sophomore representative. Interested sophomores should talk to any SGA member or member of the SCC or leave their name in the SGA mailbox.

Treasurer Joe Van Name submitted the SGA budget in the 1989-90 school year. This year's budget includes over $38,000 collected from Student Activities Fees, in addition to a $900 surplus of funds from last year.

The two largest expenditures are planned for social events and for student clubs.

$10,000 has been set aside

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EDITORIAL

Where are the letters?

Where are the letters? In the last few weeks, *Elm* staff members have been inundated with comments from students who are unhappy with this publication's reporting practices.

I specifically refer to the Police Report, which, although usually buried within the pages of *The Elm*, consistently causes the biggest stir from outraged friends of the "victims" about whom we report.

Staff members have been patient with inquiring minds who want to know what right we have to print these reports—which, incidentally, are public information. We have informed students that *Letters to the Editor* is indeed a forum for them to voice their opinions about matters such as this.

So far, we have received no letters and several headaches from people who find it easier to assault the staff with bombast than to put their pens where their mouths are. "Where do you draw the line?" is the most frequently asked question.

There is no question that we are well within our ethical rights to print police reports involving students. It is newsworthy when a student is accused or found guilty of committing a crime, and it is of interest to other students. Whether it inspires positive or negative interest varies with the individual; it is not our responsibility to refrain from printing news because a small group of people may take offense.

The police reports again raise the question of a person's accountability for his own actions: generally, people know when they're doing something illegal, such as driving drunk or possessing a controlled substance, and it is a choice that each person makes. If that person is caught, then it's pretty rotten luck, but that's not going to stop *The Elm* from printing the offenses if records are available to the public.

Furthermore, just because we print these reports doesn't mean we're righteous, or that we blindly agree with the law. If we think it's news, we print it. Period.

Some people won't agree with our policies, which brings me back to the subject of letters to the Editor. Student complaints and praise are not limited to the police reports; they range from the Administration to the WCDS. Letters to the Editor are an excellent way to make the higher-ups aware of what's important to you—administrators *do* actually read *The Elm*.

So put your pen to paper, if you dare. We want to know what you're thinking.

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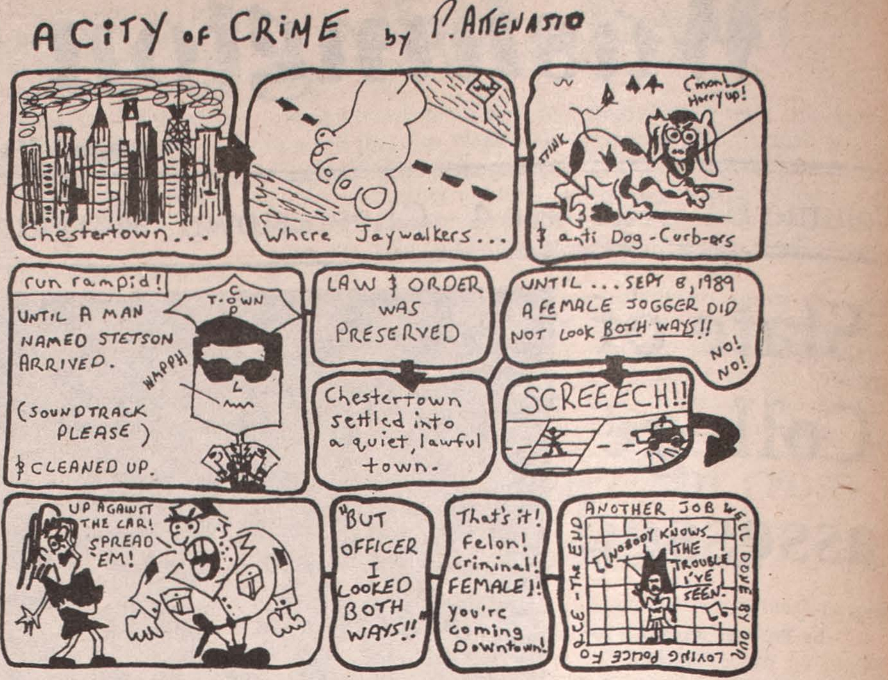
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Letters to the Editor

Consumption of alcohol is a privilege

To the Editor:

I will probably upset a lot of students with what I am going to say, but this is not unusual nor unexpected.

By now just about everyone is aware of the changes in the alcohol policy and a great many students appear to be disturbed by the concept of being required to hire a WCDS bartender at official parties. The intent of this new alcohol policy is to limit the availability of alcohol to persons under the age of 21 (at least on campus). So what's the problem?

In case it has not occurred to you, it is illegal to serve alcohol to a person under the age of 21. This is a matter of fact and it has nothing to do with any ethical implications. By law, those under 21 are prohibited to consume alcohol. This is merely a fact and to debate this point would be useless.

Before I go any further let me point out that the consumption of alcohol is a privilege and not a right. The Constitution and the Bill of Rights clearly (or at times, unclearly) define your rights as a US citizen. However, the consumption of alcohol is not among these rights – as we all like to believe. And even to say that it is my right to drink is somewhat absurd.

But going back to my previous notion about debating the alcohol policy. If you want to debate the question as to whether or not it is fair to lay these restrictions on drinking, you are debating its ethical statute. You are asking whether or not drinking ought to be restricted, and if you think that drinking ought not be restricted then you must lay down your ethical criteria for such a claim. You can not simply say that people under 21 ought to be given the privilege of drinking. You must support that claim. And idle threats such as students will go off campus to drink, students will drink and drive, students will ignore the law, or students will use other drugs, are not relevant claims that will support your argument. As for "saving us from ourselves," this requires an honest effort on "our" part because it is our responsibility not the college's to baby-sit us.

So, if you want to debate the issue, fine. Just make sure you debate it on its ethical validity, not the fact that it exists, and therefore debate it with your Congressperson or Senator and not with those who attempt to uphold the law set by the state of Maryland.

Kris Wallenburg
Philosophy/Psychology
Junior

MD General Assembly internships

To the Editor:

Applications are now being accepted for students interested in the internship program at the Maryland General Assembly during the spring semester. Preference will be given to political science majors in their junior year or students who will be first semester seniors in the spring. Students must have a GPA of a least 3.0 and a B in forms of lit. As well, preference will be given to students who have taken pol sci 391 or 401.

Final choice of interns will be made in Annapolis. However, the department will make the first "cut."

The internship program counts as two courses. Students interested in details of the program and/or an application form should contact Professor Weissman in 12 Ferguson Hall, ext 326 by the end of the month.

In the near future, a meeting of interested students and past participants will be scheduled.

This program is most rewarding, but is very demanding in terms of time, flexibility and work.

National Honor Society

The Washington College chapter of the National Honor Society (Phi Alpha Theta) is beginning its formal activities for the 1989-90 academic year by opening its membership rolls to qualified students. History majors who meet the requirements are automatically notified of their eligibility. Membership in the organization, which requires interest and high achievement in the discipline of History, is not limited to History majors. Requirements for membership include the following:

- A minimum of four courses in History with a "B" plus average,

-a "B" average in 2/3rds of the remaining course work;

- standing in the upper 35% of one's class.

If you are interested and believe you have the qualifications for membership, contact the Chapter Adviser (Professor Bob Fallaw, Ferguson 24, ext. 272.

Corrections

Ronald Council, John Manning, and Daniel Pratt were charged with noise ordinance violations on August 26, but were not arrested, as reported in *The Elm* on September 8.

The Elm reported incorrectly that Nicholas Darcangelo, and Michael Johnson were expelled from the College for charges of theft. Both men were in fact dismissed, and may apply for return next semester. –*Ed.*

CAMPUS VOICES

ISSUE: The College is investigating the possibility of installing a satellite dish on campus. Why or why not is this a viable alternative to cable?

Satellite dish has other, less obvious purposes

Carolin Leibig

Cable versus a satellite dish? Get the dish! It's just the better investment. With the dish, the school would get more channels, including educational channels and foreign language programs. And if the College could get a grant, then it would be less expensive as well.

The reception on my TV here in Chestertown could be a lot better. Since we're relatively far from Baltimore, every time a weather front moves in, some channels don't come in at all. It's a pain to have to move the antenna on your TV set around every time it rains just in order to get NBC. I'm tired of having to go home to watch *Days of Our Lives* easily. A dish would improve reception greatly, and end some of our weather woes. It might even help keep some students on campus on the weekends.

The College is isolated by being so far from large cities. The dish might end some of that isolation by bringing more things, such as sporting events and international news closer to us. The dish would give the College community access to programming from around the world.

Remember last year when they cut the cable lines (and other things) during construction? That would be less likely to happen with a dish and if it did, we wouldn't have to call the cable company. A dish would be more reliable than cable, and less likely to mess up our phones or the network hookups.

There wouldn't be the hassle of getting cable installed each year. They could install lines in each dorm room, and the student would only have to pay a one-time hook-up fee, and a small monthly service charge. These lines could later be updated to include the phone lines for a Washington College phone system.

As for billing problems, everyone could pay a flat rate for a basic cable package, the way we do now at home. If you want movie channels, you pay extra for them.

Once the dish is installed, if the College doesn't get the grant, then they could use the hook-up and service fees to pay it off. Eventually the dish would pay for itself and even become a source of revenue for the College. Students would get the network and independent stations in clearly, and could pay to for whatever movie channels they wanted.

But besides the obvious, the dish would have several practical functions if, say the College decided it didn't want it anymore. The WCDS could use it as a salad bowl for those all school picnics, or the Administration could turn it into a lovely ornamental pool with a fountain or a planter for in front of the Academic Resources Center. It would also make an ideal wading pool.

If you look at it this way, 2% milk is not as good as whole. A cable company cannot give you all the channels you could get with a dish. The dish comes with a lot of potential that cable lacks.

Carolin Leibig is a junior International Studies major.

Karen Iacangelo
Silver Spring, MD
Sophomore

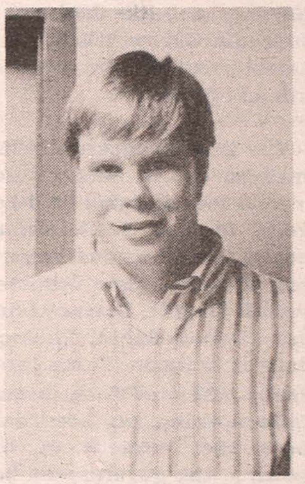
I think a satellite dish would really be a good idea. It is much less expensive than giving students more cable. Go for it!

Lynn Massicott
Owings Mills, MD
Sophomore

It doesn't make sense to deny us cable, then approve a satellite dish, but it's a good idea. Satellite dishes are a good source of entertainment.

Jennifer Griffin
Reisterstown, MD
Sophomore

The main intention of getting a college satellite should not be cable for dorms. If the College has extra money or is able to get a grant for the project, then a satellite would be useful for educational purposes, expecially in the foreign language, economics, and political science departments.



Todd Kagler
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Sophomore

Satellite TV would not only increase on-campus entertainment, it would also allow an additional source of media that could expand every student's learning opportunities.

Wendy Kloiber
Syracuse, NY
Senior

It is a good idea but not as an alternative to cable. The kind of service available from the two systems is too different for one to replace the other.

by Brian Simpson

Purchasing a dish is not an alternative to cable

Brian Gimelson

At first the idea of the school buying a satellite dish sounded fantastic. A dish can receive hundreds of channels as clearly as if you were next to the transmitter. The cost is high, but would go down over time. Sounded like the answer to our TV woes, right?

The problem is that a satellite dish is not as versatile as it sounds. It can only receive signals from one satellite at a time. Some companies (Disney is a good example) have their own satellites so we'd end up paying for their channels. Most pay TV channels like HBO and Cinemax are scrambled anyway, so anyone who wanted them would have to pay to get a decoder. Since more and more stations are scrambling their signals, soon the dish would be about as good as a large antenna.

Before the College goes ahead and applies for any grants, or decides to purchase a dish, the Administration should attempt to find out how many students would make use of it. The language departments want a station, and say they would make use of it but who else would it benefit? An argument that it replaces cable is unfounded. We will still have to pay for all our favorite channels.

After they figure out who would get the most use out of the station, there's still the question of where to put it. Satellite dishes are large, and face it, out of character. Disguising a dish so that it fits in with the colonial architecture on the campus would be a challenge, if not impossible. My first choice would be the top of Bunting, with the top of Hodson a close second. Behind the Alumni House is my third choice.

For the present, stick with cable. It's reasonably accessible, and works out fine for right now. People who want it can pick out the stations they want, and just pay the charges.

A lot more needs to be done on campus before the college should consider a "satellite station." There are dorms that need renovating, a fire lane that looks like a mud slide, and buildings that are still unfinished.

When I can walk directly from my dorm to the dining hall, without a detour, then I'm ready to think about what I'd want from a satellite dish.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
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PERSPECTIVES

Editorial

Just give them a gentle nudge

Laura Hopper
Perspectives Editor

When it comes to diplomacy, we might learn a lot from the Bush Administration. The Reagan Administration was perhaps overfond of shuttle diplomacy. Sending Secretary of State George Schultz to the Middle East garnered a great deal of press coverage, but was expensive and unproductive.

So far, Secretary of State James Baker III has not made the rounds of Middle Eastern capitals. If the policy followed by the current administration is any indication, he is not likely to.

The new policy is disarmingly simple: let governments involved in a regional conflict solve their own problems, without interference from the United States. The best example of this is unfolding in the Middle East, where Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's ten point plan for holding elections in the West Bank and Gaza Strip is meeting mixed reactions.

Both of these territories are currently held by the Israelis, and there have been scenes of bloody confrontations between Palestinian youths and Israeli Defense forces. President Mubarak's plan is similar to the Israeli Labor Party position on elections in the occupied territories.

Mubarak's plan would allow all Palestinians in East Jerusalem, the West Bank, and Gaza Strip to vote and run for office. Candidates would be allowed to campaign without interference from Israeli authorities, and Israel would permit international supervision of the electoral process. However, the Mubarak plan also contains suggestions the Israelis are likely to find offensive.

During the election period, construction or expansion of Jewish settlements in these areas would be suspended, and only Israelis who live and work in these areas would be allowed to enter them on election day. The army would withdraw from polling places the day of the election. The plan does not suggest, as many Arab initiatives have, that Israel negotiate with the PLO.

How is the United States involved with this? It nudged the Israeli Government into considering the proposal.

The Bush Administration's new policy on the Middle East. Let the Israelis and the Palestinians iron out their own differences. So the Bush Administration praised the Mubarak Ten Point Plan but didn't go into much detail about it. It was lauded as a first step, not as an actual solution.

President Mubarak's plan contains several points that United States knows the Israeli Government is certain never to accept. Yet at a meeting with Defense Secretary Yitzhak Rabin, Secretary of State Baker strongly urged the Israeli Government to seriously consider President Mubarak's plan. The Secretary's message was clear, you may not like Mubarak's proposals, but we (the United States) aren't going to come up with an alternative.

The Israelis apparently listened to the Secretary's advice. A meeting was held between the top officials of Israel's coalition government. Present were Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Finance Minister Shimon Peres, and Foreign Minister Moshe Arens. While nothing has been said about the outcome of the meeting, the government has not officially decided what to do about President Mubarak's proposal.

In the United States, the Administration's nudging policy is also meeting with some criticism. Comprehensive Middle East peace initiatives have become an expected part of each administration's foreign policy since the Carter Administration.

Congress is already beginning to call for a new Middle East initiative, but they have forgotten that costly shuttle diplomacy doesn't work. However, it would be a political victory for opponents of the Administration.

The biggest problem is that the countries of the Middle East have grown used to the United States trying to solve their problems for them. Why bother to make a move on our own, when the US government will be along any minute now with a new proposal and a couple of million dollars to set up negotiations?

This policy might never make it off the ground because the Israeli, Egyptian, and other Middle Eastern governments might be unwilling to shoulder the responsibility of the peace in their area.

While the Administration is hoping its policy of nudging local governments along will meet with success in other areas, it also seeks individuals who can serve as catalysts.

In Afghanistan, for example, the US is hoping to enlist the aid of former king Zahir Shah in resolving the civil war in that country.

The Administration also supports the efforts of former President Jimmy Carter to set up negotiations between the Ethiopian Government and Eritrean People's Liberation Front who have been fighting each other since 1961. Talks between the two sides are being held at the Carter Presidential Center in Atlanta, Georgia currently.

One of Mr. Carter's preconditions for the talks was that the two sides agree to have talks in one of six African countries. They were also to agree on the language to be used in the talks, and other procedural matters. While he praised the resolve of both parties, Mr. Carter did not say if he would remain as mediator.

If the governments of the Middle East are willing to take on the responsibility, and there are people who can act as catalysts in different situations, this new "nudge" diplomacy might work. But Congress and the press will have to give it time.

KGB goes Hollywood

Steven Bruchey

The new director of the KGB, Vladmir A. Kryuchkov, has come to the forefront in praise of glasnost. He has done so by making himself available to foreign correspondents and the establishment of a new press office. In these attempts to open itself within the umbrella of glasnost, the KGB seems to be losing itself in a symbol of American Capitalism: Hollywood.

In "The KGB Today," they hit the silver screen in a 55 minute documentary. Its purpose is to project an objective image of their work both at home and abroad. The film will be shown soon to the Soviet people to try to present a more humanistic image of the organization while trying to reinforce their tightening policies towards drug smuggling, terrorism and crime. The movie says that while all countries engage in intelligence work, the KGB is no worse and perhaps more moralistic than most others. Regardless, the KGB is going against years of tradition and Soviet culture in this display of pseudo-Americanism.

More than anything, it is startling that the KGB is reaching out to the people through film. While the bureau is trying to update its propaganda to fit into the media age, the KGB tradition of never mentioning topics such as repression, phone taps, the number of employees, structure, organization and methods. Instead, the narrator, Colonel Igor Prelin, the press officer of the organization, tells jokes, gives cooking tips, comments on grooming and recites his own poetry about the KGB ("We wage a war with no rules/ A snowstorm with no end./ We share a bottle with a foe/ Or get a bullet from a friend."). Glasnost is certainly opening if the KGB allows a colonel to voice an opinion in this manner.

The documentary utilizes another aspect of the American movie industry: marketing. The Novosti Press Agency, who helped the KGB in their endeavors, hopes for wide commercial distribution and has told inquiring American television companies that the beginning price for the "movie rights" is $100,000. It is overwhelming to think that we could be viewing "The KGB Today" while Soviet audiences are seeing "Batman."

Over the years, glasnost has definitely taken root into the present political system. Its roots are so deep that they have delved into one of the most secret agencies ever to exist, the KGB. In "opening" this clandestine organization, they have selected an American venue by putting the new KGB onto the big screen. Believe it or not, but plans are being made for two more installments— sequels, if you will—in this documentary series.

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International News

News from around the world

THE UNITED STATES

The Senate decided last Friday to ban smoking on all domestic flights by a 65 to 34 vote. This is an extension of the current ban, which prohibits smoking on flights lasting less than two hours, about 80% of all flights. The House has yet to approve the measure and has so far only approved a bill to make the current ban—which expires in April 1990—permanent. The White House reserved comment on the Senate decision.

A capital gains tax cut was approved by a House Committee last Thursday. Opponents of the cut assert that the lower tax will only benefit the rich, at the expense of the working class, making it easier for them to increase their already inordinately abundant capital. Those in favor of the cut feel that it will make more capital available to business for expansion or new ventures. The cut still must be approved by the House in order for it to take effect. Stocks, bonds and real estate are effected by the capital gains tax.

In a shooting rampage last Thursday, a man shot and killed 7 people and wounded 13 others. Joseph T. Wesbecker finally killed himself with the assault rifle he had used on his victims. The tragic incident took place in a printing plant in Louisville, KY, where Wesbecker used to work. A co-worker who was not harmed said Wesbecker had been talking about guns and "Soldier of Fortune" magazine, and had expressed aloud his plans to "shoot the bosses," whom he could not find Thursday. Wesbecker was being treated for mental disorders, and was on permanent disability leave from the plant.

The city council of Philadelphia decided to cut funding for programs for the homeless by 50% last week. The decision provoked outrage and public protests from many advocates for the homeless. In addition to the cuts the city has made in funding, it has evicted about 300 people from homeless shelters and closed its emergency shelters. Estimates figure there are 12,500 homeless people in Philadelphia, a quarter of which are mentally ill. A member of the Mayor's Task Force on the Budget and Taxation said the social programs were cut so that more funds could be appropriated for public works. Philadelphia was first city to develop a comprehensive program for housing for the homeless and is now the first to make severe cuts. Many fear that the decision in Philadelphia reflects a national trend.

Robert Penn Warren, famous poet and novelist died of cancer last week in his summer home. He was 84 years old. Most famous for his novel, All the King's Men, Warren was hailed for his ability to "form an intricate mirror of the human experience." Much of his work was drawn from his experience living in the South. Mr.Warren was also a professor at Yale, Louisiana State University and the University of Minnesota.

CAMBODIA

With the pull-out of Vietnam scheduled for the end of September, many fear a power vacuum which would allow the ghoulish Khmer Rouge to return to power. From 1975 to 1978, the Khmer Rouge controlled Cambodia and committed genocidal atrocities against its people; two million Cambodians were killed,the intelligentsia completely wiped out, and the countryside utterly deciminated. Vietnam then invaded in 1978.

Since then it has been one of the Unites States foreign policy objectives to evict Vietnam. In doing so, the US supports resistance forces which will control Cambodia once Vietnam leaves, giving the US some influence the future of the country.

The strongest contender for power seems to be Prince Noroodom Sihanouk, whom the US is backing. Unfortunately, Prince Sihanouk is allied with the Khmer Rouge. Worse still, he demonstrated during talks in Paris last month that he wants the Khmer Rouge to take part in an interim coalition to govern Cambodia.

Last week, the Administration met to work toward resolving whether it should allow the Khmer Rouge to be given any stake, even in a transitional government, or only support a coalition which excludes the Khmer Rouge. Currently, there are 40,000 Khmer Rouge guerrillas in Cambodia, and they are by far the strongest indigenous military power. It is in this light that Secretary of State James Baker commented last May, that ,"You're going to have the Khmer Rouge there...That's a fact of life."

Many feel that for this reason, the Khmer Rouge would be less threatening as part of coalition in which they might be overshadowed and eventually disintegrate, than if they continue to fight in the countryside.

Others, however, feel that the US shares responsibility with other foreign countries for the Khmer Rouge genocide, and any appeasement or tolerance of the Khmer Rouge now is morally reprehensible. Furthermore, because the US has considerable influence in the area, it should take urgent action to prevent a recurrence of another such tragedy.

SRI LANKA

Last week, amid the first sessions of what will be a month-long peace conference, 38 people were killed in intensified violence, the cause for which remains nebulous at best. Killings have become commonplace in Sri Lanka, and those who are made targets of pro-government death squads or the People's Liberation Front, the two groups who are most likely responsible for the killings, are often intellectuals, civil servants, human rights monitors and politically active young men and women.

The killing of Chandratne Patuwathavithane last week, a popular Sri Lankan university chancellor, is one of many examples of senseless brutality without motive.

The People's Liberation Front, a twenty year old Sinhalese nationalist group, Sri Lanka's ethnic majority, which flirted with mainstream politics at one point; recently they seemed to espouse violence exclusively rather than legal political activity, killing anyone from taxi drivers and shopkeepers who ignore its calls for general strike, to government officials and monks.

The government of Sri Lanka, run by the United National Party, has allowed angry civilians to deal with the crisis: thus, the spread of death squads who have killed 5,000 young people thought to be associated with the People's Liberation Front.

The violence is thought to center around the presence of Indian troops, who have occupied Sri Lanka since 1987. This is the reason many have put their hopes for peace into the withdrawal of the troops, which will take place before the end of the year.

The peace talks will focus on India's departure. Though other guerrilla groups were invited and are taking part in the talks, including those representing Sri Lanka's other ethnic group, the northern Tamils, the People's Liberation Front has refused to attend the talks.

NAMIBIA

Namibia, also known as South-West Africa and under South African rule since World War I, will gain its independence next year. Last week, it was allowed the return of its exiled leader, Sam Nujoma.

Mr. Nujoma is the leader of the South-West Africa People's Organization, known as "Swapo" and declared by the United Nations in 1973 to be "the sole representative and authentic representative of the Namibian people.". In preparation for its independence, 41,000 Namibian refugees came home last week from abroad. Within Namibia, citizens were allowed to register in upcoming elections that will draft a constitution for Namibia next year.

The return of Mr. Nujoma and these concurrent events evoked national euphoria. The champion of Namibian independence for 30 years, most spent in exile, Mr. Nujoma was "greeted as a hero" last week. Committed to an armed struggle against South African rule since 1966, Swapo is now ready to bury the hatchet, so to speak. Mr. Nujoma addressed Namibians in an emotional speech and told reporters, "We return in a spirit of peace, love and national reconciliation.".

SOUTH AFRICA

On two separate occasions last week, September 13 and September 15, the new president of South Africa, F.W. de Klerk, allowed anti-apartheid demonstrations to proceed unimpeded by police measures (which have in the past been violent). The crowd numbered 20,000 in both Johannesburg and Cape City, and though many demonstrators were black or of mixed race, some were white. Not only are marches such as last week's illegal under the current state of emergency rule, but the Cape Town protest took place in the city center designated for whites only. As de Klerk has promised "evolutionary change" and the end of white domination in South Africa, last weeks events can be seen as a genuine desire to further these ends.

SOVIET UNION

President Mikhail Gorbachev met with Communist leaders from Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia, the Baltic states, last Wednesday, to consider demands for greater autonomy. Though he held the stance that separatist Communist movements would threaten national stability, unity and ultimately the success of perestroika and glasnost, his programs for political and economic change, he stressed the "need to grant the parties(of the Baltics)...greater independence..." He expressed that "differences can be worked out without confrontation," thus dispelling a general fear (in the US as well as the Baltics) of a military crackdown. Baltic leaders were generally pleased with the meeting, journalists reported, and are optimistic about the more important meeting of the Communist Party Central Committee this week.

THE MIDDLE EAST

A peace plan ending the intifadah in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza strip, now in its 21st month, may be in sight. The intifadah has been a bloody tragedy in which over 400 Arabs and almost 100 Israelis have been killed. Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak devised a peace plan which is still being hotly debated by Israelis and Egyptians alike. Israeli Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin will fly to Cairo Monday to discuss the plan with Mubarak.

The peace plan details the logistics of holding elections in the occupied territories, which is what an earlier peace plan proposed by Israeli President Yitzhak Shamir in March called for.

The difference between the two is that the former offers specifics about how the elections will be carried out, whereas the latter does not. While Mr.Rabin, a member of Israel's Labor Party, and Shimon Peres, the head of the party, want to adopt the plan immediately and have threatened to withdraw the Labor Party from the governing coalition if it is not adopted, President Shamir, Foreign Minister Moshe Arens and the Right wing all adamantly oppose it.

As for the Arabs, PLO head Yassar Arafat is willing to discuss the plan with Mr. Mubarak, and has already done so, while others feel that the plan is a carbon copy of Mr.Shamir's, and does not meet their demands.

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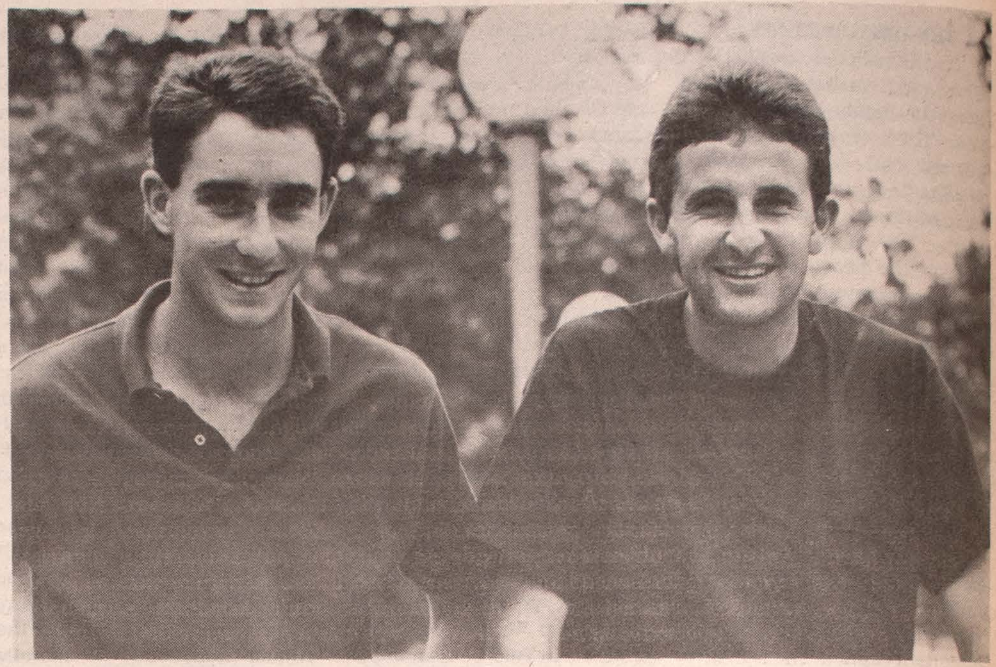
South Africans do more than volley well

by Rachael Rice
Reporter



Making themselves at home on the tennis court, in the classroom, and in the United States, Larry Gewer and Peter Maller integrate South African culture with American. (photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

To the inhabitant of any metropolitan area, small and lethargic Chestertown, Maryland represents almost the end of the world. When three residents of Johannesburg, South Africa stepped from the plains of their homeland to the corn belt of Maryland, a different school system, nation, and culture suddenly engulfed them.

Tracy Peel, Larry Gewer, and Peter Maller all made this long journey, mentally as well as in body, from South Africa, and have found Washington College is not the end of the earth, but offers new beginnings.

How and why did three students from virtually the other side of the world manage to wind their way to this small Eastern Shore community? A dual interest in tennis and attending school in the states fueled each one.

"A friend of mine played tennis for UNC– Charlotte," explains Larry, "and he let Fred [Wyman, the men's varsity tennis coach] know about me. Fred got in touch while I was still serving in the South African army. I came without ever seeing WC or Chestertown."

Peter, who arrived with Larry in January of 1987, tells a similar story. He adds that he had offers to play tennis at schools in California and Florida, but when he came to Chestertown, he "liked it and stayed."

Tracy, the most recent addition to the South African contingent, arrived in January of this year. Tracy had known Peter and Larry back home, and she always said someday she would like to play tennis and study in the states. When Coach Wyman contacted her coach in South Africa last year, Tracy believed that "the time was right."

Initially, life in America, away from the excitement of the big city, is not always easy. Although Tracy "thought the college was very pretty," she "thought Chestertown would be a lot bigger than it was." Looking back, she laughs, "the first few days were the worst days of my life! At first I felt like an absolute fool! I couldn't put plugs in the sockets properly. I couldn't open doors properly; in South Africa all doors open outward. One time I panicked when I thought I was stuck in the bathroom. I pushed and pushed on the door, until finally I realized that it pulled in!"

Remarking that"he was shocked at first at the size and relative quiet in comparison to Johannesburg," Peter experienced a similar reaction to the size of Chestertown

All three students, however, have crossed those initial stumbling blocks with little difficulty, and continue to excel both on and off the tennis court.

Tracy made her tennis debut in the States last spring and rocketed to an NCAA Division III national singles ranking of 14 and doubles ranking with partner Monica Blanco. Her accomplishments during 1989 have been numerous: beating third ranked Joli Huarnick of Trenton State in straight sets; gaining the doubles final of the Mid-Atlantic Conference Tournament with Meg Wheatley; competing in the NCAA National Singles and Doubles Tournaments in Claremont, California, and most recently being named an NCAA All-American.

Tracy enjoys her classes, particularly business courses, and boasts of a solid grade point average. When asked if she plans to finish all four years at Washington College, Tracy answered emphatically, "Most definitely!" Her post graduate plans appear to be a little less settled: "I may go into dentistry, but who knows, my mind may change a million times before that happens!"

Larry, who will graduate in the fall of 1990, hopes to add to his collection of tennis awards by attaining a 1990 NCAA Division III National Championship. His list of accolades is impressive: three year All-American, ranked number one nationally in singles 1989, ranked number one in doubles with Scott Flippin Read 1988/89, was invited to the Rolex Intercollegiate doubles with Read in Minnesota in1989, and was runner up in 1989 NCAA Singles Championship final. The National Championship is the only feat he has not accomplished.

Despite long and demanding hours of tennis and training, Larry has consistently maintained a 3.0 GPA. When asked about his plans after graduation, Larry thinks for a moment and answers undecidedly, "I may play a little pro-circuit tennis. . .then again, I may go home and get a graduate degree. . .of course, I may just work for my father."

Peter, who will be graduating in the spring of 1990, makes his mark simultaneously in the athletic arena and the classroom. Twice he has been named an Academic All-American by obtaining a GPA of 3.5 and up and acquiring the position of team captain in both 1988/89. Peter was a MAC champion in doubles with Rich Phoebus in 1988 and in singles in 1989. For the first time this fall, he is starting at wing-half back on the men's soccer team. Dean's list, peer advisor, and DK (leadership fraternity) round out an already full list of college activities and honors.

After commencement ceremonies, Peter plans to "keep my option open. I may go to graduate school, or business school and earn my MBA. Then again, I may play some [tennis] circuits in Europe, South Africa, or Texas."

Looking back upon a busy few years, these Johannesburg natives have greatly benefited from and excelled in their experiences in Chestertown and all around America.

But they are not the only ones who gain from their presence, for the cultural exchange has been rich for all who come in contact with Tracy, Peter, and Larry. They do not shy away from sharing slices of life in Johannesburg, even when the topic is that of the controversy surrounding South African government policies.

When asked how he feels about the current situation in South Africa, Peter responds, choosing his words with obvious thought, "I am anti-apartheid. I think it's very difficult, because on one hand, I'm very anti-government, but on the other hand, I was born in South Africa; therefore, to a certain extent I feel very compelled to defend South Africa. I have never been one to put people down for their color. I judge people for who they are. If more people at home felt this way, it would be less of a problem."

Summing up a sentiment expressed at different times by all three students, Tracy proclaims, "Don't believe everything you read in the newspaper. You must go to the country and see for yourself before you make a judgment."

Larry thinks of his homeland and answers, "South Africa is the most beautiful place in the world. However, I do believe that the blacks should have equal rights as well as whites. Yet, I do also believe South Africa is trying to head in that direction. Clearly, the latest election is an indication of that trend."

He also cites media exaggeration and the negative images of South Africa portrayed in television and in movies as adding to misunderstanding: "Lethal Weapon II, now that's a good example. The movie shows a few South African people and persecutes the whole of us. Why, every nation has prejudiced people– but not all the people are prejudiced. It's terribly unfair; people expect change to happen overnight, and it just cannot occur that way."

Next year Tracy, Larry, and Peter will all head back to visit South Africa, back to the home Tracy fondly calls "Jo-Berg." Peter looks forward to seeing friends and attending sporting events, such as cricket and rugby matches, again. Particularly, he misses his family, especially his father, a district doctor, and his baby niece and nephew.

Larry also mentions missing South African athletics, and adds he longs for "everything about South Africa. I am anxious to see my parents, my brother, my sister who was just married and my St. Bernard, China."

Aside from suffering recurring homesickness for her father, who is a baby products manufacturer, her mother, an accountant, and her seven-year old brother, Nicholas, Tracy laments that in the states she "cannot get a tan in the winter or Cane vodka, my favorite drink that is sweetened with lime and Sprite!"

Understandably, all three unanimously agree that Maryland weather is "the worst" in comparison to that of their native land. "It's too cold in the winter and too hot and humid in the summer."

Although their body temperature has not adjusted to Maryland's climate, the three tennis stars have definitely adjusted mentally to the rigors of athletic and academic life as they tear up the tennis courts and text books.

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Dancing, singing, speaking with Indians

by Jennifer L. Eisberg
Reporter

"'When did you learn they were not gods?' the Indian boy questioned.

'That came later,' the Wise Old Man responded. 'That is a different story. . .Come another day, and I will tell you the story of how the Indians were deceived and cheated by those they first thought were gods.'

History of the Delaware Indians

Two Sundays ago, Stephen, David, and I arrived in Milsboro, Delaware. We only knew we had come to our first pow wow, joined by the heat and humidity. Not knowing what to expect, we presumed we would learn something about the Indians who lived in the Delaware region before being pushed west by white men...

As I wipe the perspiration off my face, we climb out of my car. I feel as though I have just emerged from a sweat hut. Strangely enough, this feeling is the only connection to Indians that I experience the entire day. The Nanticokes sweat themselves to stay healthy; I feel rather grimy.

We walk through the woods to the sight of the pow wow, and tractors, carrying passengers, pass us on their return to the parking lot. There is something incredibly ironic in watching an Indian haul a load of white people on a tractor-pulled wagon; the passengers have sullen, almost defeated expressions on their faces.

Coming through the trees, the tribal music swarms around us. Stephen struts to the hard, constant beat of the drums. Also responding to this beat, a crowd looms before us.

If it wasn't for the colored feathers decorating the Indians headdresses and colored paint smudging their faces, I would believe I am at a Stevie Ray Vaughan concert.

Like a Vaughan concert, fat men house enormous bird tattoos on various parts of their bodies. Wearing an assortment of silver and turquoise jewelry, unnaturally thin women with long stringy hair stand beside them. Falseness lies in their footprints in the sand.

This does not fit my image of the traditional Indian pow wow: a ceremonial gathering of Indians dancing, singing, and calling spirits to protect their tribe. The gathering of people are not Indians, but overweight spectators eager to view a show.

Forming the center of attraction, a dance circle performs a particular dance called the "Rabbit Dance." A narrator explains this is one of the few dances in Delaware Indian culture where women actually dance with men. If the lead male dancer continues the dance long enough, the Indians believe the dancer magically turns into a rabbit.

The costumes are impressive. From a distance, I imagine how the women work the buffalo hide until it is smooth, and sew pieces together with thread made of grass to create skirts and leggings.

Using clay and the juice of berries, I see them paint their faces. I feel if I move close to them in order to see more in detail, my images will be destroyed.

The last dance is the Friendship Dance; the dancers invite the spectators to join in. Joining hands with strangers, Stephen and I run to the center of the stage.

As I grasp his hand, the boy to my right gives me an embarrassed glance. Stamping their left feet to the beat of the drum, everyone begins to move to the left. After half a turn, we move toward the center, stamping our left feet. At the center of the circle, we let out a whoop and start the whole thing over.

When the dancing is finished, we walk around to see the crafts. Beautiful, expensive jewelry is everywhere. Silver, turquoise, and malachite jewelry from the south west are mixed among the rattlesnake tail earrings, shell necklaces, and intricate beaded bracelets and headbands.

Artisans sell woven rugs, leather moccasins and carved wooden peace pipes. A woman with not a trace of high Indian cheekbone sits at a table making various pieces of custom jewelry, bearing no resemblance to the typical American Indian jewelry surrounding her.Also keeping with the Indian theme, a man with a U-haul truck sells Harley Davidson belt buckles and faux leather vests.

The closer I look at this scene the less I like it and the worse I feel. Children wear feather headbands made with fake fleece and elastic bands around their heads. Women comment how a nice woven rug would look in their living rooms. Having shed their costumes, the Indian dancers now walk around in running shorts and Nike tennis shoes.

I wonder what it is all about: the pow wow, the Indians, the cheap souvenirs. I realize what I expected to see— the traditions, the religious ceremonies, the culture of the American Indians. These things no longer exist in their true and untainted form.

What does exist is the Indians' effort to hold on to a culture that was more or less destroyed by greedy invaders.

I wonder what the Nanticokes are trying to show to people through their pow wow, and if they really believed in what they are doing.

Dancing in full Indian headdress, a Delaware Nanticoke celebrates his heritage. (photo by David Johnson)

Some do believe in their culture and traditions, and want to share a part of their ancestors' culture with other people, while others recognize the easy profit of commercializing their history.

A tired Mohican tells me of the wars between the Iroquois Nations and the Delaware and Nanticoke Indians. With a hint of pride, he speaks about his people and interests himself more than myself in his storytelling.

As I listen to his stories, I realize this man is the highlight of the pow wow for me; he is real. The rituals lacking a god to dance for, the half-breeds selling their wares, and the total forced attempt to reenact a way of life no longer exists, and what is left is weighed down with falseness. Yet, Stephen, Dave, and I drive back to school having experienced something different.

Cater's fall convocation remarks

Winston Churchill once declared, "We shape our buildings, afterward our buildings shape us." Yet neither bricks and mortar, nor mortar and pestle can generate by themselves the spirit of scientific inquiry that should be a part of every student's education.

Your challenge- -student and faculty alike- - is to transform Dunning Hall and Decker Center into a living laboratory. You must prove what our graduate William O. Baker, one of the nation's eminent philosophers of science, told me before we began this undertaking: That Washington College builds on a splendid tradition in the sciences but must not falter as we move into our Third Century or we will surely become second rate.

By the time the flowers come up this spring, we will be dedicating the Constance Stuart Larrabee Center for the Arts. Our old Boiler Plant will be transmogrified to provide an exciting workshop for painting, sculpture, photography, and other visual arts. This, too, represented a hard choice in allocating funds and energies, especially when measured by the small numbers who actually major in Fine Arts.

But a college without a lively commitment to all the Arts would be a desolate place. Fine art, drama, music, poetry must permeate the campus and stir the souls of all who dare to call themselves civilized beings. An old Boiler Plant, no matter how skillfully rejuvenated, cannot accomplish this miracle. But those who work there will have a better chance than they did while huddled in the little red run-down dwelling which they have had to endure so long.

Before Commencement, if the winter rains are sparing, we will be entering the splendid new building know as the Academic Resources Center - -or the Casey Center. It has been seven long years in the planning and construction.

Students and faculty, many now departed, joined the initial contest and the subsequent group sessions with the architects that defined the shape and uses of this structure.

Between the conception and the reality has fallen the shadow of impatience. We find it hard to hold onto dreams when they cannot be attained overnight. But the Casey Center will provide a true measure whether ours is a dynamic or a moribund institution. It will not be simply a grand entrance to this College which never before had a gateway or a front door. It offers the prospect of becoming the heart of a campus which grew up in the manner of many little college one building at a time.

The Center's Forum will bring us face to face for close encounters that never take place in the vast stretches of Tawes Auditorium. Within the forum and the new seminar rooms communications will flow around the table and not across the lectern.

Every function assigned to the Casey Center- -from the Language Lab to the Computerized Classroom- - has grown out of needs voiced by members of our community. This was an enterprise designed from the grassroots up.

Over the years, I have convened many sessions in Hynson Lounge and elsewhere devoted to "Open Season on the President." Within the next fortnight I plan to announce another Open Season to discuss any student concern from the College Master Plan to alcohol and drug policy. We can discuss what are the effective ways by which the President keeps in better touch with the College community.

I have maintained an open door policy in my office and my home, responding within the same week to every request to see or speak to me. No inquiry or petition that reaches me has gone unanswered. SGA, the Elm, and other student-led organizations have only to whistle to get my attention and to meet with me at my place or theirs. I have headed out into the night whenever a fraternity or other group was in trouble and sought my guidance.

The next president of Washington College will wish to know from faculty and students what you expect. Your capacity to communicate realistic expectations will help determine what sort of leader is ready to accept this job. The candidates will be sizing you up even as you are measuring them.

No college can ignore the challenge to define, to plan and to position itself for what lies ahead. My successor will not lead a leisure life. Seven years ago at my inaugural, I quoted the eloquent words of Felix Morley delivered to President Gibson nearly four decades earlier. Morley declared "It is your amusing opportunity to make a small college great by keeping it small. In doing so you will be swimming upstream. You will have to struggle against the trend of the times. . ."

SPORTS

The men's soccer team continues their search for their first win of the season this week with games against St. Mary's and Franklin & Marshall. Coach Tom Bowman hopes that the solid keeping of goalie John Thomas and the scoring of Mike Bishop continue as the team begins conference play this week. *(photo courtesy of Amy L. Unercoffler)*

Soccer continues losing streak

by Brett Lankford
Sports Editor

The WC soccer team continued to fall just short in the pursuit for their first victory this past week, losing 2-1 to Millersville. The loss dropped the squad's record to 0-4. The team continues their search for their first win against St. Mary's and Franklin & Marshall this week.

The game was not without its bright spots for WC. Mike Bishop scored the team's first goal of the regular season on a pass from Scott Smith, giving the team their first lead of the year. The Sho'men ended the first half with a 1-0 lead.

John Thomas also turned in a magnificent performance in goal. Millersville outshot WC 20-10, but Thomas was able to make an incredible 15 saves. He was able to come through consistently in clutch situations. His play was not only a key in giving WC a halftime lead, but he was able to make several saves to keep the team close late in the game.

Millersville was finally able to score on Thomas in the second half, scoring back to back goals to take a lead they would never relinquish. The Sho'men were unable to muster any offense in the second half, taking only two shots on goal. The Millersville goalkeeper shut the door on both opportunities, and WC went down to their fourth straight defeat.

Coach Bowman was able to give the entire team some playing time in Saturday's scrimmage against the WC alumni. Despite losing the game by a score of 2-1, Bowman allowed each player to showcase his talents on the field. Mike Bishop was the team's offense once again, scoring his second goal in as many games. The Sho'men peppered the goal with twelve shots, including seven in the first half. The alumni only managed three shots in the game, yet they were able to cash in on two of the opportunities to win the contest.

The team has yet to play a conference game, instead taking on two Division I schools and two Division III powerhouses. They hope to use this experience to their advantage as conference play begins in the St. Mary's game. Despite their performance up to this point, the team remains confident that they can show their true form and contend for the title in the MAC.

Field hockey defeats Wesley for first win of season

by Jennifer Stickney
Reporter

The field hockey team tasted both the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat this past week. The team defeated Wesley 1-0 last Wednesday, then lost to Fairleigh Dickinson University by a score of 4-0 on Saturday. The team remained one game under .500 with a 1-2 record.

The team played a solid game on September 13th in their victory at Wesley. Senior Carole Reece scored the lone goal of the game in the second half, driving a penalty shot past the Wesley goalie. The penalty was called on the goalie, and the call heightened the tension between the two teams.

The Wesley players were unsuccessful in their desperate attempt to even the score, and the field hockey team celebrated their first victory of the 1989 regular season.

The next game was held at Fairleigh Dickinson University, and the team played well. Unfortunately, the team's performance was unable to overcome the wet weather, flooded field and the FDU squad. The team lost the third game of the year 4-0, dropping the team back below .500.

FDU players flooded freshman goalie Brigid DeVries with one shot after another during the first half. scoring at the 25:09 and 21:16 marks. The team only managed one shot during the first half, leaving the score at 2-0 at the midway point of the game.

WC returned from halftime rejuvenated and full of energy. Washington's offense, led by Kris Phalen, Jenifer Blenckstone and Amy Tiehel, peppered their opponent's goal with shots. Despite outshooting Fairleigh Dickinson 10-5, the team was never able to dent the net. FDU pushed two more shots past DeVries, and the team was never able to close the deficit. Despite the team's solid performance, the game ended with the score 4-0.

Despite the loss, Diane Guinan was happy with the team's performance. "We did see some positive signs - people were moving better and covering better. There was also an increase in intensity along with better team play," Guinan stated.

The team is practicing hard this week for their upcoming games. They continue their road trip with a game this Saturday against Elizabethtown. Coach Guinan and the players hope that their recent game experience will pay off and allow them to even their record.

Praying for joy in Mudville

by Brett Lankford
Sports Editor

The rains came to Chestertown today, and I was caught in the downpour. While wading over to the the gym, I made the unfortunate discovery that I was standing ankle deep in mud. If any town has earned the right to the name Mudville, this eastern shore haven has. I began to reflect what would bring joy to this resident of Mudville. The answer is amazingly obvious.

If only the Orioles were to win the American League East, most of Mudville would be overjoyed. So would most of Baltimore, most of Maryland, and any human being who loves fairy tales. The only thing that stands in the way of happiness in Mudville is Canada's gift to the American League, the Toronto Blue Jays.

Please don't get me wrong. Ordinarily I have no problem with the Blue Jays. It's just that at the present time the Blue Jays are the most annoying thing to come from our northern neighbor since Michael J. Fox.

The contrast between the two teams is amazing. The Orioles are all that is pure and enjoyable about baseball. They play in an old stadium on natural grass. They have an ornithologically correct bird on their cap. Their slogan is "You gotta be there." They have a team full of young, hungry players. Their home run leader eats Fruit Loops for breakfast every day. Their ace out of the bullpen is just out of college plays Nintendo and makes $68,000 a year. This is the most lovable non-Cub team in years.

The Blue Jays are at the opposite end of the spectrum. They play on artificial turf. The games are played in a place called the SkyDome that is only slightly larger than the Taj Mahal and contains everything short of a nuclear warhead. Their slogan is "You can only be here if you are willing to spend a large sum of money." One of their home run leaders marched out of camp last year because the manager wouldn't let him play the field. Their ace out of the bullpen makes over a million a year and is nicknamed "The Terminator". That's not lovable. If they didn't have a starting outfielder named Mookie, there would be almost nothing to like about this team.

The Orioles have captured the hearts of millions of baseball fans across the country, and an AL East title would be the greatest thing to happen to Baltimore since the arrival of the manatees at the National Aquarium. The Orioles are God's team– the Blue Jays weren't even a team until twelve years ago. If Toronto does ignore my pleas, continues to win extra-inning games and eventually captures the AL East, I can assure you of one thing. There will be no joy in Mudville, or at least my section of the town.

Volleyball shows promise in tourney

by Kathy Brewster
Reporter

The women's volleyball team played very well this past week, finishing with a 2-3 record. The team defeated Marymount and St. Mary's last Wednesday, then made an excellent showing in Saturday's Gettysburg Tournament.

The women impressed coach Penny Fall with their hard work, dedication and desire to overcome their injury problems. With the injury of senior setter Sharon Orser, Coach Fall was forced to revamp her lineup and place some players in unfamiliar positions. The loss of Orser has caused problems, but Laurie McClellan has stepped in and performed well in her absence. The team hopes to have Orser practicing again in two weeks and ready for the team's upcoming tournament.

Coach Fall stated that this season's schedule is one of their toughest in years. In an effort to prepare for their challenging season, Fall requested to play the toughest pool at the Gettysburg Tournament.

"It was an excellent opportunity to play good volleyball, even though we lost all three games. They all took a long time to finish and the pressure lifted our level of play," stated Fall. The losses came at the hands of Salisbury St., Albright, and Gettysburg, but the long matches showed the team's desire to win. The Salisbury match alone took over two hours to complete. The setting of McLellan, the middle blocking of captain Debbie Cohn and the back line coverage of Valerie Williams were key in the team's sterling defensive play.

Coach Fall stated that these losses were not at all disappointing, and the team performed admirably even in defeat. "These matches told me a lot about our team and our potential for the upcoming year," Fall said. The season continues this week with a dual match against Hood and the College of Notre Dame, then play a match against Dickinson on Saturday.

Rec Sports Update

by Deeann Pinczok
Rec Sports Writer

The Rec Sports program began intramural football with the men's games last Thursday, September 14th. On Thursday the two top seeded teams were able to hold onto their positions by defeating their opponents. Pseudo Lambda scored a 25-0 win over Alpha Rejecta, while Salt and Budha defeated the KA's 28-0. The Dawgs fell to No Name by a score of 10-8, and Hard & Clueless beat the Multi-Offenders 15-12. The women's games were scheduled to begin on Tuesday the 19th, but the games were rained out and will be rescheduled. Both men's and women's games are scheduled for Thursday, September 21st.

XTC's new release, "Oranges and Lemons:" an upbeat album for the open-minded

by Julian Kirtley
Album Critic

"Oranges and Lemons," the latest album by *XTC*, has been selling very well, which is not surprising, given the quality of the album. What is surprising is that the England based group has been making albums together for SEVENTEEN years, and until very recently, has received neither the attention of the critics, nor of the public.

This is surprising, because they are damn good. A reason for their relative anonymity is they don't tour. They never have, and according to the band's lead songwriter, Andy Partridge, they never will.

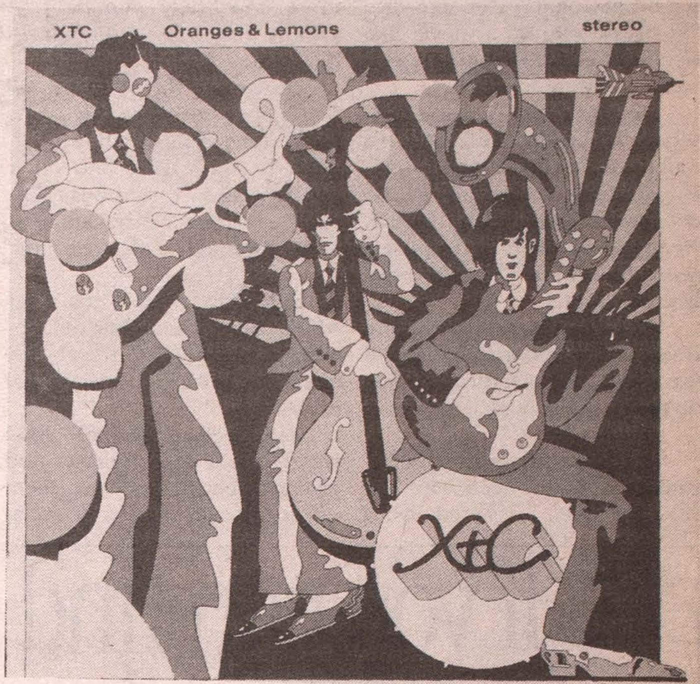
Because the band members see each other only occasionally to record albums, and then go back to private, quiet lives, they have managed to stay together as a group for quite a long time. On the down-side, these separations have made it very difficult for the band to accumulate much of a following either in England or the US. Fortunately, this began to change a few years ago when the band released "Skylarking," and accumulated a small following. Rather than following up on their success, however, they temporarily retired *XTC* and became... the *Dukes of Stratosphear!*

The *Dukes* are *XTC*'s Psuper-Psychedelic alter-ego band. Under the guise of the Dukes, the members feel free to experiment wildly with head-spinningly complex music. Some of these experiments work better than others, but it makes for extremely interesting listening for the very small number of listeners adventurous enough to purchase "25 O'clock," or "Psonic Psunspot," the *Dukes*' two albums.

Those familiar with "Skylarking" may at find "Oranges and Lemons" rather unfamiliar. The droning melodies and ambiguous imagery of "Skylarking" have, for the most part, been replaced by more upbeat rhythms and slightly more conversational lyrics. As a whole, the album seems a lot more spontaneous. As always, the band presents an optimistic, but slightly sardonic view of the world, as in the song "The garden of Earthly delights" (about, you guessed it, the Earth), which informs us, "This is your life, and you do what you want to do, just don't hurt nobody, 'less of course they ask you."

The band has even put what I guess you would have to call a political song on this album, expressing their opinion of our current administration. The song is called, "Here comes president Kill Again." Also evident is the strong influence on the band (admittedly) by *The Beatles*. Even the cover will remind Beatles fans of "Yellow Submarine." To sum up, this is a highly worthwhile album for today's open-minded individual.

XTC is one of the best bands going nowadays; we should encourage them. Buy this album.



1975 Sophie Kerr recipient returns to read poetry

by Stephanie Hess
Arts Editor

Washington College graduate, and 1975 winner of the Sophie Kerr Prize, William "Chappy" Bowie will return to the campus on Monday to read from his poetry. Bowie's reading will open the Monday Series: Talks of Matters Worthy and Curious, held weekly in the O'Neill Literary House.

After graduating from Washington College, Bowie , an English major, went on to the University of Arkansas for his MFA in poetry, and later sold a manuscript to Veiled Horn Press. The manuscript was a collection of poems entitled *Before the Statue of a Laughing Man*. Dissatisfied with the manuscript, he withdrew it before publication. He now has a second manuscript ready to send, entitled, *Topiary Hair*, which contains "bits and pieces" of the first manuscript.

Two years ago, in January of 1988, the Washington College print shop put out a Broadside of Bowie's poem "Hunting Pheasant in Kansas." A copy of the poem, which hangs in its Broadside form in the Museum of Modern Art in New York City, follows this article.

A native of Cambridge Massachusetts, Bowie taught at the University of Arkansas, and several community colleges, and now runs an independent publications company in Baltimore.

When asked about his poetry, Bowie explained that it is half formal, half blank (or free) verse. Robert Day, Creative Writing Instucter, described Bowie's work as "charming, witty, and intellectually adventuresome."

Though he has not had the time to plan what he will read on Monday, Bowie was able to say that he will read 12 or 15 of his own poems and possibly a love poem by Philip Larkin , who Bowie asserts "was wonderful at inventing forms...as a technician he was unparallelled." He added that he wants to read poetry by another favorite, either Henri Coulette or L.E. Sissman, both poets whom he holds in high regard, but whose works are out of print.

Bowie will begin reading at 4:30 PM in the O'Neill Literary House; tea will be served at 4 PM prior to the reading.

Hunting Pheasant in Kansas

Ward Sullivan, d. 1985

Two telephone wires run
out of sight, in either
direction, the one
slung under the other,

they rise until they reach
a pole and drop away,
over and over, each
like a head nodding away

yes! And yes, the beads
of ice strung out across
the lines were like the beads
polished for an abacus.

Six birds that day for you,
and one for me. But where
we walked into a slough,
behind us, in the glare:

only the snows erasure.
It looked as if we'd come
striding down through the air
into a world built from

primary colors. -Sun
and sky both washed,
and when
out of the snow, driven
by red, the cock and hen

in a blur of noise, burst
upwards out of a plum
thicket, we saw it -a first
still unassembled spectrum.

William C. Bowie

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Campus events: this week's preview

Sept. 22, 24, 25

This weekend the Washington College Film Series presents *Heathers*, an independent film directed by Michael Lehmann. A black comedy that satirizes American youth, and stars Winona Ryder and Christian Slater, *Heathers* is reviewed on page 10.

Friday 22

49 Reasons plays their own special brand of high energy progressive rock in the Coffee House tonight from 9 PM to 1AM. Cost is two dollars at the door. Come hear their new sound and see their new band members.

Saturday 23

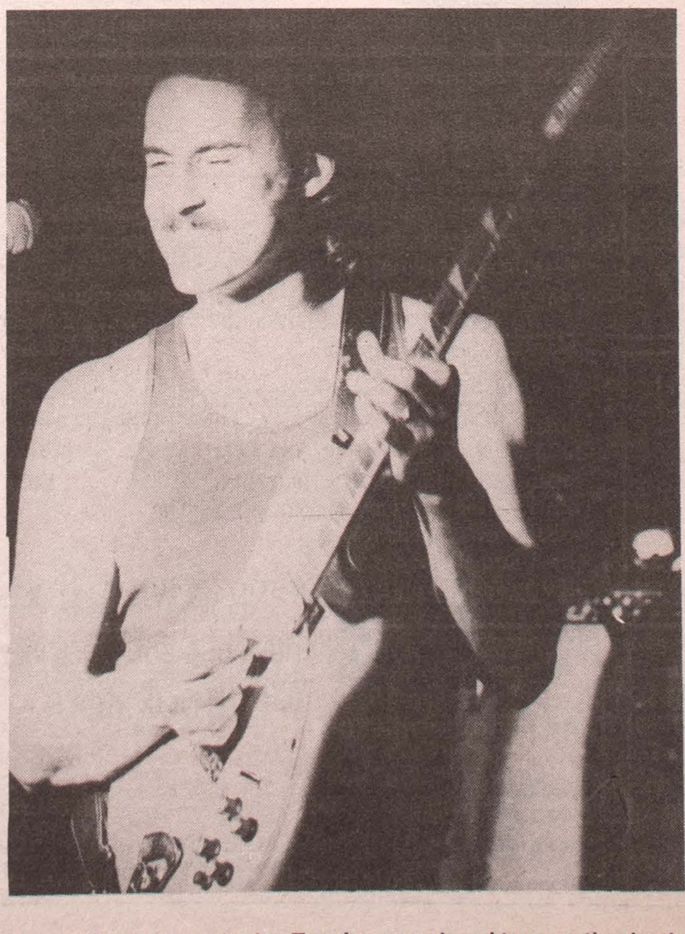
The annual Theta Chi Softball Tournament is scheduled for Saturday afternoon, but if the rain continues, will be rescheduled. Saturday night, the Thetas will be sponsoring a party in Dorchester. The party will go on, with or without the rain.

Monday 25

The Monday Series:Talks of Matters Worthy and Curious, opens this year with a poetry reading by Washington College graduate, William C. Bowie. Bowie was the 1975 winner of the Sophie Kerr Prize, and has published a book of poetry. A related article appears on this page. Tea will be served in the Literary House at 4 PM prior to the reading at 4:30.

Wednesday 27

This year's first Bach's Lunch, presented by the Music Department, will be held at 12:30 PM under the elm. The raindate is October 13.



WC's favorite blues guitarist, Tom Larsen, played to an enthusiastic crowd last Friday night in the Coffee House.

Heathers: teen angst with a body count

by Timothy J. Madison
Film Critic

In an age of self-pitying teen dramas (*Dead Poets Society*) and self-congratulatory teen comedies (fill in the blank), a movie like *Heathers* should come as a welcome breath of fresh air.

Heathers' vision of the high school hierarchy has about as much in common with John Hughes films as *The River's Edge* does with *Back to the Future*. *Heathers* is a satire in the purest sense of the word-a blackly comic satire at that.

The film is of such a rare breed that is unfortunate that it is not more successful at making its point.

The film centers around Veronica, a likable teen who has recently been accepted as a member of the most powerful clique in Westerburg High.

With the exception of Veronica, the clique is composed of three impossibly popular and artfully bitchy girls all named Heather.

These are the stereotypical rich snobs who play croquet when they aren't doling out humiliation to obese girls and other sundry geeks. Veronica is rightfully conscience-stricken, but feels powerless to stop the girls.

Enter J.D.: a super-cool loner with decidedly anarchist tendencies, who falls for Veronica and entangles her in his web of social revenge.

J.D. decides the only good Heather is a dead Heather and promptly begins knocking them off in his own version of social Darwinism. "The extreme always makes an impression," says J.D., and director Michael Lehmann seems to agree.

Among their assorted homicides, Veronica and J.D. gun down Westerburg's quarterback and linebacker and then frame it to look like a homosexual suicide pact. Much of *Heathers* revolves around society's emotionally anemic response to teen suicide.

At the same time, the film also toys with the inherently cruel nature of teen social jockeying.

The humor is supposed to spring from J.D.'s radical response, but this is an apocalyptic black comedy in the most extreme sense of the word-when J.D. reveals his ultimate plans to annihilate the student body of Westerburg, he maniacally proclaims it "a Woodstock for the eighties."

What makes Heathers difficult to palate is its lack of focus; any satire which asks the audience to accept such a black approach had better make it clear what is being satirized.

Daniel Waters' screenplay never seems quite clear on what it wants to be or who it wants to blame.

As a basic premise, *Heathers* probably sounded great on paper, but the more insightful jokes in the film end up being weighed down by the body count.

As Veronica, Winona Ryder continues to be one of the most likable and least irritating of teen actors.

Doing an only slightly subdued Jack Nicholson impression, Christian Slater systematically steals scenes as the relentless J.D.

These two actors are one of the main reasons *Heathers* gets as far as it does and both should be commended for not being sucked down by the film's confused undertow.

It should be acknowledged that one of the reasons that *Heathers* does not succeed is that it takes so many risks.

Heathers is nothing if not a subversively funny and genuinely disturbing film.

What the film lacks in coherence, it almost makes up for with nightmarish style. Unfortunately, the extreme does not always make the right impression and no amount of style can make up for that.

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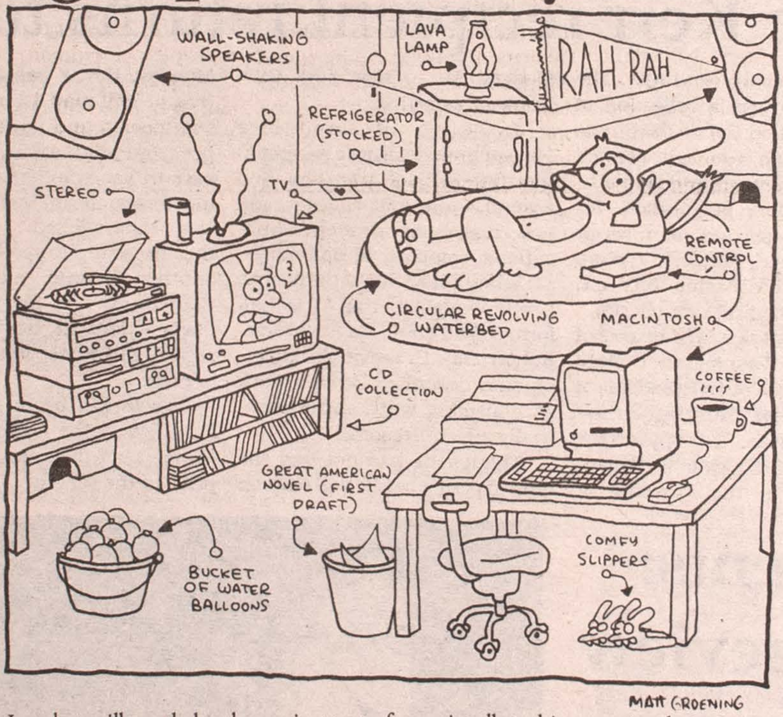

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Middendorf Scholars

According to an announcement from the Washington College Administration this week, two of the College's most deserving undergraduates, Michael McGinniss of Milford, Delaware, and Catherine Smithmyer of Queenstown, Maryland, are the 1989-90 recipients of one-year scholarships established last year through an endowment gift from Baltimore's Middendorf Foundation.

The scholarships awarded under the College's Middendorf Scholars Program are worth $6,000 each.

The Middendorf Scholars Program is intended to recognize and reward Washington College students who have demonstrated superior scholastic achievement and exemplary leadership within the student body. These scholarships, awarded to rising seniors each year, are considered one of the highest academic honors to be conferred upon an undergraduate student at Washington College.

Michael McGinniss, an English major intending to enter law school next fall, has a superlative scholastic record. A perennial Dean's List student, he was the recipient of the Fox Medal (freshman year), the Alumni Medal (sophomore year), and the Visitors and Governors Medal (junior year) for having the highest cumulative grade point average of his class. He was also the recipient of Sophie Kerr and Beneficial-Hodson scholarships. He has served on the executive board of the College's Writers Union and was peer adviser for two years.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McGinniss of Milford.

Catherine Smithmyer, an English major interested in working with either emotionally disturbed children or juvenile delinquents, intends to enroll in the education block at Washington College after graduation and hopes to do graduate work in psychology. A Dean's List student, she writes short stories and is a member of Christian Youth Fellowship.

Smithmyer, who has commuted to college from here Queenstown home in previous years, says the scholarship will enable her to live in Chestertown while concentrating on her studies. "I have five little brothers and sisters at home, and with the Chester River Bridge closing at nights, it would have been difficult for me to stay late to use the computers and the library," she says.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Smithmyer of Queenstown.

Internship offered to students

Oak Ridge Science and Engineering Research Semester (ORSERS) is offering Washington College juniors and seniors an opportunity to do hands on research at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) in Tennessee during the academic year.

ORSERS is part of a nationwide effort by the US Department of Energy to increase the quality and quantity of students preparing for careers in science, mathematics and engineering.

Participants become members of research teams engaged in long range, intensive investigations employing advanced facilities and equipment. Fields of study include artificial intelligence, biomedicine, chemistry, environmental and life sciences, computing and telecommunications, physics, mathematics and engineering.

While the emphasis of the program is hands on research, ORSERS also includes an educational enrichment component. Participants attend seminars and symposiums sponsored by the division at ORNL and have the option of enrolling in a laboratory approved course at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville or one of the nearby colleges. Students are also encouraged to arrange for the granting of academic credit by their home institutions for the research semester.

To be eligible for participation in ORSERS, students must be 18 years of age, have completed the sophomore year at an accredited US college or university, and be a US citizen or permanent resident alien. They must be working toward a degree in computer science, engineering, environmental or life sciences, mathematics or physical sciences. Guidelines suggest an overall gradepoint average of 3.0 or higher, based on A=4.0 scale.

While in the program ORSERS participants will receive a weekly stipend of $200 per week, free housing, and travel reimbursement for relocation to the appointment site.

According to National Science Foundation studies, by the year 2000 the United States will not have enough scientists and engineers to meet its needs.

According to Friedman, "Manpower projections for all types of scientists and engineers show the future demand for these specialists to be much greater than the supply. Experts contend that the gap is widening to serious, if not critical levels."

For more information on the ORSERS program contact Ernestine Friedman, ORSERS Program Manager, Science/Engineering Education Division, Oak Ridge Associated Universities, PO Box 117, Oak Ridge, TN 37831-0117.

Application deadline for the 1990 spring semester is October 20. The 1990 fall term deadline is March 15, 1990.

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for the various clubs on campus; any club president interested in receiving money from SGA should pick up a form from Student Activities and return it by September 27.

The next meeting will be held at 9:45 PM Tuesday, October 2 in the new SGA office in Minta Martin basement. All meetings are open and any interested students are welcome to attend.

KA's aid charity

by Don Diefendorf
Reporter

This past Labor Day the Beta Omega chapter was hard at work raising money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Chapter President Mike Jenkens, Historian Jon Longest, and Don Diefendorf traveled to TV station WBOC in Salisbury to work on the telethon. The three answered phones for four hours and raised a pledge total of over $2,000. In addition, Jenkens went on the air and presented a check for $250 on behalf of the chapter, and made a commitment to raise the total to at least $1,000 before year's end. Both the chapter and WBOC are already anticipating next year's telethon.

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past four years. Albers cites that the number of full-time student increased without a corresponding increase in faculty, which can lead to problems.

A "lopsided" increase puts heavier demands on professors, thereby putting more pressure on them in grading tests, quizzes and papers, with less commentary and personal attention.

Thus, attention outside of class becomes limited. For instance, advising and critiques on senior theses may suffer on the part of the faculty member.

"Additional demands are placed on a teacher by increased enrollment and these demands may have an adverse effect on the other responsibilities of the faculty," he stated.

The solution lies in additional faculty members. "An increase in the number of faculty could enhance the art of teaching," Albers wrote.

He and the SAB also recommended a greater variety in curriculum. This would allow for special topics which students request , less trouble with overcrowding in classes and in arena registration.

A third area of concern was with school financial reports.

"We find that in the past four years there has been a 47% increase in revenues from tuition and fees while only a 16.5% increase for instructional expenditures. Additionally there has been a 53% increase in total revenues while only a 32.5% increase of total education and general expenditures. These numbers do not include expenditures on debts, pensions, health insurance, or negative revenues from room and board." Financial aid increased 41%, which means, he said, that the school now "pays" for quality students.

Albers concludes by comparing Washington College with other schools. He found it "lagging behind".

He stated, "The physical appearance of the school has been greatly improved by generous donations from people who desire to help the College. Perhaps these philanthropists would be willing to endow a chair for a department they find especially important."

Cable

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Bishop, Director of Computing, and Jay Meranchik, Audio/Visual Director. The proposal explored the feasibility of the project from a technical aspect.

One suggestion explained in the report is the possibility of the college negotiating a contract with Simmons Cable in order to offer channels from the cable network. A video distribution system on campus would allow the campus to choose from a selection of channels offered from Simmons Cable and the satellite. The written report listed possible educational and entertaining stations that could be received via satellite. Science educational, language educational, international programming, teleconferencing, and other entertainment stations are possible options for channel selection.

According to Gene Hessey, Senior Vice President for Management and Finance, the financing of the project depends on the response from the college's proposal for the National Endowment for Humanities Grant. The College is expecting a positive reply concerning the grant, yet if the grant request is denied, the administration is willing to explore other possibilities for the financing of the project.

President Cater commented that he is interested in the students' response on the campus satellite station proposal.

The campus is now open to both individual dealings with Simmons Cable Company and the possible solution of acquiring a college owned satellite system. The suggestion of the campus to have cable television in the dorms will be determined by Simmons Cable's willingness to begin plans for cable installation and to cooperate with the college administration. Input of student and faculty concerning the proposal of the satellite station on campus is needed if the project will ever advance.

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and outflow of funds.

Another big change with the SGA Constitution involves the Student Conduct Council. According to the SGA Parliamentarian, Stuart Neiman, changes revolve around the philosophy that any infraction committed against the College is in fact a crime against the whole College community. Therefore, all aspects of the campus should be represented. As of this year there are five members of the SCC. The representatives will include Director of Athletics Geoff Miller representing the Administration, and Professor Edward Weissman representing the faculty, as well as one senior, one junior and one sophomore.

According to its executive officers, the SGA is an organization that is deeply dedicated to the advancement of this institution. The leadership of the officers of the SGA this year is intended to build a solid groundwork that will continue to benefit the College community.

Sports hall of fame

The Kent County News reported last week that five athletes will be honored at the Washington College Athletic Hall of Fame ceremonies on Friday, October 6.

Don Chatellier has been a member of the Athletic Department since 1955 and is currently active as a crew coach. He has coached a number of outstanding track teams and was actively involved with cross country. Chatellier will receive a special award at the ceremony.

Allen Rayfield Kirby grew up in Chestertown and eventually starred as a guard in Washington College football in the early 1940's.

From the past: "Little Joe" Ingarra was a starring Washington College Football and baseball player in 1949-50. Clayton McGran was also a football and baseball player, though years earlier from 1923 to 1925.Bill Smith was a basketball and baseball player in 1937.

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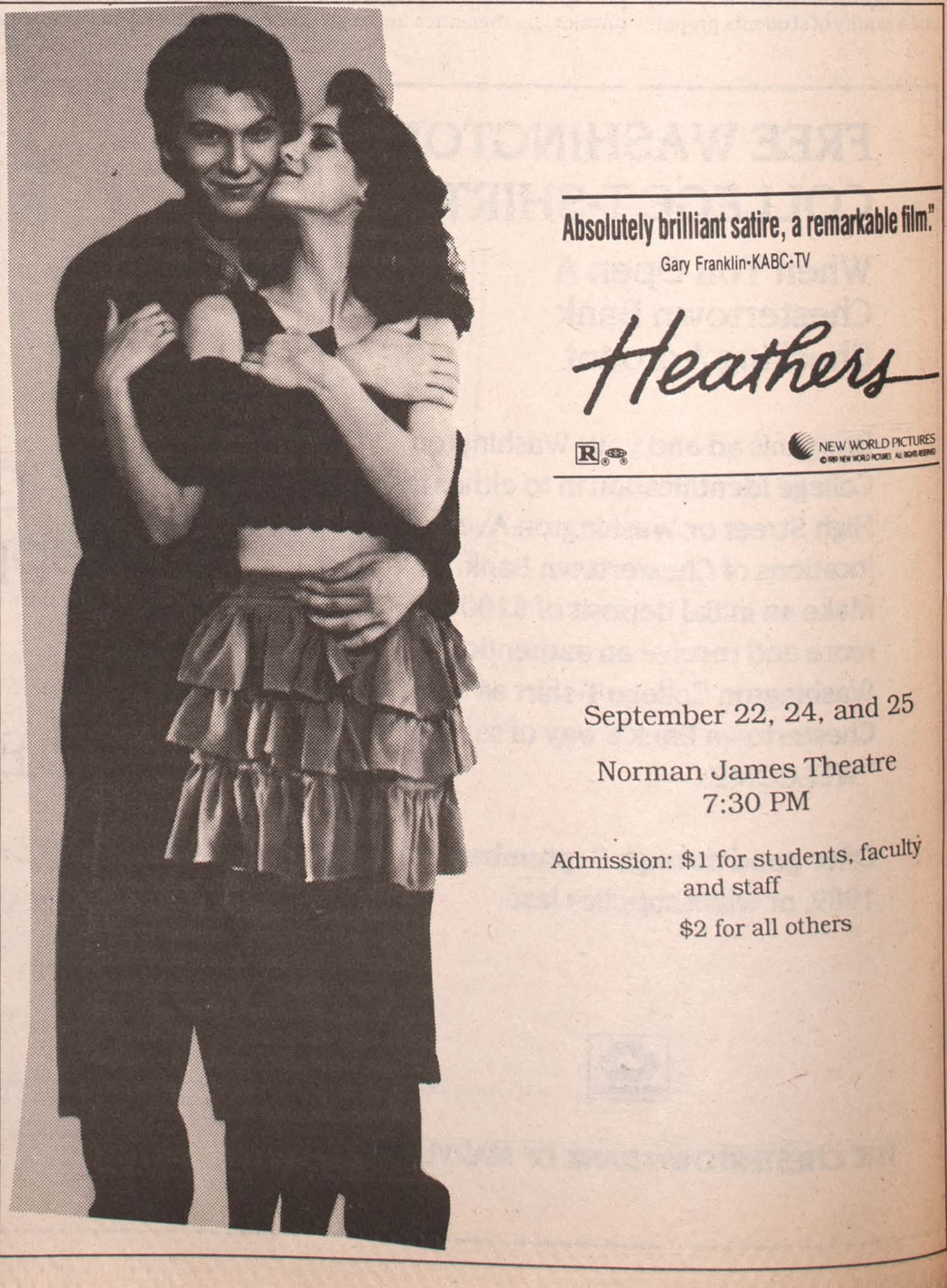
voice the concerns of Washington College faculty. Provost and Dean, Elizabeth Baer, and Senior Vice President of Management and Finance, Gene Hessey, are administrative representatives. Student representatives are Steven Attias, Student Government President, and Junior Class President, Maria Karukas. Karen Gossard Price is the Alumni member of the committee.

TABLE TALK

Congratulations to Jonas White and Karu Wiesenbaugh for winning the wool blankets September 20th during the blanket giveaway. The blankets were donated by Habeck and Zaitz Food Brokerage Firm. Thanks a lot to Haback and Zaitz Food Brokerage for making the prize giveaways possible.

This Wednesday evening we will be having "Recipes From Home". Recipes from home consist of recipes sent to us from the incoming freshman students. We started this program over the summer with hopes of making the transition from home cooking to ours easier. The response was really great. Hopefully, in the near future we will be continuing this program. Please feel free to give us some in put on the different recipes that will be served throughout the semester. I hope that everyone will have a great week.

Until then.."TT"



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Asbestos levels may pose danger in Tawes

by Tracey Connell
News Editor

The Washington College Administration recently engaged the services of an independent consulting firm, O'Neill Banks, to test levels of asbestos in Tawes Theater. At press time, administrators stated that the results would be released by this afternoon, and a meeting with students should take place at the beginning of next week.

President Cater stated that the firm was engaged after a review of the situation by the executive council. According to Cater, the College intends to deal with the possible threat "as effectively as possible. We wanted to be sure that no false alarm is set off. It is easy to start a scare on campus, so we want to address concerns."

Clint Baer, Director of Planning and Special Projects, is the presiding administrator. He stated that asbestos is often found in the form of insulation for purposes of fire prevention, but otherwise there "is a lot of asbestos in our environment." Brake pads in automobiles is an example.

A dangerous situation requires very high levels of "friability," a reading based on the number of particles in the air. According to Baer, long-term exposure is another factor.

Previous surveys of the theater failed to turn up damaging levels of the material. Dangerous levels have been discovered elsewhere on campus in the past: for example, asbestos was removed from Dunning Hall when it was renovated.

Last week, tests were conducted to determine the level of asbestos in the air at the theater. A hygienist from O'Neill Banks noticed particles of asbestos on the stairs and on walls in the backstage area and recommended that drama students as well as maintenance be warned not to "sweep in that area." No recommendation was made to cease operations there.

Baer stated that the theater is currently considered "safe" and there should be "no problem with its continued use."

Students are nevertheless concerned. Senior Alistair Paget is one student who has spent "a lot of time there over the past four years." He stated that students have noticed the dust before and now are not sure just how much of it is asbestos. He added that "the dust gets moved around a lot."

Paget did commend the

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Student Renee King took active part in Washington College's first Bach's Lunch, presented by the Music Department this past Wednesday, September 27.
(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

Patient escapes from local facility

by Ed Schroeder
Reporter

On Sunday night, September 6th, freshman Lisa Woodcock was walking from a friend's room in Wicomico to her room in Minta Martin when a 6'2" black man dressed in a green hospital gown raced by her. Seconds later two of the Kent County Upper Shore Psychiatric Facility security personnel knocked her over in attempt to capture the escapee. The incident has sparked controversy over what, if any, security measures should be taken by the College and the Facility.

Woodcock says that when she looked up from the squatting position into which she was compelled, she saw that four men were standing over the patient. While tremendous care was given to the apprehension of the escapee, little attention was given to Woodcock, who was pushed aside during the pursuit and capture.

"As I walked away [across the street towards Minta Martin], I saw that they threw him in a car and drove off. It was as if I hadn't even been there," she stated.

After a reportedly sleepless night, Woodcock and her friends went first to the Chestertown Police Station to report what had happened. According to Woodcock, the officer she spoke with said she had valid reason for

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Council uniting greek efforts reorganized

by Julie Schram
Reporter

In an attempt to bridge the gap between campus Greek organizations and the Administration, the Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC) has been revamped under the organization of Stuart Neiman, Student Government Association Parliamentarian.

Neiman met with the presidents and representatives of the fraternities and sororities September 13.

Only Frank Crivelli, President of Phi Sigma Kappa, was absent due to his own fraternity meeting, where it was subsequently decided to disband that fraternity and not to seek reinstatement.

The council met to discuss ideas and set up a nonconflicting social calendar. Neiman is optimistic about the council. "I can honestly see it happening," he said, "There was a lot of excitement generated at the meeting."

Neiman will act as the SGA representative and liaison at the biweekly meetings. To avoid animosity between the Greek organizations, the IFC is designed as a kind of "sounding board" where decisions will be made. There will be no chairperson and no discussion of internal fraternity or sorority affairs, unless it pertains to the campus as a whole.

Steve Attias, SGA President and member of the Kappa Alpha order, sees the reorganization of the IFC as a good idea. "It [Greek and campus unity] was part of my platform. Stu wanted to handle this, and I think he'll do a good job."

The IFC meetings will be held every other Wednesday, but will be closed, according to Neiman, until further notice.

Cable deadlines

by Sharon Bonner
Reporter

Simmons Cable Company is planning to meet with the College in the beginning of October. The reason for Simmons' absence from the last scheduled meeting was due to complications from the weather.

Remarked Cinda Benney, System Manager for Simmons Cable, "The College is not at fault for this part of the problem. We take responsibility for our shortcomings in handling the project. This is our busiest time of year and it has been very difficult to make everything run smoothly."

According to Simmons, another complication in the project is that the College requested that the poll lines between Campus Avenue and the fire lane be removed in order to beautify the campus area.

At this time the College is waiting for a written proposal to be submitted by Simmons Cable explaining the plan for the reinstallation of cable in Minta Martin, Cullen, Reid Hall, and Cardinal dorms. The cable wires previously installed in these dorms were destroyed during renovation.

This proposal will specify the cost of the underground feederline and cost of post wiring. Post wiring, the wiring of cable lines on the inside of the buildings, requires the redesigning of system maps for the dormitory area in order to make certain that no signal loss will occur.

Although no proposal has been officially written, the de-

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EDITORIAL

Convocation needs student input

Fall Convocation at Washington College has a history checkered with successes and failures, most falling into the latter category. Still, the ceremonies of the past three years show that this much-maligned event is beginning to show vague signs of life.

Convocation in 1987 was rather dismal; I remember nothing of it, save the fact that Tawes Theater was embarrassingly barren, and that I was there only to see a friend receive an award. Probably my poor recall is indicative of the inspiration sparked by that event.

In 1988, Convocation was the polar opposite of the previous year. Unfortunately, it was also conducted in bad taste. "Student leaders," which included a good portion of the campus, received letters informing them that they and their staff or constituents would be "recognized" at Convocation; the letter essentially stated that students should attend to avoid the embarrassment of not being present when their names were called.

Of course, Tawes Theater hosted a standing room only crowd last year, and Convocation was deemed a success on a grand scale by administrators. Yet, the ceremony itself was anything but ceremonious: President Cater hurriedly reeled off a list of names of "leaders," who didn't know whether to remain seated, stand, or wave.

Fall Convocation this year indisputably rose above its predecessors. Sure, there were empty seats, but the event was tastefully and smoothly carried out. Student leaders and sports figures were awarded citations instead of hearing their names hastily read from a list (though I can't help thinking that the SGA might be more deserving of a citation in the spring, when it will have actual—as opposed to promised—accomplishments to cite).

Still, Convocation is far from perfect; most students realize this, but are at a loss as to what specifically is needed to improve it. The answer lies in the choice of keynote speakers. Most students were unable to relate to Mr. Bloch's address this year; as important as science and its economical ramifications are, it is not an immediate concern to students who want to earn their degrees before tackling the world's economy. I can think of a million things I'd rather hear addressed instead of the economy; I'd rather be advised about the bleak ecological future of this planet (the economy won't matter much when the environment's destroyed). Students want to attend a Convocation geared to their interests, with speakers who will address their concerns.

Although committees aren't the answer to every problem on campus, maybe it's the solution here. As always, student involvement can improve any unsatisfactory situation; we should be consultants in recruiting keynote speakers to assure that we'll hear from people who will speak to us, not at us.

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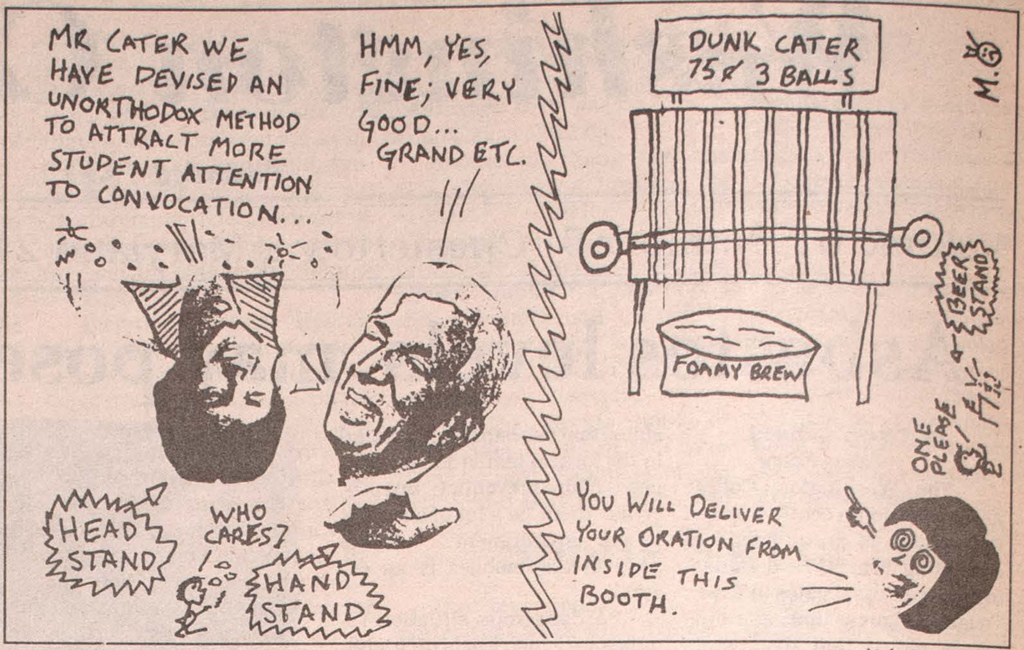
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Letters to the Editor

More lighting, new locks would improve security

To the Editor:

I realize that I am a new student at Washington College and as such, I have no previous knowledge of the students' views regarding security. Yet in spite of that fact, I wish to address some security problems I've seen during the last few weeks here. Normally, I don't walk into new surroundings and start criticizing it, however, an experience one of my friends had Sunday night has opened my eyes - and has somewhat frightened me.

Sunday night at around 9:30, my friend was walking from my room in Wicomico to hers in Minta Martin. Suddenly, she heard footsteps behind her; she turned around only to nearly be knocked down by a huge man in a hospital gown. Before she had a chance to regain her composure four men ran past her, knocked her down, tackled the gentleman in the gown, and handcuffed him.

Understandably, my friend was terribly frightened, and when she told me, so was I. Monday, we found out that this "hospital gown man" was an escapee from the Kent County Mental Health Facility about 1/2 mile from campus. This fact upset both of us more, but what was more concerning was that such situations are far from rare.

Perhaps this situation was extraordinary. Maybe it will never happen again. Or maybe it will. I can't predict the future but I can say-with some certainty-that security measures at W.C. can't help but invite trouble-no matter what the situation.

For example, the lighting here on campus is-shall we say-not very bright. The area between West Hall and the library is only lit by 1 globe on the basement door of West and 1 pair of lights by the library door. After dark, that area is so pitch black that it's hard to see even the sidewalk. Considering the condition of that sidewalk-not seeing it is pretty dangerous. The walkway from Smith Hall to Rte 213 is only lit by two poles in front of Middle Hall and all along Route 213 isn't even lit. Lighting is probably the single most effective security measure-ANYWHERE-not just Chestertown or WC. I propose lighting every walkway on campus.

The second security measure-which needs strengthening here is locks. I know that "all girl" dorms are locked by security. I assume this measure is to keep unwanted visitors out. Open windows in the basement don't really help to keep such visitors out-neither do doors which are propped open by wooden blocks. My second proposal is to install AUTOMATIC LOCKS on every dormitory-male and female. These locks would only open when a student inserts an ID card into the lock. That way students at WC could have open access to all dorms, but those who don't belong on-campus can't get into the buildings.

I know that my views may seem like harsh ideas coming from a frightened little girl. Maybe they are, but I would rather "OVERREACT" and know my safety is sure than brush something off and regret it later.

Thank you,
Kyndra L. Ponder
Freshman

New parking regulations enforced

To the Editor:

Due to the frequent overcrowding of student vehicles in William Smith parking lot measures have been taken to reduce the problem for students, visitors, faculty and staff.

New signs have recently been posted announcing that Smith lot is now reserved for faculty, staff and visitors only from 8 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday. We recommend that students park in the parking lot behind the Fine Arts Center. With increased construction on campus there is a greater need to keep this parking lot open to allow construction equipment enough room to maneuver around the construction areas.

Warnings are now being issued and ticketing will begin on Monday, October 2, 1989. We would like to thank everyone in advance for their cooperation.

Freshman Class Officers

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CAMPUS VOICES

ISSUE: Did you attend Fall Convocation? If so, was it a success? If you did not attend, why not?

"Perhaps I instinctively flee from boredom..."

David Morrison

How does the normal and average person respond to a convocation, i.e. a summons? The typical reply surely is fulfilled as the party called upon speedily proceeds to the nearest court of law, according to the date as specified within the summons itself. Now why does this scenario not describe the overall student response as President Cater attempts to convoke the WC community?

Perhaps this so far is overly general and for that reason presumptuous. In order to avoid the absolute arrogance demanded to suppose that I can speak accurately for any segment of the student population (other than myself), let me be just bombastic enough to offer my head to the chopper; I will state for the record that I did not attend Convocation, nor have I ever done so in the past. In fact I had to do a fair amount of research before I could even begin to comprehend what Convocation here at WC entails. To be quite frank I referred to the O.E.D. in order to peruse the classic usages associated with the word 'convocation.'

Now in retrospect, after the fact– the grand convoCATER has opened the academic year– I truly believe that I have missed something rather significant. To be sure, this august ceremony– one ripe with tradition– demands the attendance of the entire student body. Why, then, did I fail to attend? I say now, for the life of me, I do not know, nor have I ever known; I simply have never been perceptive enough to respond to Mr. Cater's summons.

Perhaps I instinctively flee from boredom; after reading the Elm accounting of Mr. Cater's convocation remarks I am sure that this is the case. I do not believe that I am blind or stupid (here I leave myself open to contradiction), but in order that I fail to recognize our small campus is changing significantly– being transmogrified, if you like– I would have to be an utterly inferior bat. This being the case I would not actually see the changes that our campus undergoes; rather I would hear them and subsequently translate those self-same sounds into mental images. However, the remarks Mr. Cater provided at Convocation do seem to be of high value– that is crucial for orienting the newcomer in regard to the history and significance that the construction bears to the campus. My problem is precisely that I am tired of wallowing through mud.

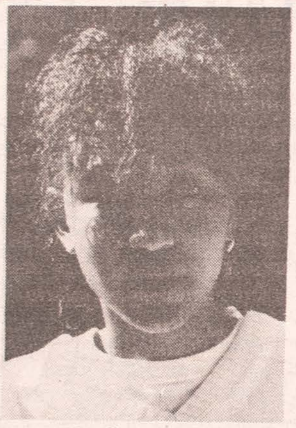
As to the proposed problem of my stupidity (I believe that I have cleared up the suggestion of blindness), maybe I fail to ascribe any particular importance to the changes presently taking place on campus. Indeed to do this would be quite vacuous. In point of fact I clearly understand that the small sacrifices made by the students of today must undoubtedly lend a vital substance to that potentially thriving campus of tomorrow.

Therefore I will walk through mud, fall down, get back up soiled, and feel privileged to do so; I will smile cheerily. Yet for some strange reason I will not trudge over to the theater and attend Convocation.

David Morrison, who graduated last year, is currently enrolled in the education block at Washington College.

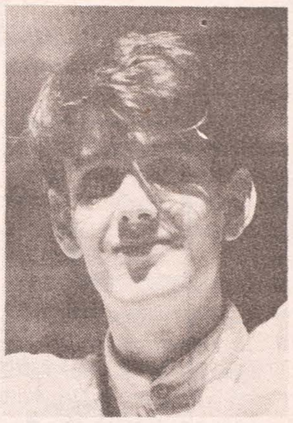
Jessica Aspiazu
Silver Spring, MD
Sophomore

If the intent of Convocation was to solely outline the intellectual direction of the school, they succeeded. But really, weren't there more pertinent issues to address to bring together a college community? I think the key speaker underestimated the students' concerns if he felt their only interest in the sciences was for their contribution to the GNP.



India Henson
Mannheim, Germany
Sophomore

The idea of having a fall convocation to boost student morale is very good, but I can't say that Convocation accomplishes what it sets out to do. I think that Convocation needs to be made more interesting– more lively– something that really grabs the attention of the student body. Students can stay in their dorm rooms and be bored.



Michael Tyson
Silver Spring, MD
Sophomore

The traditional format was like last year, prestigious, helping to make a unified scholastic atmosphere. However, I think Cater's and Bloch's words fell on either deaf, indifferent, or sleeping ears.

Mariella Ruiz
Peru
Senior

Yes, I don't think Convocation was as successful as it could have been because the main speaker said his point in too many words. The main idea of Fall Convocation should be stressed more.

Phillip Hammack
Front Royal, VA
Senior

Yes, I went. I don't think Convocation was successful. Mr. Bloch drove his point into the ground, not home.

by Amy L. Undercoffler

Students should give Fall Convocation a chance

Stuart Neiman

On Thursday, September 14, I attended what, I must admit, was my first Washington College Fall Convocation. Last year I truly wanted to attend, but like so many other WC students I had something more important to do. This year it occurred to me; the school makes so few requests of a student's free time, what could be lost by attending? In truth, I lost nothing; rather I gained a new perspective on the academic life of the College.

Perhaps seeing President Cater in a robe was what led me to this new understanding of Washington College's rich and vast history. Maybe it was the sight of the faculty, standing proudly in their gowns, displaying the colors of their field of study. Regardless of what it was, there was most definitely a feeling in the room that not even the heat could interfere with. It was a feeling that stemmed from the knowledge that I was a part of a much larger picture. Though I sat with other members of student government, I sat first and foremost as a student of liberal arts in the 10th oldest college in the United States.

In conversations following this year's Fall Convocation, I have found myself having to defend the importance of a ceremonial convocation to different students. The one thing which I have found that all of them have in common is the fact that none of them have ever attended either the Fall or Spring Convocation. They feel confident to judge, without ever having experienced the ceremony. To them I say, "at least give it a chance, if you still don't like it you can hold Washington College responsible for those two hours of your life."

Oddly enough it is often those same people who say that the College doesn't provide enough activities outside of the classroom. We all know that there is a need for more school sponsored activities, but at least give the ones which the school does make available a chance.

This Convocation seemed to be a special one, based on a rather small number of empty seats. In his remarks, President Cater addressed this fact by stating that he was indeed pleased that they were able to fill many of the once empty seats with warm, enthusiastic bodies. As is often the case, the alumni, faculty, and administration were all well represented. But this year's Convocation brought with it a large number of the newest members of the Washington College community, namely the freshman class. The freshmen, in addition to the impressive number of fraternity and sorority members present as well as other upperclassmen, helped to contribute to the true success of the evening.

Success in a Convocation is not merely determined by the number of bodies that you have in an auditorium. It must involve the feeling that the ceremony leaves in the individuals once they leave the room. Having listened to the speeches and seeing the special recognition given to those who strive to achieve the pinnacle of what Washington College stands for, I can say that I was able to leave the auditorium with a better understanding of what it means to be a student here at WC.

I can't say that everyone left the room with the same feeling, but I feel safe in saying that anyone who attended the Fall Convocation could not help but feel a part of the community as a whole.

Stuart Neiman is the Sophomore Class President.

PERSPECTIVES

Editorial

The Mafia is waging war on Sicily

Laura Hopper
Perspectives Editor

When the name Sicily is mentioned, it conjures up images of the Godfather, the Mafia, killing, and vendettas. On a whole, the word revenge seems to sum up Sicily.

There is a war in progress on Sicily. A war very similar to the one in Colombia. A war about money and power. But in Colombia, it is almost easy to tell the difference between right and wrong. On Sicily, it is almost impossible.

On Sicily, the war is between local mafia families, the Laurettas and the Cocominis, and a very powerful family, the Corleonese. The battle is taking place in Gela.

Gela is on the southern coast of the island. Once it a small city of fishermen, farmers, and artisans. People who couldn't find jobs in Gela moved away. When a petrochemical refinery was built near Gela, thousands moved to the city hoping to find work. The city planners were unable to cope with the mass immigration, so few of those who moved to Gela have running water, electricity, or sewers. The schools are so overpopulated that the students come in shifts; and the hospital sometimes is without water, and patients go without adequate care.

The refinery, Enimont, didn't need the thousands of unskilled laborers who moved to Gela. It required highly skilled labor that was brought in from outside. Although Enimont employs 6,000 local workers, there are 15,000 people without jobs in Gela.

It would seem that there is very little worth fighting over in Gela. This is a story about killing, money, revenge, and modernization. Modernization is the biggest cause of Gela's woes. The mafia families are fighting over public contracts for three dams. At stake are millions of dollars and hundreds of lives.

On December 23, 1987, Salvatore Lauretta and Orazio Coccomini were killed. Their deaths led to series of reprisals that has lasted for nineteen months. During this time, there have been 63 murders and around 100 attempted homicides. Included among the dead are the victims of the Christmas eve massacre, Salvatore Polara, allied with the Corleonese family, his wife, and two of his children. Some have been wounded unintentionally. Ugo Liardi, the brother of the mayor of Gela, was wounded in an attempt on someone else's life.

(There are rumors this battle is also over drugs. Stories of a secret refinery, and mysterious boats that dock in Gela at night are circulating in Gela.)

The authorities on Sicily expect they will never find the people responsible for the killings. As one official put it, "they all see the murders, but no one talks about them." Why would anyone want to? The only reward would be death.

The saddest parts of this story are that they people responsible for the killings and violence, the people actually pulling the triggers are young. They are not lifetime members of the mafia. They are young people from the slums of Gela. For them, crime is the easy way out. It is a quick alternative to years of struggle. There certainly are few alternatives available to them in Gela. The other sad part is that the cause of all this bloodshed is modernization. A desire by the government to make life on Sicily, life in Gela, better. The people on Sicily who will benefit the most from modernization are not the people who live in the slums of Gela. They are the same ones who have kept the island so primitive.

In the World

THE UNITED STATES

Hurricane Hugo, one of the worst tropical cyclones in years, devastated the Caribbean Islands and Puerto Rico earlier last week. By the time it made direct hits on the South Carolina coast with almost 140 mile-an-hour winds, it was officially listed as the tenth most intense hurricane of the 137 that have ripped into the United States since the turn of the century. A dozen people died and thousands lost their homes.

THE SOVIET UNION

A new law legalizing opposition groups and giving them equal rights with the Communist Party has been drafted by a committee from the Soviet Union's legislative body, the Supreme Soviets. The legalizing of other political groups would create a multiparty government, adamantly opposed by hard-liners. The law will come up before the full legislature by the end of the month, where it is expected to meet with resistance. The proposal came in response to the burgeoning of unofficial parties in almost every republic. It would be "the most dramatic step towards democracy" since the introduction of a popularly elected Parliament in March, some say. Mikhail Gorbachev, besides saying that the introduction of a multiparty system is premature, has not taken a firm stance in favor or against the law.

COLOMBIA

Many Colombians are angered at the US for allowing the collapse of an agreement that kept up the prices of coffee—its major legal export—by setting quotas on exports. Since the international agreement was suspended two months ago, coffee prices have dropped more than 40%. The industry employs three million Colombians and creates monies for the armed forces, the building of roads, hospitals and schools. Many are worried that the rising tide of unemployment will wear away the public's support of President Barco's drug war. Money lost due to the drop in coffee prices could mean a severe decrease in military spending which makes up 14.5% of the national budget.

compiled by Cecile Gutscher

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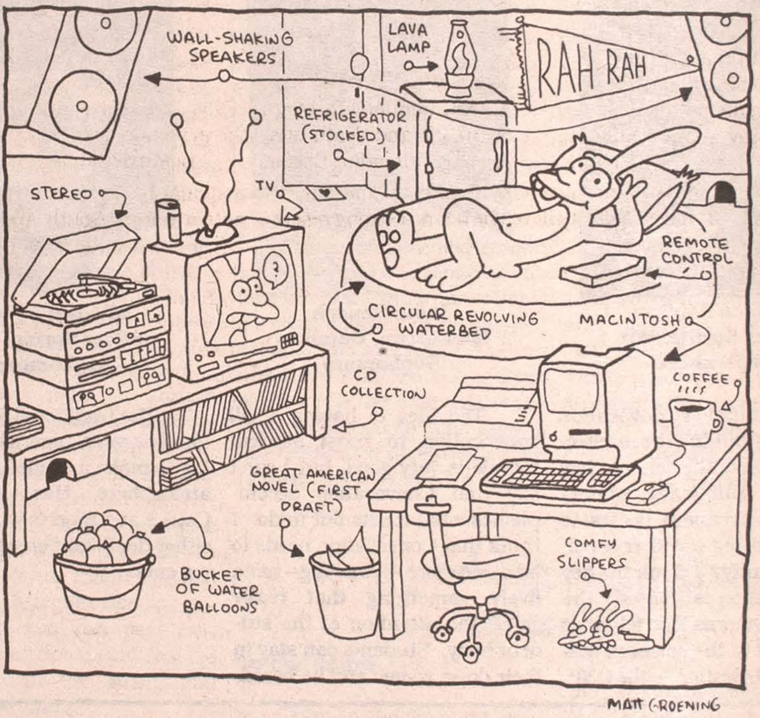

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Minorities adjusting at Washington College

by Kate Absher
Features Editor

Washington College, dripping with 18th century America, mirrors the time period she was founded. The student body consists mostly of students with northern European ancestry; minorities make up a small minority here. Attending are ten Asians, twelve Hispanics, and eight full time blacks. Because of this lack of ethnicity, many minorities have difficulty in adjusting, others have found their niche.

On October 9, 1989, Senior Jin Kyung Pak celebrates her eighth year in the United States. To cap off this anniversary, Pak returns next summer to Korea, a land she has not seen since her arrival to the US. A Korean art book, she came upon in the library, sparked her urge to visit Korea: "The whole book brought back the forgotten Korean heritage. All of a sudden I [missed] Korea a lot."

Explaining why she forsook her Korean heritage for the US, Pak gushes forth compliments about the US educational system and how it provides opportunities for all. But when asked if she would like to continue to live in the US, her voice breaks: "I don't plan to live in America because I will always remain as alien no matter how many years I stay here."

Pak does not accept her minority status: "I never felt myself as a minority. I consider myself more of an international student than a minority student...I always consider myself a Korean diplomat." Pak holds no bitterness; she finds Americans: "very tolerating; they are willing to take anyone, especially the younger generation is more accepting. I have many friends here, and there are a few Americans here I would like to invite to Korea some day."

Sophomore Joan Koo, however, feels she has adapted well, and does not foresee any problems with continuing to live in the US: "Many places in the states are multi-cultural. I don't think I'm going to feel left out or anything." Unlike Pak, Koo yearly returns to Korea to visit her family, entrenched in the ways of Korean society. This entrenchment forces Koo to juggle her newly adopted American standards with Korean social standards: "I act differently when I'm at home than here. At home I'm more reserved, and I follow the rules of the society. Here, it is more relaxed, and I can do what I want."

Senior Laleh Malek juggles two different cultures also. Born in the US to Iranian parents, Malek returned to Iran for nine years, but in 1979 fled to the US. Malek reveals she finds it easy to cope with the homogeneous atmosphere at Washington College: "I attended a Catholic all-girls school in Baltimore where the student body consisted of maybe two or three Iranians and two or three blacks, so Washington College was not much of an adjustment." Although Malek's friends have no multi-cultural background, she dates a Washington College graduate from Jordan: "I was more able to relate to him because of his eastern background. It's not like I wasn't attracted to Mr. Blonde Lacrosse Player, but we just hit it off."

After reading Robert Sam Anson's Best Intentions, a biography of the life and death of a Harlem teenager attending Exeter Academy, freshman Tim Johnson believes he bears a strong resemblance to Edmund Perry. Like Perry, Johnson feels he is "living in two different worlds." Although Johnson is black, his parents are white: "I was adopted like [the TV show] Different Strokes when I was eight months old."

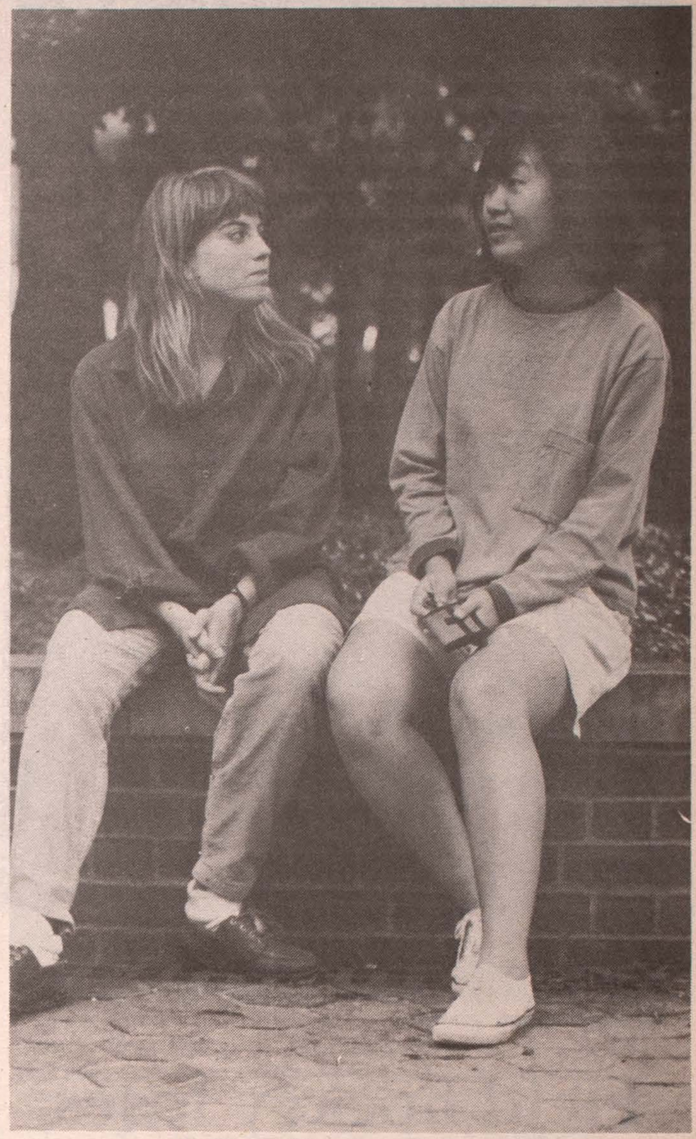
Yet while attending high school, most of his friends were black, but because of his family background, he was able to separate himself somewhat from the opinions of his black friends. Johnson explains, "I act kind of different with my black friends. White friends are more concerned with school; blacks want to play ball and pick up girls. A lot of them don't take their future seriously. I was kind of different because I went to college."

A hoodlum writhing with pain from an undercover cop's bullet represents the last image of Edmund Perry. Johnson, however, is "doing all right;" he maintains a balance between the two cultures to which he belongs.

Unlike Johnson, sophomore India Henson is not able to draw boundaries between white and black: "It all goes back to my upbringing. I can't categorize this acting black and this is not." Because her father is in the military, Henson's upbringing consisted of a very mobile childhood; she attended high school in Hawaii but graduated from high school in Aberdeen, Maryland. Her family now lives in Germany. "A guy from Salisbury said to me that [Washington College] was a predominantly white school, and you may not like it. In a military community the person across the street from you may be Korean and the person next door may be white, and I told him it wouldn't be a problem for me, and it hasn't been."

To Henson, black and white merge like her family background of Cherokee Indian, white, and black because she has never faced prejudice. "I have family that live in Tennessee. Things are still segregated— not legally but socially. . . It all depends on where the person is from ."

Heath Bethune derives from a similar background: "My parents are from South America... They didn't have to go through the Civil Rights Movement. I've been brought up to believe people are people."The senior also was brought up in a predominantly white neighborhood in Long Island, New York : "I don't follow what all the black kids do. They listen to rap; I don't like rap." Active in varsity lacrosse Bethune feels he fits well into campus life; most of his friends are lacrosse players telling him that "I'm more white than they are."



Outside Miller Library Jin Pak and Cecile Gutcher converse.
(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

Completely opposite to this experience is freshman Dawn Israel. Israel, who is black, lives in Baltimore, and attended a high school that was "95% black." Israel, therefore, has difficulty adjusting to an primarily white college campus: "It's like going to a new planet or something. The parties are especially different. [At home] there was different music. Parties didn't have a lot of drinking in it, and we danced a lot and ate. The emphasis wasn't put on drinking as much as it is here."

Because there exists such a small minority of blacks on campus, Israel thinks "a lot of black students are trying to hide their true identity. I don't want a black clique walking around the campus. I just want them to know that I'm here."

Although he went to a primarily white high school, senior Charles "Tank" Duckett supports some of Israel's thoughts: "This school is about the way I grew up. The only think that bothers me is the numbers— because you can't establish a black social club or minority fraternity." Duckett also says that the lack of courses geared toward minorities is discouraging: "Since I've been here, I've seen blacks come and go— within a semester or two."

Duckett also senses he is living in two different worlds: "When I'm here, I'm Charles; when I'm at home, I'm Tank." At college, Duckett separates himself from his black neighborhood of Severna Park; he states he did not join a fraternity here because he could not imagine inviting his black friends to come up and party with him. Definite boundaries form themselves in Duckett's world: "If you go out and be pro-black, you can really alienate yourself. You can dig yourself a hole."

According to Duckett, the location, social life, and price of Washington College hinder minority enrollment. Kevin Coveney, Director of Admissions, adds,"We have been able to recruit minority students...Not until they come here for a campus visit do they see the lack of community."Still, Duckett yearns for a more well-rounded campus. "The only blacks you see are the people in the food service, and it's kind of a slap in the face that there can be black employees and not black administrators."

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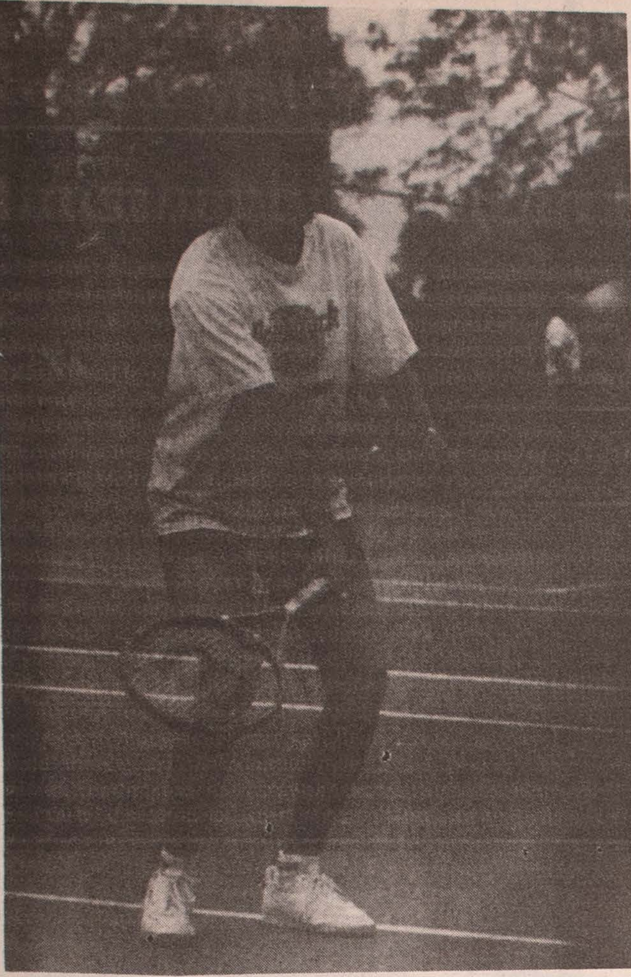

Monica Blanco skipped the Mount St. Mary's tournament, but she figures to play a major role in the success of the women's tennis team this season. *(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)*

Women's tennis plays well in Division I tournament

by Fred Wyman
Men's Tennis Coach

Washington College women's tennis coach Holly Bramble was concerned that her players would be "in over their heads" at the Division I Mount St. Mary's Fall Tournament held at Emittsburg, MD over the weekend. She was very pleased with the team's performance, however, as Tracy Peel, Miriam Dittman and Rachel Rice proved they were able to compete at the Division I level.

After bowing to Seton Hall's Gina Pileggi, Tracy Peel reeled off three straight victories to advance to the semifinals of the #1 singles flight consolation tournament. Peel defeated Seton Hall's Stacy Loring 6-1, 7-6 (10-8), Mary Washington's Christy Copper 6-4, 6-0 and West Virginia's Carrie King. Peel eventually lost to Howard's Anjanette McIlwan in a close match 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Unforced errors plagued Peel in her opening round match. The WC ace played very tentatively and was never able to find her rhythm, falling 6-3, 6-0. Her most satisfying win came over Division III rival Christy Copper of Mary Washington. Copper was nationally ranked in both singles and doubles, thus becoming the second nationally ranked player that Peel has defeated this fall.

The team of Miriam Dittman and Rachel Rice were Washington College's only entry in the doubles competition. The tandem played in the #2 doubles flight, falling in their first match to a duo from St. John's 6-3, 6-2. They were able to rebound and defeat Loyola's #2 team in three sets, but were eliminated by a doubles team from West Virginia. In any case, all three players displayed poise in their performance against tough Division I competition.

Schwartz shines at Swarthmore

by Fred Wyman
Men's Tennis Coach

Sol Schwartz could not crack the top six spots on the men's tennis team as a freshman last year. The sophomore has come into his own this fall, playing well at Millersville and giving an inspired performance at Swarthmore over the weekend. Schwartz was the only WC netter to advance to the semifinals of both singles and doubles in his flight at the ninth annual Tim Berman Memorial Tennis Tournament.

Both of Schwartz's singles triumphs were three set victories. After winning only one game in the first set against George Washington's John Kraushaar, Schwartz swept the final twelve games to take the match 1-6, 6-2,6-0. In the quarterfinals, Schwartz's blistering returns and accurate passing shots enabled the lanky righthander to oust Temple's Kyle Hawthorne 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

The eight team tournament featured four flights of both singles and doubles play, and was loaded with top players from both Division I and Division II. Host Swarthmore was the only other Division III school to participate in the tournament. George Washington, Temple and Penn State were the Division I schools participating in the two day event.

All-American Scott Read was Washington's only entry in the #1 singles flight. Read maintained his poise in upending a tenacious Lee Tucker of Swarthmore 6-7,6-4,6-3. in his first round match. Penn State's Jason Rayman came up with the big shots when he needed them, nipping Read 7-5,6-4 in the quarterfinals. Rayman went on to win the tournament without dropping a set.

Alberto Diaz had another good tournament playing in the #2 singles flight. The freshman phenom rallied to edge Millersville's Dean Edgehill 3-6,6-2,6-4 in his first match. Diaz then lost to Bloomsburg's Marc Lupinacci for the second consecutive week. This match ended with the same score of last week's match, 6-2,6-4. Diaz and Sol Schwartz were the only doubles team to win, defeating Millersville's duo 7-5,6-4. The men's tennis team continues to display an amazing amount of depth and talent during the fall season. The squad is also showing a great deal of promise for upcoming league play against Division III competition.

Field hockey loses, record drops to 1-3

by Jennifer Stickney
Reporter

For the second time in a week, Washington College's field hockey team met its opponent on foreign turf, muddied by the cold, driving rain. As a result, the Sho'men bowed to Elizabethtown 7-2 in their game last Saturday, dropping their record to 1-3.

Elizabethtown struck quickly with two goals early in the first half. The team bounced back, however, on a goal from senior Carole Reece. The goal was assisted by Jen Blenckstone at the 21:04 mark and brought the score to 2-1. For the remainder of the half, Elizabethtown bombarded goalie Brigid DeVries with shots. DeVries performed well, collecting six saves in the first half. Elizabethtown was still able to score twice before the half, extending their lead to 4-1.

Washington College improved their play in the second half, yet they were able to do little about the score. The team, led by Reece, Blenckstone and Amy Tiehel, was able to settle down in the second half. They played with renewed confidence, as well as a new-found intensity. Elizabethtown, however, continued to score, increasing their lead to 6-1. Carole Reece broke the scoring streak again, contributing her second goal of the game. This score came on a penalty stroke, closing out the scoring for WC. Elizabethtown was able to score once more before the buzzer sounded, bringing the final score to 7-2.

"What was most frustrating was that we played well considering the conditions," Coach Guinan commented. "I don't believe the score was indicative of the team's play. Elizabethtown was the stronger team, but not to the degree that the score would make it appear." The team plays Albright and Goucher this week, and they hope field conditions improve as they shoot for their second victory of the year.

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ARTS

Student production confronts racial issues

by Stephanie Hess
Arts Editor

Esther Diamondstone is bringing social consciousness to Washington College in the form of her senior project, a production of the play *"for colored girls who have considered suicide/ when the rainbow is enuf."*

Called a choreopoem by its author, Ntozake Shange, the play involves monologues in narrative poem form, connected by dialogue and dance, and performed by seven women. According to actress Emily Lott, who plays one of the seven women, the goal of the play is to "depict a black woman's struggles."

Lott added that while the play is about black women, it presents problems that are universal to all women. The women deal with their experiences with men, sex, old lovers, rape and abortion, and dance is the unifying force in which all the women, relate their feelings.

Diamondstone pointed out that while each of the characters are real people, they are universal people, who speak for each other and all women. For example, when three of the women speak about rape, the audience knows that all seven of the women have experienced rape. Diamondstone explained that the characters are "bigger than people."

One concern that Diamondstone expressed about the production is that it is a play about black women, with an all white cast. She hopes that it will not be an important issue for the audience, adding, "it would be great if I could do it with a black cast, but I can't."

She is worried that the show will fail because of the color issue, but she says "it might be a total flop, but I don't think that's a good reason not to do it." Additionally, "even if the show is a flop, if nothing else, it brings up the issues."

"The issues" of which she speaks are those involving the lives of black women and the ways in which they are treated. While she believes it is narrow to view theater only as an opportunity to educate people, she wants to raise consciousness about what it is like to be a black woman. Diamondstone admits that as a white person, she is part of the group that created the problems the women in the play face and consequently, she feels slightly uncomfortable producing the play. At the same time, as a woman, she can empathize with these women's problems.

She suspects the audience will be all white and hopes that they will develop an empathy for the women also. To achieve this, she has designed the set so that the actresses can move through the audience as they perform. While this arrangement allows very few seats, Diamondstone feels it is essential to permit audience involvement in the play.

Diamondstone has seen several productions of the play, and says she knows it better than any of the plays she was considering for her senior project. The playwright, Ntozake Shange is one of Diamondstone's heroes; Diamondstone explains that as a black woman writer, Shange is conscious of herself in a way that most people are not.

For Diamondstone, who grew up in a black neighborhood of Philadelphia and attended a public school that was 90% black, Shange and this play represent a part of her life that she misses here at Washington College.

Last year she was visual designer for Gina Braden's senior project, *The Eumenides*, and light designer for *Leocadia*. She could have used either of those jobs to fulfill her senior requirement, but instead decided to direct and design lights, sets and costumes for *colored girls*.

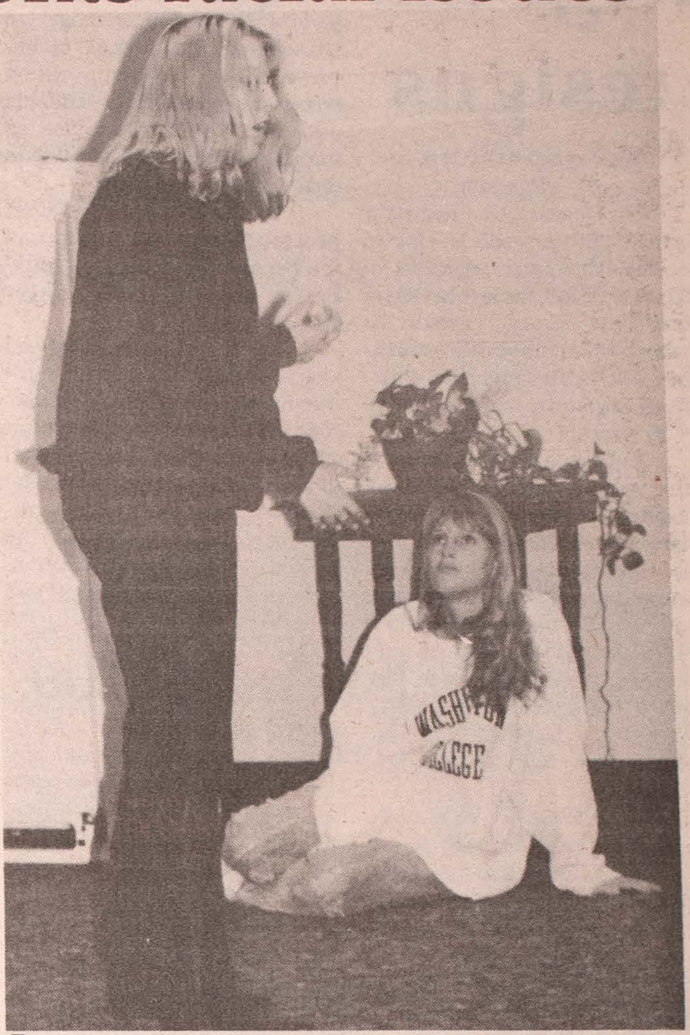
The seven women in the production are played by Wendy Kloiber, Emily Lott, Michele Volansky, Nitza Morgan, Jeanette Smith, Cindy Croot, and Carey Smith, a mix of seniors, juniors and sophomores who have had extensive experience in the theater department.

Technical Director is Alistair Paget, assisted by Thomas Andrews. Sophomore Dee Reigal is the Stage Manager.

Volansky calls *colored girls* " an important play...not just a play for women, about women...a play for everyone."

Says Diamondstone in conclusion, "maybe some man will go home from this and look at his daughter or his sister differently; maybe some woman will go home and look at her husband differently. If that can happen, then I will have achieved what I wanted."

"for colored girls who have considered suicide/ when the rainbow is enuf" is scheduled for next Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 8PM. Reserved tickets are strongly recommended and can be acquired by calling 778-2800, ext. 269.



Two cast members, Nitza Morgan and Emily Lott, rehearse their lines for Esther Diamondstone's production of *"for colored girls who have considered suicide/ when the rainbow is enough."*
(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

Campus Events

Sept. 29-Oct.2

The Washington College Film Series presents *Comic Book Confidential*, a documentary about American pop culture. The film will be shown at 7:30 PM in Norman James Theater.

Sept. 29

Acoustic guitarist, Steve Taylor, will play his twelve string guitar and sing in the Coffee House, at 9 PM. In addition to performing songs recorded by James Taylor and Neil Young, he will perform some originals. Admission is free.

Sept. 30

The fraternities and sororities will get together for the Greek Games. In the evening, *The Bash* will play behind Tawes Theater from 9 PMto 1 AM.

Oct. 2

The Monday Series presents "An Introduction to the Exhibit: THE BIEDERMEIER PERIOD," a talk by Professor Joachim Scholz. The exhibit, featuring highlights from the renowned Biedermeier period of Austrian culture, on loan from the Austrian Institute, will be on display through Oct. 6 in the O'Neill Literary House. The talk will begin at 4:30.

In the evening, The Sophie Kerr Lecture Series features William Spengemann, Professor of English from Dartmouth College. The title of Spengemann's lecture is "Rescuing English," and will begin at 8 PM in the Sophie Kerr room of Miller Library.

Oct. 3

The Washington College Lecture Committee presents "Presidential Elections in Peru: The Role of the United Left," by Peruvian visitor, Wilma DerPich. The lecture will be held at 8PM in the Sophie Kerr room.

Oct. 5

The first Drama Production, *"for colored girls who have considered suicide/ when the rainbow is enuf"*, will be presented in Tawes Theater at 8 PM. A related article appears above.

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NEWS

Registrar resigns

by Jennifer Golden
Reporter

On October 13, Registrar David F. Butters will leaving to become the new registrar of Glassboro State College in Glassboro, New Jersey. Ermon N. Foster will temporarily replace him. Mr. Foster preceded Butters as Registrar; he held the job for 37 years.

Butters has made numerous contributions to the Registrar's office over the past three years. Most notable was his introduction of computer automation into the his office. Butters said that Foster realized the need for computers and "recommended someone to hire with a computer background." Butters was hired and put the school "on line" within six months.

Converting to computers takes most schools many years; Washington College was successful in six months. Butters agrees, "I'm very proud of the successful conversion. We did have some problems but we were able to monitor and correct them."

As a result of the automation, Butters stated, "The volume of information now available is enormous." Computers provide more accurate class size predictions for Admissions and can help monitor budgets.

Butters hopes to take his style of the "working manager" to Glassboro. He intends to improve the communication barrier between faculty, students and administration as well as improve his new staff's ability to deal with interruptions.

Butters stated, "most people see only our errors and the personality of our workers." He will also work with a larger student population.

His departure has received some criticism, as he is leaving in the middle of a semester. However, Butters points out that Glassboro originally wanted him to start September 1st., but he chose to stay until October– traditionally the slowest part of the semester– to ease the transition. Butters informed his superiors of his decision in May.

Asbestos

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recent actions of the Administration. "It's good that they're keeping an eye on that. Even if they find out it's dangerous, nobody's done anything wrong. Nobody can really be blamed."

According to Baer, if results of the test show that dangerous levels of asbestos exist, then the College will be responsible for developing a plan and a timetable for removal. "There is an outside chance that we might have to close the building. But that is a worst case scenario."

All of this is in keeping with the Administration's "commitment to life safety," stated Baer.

Escape

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coming down there and reporting the incident, and said that this happens a lot here in Chestertown. He stated that facility calls them "walk offs," but they should be called "run offs," and a gate or fence should be put up.

Woodcock was told by Dr. William W. Tubbman, Jr., a doctor at the facility, that the term "walk off" refers to the patients in the facility who receive a calling and feel that they themselves must leave the premises.

"They don't escape, they walk away," Tubbman stated. "Often you'll find that a patient does not want to deal with a medication or treatment, and sometimes they just leave. We really haven't had any problems with this, though, because most of our patients are harmless and they have often returned on their own."

Woodcock and her friends approached Tubbman on the issue of the hospital's security. According to Woodcock, Tubbman said that he didn't believe that a fence or a gate was necessary because this is not a prison institution; people often just feel that they have to go, so get used to it, she was told.

She was offered psychiatric therapy and a tour of the facilities, but according to Tubbman "was very set on what she wanted. And that was to lock up the patient and to fence him in."

Tubbman offered Woodcock and her friends a tour of the facility to show her that the patients were rather harmless. He mentioned that other institutions, such as Hickey, offer maximum security. This often takes away the purpose of the institution, making the inhabitants focus more on their therapy. Woodcock refused the tour.

"We have a pretty good record with this over the past few years," Tubbman said, "Three thousand admissions, one discharge and one admission on average every day."

The program that the admittees go through lasts 30 days. Through activities, the patients progress through certain activities so that they can function properly in society. After a period of time, they are given passes to go out shopping in town and to see what is around them. This hasn't resulted in any problems as of yet.

Woodcock asked the question,"If these are voluntary patients here at the hospital, why are they being chased? If they aren't voluntary, why isn't there a fence or something to slow them down? Something like they have around elementary schools."

Mr. Tubbman said in response, "These are human beings that we are treating at the psychiatric ward, trying to help their problems, not trying to put them in cages and turn them into animals."

In any event, the Washington College Security system has taken measures to increase safety of poorly secured areas on campus. Measures are being taken by Jerry Roderick, Director of Security, and maintenance to make certain nightly that all current lighting is operational. Lighting is also being considered for the north end of Kent House and the area near Wicomico as well as the walkway between Middle and East Hall (at least until the path behind Middle Hall is opened).

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signs are expected to be completed and submitted to Benney by the first or second week of October. As soon as the plans are presented to the College, Simmons will proceed with the installation of cable in Caroline, Queen Annes, Kent House, Hodson Hall, East, Middle, and West dorms while waiting for the college's decision.

In the future, Simmons expects to set a day at the beginning of the next school year when the it will come to campus instead of students traveling to Simmons' office to pay their bill and get cable equipment.

Cable is expected to be installed in Caroline, Queen Annes, Kent House, Hodson Hall, and the Hill dorms by the end of October if no other significant changes occur within that time.

TABLE TALK

It is documented that the average American adult gains 1 pound per year. That does not sound like much until you figure that it adds up to a 30 pound gain by age 55. There are exciting and enjoyable approaches in order to maintain the weight gain. Just think activity. If you engage in some kind of activity you burn up calories faster than if you are inactive. Climb stairs instead of using the elevator. Eat lightly in the evening when you are least likely to be active, or take a stroll after dinner. A 30 minute walk of about a mile each day will use up 75 to 120 calories. That's enough to prevent that yearly weight gain.

Fall Break Meals

Thursday - Regular meal time
Friday and Saturday
  Brunch - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
  Dinner - 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

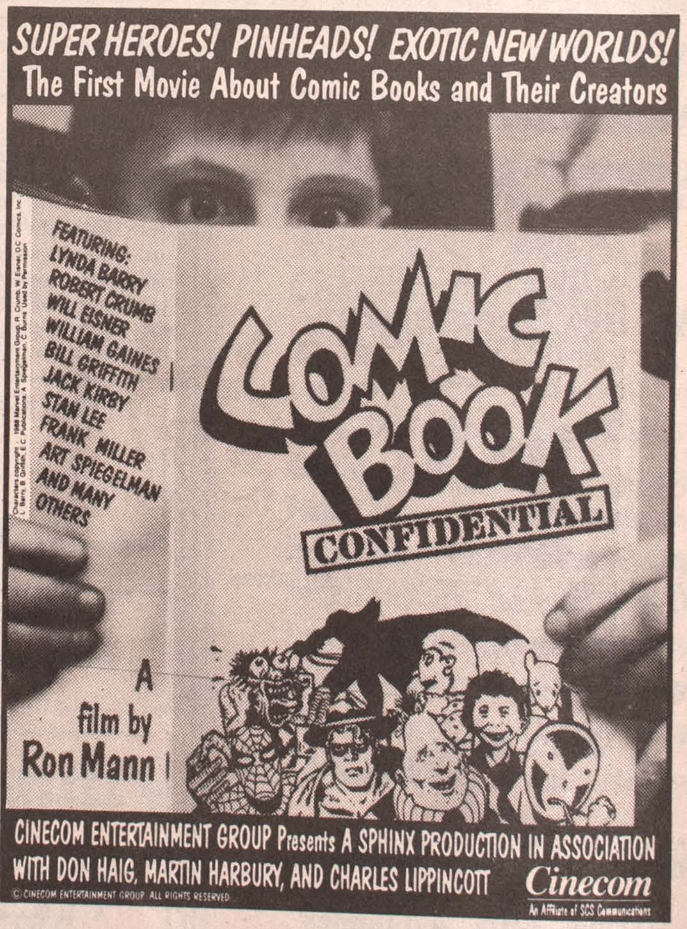
Sunday
  Continental Breakfast 10 - 11:00 a.m.
  Breakfast 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
  Dinner 4:15 - 5:45 p.m.

The Food Show sponsored by Hunt Wesson September 20th was really a huge success. Thanks to Hunt Wesson, students, and Dining Services Staff for making it all possible.

Special Events For October:

October 4th - Gourmet Dinner In Main Dining Room
October 11th - Steak and Lobster Night
October 22nd - Special Sunday Brunch Buffet
October 25th - Food Show Featuring HSH
October 31st - Halloween Dinner

I hope that everyone will have a great week. Take care.
__________"TT"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Canadian filmmaker Ron Mann's third documentary about American art is a lively and informative walk through American history as seen by the eyes—and characters—of America's comic book artists. The film has wonderful newsreel footage of censors from the early 1950s, who suggested the country's youth were being corrupted by Spiderman and The Hulk. More than a film for comic book fans, this is a masterful look at American pop culture and a complex art form that has thrived despite repression and in the process created dreams that transcend generations.

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Asbestos test results announced: Tawes safe

by Tracey Connell
Staff Writer

Asbestos test results have deemed the Daniel Z. Gibson Fine Arts Center safe for occupancy, according to Clint Baer, Director of Planning and Special Projects.

Oneil M. Banks, of Oneil M. Banks, Inc., an accredited Industrial Hygiene and Toxicology testing laboratory, notified Baer of the results last week in a letter dated Wednesday, September 27.

Four samples were taken, two in the stage area and two in the seating area of the theater. All readings were .01 percent. This is well below the Action Level for General Industry, the Action Level for Construction and dangerous levels of air born concentration, which are all set at .10 percent.

Baer stated, "we definitely have asbestos in the Fine Arts Center. That's the bad news. The good news is, it is not dangerous." He did add that additional tests will be conducted in the shop area of the theater. "Somehow that was overlooked before." According to Baer, there may be more asbestos present in that location, but it is presently "safe."

Asbestos has been used in thousands of manufactured products for its strength, flexibility, resistance to acid and heat, and durability. It is used in cement pipes, brake linings, packing and gaskets, thermal and electrical insulation, flooring and roofing products, paper, plastic and textiles. The asbestos in the Fine Arts Center is the spray-on type, used in the past as an insulation material and fire retardant. This process, as well as all other uses, has since been outlawed by the EPA.

Though asbestos can no longer be sprayed on or installed, the law does not require complete, immediate removal. Only consistent monitoring and then removal is necessary if dangerous levels are found and it must be removed before renovation or other types of construction which may disturb it.

Asbestos is not dangerous unless its surface has become disturbed or worn and then only at certain levels in the air. At the same time, replacements are not as economical. "They just cost more," said Baer.

Related diseases are recognized as an occupational health hazard with individuals who work directly with the material, installing insulation, etc. Said Baer, "People who are involved in the industry can be affected over a long period of time."

Regulations now require Washington College to notify effected employees in writing within fifteen days. Baer said that Oneil M. Banks will conduct another survey. "We need a recommendation about what the asbestos removal plan aught to be over the next couple years."

Until that time, when asbestos is completely removed from the Fine Arts Center, Baer said that tests will be done "from time to time. Basically once a year. If we find more insulation we will do more frequent testing."

Students practice for a production in the Fine Arts Center, where asbestos testing was done last week. Dangerous levels could have forced them off the stage.
(photo by Amy L. Underoffler)

Police Chief Stetson comments:
invites students to voice their concerns

by Amanda Burt

Increased numbers of college students living off campus have elicited a response from the Chestertown Police Department.

"The behavior of college students who elect to live off campus will be made to conform to that of other residents," says Police Chief Mauritz Stetson, in a letter dated August 1 and addressed to students. The letter was sent to of campus students together with one from Student Affairs.

Stetson admitted that in the past law enforcement officers have been more tolerant of students' off campus behavior. However, last year the Police Department received excessive amounts of complaints from local residents.

In an effort to prevent problems this year, Stetson stated that the law will be enforced uniformly and students cannot expect to be treated differently than other residents of Chestertown. "Students are no exception to the law."

He also responded to allegations of unfair treatment and of illegal searches in recent arrests. In The Kent County News, he stated, "When we get a complaint of noise, we'll look for every violation we can...possession of drugs, underage possession of alcohol or serving alcohol to minors...until these kids learn their lesson."

Stetson denied making the statement and denied that students are being persecuted at all. He also refused to comment about particular cases.

"In general we're glad that Washington College is here. If [students] would conduct themselves in the same way as they would in their hometown, there would be no problem. We're not after them to treat them unlike anyone else," he said.

"When you elect to live in the residential areas of Chestertown you come under the laws and ordinances which have been passed so that the desired tranquility can be maintained."

Stetson remains positive toward students despite several minor incidents earlier this year. "It's unfortunate to start out on the wrong foot," he says, "but by and far, the college students are really a good bunch of people."

Stetson cited that there were nine different civil citations in the first five days of the semester. He added that there are also more complaints than last year. This may not be due to more off-campus students, but rather it could be due to a change in how those students are acting.

Stetson said that intensity may also be a possible cause of the problem. "Everyone in one spot."

Overall the police chief is

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Decker Science Center to be rededicated this week

Washington College will rededicate its newly-renovated science building, Dunning Hall, on Saturday, October 7, with a 3 PM ribbon-cutting ceremony on the campus lawn.

Theodore Kurze, Professor Emeritus of Neurological Surgery at the University of Southern California at Los Angeles and currently a senior fellow at Washington College, will speak. A 1943 graduate of Washington College, he was presented with the College's honorary Doctor of Sciences degree at Fall Convocation on September 14.

Last fall, the college opened a new wing of Dunning Hall, the Alonzo G. Decker Science Laboratory Center. With construction of the Decker Center and renovation of Dunning Hall now complete, Washington College has launched a year-long "Celebration of the Sciences." Throughout the academic year the College will bring to campus experts in various scientific fields of study sponsored by the Washington College Chemists' Lecture Series and the William James Forum.

Dunning Hall, built more than 40 years ago, has been converted to accommodate the departments of physics, psychology and chemistry. It contains four research laboratories and two teaching laboratories for chemistry, four teaching laboratories and two research laboratories for physics, and four teaching laboratories and six research laboratories for psychology, as well as instrumentation rooms for each department.

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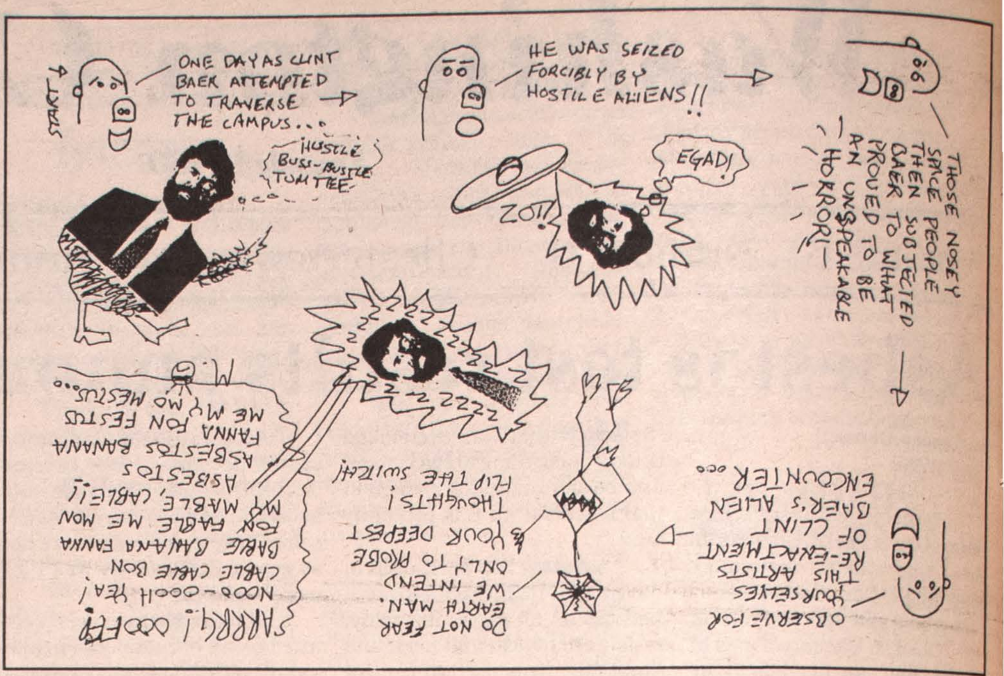
EDITORIAL

College handled asbestos swiftly and honestly

Kudos to the College for finally dealing swiftly with a potentially dangerous problem and for being honest with students about its existence. Administrators were made aware of asbestos in the Fine Arts Center, immediately hired a firm to test the levels of the substance, and within a week notified the college community that the concentrations of asbestos were—thankfully—not hazardous.

This incident smacks nothing of last year's distasteful PCB scandal, where students were told by administrators that the details of the issue were none of their business; students who were really concerned had to contact the Environmental Protection Agency to get a straight answer.

President Douglass Cater has said that he would rather err on the side of ignorance than dishonesty. With the Administration's continued competence and honesty in handling problems like asbestos, he will have to do neither.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ZOT!
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OBSERVE FOR YOURSELVES THIS ARTISTS RE-ENACTMENT OF CLINT BAER'S ALIEN ENCOUNTER...
DO NOT FEAR EARTH MAN. WE INTEND ONLY TO PROBE YOUR DEEPEST THOUGHTS! FLIP THE SWITCH!
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Letters to the Editor

Deter and punish the few, or revoke freedom for all?

To the Editor:

Should Americans have the liberty to physically desecrate the American flag? This question has recently been debated and reviewed in the classrooms, households, media, and of course the Congress of the United States of America. Approximately three weeks ago a motion was passed in our national legislature that an amendment banning flag desecration be brought to the floor and voted upon. Many congressmaen are proposing to change the constitution of the United States by not only adding the amendment, but also encroaching on the rights of every Americans freedom of speech and expression. I personally feel the burning of the American flag is a horrible act. I would undoubtedly look down upon any individual who maliciously destroys our national symbol. I also believe the question we must ask ourselves is wether we as Citizens of this country believe congress should infringe on our principles of freedom of expression in order to deter and punish the few.
The founding fathers of our constitution created the bill of rights to protect our freedoms. We view the freedoms granted to us by law as being sacred. No matter how evil and unpatriotic the act of flag burning is, a constitutional amendment banning this behavior will be a breech upon one of our many constitutionally granted freedoms. If we allow congress to take such an act of freedom from us, we must also contemplate if they will try to retract more in the future. We as American citizens must ask ourselves if we are ready to accept the sacrifices of adding an amendment banning flag desecration. In my opinion this amendment would be in direct violation to one of the underlying doctrines of our government.

Congress must view this issue on a larger scale and carefully decide if their constituents are prepared to suffer the consequences that will accompany the addition of this amendment. This is a very important issue in our lives. American citizens must cautiously consider whether it will be beneficial to deter and punish the few, or revoke freedom from the many.

Frank M. Crivelli
Junior
Political Science

No need for extra precautions in the case of mentally ill patients

To the Editor :

Many people have read or heard about the escape of a local mentally ill patient whose pursuants knocked down a Washington College student named Lisa Woodcock. I have no right to judge Lisa's reaction to the incident. I too would be concerned about my safety if such a situation had happened to me before I started working with the mentally ill.

For the most part, people fear the unknown. Mental illness is scary - especially when you don't know much about it. I have spent approximately 100 hours working at the Upper Shore Community Mental Health Center. Through an internship and volunteer work, I have gotten a chance to meet many wonderful people. Not only the staff, but also the patients, are some of the best people I've ever had the pleasure of meeting.

Lisa Woodcock refused to take a tour of the facility. Somehow I think she would feel the same way as many volunteers and I do if she would have given the patients a chance. I think that fear got the best of her, and she was shocked at the hospital administator's response to her fear.

Dr. Tubbman's seemingly nonchalant attitude toward the incident has a sound basis. As he said himself, "... most of our patients are harmless and they have often returned on their own." I must be realistic and mention that some of the patients do show violent tendencies. In my opinion though, there is no need to take extra precautions. The patients should neither be "fenced in" nor "locked up". Dr. Tubbman is a responsible man with a moral obligation to the community. He would not subject us to impending danger.

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Students should give Convocation a fair chance

To the Student Body:

Having read the "Convocation" edition of the Elm last week I felt inspired to write a letter to you, the student body, concerning my feelings on the attendance. To err is human, and I realize that occasionally we all miss a convocation in our 4 years here at Washington College, I've even missed one or two. But there is absolutely no excuse for not attending at least one to see what it's all about.

The point of convocation is to assemble everyone in the college community together to celebrate the commencement of academic year 89-90. There are many features of convocation that make it worth attending, for example the keynote speaker, granted he was a little long-winded but his points were well articulated. President Cater always makes knowledgeable comments, and the Lindback teacher is a guaranteed success. The main reason you should attend is that your elected SGA President gives a speech which takes time to prepare. I directed my speech on student unity, something I feel we all need and must work on together. My sentiments were directed to you the students, imagine how I felt when the majority of the audience were townspeople, faculty, and administrators. How can a message be heard if the people who it is meant for are not even there to listen?

Not everyone has the opportunity of being "blessed real good" by Louis L. Goldstein, the comptroller of Maryland and Chairman of the Board of our Visitors and Governors. If you don't know what that means come to Convocation February 20th and find out!

Thank you,
Steven B. Attias
SGA President

Newman Club Catholic Students
Speaker: Sean O'Connor
Tuesday, October 10 at 6 PM
The Alumni House

Dinner will be served. Free and open to the public.

CAMPUS VOICES

ISSUE: *The Elm*'s practice of printing crime reports on students has created a furor on campus. Is *The Elm* justified in printing these reports?

Reports make students aware of their responsibility

Sean Murphy

The recent addition of the police reports to The Elm has incited yet another controversy at Washington College. This section performs an essential function in the life of the student: it promotes responsibility.

Until recently, responsibility has been a taboo word on this campus. Students have continued to exploit the community through their behavior. But why? you ask.

They assume that they can get away with it. The presence of the police reports, however, is an unequivocal message to the contrary.

Students need to know that we are neither isolated from, nor place above, the law. Reading about our friends, peers, and neighbors every week brings the issue much closer to home. Now we students know it can happen to us; we are not immune.

The reports function as a medium by which the police can convey their intent to the students. The gist of the matter is that the police are serious. Chief Stetson has already made it clear that disorderly conduct and disturbance of the peace are criminal statutes. Furthermore, if they receive a complaint regarding noise, they look for other violations, too. It is no longer unusual to see police, both local and STATE, on or about campus. The Bash concert last weekend serves as evidence of this.

But regarding the police, the reports also serve as a vehicle informing the students as to their level of response. The theft of furniture from Kent House several weeks ago is now a case in the Kent County court system. The reports also serve as a measure to monitor the College's response to students' activity. Students involved in the furniture incident have since been dismissed.

Furthermore, despite the tendency to separate WC from Chestertown, we are still part of the community. As such, it would be in our best interest to promote the establishment of good relations among all of the sectors of the community. This task cannot be taken lightly; we must learn to uphold the same responsibilities that other community members are expected to fulfill.

Obviously, this is not a unilateral effort. Chief Stetson has written, "Washington College has always been an asset to our town and the students add to its life and vitality." By continuing to promote the awareness and responsibility of students, police reports facilitate this status.

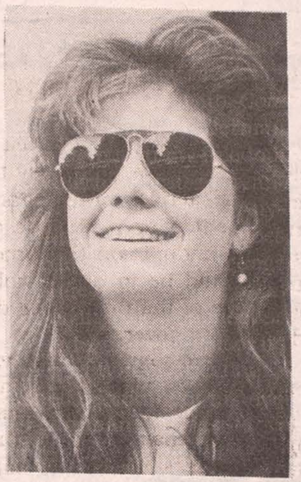
Sean Murphy is a senior with a double major in Philosophy and Political Science. He is also the Resident Assistant on third floor Caroline.

Greg Cross
Bethesda, MD
Sophomore

I think it's wrong not to allow the student to have his name withheld in such incidents. What actions the school imposes should be punishment enough.

Pam Feeney
Crofton, MD
Sophomore

I think it's ridiculous to print crime reports, then print an editorial pompously stating *The Elm*'s right to do so, and then print two corrections stating that their reports were incorrect. It seems like poor journalism on The Elm's part.



Moira Feely
New York
Sophomore

I think it is wrong to print people's names without their consent.

Camilo Leon Castro
Peru
Spanish Assistant

I think it is right because that's the only effective way they could learn to respect the common property and not do it anymore.

Carlos Henriquez
Miami, FL
Freshman

I feel that it would affect my status amongst others in the school especially my peers and teachers!

by Amy L. Undercoffler

The *Elm* staff should cast no stones unless they have no sins

Tanya Cunic

In the beginning, the idea of printing WC student arrest reports may sound like a good thing to do. It was not only news but "public information." Obviously, with these two concepts in mind, *The Elm* went full steam ahead and used the idea "freedom of the press" to its very limits. Unfortunately, while picking up momentum, *The Elm* violated individual rights.

It is understandable and encourageable for every aspect of WC to voice opinions through writing. Since this is a college that thrives on new, fresh (and often outspoken) ideas, it would be hypocritical to deny the chance or right of voicing an opinion. The newspaper is undoubtedly included in this category. Yet, while every single person has the power to say what they feel, they also have the right not to say anything. The freedom of speech and the freedom of privacy go hand-in-hand. To take the Buckley Amendment one step further, if a student won't give a written consent to release school records, why would they release a police report? Most people (including myself) would rather the world know that they failed a course, then broke the law. A school record when put on an application for a job won't necessarily mean not getting the job, while a police report may have to carry that burden alone, they don't need WC's nosiness to add to it.

Let's approach the idea "what's the point of printing a description of the alleged offenses or phantom students? To do so would only encourage rumors to fester rather than put them to rest, which is what good journalism sets out to accomplish." "Good journalism" means getting the story straight. *The Elm* does "fester" rumors when they misprint stories, as in the cases of Ronald Council, John Manning, and Daniel Pratt in the September 8 issue. It is fully acknowledged that a correction was made in the September 22 issue, but by then rumors have been set in motion. A small paragraph in the right hand bottom corner of page two does not constitute "good journalism." Also, when the bare truths about a crime is printed such as name, date, place, and a brief description, this does not satisfy human nature. By giving these naked facts, it leaves room for the imagination to fill in the nitty-gritty. The published reports only add a new height to the curiosity factor.

Let's take a realistic view at the people who commit these crimes. They do not shudder at the thought of having their names published in the newspaper. It is hardly an incentive to prevent them from doing something illegal. This may sound twisted, but there are probably some people who would go purposely out of their way to do something illegal to see their name published in the newspaper. If the publishing of police reports of WC students is being used as a scare tactic, it's working as well as a two-year old child saying "BOO!"

A few final thoughts, college IS the "real world." I hold the same views on this topic whether it be *The Elm* or *The Baltimore Sun*. Also, college students are not beyond or above the law. If they choose to break it, then they choose to pay the consequences. If in paying for the crime, their action is made public-so be it. Yet it is not *The Elm*'s (or any other news publication) responsibility to cast stones-whether they be truth or not. Unless, of course, they have no sins.

Tanya Cunic is a freshman.

PERSPECTIVES

Something's going to give in Yugoslavia

Laura Hopper

Ethnic conflicts seem to be spreading throughout Eastern Europe. There is a potential conflict between East Germany and Hungary over the East German and Polish refugees who Hungary allowed to cross the border. There is ethnic strife in the Soviet Union between the Baltic States and the Soviet Union, and Yugoslavia is joining the Soviet Union as a country with deepening divisions between ethnic groups. One group is more pro-western, the other more pro-Soviet.

Yugoslavia is a collection of six provinces; Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia, Montenegro, Macedonia, and Bosnia. There are also two autonomous republics with in the province of Serbia, Kosovo and Vojvodina. All six provinces are under one central government, and they all share the same currency. Although Yugoslavia is not aligned with either the Soviet Bloc or the West, some of the six provinces have very different political ideologies.

The trouble is in the republic of Slovenia. Out of the six republics, Slovenia is the most liberal, and has close ties to Austria. It is also the most economically developed republic in Yugoslavia, producing one-fifth of the national income and one-fourth of Yugoslavia's exports. The standard of living is much higher in Slovenia than in the rest of Yugoslavia.

The Slovenians consider themselves close to Austria, and not communists. Recently, the Slovenian legislature passed amendments to the republic's constitution which state that the republic has the right to succeed from Yugoslavia. However, Slovenia is not the largest republic in Yugoslavia, or the most powerful.

Serbia is the largest republic in Yugoslavia. Serbs account for 36.2% of the population, versus 7.8% for the Slovenes. It is also the most pro-Soviet republic. Serbia has historic ties to Russia. It was Russian support of the Serbs against the Austro-Hungarian Empire that led to the issuing of the famous "Blank Check" by the Germans before World War One.

The Soviet influence in Yugoslavia diminished after the 1948 split between Tito and Stalin. An economic blockade of Yugoslavia by the Soviet bloc from 1949 to 1953 led to the reorientation of the Yugoslavian economy towards the west. The Yugoslavian government borrowed heavily during the 1970's to finance the development of import-substitution industries. This led to Yugoslavia's large foreign debt. The central government has tried various austerity programs to attempt to lessen the foreign debt which were very unpopular. Recently, they changed laws making investment in Yugoslavia more attractive to foreigners.

One of the fears in Slovenia and its neighboring province, Croatia, is a Soviet-backed bid for power by the Serbs. The Central Committee of the Yugoslavian Communist Party met in Belgrade and denounced the amendments to the Slovenian constitution calling them a "threat to the territorial integrity" of Yugoslavia. The Serbs have already warned the Slovenes not to succeed from Yugoslavia.

These are not good signs for a country in Yugoslavia's condition. Inflation has been running as high as 900%, and there have been ethnic riots by Albanians in the province of Kosovo. Yugoslavia has also accumulated a large foreign debt, 20 billion dollars. High inflation and a relatively high unemployment rate underscore Yugoslavia's shaky economic condition.

If the Slovenes do succeed from Yugoslavia, they will face many of the same problems that the country as a whole now faces. Inflation, unemployment, and a devaluated currency do not go away with a change of government. Perhaps the Serbs should let the Slovenes go and try being independent, the Slovenes might decide they don't like it. But somehow, watching the numbers of East Germans who left everything behind to start over in the West, I doubt it.

The Serbs, however, do not feel this way. For them, it is imperative that Yugoslavia remain intact. Slovenia is rich in industry, specifically textiles and electronics, and metals. The Serbs won't let them go without a fight. But then, what democracy was ever founded without bloodshed?

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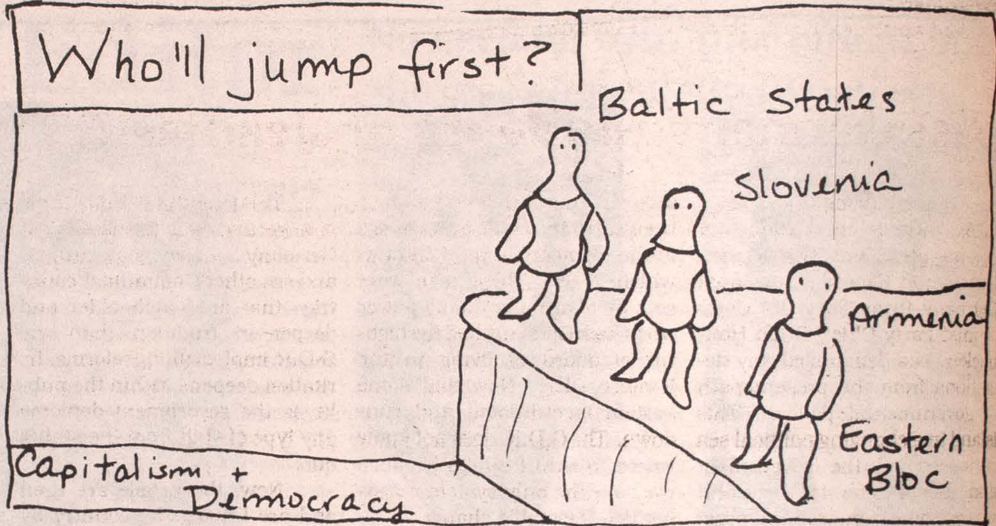

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PERSPECTIVES

In the world: *At the UN, Bush makes chemical arms reduction proposal; Congress debates capital gains tax*

THE UNITED STATES

The visit of Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze last week brought with it much progress in strategic arms talks, specifically the reduction of chemical weapons. On Monday, during a UN General Assembly session, President Bush made a proposed to cut chemical arms stockpiles by 80%, provided the Soviet Union do the same (this would be in advance of an international ban on all chemical armaments which will be at earliest completed in two years). The next day Shevardnaze responded by accepting and even amplifying the proposal to embrace a ban on all chemical weapons. The Soviet proposal would prohibit production of new weapons which produce the most lethal poisons, binary chemical weapons. American officials said the Administration will continue the development of the weapons.

The House of Representatives approved the proposed cut in the capital gains tax by a 239 to 190 vote. A highly partisan issue, the approval of the cut marked a major victory for President Bush and the Republicans and conversely a great upset for the Democrats. Capital gains are the profits from the sale of investments, including stocks, real estate, farms and timberlands. President Bush argued that that without the tax, businesses and individuals would be motivated to make more investments, thus stimulating the economy.

President Bush pledged to overhaul the educational system in an "education summit" at UVA last week. The two day meeting between the President and state leaders set a new precedent for education in the US. No longer should education be only a state concern, they decided, but a national responsibility as well. The state and federal government will work together in close cooperation to attain national education goals, which include higher salaries and more extensive training for teachers; improved academic performance of students, using international tests to rate them; the reduction of the dropout rate and the functional literacy of adult Americans. Also emphasized was parental involvement and allowing parents to choose the schools their children attend.

Federal Health officials are allowing the distribution a drug which may combat the AIDS virus, dideoxyinosine (DDI). The drug is still in its experimental stage, and has not undergone the usual years of thorough testing required. Officials have decided to break with their cautious procedures in this case because thousands of desperate patients who could perhaps be helped by the drug would otherwise die during its years of testing.

EAST GERMANY

Erich Honecker, the leader of East Germany, arranged for the departure of fleeing East Germans to West Germany, negotiating with Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister last week. The refugees were allowed entry to West Germany with the stipulation that they come home first to East Germany. 5,500 East Germans came from Czechoslovakia, where they had sought refuge at the West German Embassy in Prague. Another 800 came from Warsaw, Poland. Their trains made detours through East Germany, to fulfill the terms of the agreement, before arriving to West Germany.

LEBANON

A peaceplan, calling for an immediate cease fire in the 14 year civil war between Christians and Muslims in Beirut was accepted by General Michel Aoun, a Muslim military commander. The ceasefire was put forth by the Arab League, and negotiated primarily through the efforts of the Algerian diplomat, Lakhdar Ibrahimi. A country without a president for a year, the truce will enable the election of a Lebanese president and reuniting of the national government. The ceasefire was hailed as "a miracle" and has ushered in hope for permanant peace.

GREECE

The Greek Parliament voted to order former Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou to stand trial on charges of bribery and receiving stolen funds.

Papandreou will be the first Prime Minister in Greek history to be indicted. Four other ministers from his Administration will also stand trial, reflecting incipient corruption in the former government. Papandreou is 70 years old and still "a popular hero" in Greece, and is campaigning for re-election in November.

East Germany: stubborn or steadfast?

Steven Bruchey

In a changing Communist world, there is one nation that remains steadfast: The German Democratic Republic. As East Germany turns forty, its Communist Party Chief, Erich Honnecker, has denounced any deviations from the present path of governmental policy. This island in a changing political sea is frustrating the government and the citizens to the point where some compromise must occur before a massive social upheaval.

The government is clouded with confusion as it sees its most talented and promising citizens, mainly youth, streaming to the West. While trying to retain its legitimacy, the government is only displaying a paralyzed image to its people.

One of the dominant reasons for this resistance to alter the status quo is the average age of the members of the Politburo which is 68. These men were coming of age and taking power when East Germany had the highest standard of living in the Eastern Bloc. Now that same system is out-dated and rundown. The G.D.R. does not know where to turn for help because they are the only system resisting this inevitable change.

This lack of help is exemplified by the Soviet Union's policy of noninterference. The government is not alone in its confusion. In this regard, they are very similar to the people.

This island of steadfastness is angering the citizens of East Germany as they look around and see other Communist countries that are much older and deeper in tradition than the G.D.R. implementing reforms. Irritation deepens within the public as the government deplores any type of shift from the status quo.

Now, the people are tired and are leaving the country by the thousands through Hungary. The main reason for this fleeing is the pervasiveness of the the government into every aspect of life.

With the outpouring of citizens to the West, East Germany is on the verge of social upheaval as it stands at a threshold of indecision. The government can either remain on their present course and keep their citizens suppressed until they become so frustrated that thev use violence to attain their goals or the government can begin to implement changes and swim in the current of political change that is consuming the Eastern Bloc. The choice is theirs and the time has come to decide.

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East Germany: the great escape

by Janine Bohlainger

Three weeks ago, Hungary, to help East German refugees escape to West Germany, decided to open its border with Austria. With this act, Hungary openly challenged the Warsaw Pact by collaborating with the West. So far, about 20,000 people have crossed the border, and more than 100,000 are expected by the end of the year. What caused this sudden exodus and how are the East German being welcomed in the Western and Capitalist part of their country?

To open its borders, Hungary suspended key paragraphs of a 1969 treaty between Hungary and East Germany which forbids the unauthorized passage of citizens of either country into other countries. By breaking this treaty, Hungary has shown the fractures within the Warsaw Pact which have been taking place since the reform politics of Gorbachev began.

While East Germany has stubbornly tried to follow the political and economic rules of Marxism, several other Eastern bloc states are working along with Gorbachev toward an opening to the West and the gradual transformation of Communism. The indoctrination of the state, the inability to travel freely and the very restricted freedom of expression led many East German to decide to leave their country for the West. While the East German government charged Hungary with violating legal treaties, Budapest asserted that it is not willing to let Hungary become "a refugee camp" for East Germany's problems. Instead, the Hungarians have claimed to have embraced the higher principles of human rights.

Since Bonn recognizes only one German citizenship, the refugees were automatically acknowledged as citizen and welcomed with gifts and benefits. Clothing, unemployment payments, and a minimum of $125, helped the new arrivals over their first few days. Job openings for the East Germans are surprisingly large, considering the West German unemployment rate of nearly 7%. But the East Germans are young, well trained, and willing to work hard in jobs that West Germans consider beneath them.

The other advantages that East Germans have over other immigrants are language and culture. They are very willing to assimilate into the West German culture, and many have relatives in West Germany who are willing to help them start new lives. However, with the refugee camps overcrowded, and the winter approaching, it remains to be seen if the Bonn government will be able to its new citizens, and finally give up its undecided attitude toward the German question.

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"Ray bans, black flats, pearls, and blonde hair"

by Kate Absher
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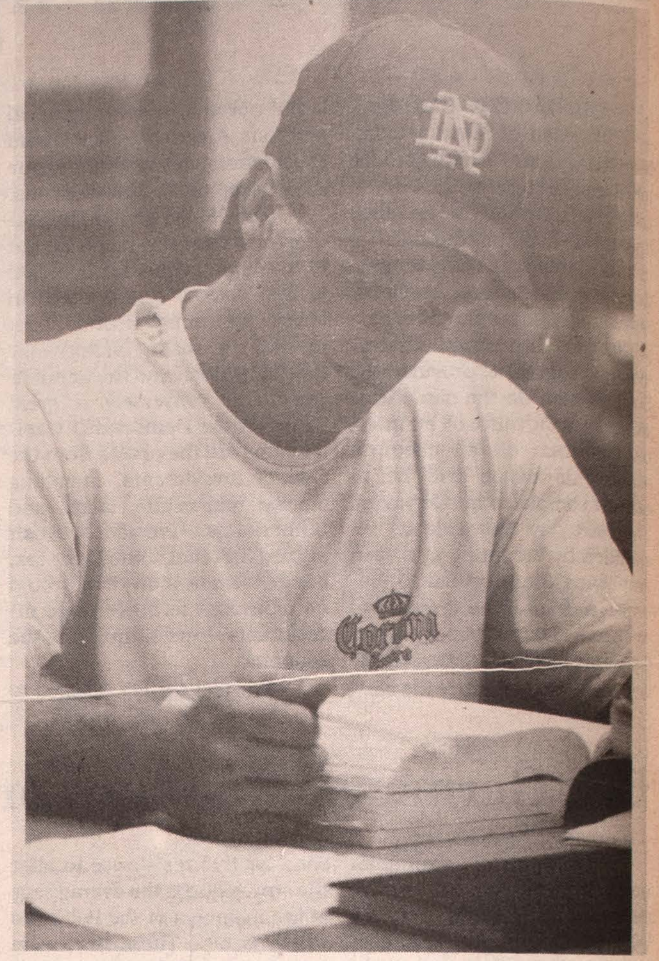

Not living up to the stereotypical lacrosse player image, junior lacrosse player David Slomkowski studies in the library.
(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

Drawing from stereotypes, certain campus groups are easily caricatured.For example, in later years, an Alpha Chi busing her children to ballet classes in her Volvo station wagon; the lacrosse player cleaning up saloons in Dodge City; the AOΠ with Cary Grant driving recklessly along the roads of Monte Carlo, or a Literary House writer planting turnip seeds by Walden Pond.

Absurd as these stereotypes are, they bind the student body into a rigid class system where students formulate opinions about each other based on group image. Why can't a Theta dine with a hippy art major in the Dining Hall without his brothers' mouths hanging in horror? The answer to this question is because stereotypes hinder individuals into only associating with their own clique.

Life in the fast lane characterizes the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. Junior AOΠ President Debora Hitchcock laughingly contradicts this: "I thought we were Ray Bans, black flats, pearls, and blonde hair."

But she accepts that some of the student body views her sorority stereotypically. Hitchcock feels these views cannot be supported for the student body is not present at their meetings, social gatherings, and excursions to benefit the community.

Senior AOΠ Susan Stobbart agrees, "We do a lot for the community which is recognized really by no one, including the Administration." Both of them stress the ridiculous side of stereotyping, especially because their sorority is composed of individuals, not manufactured Malibu Barbies.

Feeling the AOΠs represent a diverse group of girls, sophomore Karen Brady comments, "You really can't classify us. We kind of wear the same thing, but there is so much variety in our sorority; everyone is in a different sports group."

Brady also believes the AOΠ's reputation for promiscuity is unfounded: "The rumors just get around. We have had that reputation, and it's hard to break even if the sisters are not like that." Nullifying the stereotype is the fact that many AOΠs presently have long term relationships. The reputation, however, still lingers for the present sororities are usually judged by the actions of their past members.

The Zeta Tau Alpha are also trying to squelch their negative image on campus. President of Zeta, Chrissy Wiant, describes the stereotypical Zeta: "We're weird. We're cows. Cows is a big one."

As for the origin of the stereotype, she reasons it bubbled up from the lack of a set type of Zeta girl. But Wiant hopes this unfavorabl description crumbles: "I hear from the Administration and others that Zetas are really changing. We are finally getting it through people's heads of what we are."

Zetas have the highest sorority grade point average on campus, and because of this they were honored with the Loving Cup at Fall Convocation recently. The honors, a sorority is given, represents them, not the stereotype.

Junior Zeta Debbie Smethurst notes, "On this campus stereotypes tend to be more negative than positive." Commenting on Zeta's reputation she adds, "If there's one sister that is into the arts or heavy metal music, you can't stereotype the rest of the sisterhood. Each person is unique in her own way and brings something to the sorority."

The sorority, however, does not limit the uniqueness of the individual. According to junior Alpha Chi Beth Karukas, the sorority is "only an enhancement of our college years." Karukas perceives her sorority as not hindering her from establishing other relationships or joining other organizations outside of Alpha Chi Omega: "It really shouldn't be taking away from independence; it just should be an added plus. . .[In the Dining Hall], I'll sit everywhere with everybody anytime." This Alpha Chi does not allow anyone to stereotype her.

Before pledging some of her fellow sisters were wary of being stereotyped. "When I was pledging, I was a little concerned about being stereotyped, but I figured I'm going to be stereotyped if I'm an Alpha Chi or not," explains Jennifer Golden.

Alpha Chi Amy Deszeran argues stereotyping "limits the people you're allowed to date, or people you are actually allowed to meet. It puts people into roles they are supposed to play, and we should not have to play those roles." To combat their stereotypical image, all the sororities look for a diverse group among their pledges, but stereotypes are nevertheless still constructed.

Also, non-Greeks hold the opinion that sororities force one into a narrow realm of friends, but many sorority girls interviewed feel their sorority influences them into becoming more active and therefore more broad minded; it is only their image that narrows them.

Senior Theta Chi Tim Keehan points out that the different pursuits of his brothers tear down the Theta image: "We are not the Thetas of old. We graduated six or seven basketball players. If you look at the frat, it's a very diverse group, atheletic-wise. Every sport is represented down to crew, except tennis."

As well as being a fraternity of basketball players, the Theta image also portrays Thetas as dumb jocks. Yet, the Theta's GPA is above average; Keehan himself earns Dean's List status every semester. Because of the OX image, some people find Keehan's grades shocking: "The first time I went to the Dean's List reception, the only time I went to the Dean's List reception, people were thinking I was working for the Dining Service."

The AOΠs sing a song in which one line states, "Don't sleep with Thetas"; the Theta stereotype also includes using and abusing women. Sophomore Theta Doug Sarno responds to this lyric, "If there is something girls didn't like, they wouldn't joke about it. It just wouldn't be talked about."

Theta Will Braddenburg also comments on this image, "I think a lot of freshman girls are scared of us—big, bad Thetas. My dad was a Theta in '59 and my mom went here too, and even then they were thought of as dumb jocks. They were cocky and would not associate with people and abused girls."

"It's all a tale," concludes Keehan.

The Kappa Alphas, however, must live up to a certain stereotypical image based on their founder Robert E. Lee. Senior KA Joe Van Name lists the requirements, "Look out for God, community, women, [be] virtuous, good grades." These requirements inspire KAs to work for the community, have a friendly relationship with the Administration, and win the loving cup for the highest fraternity GPA.

Yet, the KAs interviewed believe their role model Lee does not restrain them from being individuals. Van Name admits, "I personally don't have good grades, so it doesn't mean I'm a study geek. Everyone in the order would like to be intelligent, popular, but people are going about doing their own things."

Because the Lambda Pi Delta fraternity is always associated with the lacrosse team, it is difficult to discern the difference between the two. Every member of the lacrosse team, however, is not a Lambda. But the Lambdas and the lacrosse team are stereotyped as bad boys, encouraging and instigating fights whenever they go out: "Lacrosse players are associated with fighting, so if one gets in a fight, the whole group is labeled. It's one individual's actions, not the team or the group, but it's the team or the group that's portrayed [as fighters]," challenges Senior lacrosse player Kevin Colbeck, who is not a member of the Lambda fraternity. Breaking the Lamda's belligerent stereotype, junior Greg Rupert reveals he has never been in a fist fight at WC.

Overall, the lacrosse players think the student body does not recognize the positive things the lacrosse team accomplishes: "This past Saturday we got out and gave a clinic for St. Benedictine. People look past that. People think of us as bad boys, not helping people, " argues Senior Lambda Heath Bethune.

Bethune also feels many students consider the lacrosse team above the Administration's rules and regulations: "Say we do get caught at something. People think we get pat on the back and nothing is done about it." But Bethune stresses lacrosse players are subject to the laws of the campus just as much as other students.

Lambdas also have a reputation for being on academic probation; Colbeck refutes this. "Obviously, that is not the case because we wouldn't be allowed to play lacrosse if we had a low academic average." He lists Tim Hornes and Bobby Martino, for example, as lacrosse players who produce Dean's List status grades. Colbeck sums up his feelings about being stereotyped by commenting, "What's it matter that I'm a lacrosse player? I'm a WC student."

They wear black, dye their hair funny colors, and have watched Pink Floyd's The Wall too many times; they are the writers, the theater people, and the art majors. Sophomore writer Joshua Buchman responds to this stereotype, "What do you want? We are weird, strange and dark side. Who wouldn't be proud to be? Grow up in this country and you get stereotyped. No one cares." Senior Art major Denise O'Connell also prefers her image, "I hear voices from afar saying, 'tree hugger.' I like it."

Junior drama major Felicia Shakman rebels against the theater stereotype. "I've been called a Dead Head. I like this band, but I'm me. Sometimes I wish we were all blind, and then we couldn't judge people on their appearance."

Shakman adds that one morning she walked to class and spoke to everyone she met on her way. Half of those she said hello to responded to her good morning, and half returned her salutation with a strange look. She argues, "We are at a small school were there is no need for people to purposely act like strangers."

O'Connell agrees, "You both came to this school; you both drink beer. Therefore, you both have something in common."

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Cousineau and Beckett's *Waiting for Godot*

by Jennifer Del Nero

Croissants, champagne, Perma Soft: these constitute the image most Americans hold of France. But for Tom Cousineau, France took on a whole new meaning as he spent the past two years there teaching in French universities and researching for his soon released book.

Offered a contract in 1987 to teach and research abroad, Cousineau, Associate Professor of English, began his initial six-month long appointment at the Sorbonne. Spring of '88 brought him to the Nanterre campus of the University of Paris. This was followed by an appointment to the University of Lyon, 300 miles from his home in Paris. Commuting was made possible by the TGV, a high-speed train which completed the trip in two hours.

A graduate of Boston College and University of California, Davis campus, where he received his Ph.D., Cousineau joined WC faculty in '78 after a year's stint teaching French in a New York City high school for intellectually gifted students. Beginning his career in France in '71, he remained in Paris for five years thanks to annually renewed appointments.

Cousineau points out many differences between the French and American education systems. In order to be admitted , students attending French university must be awarded with a baccalaureate, or a national diploma.

After the obtainment of this diploma, they usually attend the school nearest to their homes; therefore, student housing is not necessary. Since the French system is nationalized, all important decisions are decided by the Ministry. With the exception of modest registration fees, tuition is non-existent for French students.

As a result of the free education policy, there exists little motivation for French professors concerning students passing. Compared to the United States where the goal is to maintain as high a retention rate as possible.

Cousineau explains, "The goal of professors is to winnow out the students who really don't have the capacity to do university work. Students have to prove themselves; it's a real struggle to succeed."

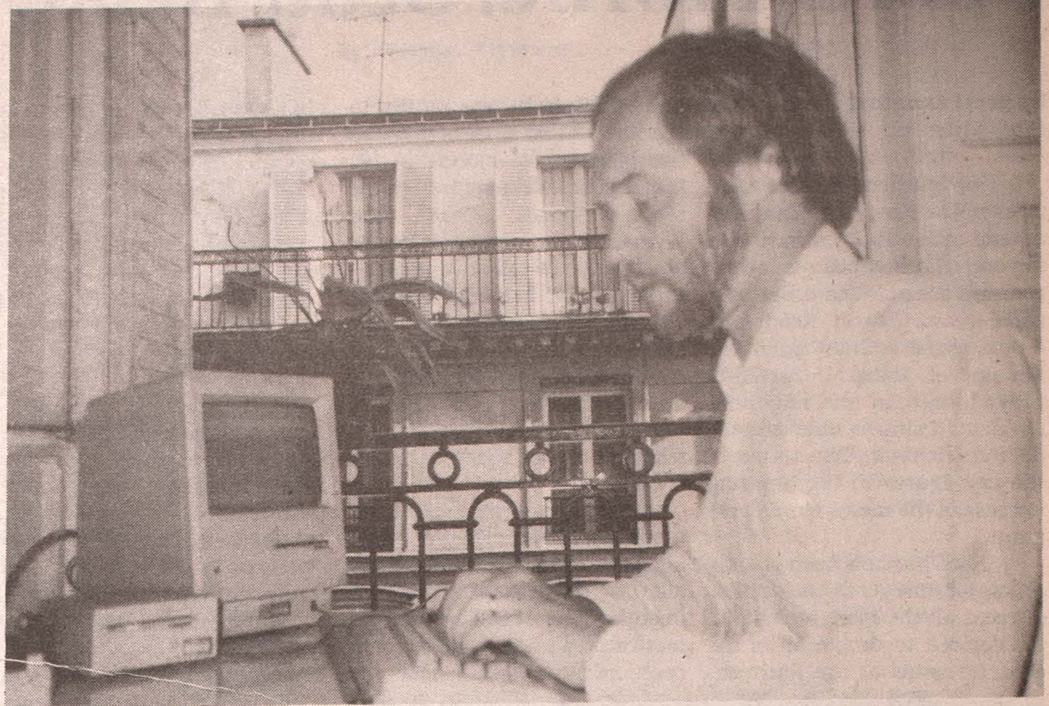
Another factor hindering students from receiving a passing grade is students are not graded by their own professor, but by a colleague of their professor. He admits, "It's hard to learn to conform to their grading system."

Emphasizing the disparities between US and French grading policies, Cousineau describes one particular class of 80 seniors. Of those 80 seniors, only 12 of the students passed and received their bachelor's degrees.

Yet, what he finds so attractive about the education system in France is the quality of preparation for university work, which he describes as "impressive." Conceding that "...there's been a decline in the quality of elementary and secondary education." Cousineau believes, however, that "French students are quite well prepared to do rigorous university work."

He also notes the attentiveness of his French students as compared to American students, who tend to be more casual, particularly about taking notes. Because students are so talkative with each other, the volume level of French classrooms is higher in contrast with WC classrooms. When a professor begins class, however, students immediately settle down and prepare for class.

To give an example, he describes this scenario: "The moment a professor starts talking, students bend over their notebooks, writing down every word that is said." He adds, "It's very flattering, but it imposes a strong obligation on you [as a professor] to say something worth writing down."



Tom Cousineau writes his book based on *Waiting for Godot.* (photo courtesy of College Relation's Office)

Teaching classes in English and American literature, English and French grammar and even a class on the United States Constitution, Cousineau experienced first-hand the feelings students possess toward foreign professors and holds firm to his belief that French students are "extremely appreciative of American teachers."

"No one in Europe is without an opinion of the United States...both pro and anti-America. You endure the prejudice people have against you or benefit from their positive opinions," he explains.

The principal reason for Cousineau's two years in France was for him to author a volume devoted to Samuel Beckett's *Waiting for Godot*, as part of publisher G.K. Hall's *Masterwork Studies Series.* Beckett wrote Godot in Paris in 1948. Cousineau, therefore, was especially intrigued by the prospect of returning to Paris to write his own book. He was also struck by the further symmetry he would be writing his commentary at exactly the same age as Beckett was when he wrote the play.

Instead of discussing only the written play in his book, Cousineau plans to focus on and emphasize the production aspect of it as well, where he finds "tremendous attention to movement and precision of gesture." While living in Paris, he first saw Beckett's production of the play in 1976. Since the play was done by a Berlin company, he found himself "not paying attention to the words [which were in German] but to the visual elements."

Not only did Cousineau learn more about Beckett through research, but Beckett personally taught him what he fondly refers to as a "lesson in humility."While in Paris, he wrote to Beckett inquiring if there was some way he could locate a videotape of the Berlin production of the play. Since Beckett found Cousineau's signature to his letter illegible, he addressed the envelop of his reply using the return address from the original letter. The reply contained the precise information he requested with the salutation, "Dear ?" What impressed Cousineau about the correspondence was that "someone as illustrious as Beckett should write to someone as obscure as me.

Also during his stay, Cousineau met Pierre Chabert, an actor who has worked closely with Beckett, and invited him to perform at WC.

Scheduled for release in December, Cousineau's work, titled *Waiting for Godot: form in movement*, received favorable prepublication reviews, including one which described it as "an excellent example of a book written for the general audience but valuable for Beckett specialists."

Seeing the R.E.M. concert tour: *the finest of hours*

Any night sitting on saturated dirt in forty-five degree weather listening to Mike Mills, Peter Buck, Bill Berry, and Michael Stipe is "the finest of hours" for me. R.E.M. played Merriweather Post Pavilion on Saturday, September 23rd, and you may have the stage, stood on amps, gave the crowd a show...something to watch.

This past concert, he tended to sing with his back to the crowd; this was a show to hear rather than watch—it should have been both.Ironically, I had a great time at Merriweather Post, only because I already felt so far removed from the band by being on the "lawn." I concentrated more on having fun, listening to the songs, singing the songs, dancing around the bonfires that were made out of empty beer cups (bonfires for which I was threatened with arrest).

They played good songs—seemingly conscious of all their fans—old songs which have had no airplay for their dedicated fans, new songs which have been played til they're worn for their recently aquired fans, the combination of new and old songs was seemingly for their born-again fans.

Kimberly Coburn

The other aspect of the concert that made it a tad bit drab was the crowd. Since the release of GREEN, R.E.M.'s fans have extended into the Top 40 crowd. I found myself surrounded by people (a lot of teeny-boppers) who didn't know the songs that were being played. It's understandable that I would notice this—they're my favorite band, but I think that many people heard "Stand" on B104, thought they liked R.E.M., came to the concert and were very disappointed. R.E.M. is not a pop band, as "Stand" might suggest.I hear myself ragging on the band, and I don't mean to. I think they are the hippest guys in the business. I'd leave any day, anytime to see R.E.M.

Maybe I expect too much. Or maybe I wish all the people who just want to see a concert, but don't give a crap about R.E.M., would stay home. People think my liking for R.E.M. is a bit excessive, but what the hell? I gotta get psyched about something.

R.E.M. tries to convey a message with every song. The simplistic lyrics are not lacking in meaning, though. "Take your instincts by the reigns. It's better blessed than rearranged"; these words do more than rhyme. They challenge us to evaluate ourselves. They also urge people to be less selfish and to think of others more: "what we want and what we need has been confused."

I realize I'm only quoting from one song ("The Finest Worksong"), but this song offers a lot. Next time you hear an R.E.M. song, try to listen to the words—decipher Stipe's slurred speech, and think about what the band is saying. By the way, "this is the easiest task I've ever had to do."

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Sports Profile: Scott Read, talent from Texas

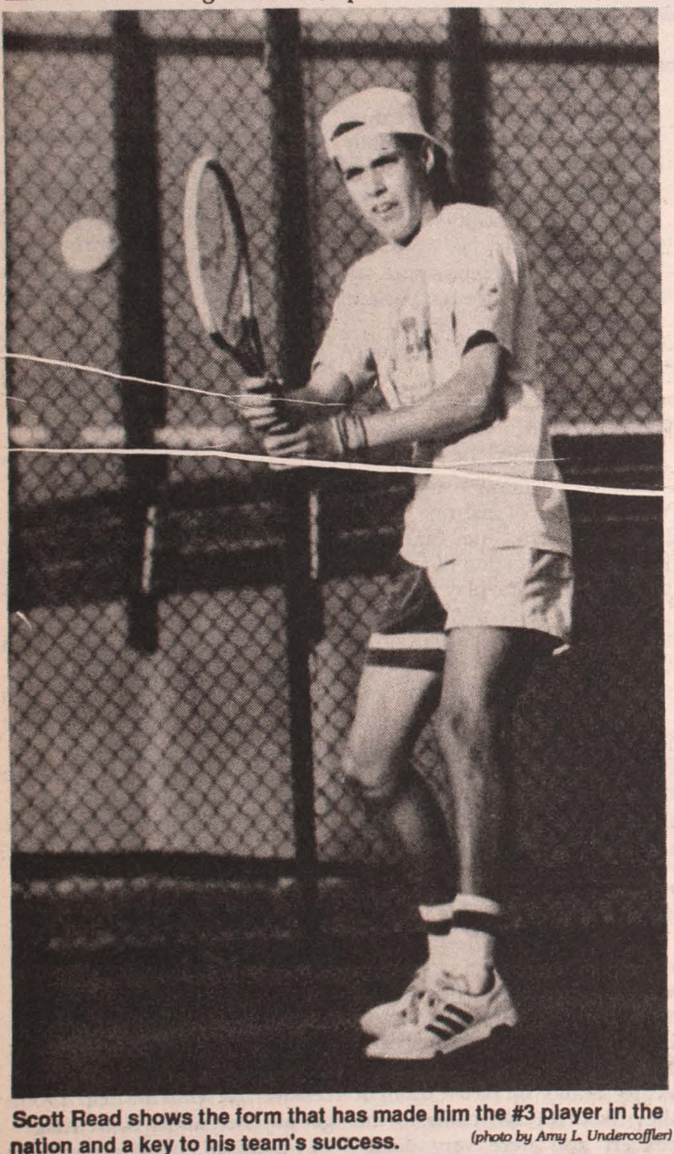
by Brett Lankford
Staff Writer

His success in this past weekend's Navy Tournament should come as no surprise to anyone who has been following the men's tennis team the past three years. Scott Read is a tennis player with an unlimited amount of ability. Currently ranked third in the nation in Division III singles, this lefthander from Houston, Texas is one of the key figures in the amazing success of the men's tennis program.

Read has only been playing tennis for nine years, making his success all the more incredible. He decided to devote all of his time to tennis at age fourteen, and by fifteen he was ranked in the state of Texas. He dominated the high school circuit in his junior year, ranking ninth in the state of Texas. Coach Fred Wyman was impressed by Read's abundance of talent, and Read arrived at WC in the fall of 1987.

Read was just one of many excellent recruits Fred Wyman has brought into the program over the past few years. "Fred is a great recruiter, and that's played a key role in our success the last few years."

The coach also excels in many other facets of his job. "Fred analyzes what we're doing wrong, allowing us to correct our own mistakes. Most of all, he's a great motivator, a positive influence in pressure situations. He has the ability to calm us down in pressure spots and allow us to concentrate on the situation at hand."



Scott Read shows the form that has made him the #3 player in the nation and a key to his team's success. (photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

Read has used the combination of Wyman's coaching and his natural ability to make his mark on the Division III rankings. Along with his #3 ranking in singles, Read teams with senior Larry Gewer to form the #1 doubles team in the nation. Their success in doubles is mainly a result of their different styles. While Read's serve and volley game is best suited to hard courts, Gewer's superior ground strokes are perfect for clay. The different styles work well together, and the duo have an excellent chance to retain their #1 ranking this season.

The lefthander's strength comes in the serve and volley game. Read also uses his quickness to get to a lot of tough balls, forcing his opponents make good shots to beat him. Still, Read believes his biggest asset comes in his concentration and ability to perform under pressure.

"My greatest improvement since my arrival has come in the mental aspect of the game. Before I would lose my concentration during points and I didn't use any strategy. These are things that I need to do to win pressure points, and I feel comfortable in pressure situations."

For this reason, Read has joined Gewer in a leadership role on the team. "Larry and I are able to lead by example in most cases. There's a lot of pressure in the #1 and #2 spots on the team, but I like to be in that role. If there's an important match to be played, I want to be out on the court. I have confidence to come through in these situations."

Read has been blessed by the opportunity to play on a team that could legitimately be called a powerhouse. The team was undefeated his freshman year, but were upset in the NCAA Tournament by the closest of margins. They ended last season in the top five and have maintained that status this year.

"I'm happy to be part of this team, and I enjoy playing a role in the start of a winning tradition at this school. The team my freshman year was the strongest team we've had so far, and it will be tough to ever be that strong again. Fred is still getting a number of good players every year. The recruits want to go to a team with a high ranking, and this is an excellent place for them to play."

As for his future in tennis, Read plans to play it by ear. He participated in pro tournaments while in Africa over the summer and was happy with his play. After graduation, Read plans on taking one year to try to play on the pro tour. If he meets with success during that year, he plans to continue on the circuit. If unhappy with his performance, Read will pursue a career at law school. Still, Read says there is nothing he would rather do than make a living playing tennis profesionally.

And which player would he most like to play after joining the pro tour?

"Jimmy Connors is my idol, and we have very similar styles. I had the privilege to meet him and hit with him a few years ago, and I would love to play him. We're both very emotional players, and we like to play around with the crowd. That type of personality brings the crowd into the match, and it makes the game exciting for both the players and the spectators."

With Scott Read's ability on the tennis court, there is no telling how much excitement he may cause throughout his tennis career.

Read wins big at Navy tourney

by Fred Wyman
Special to The Elm

In a final tuneup prior to defending his Eastern Small College Championship, Scott Read captured both the singles and doubles titles at the Navy Fall Invitational Tennis Tournament held over the weekend. The Rolex Eastern Small College Championship takes place this weekend.

Playing superb serve and volley tennis, Read never lost a set en route to the singles championship. The All-American stopped Howard University players in the quarterfinal and semifinal matches, then defeated American University's #1 player in the finals. Read dropped Jay Merchant 6-2, 6-1 to win the singles title.

In doubles, Read teamed with freshman Alberto Diaz for the first time. Read and Diaz defeated doubles teams from American and Navy in the quarters and semis, setting up a final against Howard's top doubles team. After romping to a 6-1 first set victory, WC's duo had to win an 8-6 tiebreaker in the second set to win the championship.

Newcomers Brian Nilstoft and Greg Coss also showed promise in the tournament. Freshman Nilstoft won the #4 singles flight, while Coss captured the #3 consolation championship. The team hopes to continue their stellar play in the Eastern Small College Championship this weekend.

Soccer reaches halfway mark

by Brett Lankford
Staff Writer

With a 3-2 record in their past five games, the Washington College men's soccer team has shown signs of breaking out of their season-opening slump and fulfilling the promise shown in the preseason. Their record now stands at 3-6, with victories over St. Mary's, Salisbury State and UMES. With home games upcoming against Western Maryland, Albright and Ursinus, the team could reach .500 by this time next week.

Their first victory was a 4-0 win over St. Mary's. This was the first game where WC's offense realized its potential, while the defense continued their strong play. Goals were scored by Pete Van Buren, Mike Bishop, Enrique del Prado and Ken Hutchins. Hutchins' goal came on a great pass from freshman Kevin McCarthy.

The team was brimming with confidence going into their home game against Franklin & Marshall. Their offense never got untracked in the first half, then was demobilized in the second half by a storm that rolled in at halftime. The team spent most of the half having passes knocked down by the wind, and much of the half was played in the defensive half of the field. Franklin & Marshall tallied single goals in each half, and WC dropped the game 2-0.

Salisbury State was the next opponent, and WC got off to a very slow start. Salisbury scored in the first minute of the game and seemed destined to keep their momentum, but the Sho'men were able to come back quickly. They scored twice in the first half, taking a lead they would never relinquish. Kevin McCarthy and Mike Bishop scored the goals, leading the team to a 2-1 win. The offense continued their on again-off again pattern in the Swarthmore game, managing only four shots in a 2-0 loss.

Their game against UMES was a late addition to the schedule, but the team had no problem performing in the extra game. The squad won in a romp, beating UMES by a score of 15-1. Coach Bowman did everything possible to keep the score down, but the Sho'men proved to be too strong. Ten players scored in the game, led by three more goals from scoring leader Mike Bishop. Tom Bowman tallied a hat trick, scoring his first three goals of the year. Three goalkeepers combined for three saves on the game.

The team is nearing the halfway point of the season, with six of the last ten games scheduled at home. The team needs to make their move soon if they are to have a chance for a strong finish in the conference.

Sho'men return to the sea

by Colleen Moran

Having recently been upgraded from associate members to regular members of the Mid Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Association, the Washington College sailing team is back on the Chester River practicing for upcoming regattas. As regular members, the team will compete in more regattas than in past semesters against other schools in the mid-Atlantic region.

The sailors spend 18 hours a week on the water working on tactics, drills and racing. The team also gathers two nights a week for chalk talks with Coach Mitchell Grieb. Coach Grieb is also working to help the team achieve varsity status, which would allow them to receive the proper funding necessary to purchase more boats and other necessary equipment. The team is presently funded by the SGA and is recognized as a club. Still, the members hope that through their hard work and dedication, it won't be long before sailing is a developed sport at WC.

SPORTS

Volleyball shines

by Brett Lankford
Staff Writer

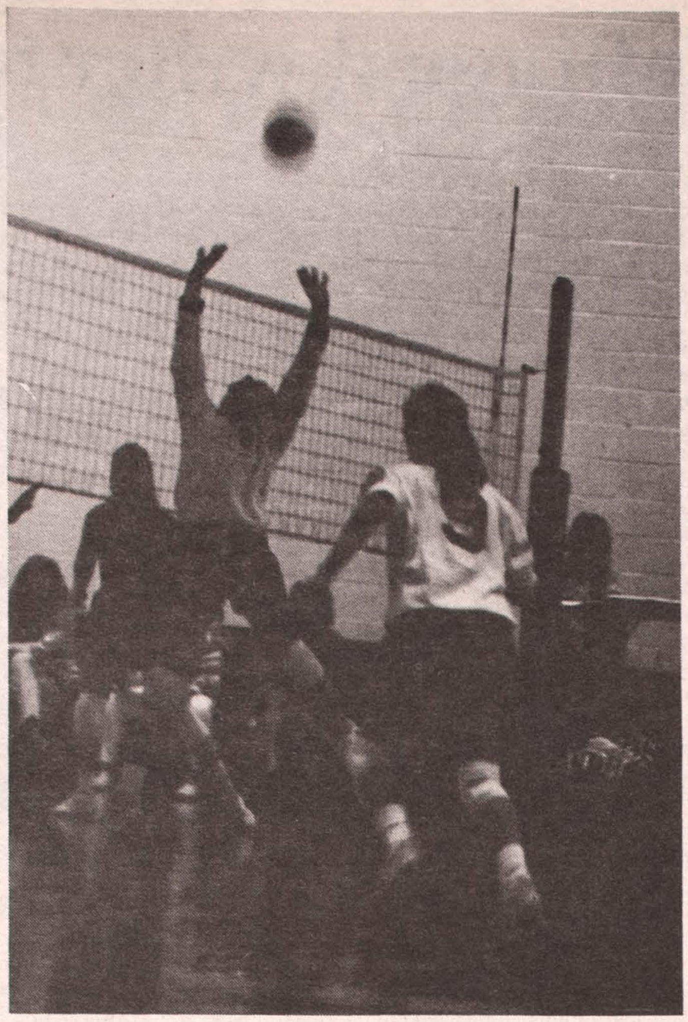
The women's volleyball team seem well on their way to a storybook season, with Coach Penny Fall and her four-year seniors trying to reach those goals that were set three years ago. The team has been the most pleasant surprise of this fall season, racking up a record of 8-5. They have won six of their last eight matches.

The team started to show their promise in a dual match against Hood and Notre Dame. The women lost only one game in sweeping the two matches, despite playing without the services of Sharon Orser. The team played well in Orser's absence as seniors Debby Cohn, Ann Marie Urban and Valerie Williams displayed their leadership during the first month of the season. Despite a conference defeat at the hands of Dickinson, the team still gave an indication of great things to come.

A dual match against Widener and Bryn Mawr brought out the best in the Sho'women. They were repeatedly frustrated by the play of Widener's six-foot hitter in the first game, losing 15-3. The team's chances looked dim, but they used finesse and strategy to take command of the match. They rolled over Widener in the next two games by scores of 15-1 and 15-7, then swept a tough Bryn Mawr team in two games to win the dual match. Gettysburg dealt WC another conference loss, but the team received a big boost by the return of Sharon Orser to the lineup. Despite the loss, the team was brimming with confidence as they prepared for their dual match against Johns Hopkins and Goucher.

The team won the first game against Johns Hopkins, then played poorly while losing their next two games. The team was one game away from losing the match, but coach Fall and the players refused to die. Debby Cohn dominated the fourth game with a series of excellent serves to even the games at two apiece, then won the fifth game to defeat Johns Hopkins. The match took over two and a half hours, but the team still had enough energy to sweep Goucher to win the dual match. The victory over Johns Hopkins was also the team's first conference win.

These wins lead up to a big weekend for the women's volleyball team. The Washington College Invitational Volleyball Tournament begins this evening at six o'clock. Gallaudet, Scranton, Washington & Lee and Wilmington all visit Cain Athletic Center for this two-day event. Play begins Saturday morning at ten, with semifinals scheduled for 1:30, with the tournament final beginning at 2:30. The Washington College games will be played in the small section of the gym, and should present a wonderful opportunity for both alumni and students to see this season's women's volleyball team against tough competition.


Setter Debby Cohn sets up a kill in last Wednesday's victory in the team's dual match. *(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)*

Field hockey at .500

by Jennifer Stickney

Things are looking up for the WC women's field hockey team. The team came away victorious in both of last week's games, scoring wins over Albright and Goucher.

On Tuesday, the team dominated conference rival Albright, winning by a score of 2-0. Karen Reck, Marie Mohler, Amy Tiehel, Jenifer Blenckstone and Carole Reece all shined for the team. The women used a combination of hustle, determination and talent to notch their second victory of the season. Mohler and Julie Schram scored the goals for the Sho'women. The scores were assisted by Karen Reck and Carolyn Athey, respectively. This victory raised their record to 2-3.

"I was pleased with the way we dominated the play on the field," Coach Guinan commented after the game. "The hockey team is continuing to progress, making strides toward reaching their full potential."

On Thursday, the rejuvenated Sho'women defeated Goucher 1-0. The only goal of the game was scored in the first half on a shot by Carole Reece. Julie Schram was credited with the assist, giving the team a lead they would never relinquish. The team was led by Mohler, Athey, Blenckstone and Reece, and Goucher was never able to dent the net against the Sho'women's defense. The win brought WC to the .500 mark at 3-3.

"We played a great game," said Coach Guinan. "I was pleased with our passing, movement, courage, and offensive strength. I'm now hoping for an increase in scoring."

The Washington College women's field hockey team will be looking to move above .500 for the first time in their upcoming games. The team meets Catholic University and Lebanon Valley in home games this week.

Tennis suffers first loss of season

by Fred Wyman
Special to The Elm

The Washington College women's tennis team suffered their first dual match defeat of the fall, bowing to Washington & Lee 7-2. Coach Bramble expected the Lady Generals to be good, yet she was surprised by their depth.

Despite only winning one singles match, the Sho'women battled W&L on even terms at the top four singles positions, losing in close matches. The Lady Generals' depth was most apparent at the #5 and #6 spots.

Tracy Peel was victorious in her #1 singles match, stopping Jean Stroman 6-3, 6-2. Stroman is currently ranked 30th in the Division III rankings, making for the second consecutive weekend that Peel has defeated a ranked opponent. Peel's victory upped her fall record to 7-2 and solidified her #4 national ranking.

Monica Blanco and Miriam Dittman both played solid matches before losing in three sets. W&L's Kelly Martone edged Blanco 6-3,3-6,6-4, while Dittman bowed 2-6,7-6,6-3 to Colleen Quinn. Meg Wheatley played well in a close match, losing in straight sets, 6-3,6-4.

The team's other victory came at the #1 doubles position. Peel and Blanco teamed up to defeat W&L's #1 by a score of 6-0,7-5. The women hope to bounce back from the loss this weekend in the Catholic University Fall Invitational Tournament.

Rec Sports

by Deeann Pinczok

This year's Theta Chi Softball Tournament was won by Surf & Turf for the fourth consecutive year. The team came from behind to defeat the Alumni 7-4. They also won in a close game against Oedipus & MoFos in a semifinal match by a score of 12-11. Surf & Turf then clinched the championship by beating the Theta Shooters 9-3.

In Rec Football, the Alpha Babies captured the women's championship by defeating the Silver Bullets 33-0, the Flamin' Alphas 52-0 and the Alpha Chi's 47-0. The Flamin' Alphas placed second with wins over the Silver Bullets and the Alpha Chi's. In the men's division, the Dawgs scored a big win over the Multi Offenders 19-0, while the Pseudo Lambdas defeated the KA's 7-0. Salt & Budha won twice, beating No Names 25-0 and Hard & Clueless 7-0. Alpha Rejecta one once and lost once, beating the KA's 21-6 and losing to Hard & Clueless 8-4.

Rankings as of September 29

1-Pseudo Lambda	4-0
2-Salt & Budha	5-0
3-Dawgs	3-1
4-No Names	2-2
5-Multi Offenders	1-3

All the sororities and fraternities on campus participated in the Greek Games last Saturday. The day began with a series of fun games, such as a sack and wheelbarrow race, body toss, chariot race, balloon toss and orange pass. Two teams of six from each Greek organization then played in a tournament of games such as of volleyball, soccer and flag football. Each team was made up of six girls and six guys with games lasting fifteen minutes. Other games ensued, including an egg toss, a clothes race, and leap frog. The day ended with a pie-eating contest. Theta Chi won among the fraternities and Alpha Omicron Pi won among the sororities. It was a day filled with fun and friendly competition for all participants.

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NEA grant brings bilingual writer to campus

by Stephanie Hess
Staff Writer

By virtue of the Sophie Kerr Committee and an NEA grant, bilingual novelist and critic, Raymond Federman will be visiting the Washington College campus for two days of lectures, readings and meetings with students.

Federman's visit will begin with breakfast on Monday morning October 16. In the afternoon he will present a talk on "Contemporary Fiction, Here and Elsewhere" and in the evening he will read from his works of fiction. On Tuesday, in addition to meeting with the French Club and Creative Writing students, he will give a lecture in the evening entitled, "The Voice within a Voice: the bilingual writer as self translator."

Federman is the first in a series of four writers from bilingual cultures who will be visiting the campus. The series was established by Director of the Literary House, Robert Day and French major, Jennifer Eisberg, after they applied for and were granted an endowment from the NEA.

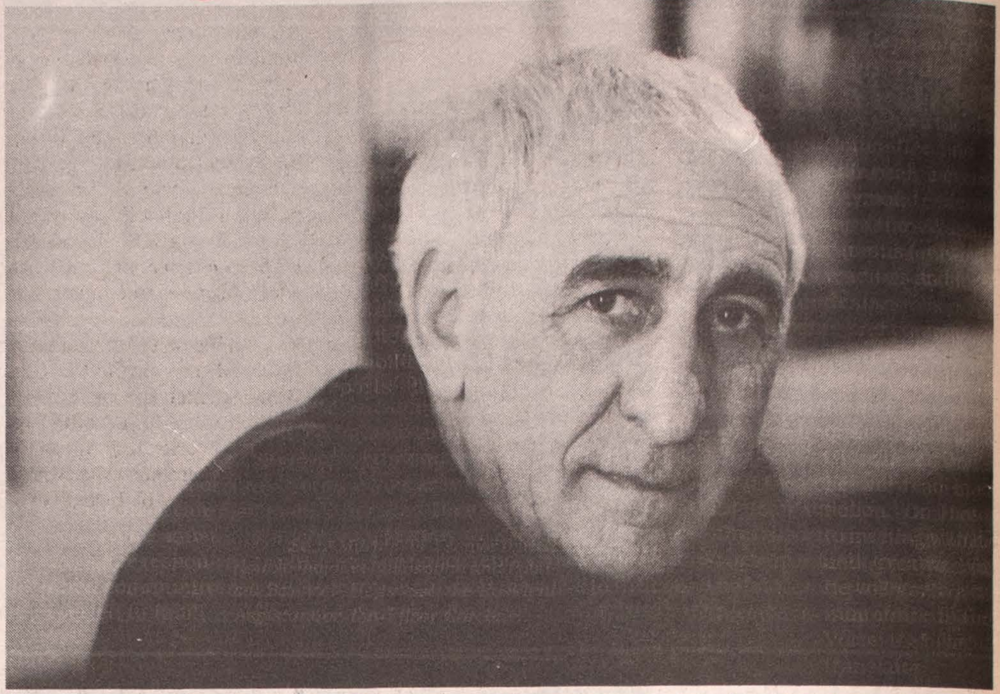
Born in Paris, France in 1928, Federman has published six works of fiction, two of which are award winners; *Double or Nothing* was the winner of the Frances Steloff Fiction Prize, and the Panache Experimental Fiction Prize, and *Smiles on Washington Square* won the American Book Award in 1986. A seventh novel, *To Whom It May Concern*, is in progress.

Federman also works in writing forms other than fiction, but admits in his resume, "Though I have published two volumes of poems (*Among the Beasts*, 1967 and *Me Too*, 1975), several books of criticism, and numerous articles and essays, I consider myself primarily a fiction writer."

He worked on three published translations of works from French to English, and several of his novels have been translated into German, Polish, Hungarian, Rumanian, French, Greek, Hebrew, Chinese, Italian, Spanish and Japanese.

Federman came to the United States in 1947 and served in Korea in the US Army from 1951 to 1954. He graduated cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Columbia University in 1957, and went on to graduate work at the University of California at Los Angeles where he received his MA and his PhD in Comparative Literature.

A recipient of numerous fellowships and awards, including a Fulbright Fellowship to Israel and an NEA Fellowship in 1984 for creative writing/fiction, Federman has taught at the University of Montreal and the University Of California at Santa Barbara, and at San Diego, and is presently a Professor of English and Comparative literature at SUNY-Buffalo.


Novelist, poet and critic, Raymond Federman, will be on campus for two days to lecture and read.
(photo courtesy of Marshall Williams)

In the *Dictionary of Literary Biography Yearbook*, Welch D. Everman says of Federman's fiction, "Building on the work of Joyce, Celine, Beckett, and other twentieth-century masters, his fictions are fascinating constructs that combine a brilliant style, unorthodox typography and a masterful new approach to the development of characters and literary structure." He calls Federman's novels "literary events," and adds, "Federman questions the very nature of fiction."

In an interview with *Contemporary Authors*, Federman said, "I write to gain my freedom and hopefully to liberate my readers from all conventions. Anything goes because meaning does not precede language, language produces meaning. There is as much value in making nonsense as there is in making sense; its simply a question of direction."

When speaking of his own work, Federman alludes to a critical study which he wrote, *Journey to Chaos: Samuel Beckett's Early Fiction*. He says, "My entire writing career has been a Journey to Chaos."

Federman's talks will be held in the Sophie Kerr Room. The discussion "Contemporary Fiction, Here and Elsewhere," will be at 4PM on Monday, October 16; the fiction reading will be at 8PM Monday; and the talk "The Voice Within aVoice: the bilingual writer as self translator," will be at 8PM Tuesday.

Philosophy scholar speaks about feminism in USSR

by Stephanie Hess
Staff Writer

The William James Forum presents "Feminism and Justice in the Soviet Union," a lecture by James Sterba, Professor of Philosophy at Notre Dame University, who has recently returned from a year in the Soviet Union.

Sterba, who spoke to the Forum about five years ago on "How to Make Men Just," is a very prolific writer, whose books include *Morality in Practice*, *Contemporary Ethics*, and *How to Make Men Just*. These and several of Sterba's other works can be found in Miller Library.

Sterba graduated with a BA from LaSalle University in 1966, and did graduate work at Duquesne and the University of Pittsburgh, where he attained his MA and his PhD. In the past, he has been a liberal arts fellow at Harvard Law School and the President of the North American Society For Social Philosophy. He is presently a full professor at Notre Dame University.

Last year, Sterba was awarded a full grant to teach courses on peace and justice in the Soviet Union, where he lived for a year in Latvia with his wife and daughter.

As a writer about justice, Sterba was very interested in and paid special attention to the liberalization activities in the Soviet Union under the leadership of Mikhail Gorbachev. He noticed that despite the other liberation movements, there was no feminist movement going on in the USSR right now, and was curious why.

His talk on Wednesday night will address the question of why there is no feminist movement, and will also discuss when such a movement is likely to emerge.

Knowing that he would be in the area next week speaking at schools in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, Sterba called the organizer of the William James Forum, Professor Peter Tapke, and asked if he would like him to speak in the Forum. Tapke, who said Sterba "gave us a fine program before," accepted the offer.

Sterba will speak on Wednesday, October 11 in the Sophie Kerr Room of the Miller Library at 7:30PM. Admission is free and the lecture is open to the public.

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Works in new exhibit transcend traditions

by Jennifer Del Nero

Sponsoring its second art show of the fall semester, WC Arts Exhibits Committee presents Maryland Art Place (MAP) with a collection of recent prints by well known regional artists, opening on October 11.

Pyramid Atlantic and Brandywine are the two workshops from which Jan Howard, Baltimore Museum of Art curator, collated the prints displayed in the MAP show.

Says Art lecturer Tex Andrews, "It'll be an interesting show, an interesting cross section of contemporary printmaking techniques that include traditional printmaking techniques."

Andrews adds that the prints on display aren't merely images, but "examples of process" that "transcend traditional aspects of prints where they're all identical." Traditonal prints involve only one process, such as etching or woodblock, whereas contemporary prints are combinations of processes.

As he describes the show, Andrews emphasizes the materials used by the artists, specifically the handmade paper, explaining, "The handmade paper is further evidence of the kind of care these people exert on the process itself."

To Andrews this awareness of resources can be credited to the crafts movement where artists "get intimately involved with their materials." He notes that artists "are beginning to show more care for their material."

Baltimore Sun Art Critic John Dorsey reviewed the print show last May and wrote, "There is everything from David Chung's expressionist linocuts (*Pool*) to Kevin MacDonald's series of three delicate seascapes (*Untitled* , a pulp painting with colored pencil) to Charlie Risselada's *White Map* in cast paper that has the effect of a reverse relief sculpture...."

In his write-up, Dorsey also reviewed the prints of Gillian Brown, which are based on old photographs and said Brown "creates works that have to do with the persistence of memory and the refusal of the past to die." The print to which he referred is a simulation of the background of an old photograph with figures painted in it. The result is the image of a person superimposed on the scene.

One painting by Rick Morris is critiqued by Dorsey as "chilling." It is of a little boy in the middle of a tree gazing at a flying bomb. Morris is an artist with Pyramid Atlantic, which Dorsey believes to be the more versatile of the two workshops.

Both Brandywine and Pyramid Atlantic are non-profit organizations "dedicated to providing collaborative environments for experimentation and innovation in printmaking," as described in an essay of the workshops written by Howard that is included in the catalog of the show.

Brandywine, founded in 1972 in Philadelphia by Allan Edmunds, is recognized for its commitment to minority artists. Howard explains in her essay, "Forty percent of its artists are African-Americans, and its current Visiting Artists series focuses on the work of Native Americans."

Pyramid Atlantic was founded nine years after Brandywine in 1981 by Helen Frederick. Frederick, after being introduced to handmade papermaking during a visit to India, decided to set up her own paper and printmaking shop. Not only is there a Pyramid facility in Baltimore, but three years ago, a second location opened in the outskirts of Washington, DC.

The MAP show will be on display in Tawes Lobby of Gibson Fine Arts Center beginning October 11 with an opening reception at 5 PM and will continue through November 5.

Campus calendar: before and after Fall Weekend

October 6, 8, 9

The Washington College Film Series presents *Voices of Sarafina!*, about a touring musical production from South Africa. The movie shows pivotal scenes from the musical, which is essentially a re-enactment of the children's uprising in Soweto in 1976, interwoven with the life experiences of the teenagers in the production. The film will be shown in the Norman James Theater at 7:30 PM.

October 6,7,8

The play, *for colored girls who have considered suicide/ when the rainbow is enuf*, directed by student, Esther Diamondstone, will be presented in Tawes Theater of the Gibson Fine Arts Center at 8PM tonight and tomorrow night, and at 1PM on Sunday afternoon. The play is a choreopoem revolving around the lives of seven black women. Reservations are required and can be obtained by calling ext. 269.

October 6

The new campus band, *SPG*, will play in the Coffee House from 9-1 tonight. Admission is $3 dollars.

October 7

Washington College will rededicate its Dunning Science Building in a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 3PM on the campus lawn. Keynote speaker will be Theodore Kurze, class of 1943. Tours of the building and a reception will follow the rededication and ribbon cutting.

October 9

Lucille Sansing, Professor of Sociology and Associate Dean of the College, will present a lecture on "Stress in the American Family." The lecture deals with domestic violence, her area of study as a sociologist, and is part of the Monday Series held in the Literary House at 4:30. Tea is served at 4:00.

October 11

The Washington College Arts Exhibits Committee presents "The Pyramid Atlantic and Brandywine Workshop Print Show," an exhibit of recent prints by well-known regional artists from the Baltimore and Philadelphia areas, on loan from Maryland Art Place. The opening reception is at 5 PM in Tawes Lobby and the exhibit will be on display through November 5. A related article appears above.

Also Wednesday night, the William James Forum presents "Feminism and Justice in the Soviet Union," a lecture by James Sterba, Professor of Philosophy at Notre Dame University. Sterba has recently returned from a year in the Soviet Union. The lecture begins at 7:30 PM in the Sophie Kerr Room of Miller Library. A related article appears on page 10.

October 13 to 16

The Washington College Film Series presents *A Taxing Woman*, a Japanese comedy with English subtitles, about Japan's dauntless tax auditors and inspectors who ferret out hidden riches from the country's innumerable cheats. It is a convincing look at the pressured vitality of modern Japan. The film will be shown in Norman James Theater at 7:30 PM.

October 14

The Kent County Historical Trust presents its fourth annual tour of historic homes in Kent County, "Three Centuries of Kent." The driving tour features ten homes in the Chestertown and Quaker Neck regions of Kent County, Maryland. For information and tickets, call 778-4195.

October 16 to 19

Washington College Health Services presents a week of films and discussions focusing on National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week. Monday: "The Nature of the Beast: Alcoholism and Addiction." Tuesday: "Within Our House: Effects on Family Members." Wednesday: "Getting High Naturally: Options for Young Adults and Adolescents at Heart." Thursday: "A Blow for Responsibility: Drunk Driving and Breathalyzer demonstration." Discussions will be held in the Coffee House at 7 PM each night.

October 16 & 17

Bilingual novelist and critic Raymond Federman will be visiting the College for a series of lectures and meetings with students. His public talks and readings will include a talk on "Contemporary Fiction, Here and Elsewhere, given at 4PM on Monday afternoon, a reading of his fiction at 8PM Monday evening with a public reception to follow, and a talk on "The Voice within a Voice: the bilingual writer as self translator," at 8PM Tuesday evening. All three gatherings will be held in the Sophie Kerr Room. An article about Federman appears on page 10.

October 18

In an effort to keep in touch with the problems of the student body, President Cater will hold an "Open Season" in the Hynson Lounge at 7 PM on Wednesday evening to answer any questions and address any concerns students have about the College. It is, as the name suggests, open to all students, and attendance is encouraged.

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4. **The Mummy,** by Anne Rice. (Ballantine, $11.95.) Ramses and Cleopatra come to life in Edwardian England.
5. **Love in the Time of Cholera,** by Gabriel Garcia Marquez. (Penguin, $8.95.) A love story of astonishing power.
6. **Zoya,** by Danielle Steel. (Dell, $5.95.) A women's life spanning the Russian Revolution to modern day New York.
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9. **The Dance of Anger,** by Harriet Goldhor Lerner. (Perennial, $8.95.) Guide for improving women's personal relationships.
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Fund allocation

by Kyndra Ponder

During the SGA's second regular meeting on Tuesday, the club funding for the fall semester was approved as follows:

Campus Christian Fellowship $150, Margaret Horsley Society $600, Foreign Language Clubs French $350, Spanish $ 350, German $350, International House $500+$1000 from school, Resolve Magazine $250 + $150 from Writer's Union, Sailing Club $ 850, Men's Swim Club $350, Dutch-Dumschodt Society $150, International Relations Club $300, Translations Magazine $100+$200 from Writer's Union, Amnesty International $200, William James Forum $1250, Phi Sigma Tau $400 (Philosophy Honor Society), Best Paper In The World $198, Roto Gravure $500+$250 from Writer's Union, Psychology Club $200, GALA $ 25

SGA Treasurer Joe Van Name added that if the clubs run out of approved funds, supplemental funding forms are available and that students who forgot to request funding can still get money from the SGA. For more information contact Van Name at ext. 485.

In addition, the SGA discussed the "Open Season on President Cater". Students will be able to meet with the President and discuss their views about his term. The "Open Day" will be held Wednesday night, Oct. 18 in Hynson Lounge.

Finally, Sophomore Stuart Nieman was appointed as Student Ombudsman for the SCC. Nieman will serve as liaison between accused students and the SCC to be sure that students know their rights.

The Decker Science Center will be rededicated this Saturday. The public is welcome to come to ceremonies. See story page one.

(photo courtesy Marshall Williams)

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Dunning has also been outfitted with a darkroom, a shop and an environmental room for the biology department. It houses the main lecture hall, three classrooms, and office space for physics, psychology faculty and visiting faculty.

The new wing, the Decker Center, contains four teaching and research laboratories for biology and three teacher laboratories for chemistry.

Major donors for the $4.5 million science complex and its instrumentation include: the A.S. Abell Company Foundation, AT&T Foundation, Black and Decker, the Booth Ferris Foundation, The Brown Foundation, Inc., Campbell Soup Company, Chevy Chase Savings & Loan, CSX Corporation and the Jessie Ball DuPont Religious, Charitable and Educational Fund, the Jacob and Annita France Foundation, the Charles A. Frueauff Foundation, the Noxell Corporation, Olin Corporation, The Pew Charitable Trusts, the State of Maryland, the Starr Foundation and USF&G.

Upgrading Washington College's science facility is part of one of the largest and most successful fund-raising campaigns ever undertaken by any of Maryland's small private colleges. Of a $41.1 million Campaign for Excellence goal, to date the College has raised $38.7 million in gifts, pledges and anticipated endowment. In addition, special gifts not included in Campaign goals total $3.8 million.

Tours of the facility and a reception from 4-5 p.m. will follow dedication. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Ticket holders will enjoy the ribbon cutting at 3:00 p.m., tours of Dunning from 3:30 - 4:30, a Reception from 4:30 - 5:30, Campus Tours from 5:00 - 6:00, cocktail hour at the Hodson Hall Student Center from 6:00 - 7:00, and dinner in Hynson Lounge in Hodson Hall at 7:00 p.m..

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hopeful that good relations between college students and the town will remain intact.

"If there is a problem of perception, call about the problem. We are more than happy to talk about it."

TABLE TALK

I hope that everyone enjoyed themselves at The Gourmet Dinner this past Wednesday evening. The set up was really beautiful with the colorful flowers and candles on the tables. Hopefully, the atmosphere was just like home.

Remember to mark your calendars nest week for the Fall Break Meal Schedule.

Oct. 12 Thursday - Regular Meal Time
Oct. 13 and Oct 14 Friday and Saturday - Brunch 11:30-12:30 p.m.
Dinner 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Oct 15 Sunday - 10:00-11:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
11:00-12:30 p.m. Breakfast
4:15-5:45 p.m. Dinner

October 18 will be Lobster and Steak Night. Speaking of steaks we served 516 Cajun Steaks on September 27. We had very good comments on how well seasoned they were. Hopefully, we will have them again sometime in the future.

Food For Thought

"You are what you eat!" It's true! There's no way around it. What we eat and how much we eat directly affect how well we feel and look.

Our diet can influence our risk of developing life-shortening and typically American diseases such as heart disease, cancer, stroke, diabetes and high blood pressure, not to mention less-threatening problems such as tooth decay, bone fractures, and America's leading ailment - obesity.

Diet affects our physical appearance as well as our emotional and psychological health.

Such subtleties as how well you study and how restfully you sleep can be affected by the way you eat.

Unfortunately, despite a growing awareness of nutrition and wellness, Americans continue to eat too much fat, sodium, sugar and protein.

Hope everyone has a great week. Take care. T.T.

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Open Season declared on the President:

Cater hears student criticisms

by Kyndra Ponder

Nearly forty students and faculty attended the Open Season on President Cater Wednesday evening in Hynson Lounge. Open Season was preceded by a Student/Faculty dinner in the Dining Hall. The SGA sponsored the dinner which was met with a positive reaction from students and faculty alike.

After introductions President Cater gave his views on current issues at Washington College. Cater felt that "Washington College has the capacity to be something special," and he highly praised faculty here. In addition, he highlighted some of the current construction on campus and optimistically stated that the fire lane should be complete within the next two to three weeks.

Cater went on to address some of the changes that his "Master Plan" will bring about, including changing W.C. from a "one dimensional campus with a pretty front yard and a rat-tail back street running through it" into a three dimensional college with an impressive entrance and an equally impressive campus throughout.

He apologized for what he described as "not the best season that Washington College has ever had" and hoped that all in all, students might look back and think that the school's actions were right.

President Cater turned the floor over to the students.

During the two and half hours of discussion that followed, three topics emerged which clearly concerned a large number students.

One major theme was the new Washington College alcohol policy. Students felt that the stricter policy contributes to fragmentation of the student groups on campus because most students are under the legal twenty one year old drinking age. In order to drink, then, many students opt to attend private parties or the "special interest" functions instead of one big all-campus party.

SGA President Steve Attias stated that the issue of campus

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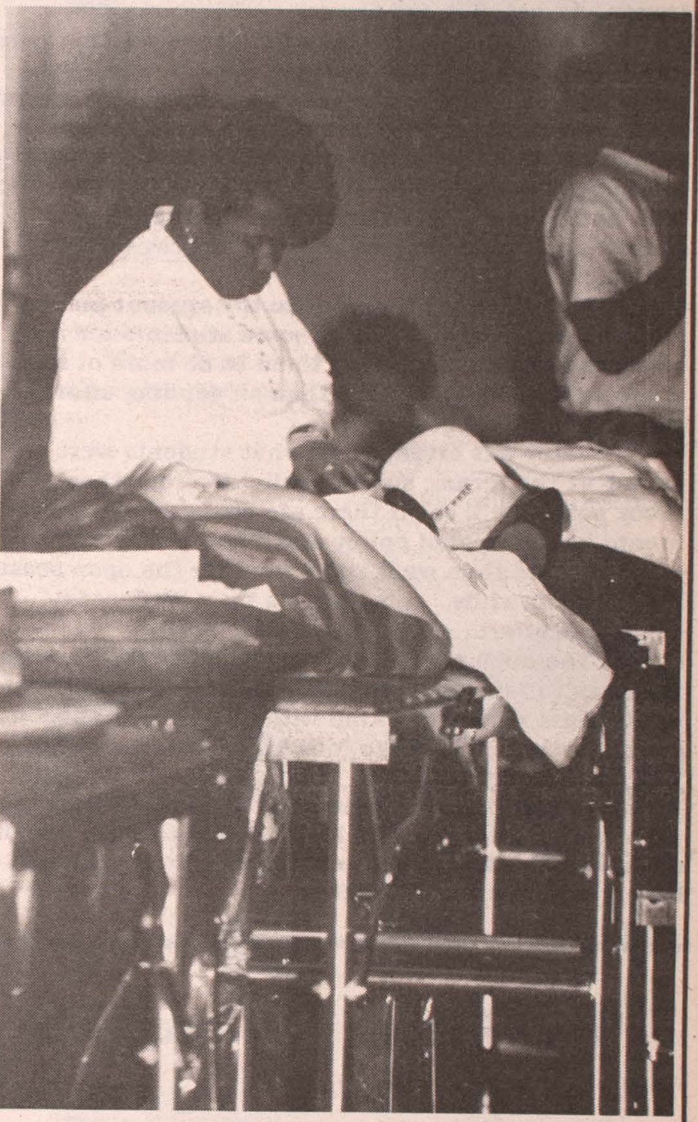

Red Cross representatives praised Washington College students who donated blood this Tuesday. The Red Cross reported that the blood helped to save lives in San Francisco when the devastating earthquake hit only hours later. (photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

Renovation plans depend on availability of funds this year

by Sharon Bonner

Extensive plans for the renovation of William Smith Hall, and Hodson Hall will begin to go into effect when Washington College receives a response from the college's request for a state grant. The College has applied for Maryland state funding to cover forty-nine percent of the expenses for renovation of these buildings. To cover remaining expenses, the College will organize fund raising events.

A matching grant was requested to aid in the costs of improving the building construction in Bunting Hall, Dunning Hall, Decker Science Center, Creative Arts Center, and the Eugene B. Casey Academic Resource Center.

Originally, Miller Library was involved in the renovations proposal expected to be funded by the state grant. However, because the college's main priority is the renovations of William Smith and Hodson Hall, the library plans were deferred at this time.

"We were working towards an addition to the library and internal renovations, but over the summer the administration decided that first we needed to make sure we were using the library to its full capacity", explained Mr. Tubbs, of the Miller Library.

Library staff expects to explore other possible improvements to be made without need of funding through the state grant. President Cater has received a proposal consisting of the first estimate for installing additional shelves to provide more book space. Suggestions are currently under discussion for rearranging of space in the library to create more room for periodicals and books to be placed.

The renovations of William Smith include improving the landscape in the rear entrance to the building, repair work, and the renovations of the entire basement.

Renovations in the basement incorporate: refinement of the electrical system, installation of a new heating system, increasing of classroom and office space, and installation of elevators for the handicapped. The lighting system and stage area in Norman James Theater will also be upgraded to improve William Smith Hall.

Plans for Hodson Hall renovations consist of: establishing a student study center in the space presently occupied by the bookstore, and remodeling the Coffee House and Snack Bar. Some additions in the Coffee House will be air conditioning and providing of handicapped accessible entrances.

The student study center will provide comfortable seating, and an atmosphere for study other than in the library. The fireplace, set in the bookstore when it was previously a student lounge, and the floor of the bookstore will be restored.

"The Student Study Center is proposed to relieve study pressure in the library, and it is located close enough to the library for students to make use of both facilities.", said Clint Baer,

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Students and local business work together

by Jennifer Del Nero

Washington College's first student owned and operated delivery service began early this fall in conjunction with Subway, a local fast-food franchise.

The Sho'men Delivery Service, comprised of junior Frank Cabreja, president of the business, and sophomores Jason Imber and Ed Schroeder, treasurer and public relations respectively, debuted September 18.

Although Subway ran its own delivery service with its employees last year when the shop first opened, that practice was terminated over the summer. Subway National management prohibited all deliveries by its franchises because of an accident that had occurred elsewhere in the country involving a pizza deliverer.

Cabreja explained, "It's a liability thing."

He remembers Glenn Tosten, co-owner of Chestertown Subway, discussing the effect of the decision on him. "Glenn had told me this would take a toll on Subway by the end of the year." Not long after the conversation, Cabreja approached Imber and Schroeder with the idea of forming a partnership.

The Sho'men Delivery Service then drew up an independent contract with Tosten and his partner Michael Bonnett.

The life of the contract lasts one semester, at which time it can be renewed, amended or terminated. Also included is a clause specifically stating that during the life of the contract, the

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EDITORIAL

Open seasons need more student attendance

Wednesday night's "open season" on President Cater was a successful and informative forum where students voiced their concerns about everything from heating in dormitories, to the alcohol policy, to the fragmentation of the campus social life.

The turnout of more than 30 people was impressive enough to maintain an ongoing discussion in an informal setting, but that number pales in comparison to the 800+ students who have a stake in Washington College. Ironically, student apathy was one of several issues addressed in the forum.

It doesn't matter that attendance was comparatively low, because 30 people are enough to accomplish things, to act on the concerns which were raised at the forum. Still, *I know* there are more than 30 people out there who will voluntarily deliver a lengthy monologue on the ills of the College, the bureaucratic bull, and so on. For one reason or another, they passed up a golden opportunity to address the head bureaucrat himself!

Why? It's a testament to the student-faculty-administration gap. Perhaps some students are wary of these forums, suspecting them to be more of an exercise in public relations than an genuine effort to improve the College.

Cater was attentive to what students were saying at the forum, so the public relations theory is a moot point; we'll see if there are changes and improvements in the alcohol policy and board policy, for example, and then we'll know whether the open season is worth our while. It is, judging from Wednesday, worth the effort.

The open season is an excellent tool for administrators to reach out to students, but, of course, students must respond in kind with their attendance in order for these forums to fulfill the potential shown on Wednesday evening.

According to members of the Student Government Association, we can look forward to future open seasons with various administrators. Be there, and have your ammunition ready.

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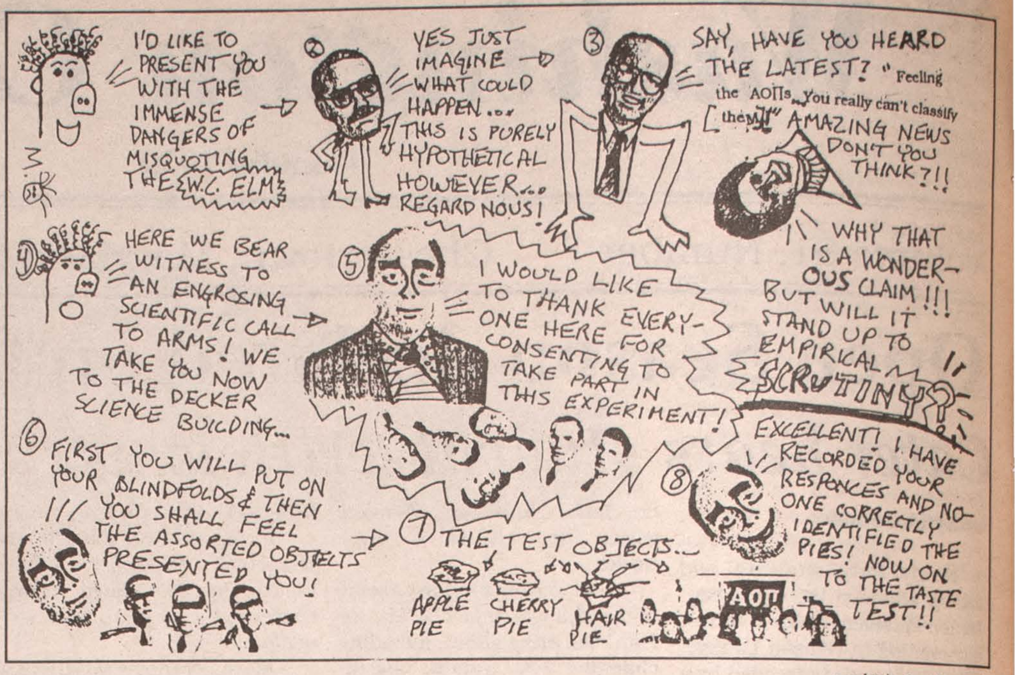
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graphic by David Morrison

Letters to the Editor

Police reports: public has right to know

To the Editor:

In response to Tanya Cunic's opinion editorial, in the October 6, 1989 issue of The Elm, I can say this-Ms. Cunic does not know very much about the politics of the real world. In the real world people are held responsible for their actions (except for the government since they are not the real world).

If someone breaks a law or ordinance, whether they are punished or not, their peers and the community have a right to this information. It is not just "freedom of the press." If a student is arrested or fined for distributing drugs, the community has a right to know about it. If Ms. Cunic feels this is spreading rumors and not public information just how far do we expand this boundary of not reporting it? If a student is arrested for rape, do we not report it? Is that spreading rumors? I say the public has a right to know.

I understand that there are individual rights and someone arrested or fined may not want it published, but what about the individual rights of those in the surrounding community?

Ms. Cunic is right to say that a police report on someone's record may affect their nor getting a job. It is the employer's right to know the criminal history of a possible employee and also the responsibility of that employer to note the substance of that police report. Violation of a noise ordinance will most likely not affect whether or not the person gets the job.

Ms. Cunic criticizes The Elm for putting the correction on page two in the corner. This is standard practice not only for the Elm but for any major newspaper. No major newspaper makes a major news story out of a correction. That is also standard practice.

Furthermore, I am confused by Ms. Cunic's statement about the people who are in the police report. She stated that they "do not shudder at the thought of having their names published in the newspaper." Then why is she making such a big deal about the police reports? If the people in the police reports are not writing to the editor to complain, then no one should be doing it for them. Also, how does The Elm "cast stones" by printing plain facts?

Ms. Cunic stated that this college "thrives on new, fresh (and often outspoken ideas," this letter is just one student's opinion, although I know I'm not alone.

Julie Greene
Sophomore

Writer angered by "butchered" article

To the Editor:

I am angered and frustrated to the extent of being speechless. I ask a simple question: Why should I contribute my time and thoughts to *The Elm* when my words will be butchered? It is especially devastating to me because I carry such a passion for R.E.M., and I devoted time, now apparently wasted, writing my article only to have it completely screwed. I enjoyed writing my article; I did not enjoy reading what was printed in *The Elm* (or what was *not* printed).

God forbid printing an article as the writer has written it. When I questioned the editor of features about what had happened, her comforting reply was: "I don't know. Maybe something happened when I cut and pasted it?...I didn't read it before it went to the printer." Now I ask what is the obligation of an editor? Are they not responsible for what is printed in their particular section?

I value my writing, even if *The Elm* does not. I can't wait to see how this letter is jumbled.

Sincerely,
Kimberly Coburn
Sophomore

Editor's reply: The error was due to a regrettable combination of computer error and human error, not intentional "butchering" on The Elm's *part.*

However, Miss Coburn refused to give equal gravity to the time and thoughts of the Features Editor, preferring to consult the Editor-in-chief directly. Consequently, the Features Editor was unfamiliar with the final editing the article received when she pasted up her pages.

At any rate, The Elm *apologizes for the error. The article should have read as follows:*

"Any night sitting on saturated dirt in forty-five degree weather listening to Mike Mills, Peter Buck, Bill Berry, and Michael Stipe is "the finest of hours" for me. R.E.M. played Merriweather Post Pavilion on Saturday, September 23rd, and you may have guessed that I didn't have pavilion seats; I had so-called "lawn" seats (it was like playing King of the MUD hill). It was obvious that R.E.M. is nearing the end of a tour that has been much too long.

When I saw them on April 7th in West Virginia, I was more impressed. Michael Stipe didn't tell the crowd to "shut up" nearly so much. He also didn't get pissed when people reached out to touch his damn feet. The show on Saturday night was the same show as in West Virginia-minus energy. In April, when the band played "Stand," Stipe jumped onto a platform and did the dance from the video. He ran around the stage, stood on amps, gave the crowd a show . . . something to watch. This past concert, he tended to sing with his back to the crowd; this was a show to hear rather than watch-it should have been both."

OPINION

ISSUE: At mid-semester, do you find that the academics at Washington College are fulfilling your expectations?

College allows students curricular freedom

Kyndra Ponder

I transferred to Washington College after spending a year at Loyola College in Baltimore. As soon as most people find out I am new here, I am usually hit with the inevitable question, "So how do you like it here at WC?"

Well, as I'm sitting here trying to draw a conclusion about WC, I think that, all in all, I'm going to like it here. Socially, it's a little boring, but then again Chestertown is just not Baltimore! Academically, I'm really happy here. Having just finished midterms, I think I can make that statement safely.

To be truthful, when I looked at the school and found out that four classes made up a full schedule, I thought, "Well, I've got it made. Next year will be so easy!"

At Loyola, I took five classes and two four-hour labs each week.

Since I've enrolled, I've found out that those four classes are just as consuming as my five classes were last year. I don't spend quite as much time studying, but then again, reading Beowulf or Utopia is very different from trying to understand biology, chemistry or integral calculus!

Last year, I really hated almost every minute I spent in a classroom. My major was so competitive, that just to have survived freshman biology and chemistry was a big accomplishment. The professors seemed to be more interested in completing their research than in teaching students, and as a result, nearly 60% of the students failed out of the pre-med program by the the end of the first semester! In all fairness, most of the faculty at Loyola was great. I just think that the general spirit of Loyola is much different than it is here.

The faculty here are far more nurturing than most I encountered last year. The professors in the English department whom I have been in contact with this year seem more interested in teaching than in publishing articles to gain tenure. I feel that graduating with a B.A. from WC will be a sign to me and to those I will encounter that I have looked for the best qualities in myself and have worked hard to enhance them. I think that is the spirit of WC and I definitely think that is the spirit for me!

Most of you, I will assume are familiar with the distribution requirements here: one full sequence in each of four areas and a second sequence in one of the areas of your choice. I think that is great. The system allows for a great deal of personal freedom but still lets students experience a little of everything. At Loyola, students also take classes to fulfill core requirements. Unfortunately, the classes are strictly regimented. Students must take the specified course in World History, US History, Freshman Writing, Sophomore Literature, Philosophy, Ethics, Theology, Math/Science, and Sociology/Psychology. There is not much time left to study art, music or drama.

After one year at Loyola and six weeks here, I really am not sure if I can fairly judge academics at WC. I have taken one midterm and written two papers and I feel comfortable with them. I could have never said that last year—especially in my major! I think Washington College is equally as demanding of its students as most other selective colleges—but I think what it demands challenges students in different ways. A combination of factors here—the Honor Code, teacher attitudes, distribution and even senior comps. demands students to demand the most of themselves. I definitely think I'm going to like it here!

Kyndra Ponder is a junior transfer student.

CAMPUS VOICES by Amy L. Undercoffler

Janice Bohlinger
Frankfurt, Germany

I really like the faculty and the way the professors get into contact with the students. They care and they encourage everybody to come to their office hours and talk about problems. On the other hand the educational system is very different from the German one: I miss the opportunity and encouragement for free and personal thinking and ideas.

Jim Seeley
Greenwich, NJ
Freshman

I find the academics at WC very adequate to what I was looking for. The professors look to help, rather than just giving grades.

Sally Haynsworth
Columbia, S.C.
Freshman

I am very happy here with the academics. Some classes are more challenging than others, but overall I feel challenged by all my classes. There is a lot of outside work but I feel I'm getting an extensive view of the courses. Now that midterms are about over, I know what the teacher is expecting and how to prepare for the class.

Merideth Gibson
Vernon, VT
Freshman

I'm happier now then I was in the beginning because now I know what to expect of my teachers and what they expect of me. I think I'm a lot more adjusted now.

John McCarthy
Geneva, Switzerland
Freshman

I feel that up till now the academic side of life here at WC has been challenging, yet not overpowering, allowing me as a freshman to develop in other aspects of college life.

Brian Simpson
Bethesda, MD
Freshman-Transfer

I was surprised at how difficult the academics turned out to be at WC. It's the only school I know of where you can take 2 years of school and still be a freshman. If that's not intense then I don't know what is.

High school expectations blend to form a true idea about college

Michelle Harrison

Does the academic scene at Washington live up to my expectations? That depends on what my expectations were and how they were formed. If you really think about it, we develop our expectations of college in high school. Do you remember all the wild exaggerations you heard as a high school freshman or sophomore? "The academics are so hard. The subjects you study are simple, but the way they teach it to you will make you think you have to be a rocket scientist to just pass the course!" "You have to pull all-nighters every night. After all that work, you probably will flunk anyway!" These exaggerations made practically all underclassmen cringe at the thought of college. How many of you told your parents they could save their money? "I just won't go to college!"

But then, as juniors and seniors, the partying attitude settled in. The next extreme of exaggerations began to creep into the ideas of college. "You'll love college! It's so different from high school; you don't study every night. In fact, you don't have to study at all. You pay all that money; they have to let you graduate. And what's even better is that instead of partying on Fridays and Saturdays, you party all the time! College is one huge party!" Who hasn't heard that story before? Fess up! Finally, about the time of graduation, these two extremes blend together to form a true idea of college life. The academic life is difficult, but you don't have to study all night every night. You have to study and work hard! Then, on the weekends, PARTY!

Now, the question is "is that what it's like here at Washington?" Yes and no! You do have to work hard, but the courses don't seem to be extremely difficult. Of course, there are a few exceptions. Ugh, physics! I never liked it in high school, so why did I take it here? Well, it keeps me on my toes and thinking. It is one of those subjects that does not come naturally! As for my other courses, they are pretty easy. I don't think they are simplistic. I understand the lessons perfectly (so far). That is what makes them seem easy! I thought that I would be struggling more than I actually am. I would like a little more of a challenge, but I do not want to overdo it! It is very similar to high school, with the exception that there is more time to study and get involved with extracurricular activities. Altogether, I think I am going to like it here. It is not too demanding! It could be more so, but I'll settle for this. After all, I've only had 1 1/2 months of classes. I have over 3 1/2 years left to prove my opinion wrong!

Michelle Harrison is a freshman.

Don't miss the Freshman Literary Colloquy:

The Anti-Boy Scout in Literature

This Sunday at 2PM
O'Neill Literary House

Panamanian Daze:

Coup leader's widow: "The next time, he (Noriega) has to be the first to be killed."

Laura Hopper

This man has more lives than a cat. General Manuel Antonio Noriega is sitting pretty in Panama after the aborted coup attempt on October 3. The attempted coup, which lasted approximately five hours, was led by Major Moisés Giroldi Vega. Although the coup failed, and Major Vega's wife and forty Panamanian officers were forced to flee to Miami, the repercussions are just beginning to take effect in Washington and Panama City.

In Panama, the dictator remains in power. He is hardly popular. During the coup, the rebels led by Major Vega broadcast a message on a state controlled radio station announcing the retirement of General Noriega. In response to this, several parties broke out in different government ministries, and civil servants tore down an oversized portrait of the dictator. The puppet ruler of the Panama, President Francisco Rodriguez, did nothing to aid the man who placed him in power.

The failure of the coup may be attributed confusion among the rebels, and confusion in Washington. In Miami, a participant in the failed coup told of how he and others involved were informed of the coup only hours before it occurred. In Washington, President Bush found himself reading contradictory material on the situation in Panama due to his desire to receive information directly from the US Embassy in Panama, the US military in Panama, the State Department, and the CIA. There were various reports that the coup's leaders had General Noriega and wanted to turn him over to the United States, or that they had Noriega and were going to kill him. What the US was not prepared for was the rebel's plan to send Noriega into a forced retirement in the Panamanian countryside. And unsure of rebels' plans, they were unable to provide adequate support.

The failure of the coup finds Noriega firmly entrenched in power, and US officials fear for the lives of those involved in the coup. Regarding the fate of people involved in a coup against Noriega last March, one US official in Panama said those caught in March were tortured until they were nearly "turned into vegetables." Following the failure of the coup, Noriega is expected to crack down and has announced a new group of "war laws" that will give him even more power.

In Washington, the repercussions concern the handling of the attempted coup by the administration, which is under fire from some members of Congress for its handling of the coup attempt.

The president has promised a reevaluation of crisis management. The goal of this reevaluation is to make it easier for US officials to question participants in coup attempts, and to inform them of US objectives. The prime US objective in Panama is the ouster of General Noriega and his deportation to the US to stand trial on drug charges.

But the chances of Noriega surviving a successful coup attempt are unlikely following the comment of Adela Bonilla de Giroldi, the widow of Major Vega, "The next time, he has to be the first to be killed."

Vice Chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, Senator William S. Cohen of Maine stressed the need for clear guidelines on permissible conduct for American personnel involved in coup situations. There is a presidential order that prohibits officials and agents of the American government from participating in assassinations, and consequently some congressmen have complained they are unsure to what extent American military personnel and diplomats can offer advice and assistance to the leaders of potential coups against undemocratic governments.

Regardless of the results of the White House investigation into crisis management, the fact remains that an opportunity to get rid of a parasite was missed. Whether or not another opportunity comes along remains to be seen. In the meantime, the president's credibility among other nations in Latin America is at stake. If the Administration was unable to support a coup against Noriega, who has been a thorn in their side since the Reagan Administration, then why should the president of Colombia believe the president's promise of support in Colombia's war against the drug cartels?

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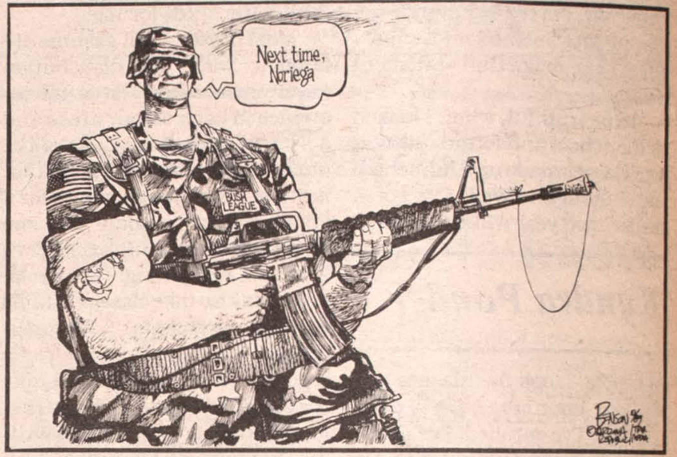

News from the world:

UNITED STATES:

An earthquake measuring 7.0 on the Richter scale struck the San Francisco Bay area on early Monday afternoon. The earthquake was centered twenty miles north of Santa Cruz on the San Andreas fault. The earthquake has knocked out power, water, and telephone service to the Bay area, as well as causing highways to buckle, and one of the segments of the upper tier of the Bay Bridge to collapse trapping motorists.

Early reports from San Jose indicate that some buildings have collapsed, and other appear to be in danger of collapsing. AT&T has asked that people do not attempt to call into the Bay Area, but rather that they wait for people to call out instead.

In San Francisco's Marina district, buildings collapsed, and a gigantic fire broke out. Fires were also reported at the University of California at Berkeley. Policemen and emergency services officers warned residents to turn off gas and electricity, store water in bathtubs and not to expect utilities for atleast three days.

The quake struck at 5:04 in the afternoon, during the rush hour, and has caused the cancellation of the third game of the World Series. Cracks in the structure of Candlestick Park as well as the power outage led to the cancellation.

Vice President Quayle, who is currently visiting the West Coast, has decided to stay out there. He is in San Diego. Scientists say this earthqauke is as large as the one that struck Armenia last year. It is the largest earthquake to hit the San Francisco area since the city was nearly destroyed in 1906

Since the Supreme Court ruled on July 3 in the Webster vs. Reproductive Health Services to grant states the right to impose greater restrictions on abortion, or even ban it altogether, abortion has emerged as a very emotional issue for many Americans.

It was returned to the forefront last week as several state legislatures and the House of Representatives considered the issue. In Florida, Governor Bob Martinez made five proposals for tougher laws, but all five were quickly killed by the legislature. This incited both pro-choice and pro-life demonstrations in Tallahassee. Then, two days later, Democrats in Congress urged President Bush not to follow through on his pledge to veto a bill allowing the Government to pay for abortions for poor women whose pregnancies result from rape or incest. Such cases would demand a negligible amount of federal aid, as they account for only 1% of all abortions.

Having espoused strong anti-abortion views in his campaign, President Bush does not want to seem self-contradictory by not vetoing the bill, but at the same time does not want to alienate pro-choice voters.

U.S.S.R.

The Communist Party leader of Azerbaijan, Abdul Rakhman Vezirov, ended the rail embargo against Armenia by signing a pact with the unofficial nationalist party, the Popular Front of Azerbaijan. Vezirov met the most radical of the demands detailed in a protocol with the Popular Front: arranging for the passage of a new sovereignty law. The law would allow Azerbaijan to defy federal authority, but more importantly, to secede from the Soviet Union. This nationalist crisis, as opposed to that in the Baltic States, is not fueled by the desire for independence, but rather, for the territory of Nagorno-Karabakh, an Armenian enclave in Azerbaijan. While the majority of the population of Nagorno-Karabakh is Armenian, Azerbaijan claims the land as it is geographically in its republic. The issue has locked the two republics in a bitter dispute for the last 20 months, and spawned a "potent mass movement" which united workers and intellectuals in Azerbaijan. Most recently, Azerbaijan cut off the flow of goods from the city of Baku to Armenia with a train embargo, crippling the Armenian economy. The embargo ended, Azerbaijan nationalists still threaten to secede "as a last step" if the land they claim is not returned to them.

HUNGARY

The Hungarian Communist Party last week voted to transform itself into a socialist party and assume a dramatically different program as well as a new name, the Socialist Party. Important changes agreed upon by delegates were more democratic procedures for choosing the leadership and new organization in which members would be voters and "not be a flock of sheep following a bellwether." Also, they agreed to do away with the Politburo, Central Committee and the post of General Secretary, now occupied by Reszo Nyers. Nyers, in power for only 2 months, would lose virtually all his influence. He has repeatedly been opposed to reforms and pursued a more hard-line policy. Other disenchanted hard-liners announced 5 days after the watershed vote that they were forming their own Communist Party. Roland Antonwewicz, leader of the new opposition group, said the new Socialist Party has rejected all the fundamentals of Communism. Specifically, he noted the call for free parliamentary elections next year, the growing tolerance for opposition parties and the move towards capitalist elements in the economy.

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Notes from a freshman on dorm experience

Living, surviving, and attempting to wash laundry in Kent House

by Raphael Koster

Early Friday morning at the pay phone:

Ring .Ring.

-Hello? Maintenance?

-Yeah, listen, I live in Kent, and...

-I know, I know, but people actually do live in Kent, you know.

-Well, I just happened to be walking by, and I noticed the lobby is flooded.

-Uh, yeah, flooded.

-Well, I think the washing machine exploded. I was doing my laundry and...

-Well no. I know it's four in the morning, but...

-No, I,didn't expect you to come over immediately, but...

-Next Thursday? Okay. Sure, I don't care. I mean I just live here.

-No, man seriously, I do live here...

So, what's wrong about the above conversation? First of all, Maintenance is hardly going to come over in just one week. Second of all, they sure wouldn't answer the phone at four in the morning. Third of all, people in Kent do care about their laundry. After all there is a sign on the door about it: "Will the censored who stole my censored laundry please return it censored now?????"

Welcome to idyllic life in Kent House, haven of hapless hippies, loads of lacrosse players, boatloads of beer drinkers, and oddly enough, the Freshman Class President.

Kent has an unsavory reputation among the upperclassmen: some because they know what has happened in past years, and some because they helped do it. It is know as the drinking party dorm: a dangerous to be on weekend nights, when drunks wander the halls freely, grab you by the collar, breathe in your face and hoarsely ask you where Bill lives.

During the day, it is reputed to be quieter - probably because the inhabitants are all sleeping off their hangovers. Well, this article is meant to shatter some of these stereotypes and to describe what life in Kent is really like from the viewpoint of someone who lives there.

First of all, the guys living in Kent do attend class, sometimes. After all, classes are the reason they can't do their laundry until four in the morning - during the day the machines are occupied, and people start going to bed around three, so the machines are free after that. Classes taken by Kent men range from calculus to 400-level English courses, Music to Chemistry.

So you see that contrary to public opinion, there are students in Kent. Just because they may not have time to study doesn't mean they aren't students.

Secondly, people in Kent are not all dangerous when drunk. There have only bee two broken windows this year, and only one of them was actually punched out with a bare fist. Besides, he apologized afterwards and promised to pay for it. Of course, they aren't fixed yet, but it's not Kent's fault that Maintenance doesn't dare set foot in the building.

I would also like to point out that everyone in Kent knows everyone else. People might think of us as sticking to our hall or our friends from home who happened to get stuck here too, but that's just not true. We have gatherings of Kent people! The steps are a favored spot to have a few laughs, yell loudly, and keep a watch out for security.

I remember a couple of weeks ago, during that false fire alarm, how we all gathered at the steps (those of us who were in condition to walk) and wondered who had set it off and how we were going to kill him in the morning. So we enjoy cordial relationships with each other.

Life during the average Kent day is quite normal: people stumble out of bed five minutes before their 8:30 class, maybe wash their faces, run out the door, forget their books, and so on. Walking the halls, music adds to the atmosphere. Who cares if it changes every time you amble past a door? It's variety, right? And it's clearly audible!

People in Kent are great. Everyone says hi to everyone else, and continually bang down other people's doors hoping to join them in a friendly computer game, or borrow their printer, or get them to fix their MacPlus, which keeps bombing mysteriously. It is after all, the home of the avid BroadCasters; Asmodeus, Archangel, Big 10-Inch, Kingsnake, Barney and John Wayne.

The RA's who actually choose to live there, are uniformly helpful when it comes to hall problems, and they become friends of their charges quickly. One is so popular he already has a WANTED poster on his door!

I don't want to hear any more bad rumors about Kent. There are great things in this dorm, and we, the inhabitants, can't let them spoil because of some pesky inconveniences like broken windows or exploding laundry.

After all, the stolen shirt was recovered, eventually, and the guywho broke the window won't have a scar. These things are no more than minor bobbles in the tranquility of Kent House, and shouldn't be made to stand for the whole dorm.

Ring. Ring.

- Hello, Security? Listen, I'm in Kent, and...

-No, I'm not turning myself in for anything.

-Well, you see, someone seems to have ripped the wiring out of the ceiling on the second floor, and it's sparking all over the place.

-Whaddaya mean, call Maintenance? They can't come 'til Thursday!

-Well, what is it with you guys? You come when you aren't wanted and never when we need you!

-No, this isn't a crank call. I actually live in Kent and I am asking Security to come over.

-OK, well, then, see ya...

So don't judge Kent by what you hear. We aren't anonymous names that go by that collective name of a building. People actually do live in Kent, and we're not afraid to say so, or tell you about it.

Thank you, and good night (it is four in the morning, and my laundry is done...)

Raphael Koster is a sophomore who lives in Kent dorm and doesn't really mind. He is also a Sophie Kerr Scholar and President of the Spanish club.

This lovely modern art sculpture is another example of the residents of Kent House adding to the splendor of their surroundings. (photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

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Spending junior year abroad in Europe

by Jane Horsefield

So, you want to spend your Junior year abroad. Great! Great idea! After all, going away for a year to a foreign country can be the most incredible experience of **a lifetime. Seeking** out adventure in strange new lands, learning to communicate with people of another culture, and tasting fine native cuisines. These are superior reasons for wishing to go abroad. Not to mention a year away from Chestertown can do a body a world of good!

But how does one go about finding a suitable way of pulling off a year abroad? While I certainly do not have all the answers, allow me to give you a few basic pointers that helped me during my year in France.

First of all, the best way is to find a "study" program in the foreign country where you would like to stay. This will allow you to carry on the luxurious life of a student and earn credits while you travel and experience the specialties of your new home. Don't worry too much about having to work so hard that you will not have any fun. Most Junior year abroad programs, while they do place an emphasis on academics, are liberal enough to allow you the flexibility and free time you need to truly experience a new culture. In my case, I took five classes (all of which were in French) and had a job as an English assistant, yet I rarely felt overtaxed with work. Also, it was true most of what I learned during my time in France was not taught to me in classrooms but was knowledge I acquired simply by living and opening myself up to different people, places and things. I often felt I learned more in a one hour trip to the market than I did in a three hour lecture at the university.

When choosing the country where you will live for an entire year, please reflect on what you are doing. The decision you make will have everything to do with the type of experience you will have, good or bad. For instance, it may seem to you a very glamorous idea to go to Dakar, Senegal for a year. But if you don't speak French, don't like hot weather, and have a hard time eating anything other than hamburgers then this would not be the best place for you to go.

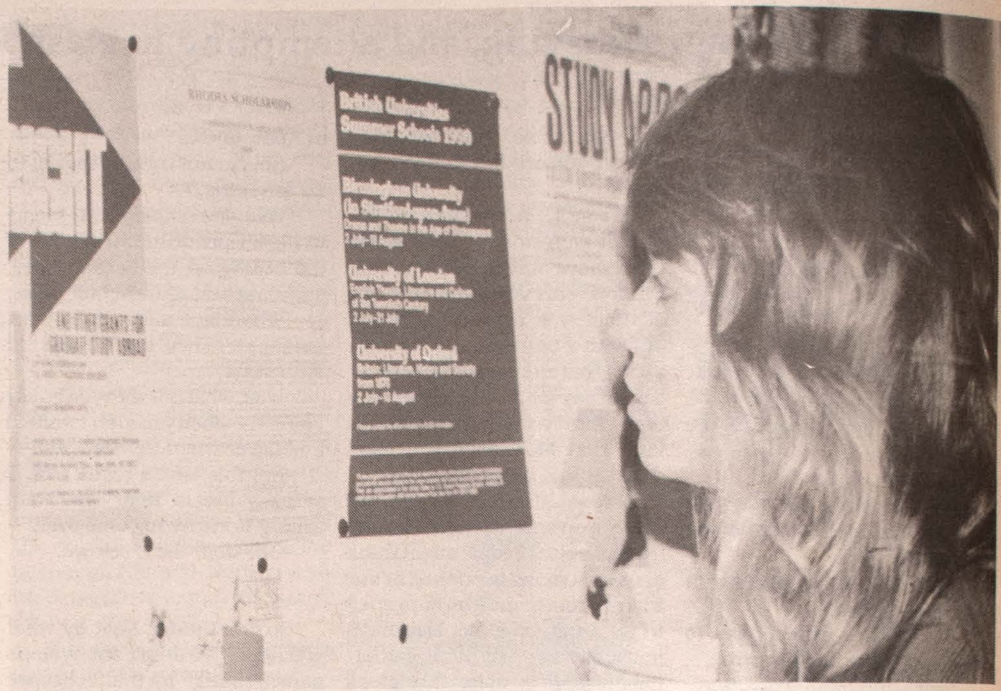
I would also like to emphasize if you choose to go to a non-English speaking country you must not expect to pick up the language right away. I had studied French for six years before I went to France and was amazed at how little of the spoken language I understood when I first arrived.

Even after being in the country for months, I still found myself struggling at times to understand and make myself understood. This came as a big shock to my friends and me since we had expected to be "fluent" within the first month of our arrival. When this did not happen, we began to hate the word "fluent." We started calling it the "F word" and cringed and whenever one of our friends at home would ask, "So, are you fluent yet?"

It was then we would start to feel more than a little disheartened and wondered who had ever told us it was going to be easy. We each remembered someone must have told us at some point it would not be easy. But it was not easy, not at all. And we were often left wondering why we were there, and why hadn't someone explained to us how difficult it was really going to be. Why didn't anyone fully explain what it is to leave your home and all familiar surroundings in exchange for an incredibly different country where the people don't look, speak, act, or even smell like you do? Why didn't anyone mention how much the homesickness hurts at times (especially when it is the first time you have spent the holidays away from your family)? Why didn't anyone tell us not everyone in the world likes Americans? Why didn't anyone mention people in banks and post offices can be some of the nastiest, most miserable folks? But most importantly, why didn't anyone ever instruct us in the proper ways of using a bidet? These were some of our chief concerns at the time. They may seem trivial or silly, but they were our anxieties nevertheless.

My aim in expressing these questions we shared is not to whine. I simply wanted to say what no one ever said to me when I was a sophomore. That is, "Doing your Junior year abroad is one of the best things you could ever do in your lifetime because you will never be this young and this free ever again. But it is also one of the largest challenges you have probably ever taken on in your very short life, and IT IS HARD!" There, I said it. I have done my duty and can now rest easy with a clear conscience.

My best advice to anyone who goes abroad, especially in Europe, is to TRAVEL! Do it as much and as often as you can because god only knows when you will have the opportunity to do it again! Don't sit around on your butt when you can be out seeing and doing something exciting! Don't worry about studying. Don't worry about money. Just get out there and experience life in another world. When at last it is time for you to return to the boring old US of A, try not to get too bummed out. Eventually you will get the hang of things American style once again.



Pondering whether she should spend a year abroad in France, junior and International Studies major Cecile Gutscher looks at her options. *(photo b y Amy L. Undercoffler)*

Seeing ourselves as saviors of the world

by Katherine E. Absher
Staff writer

I was born in the summer of 1969; it was the summer of love, the summer of the first moon landing, and the summer when the Vietnam War raged to no foreseen end.

In 1969 Nixon had served one year of his term in office, and although the debauchery of Watergate would not climax until 1974, I have no recollection of the scandal. The disillusionment that permeated the United States during my infant years did not invade my childhood.

The anniversary of the signing of The Declaration of Independence in 1976 marked my first sense of nationalism. With the American flag forming the backdrop, my classmates and I dressed in red, white, and blue for our class photos; we practiced "It's a Grand Old Flag" and learned our first square dancing steps for the school's bicentennial pageant. In my six-year-old mind, the US was flawless, ranking with God and Santa Claus.

Because my history classes never covered material beyond World War II, and my encyclopedia really couldn't convey the pain a man experiences when he is cut down by machine gun fire, my six-year-old interpretation of the purity of my country lasted. It lasted until I blew a kiss to a portrait of Ronald Reagan and boarded a plane to Australia.

In January of 1987 I was chosen to represent the Rotary Club of Fairmont, West Virginia as their outgoing exchange student. On August 17, 1987 I flew to Tamworth, New South Wales Australia. Upon arrival, I quickly understood that not only was I representing a minuscule rotary club from the mountains of West Virginia, but I was representing my country, my flawless country.

To the Australians the US was not flawless. Suddenly, I was thrust into a school uniform and ushered into a year 11 history class, dealing with the beginning of the twentieth century to the present. Unlike my American history class filled with the flamboyance of General MacArthur and the bravery of US marines at Guadalcanal, I was taught that the US was responsible for World War II in the Pacific for they ignored Japan's first aggressive act of invading Manchuria.

Required to read a biography of Ho Chi Minh, I learned of Minh's compassion for his people in their long struggle for a nation. I learned of his several failed attempts to contact President Truman to solicit the US's help against French imperialism because he saw a parallel between America's revolution against Great Britain and Vietnam's revolt against France. Minh's basing his Vietnamese declaration of independence on Jefferson's *Declaration of Independence*. further proved to me the blindness of the American government.

From the Bay of Pigs to the Iranian Hostage Crisis, I learned of the bumblings of US foreign policy. Although I rebelled against this interpretation at first, my country tarnished before my eyes.

Outside of the classroom, my patriotism dwindled further. When I visited Sydney, US ships, carrying nuclear weapons, docked in Sydney Harbour, and American sailors poured onto the streets, instigating fights and trying to pick up women. The scene was so stereotypically American—another example of the US's reckless attitude toward the feelings of citizens of foreign countries.

As I watched the Stars and Stripes flutter from the masts of the ships, automatically I began to sing "It's a Grand Old Flag" to my Australian friend. I belted out "Every heart beats true on the red, white, and blue, and there is never a boast or brag"; my friend quickly interrupted me with, "Never a boast or brag- - you've got to be kidding."

With that statement, the last of my patriotism crumbled. Seeing my country as an Australian and not as an American, I was not pleased by the view.

Upon returning home, some of my patriotic feeling reappeared, but the US, to me, is no longer flawless. As East Germans swarm into West Germany, and Glasnost pervades the Communist world, I believe the necessity of heavy defense spending has ended, and our nation should look past the arena of superpower politics.

Nations are now warring economically, not militarily, and the US is falling behind. Defense spending should be redirected into public education and the economy. With this redirection, the image of the US seeing itself as the savior of the world will die, and other countries will truly be our friends and not just our allies. As the bloodiest century of human history ends, a new century begins, and I hope that human nature will finally realize the immorality of war, and Americans will realize their imperfection.

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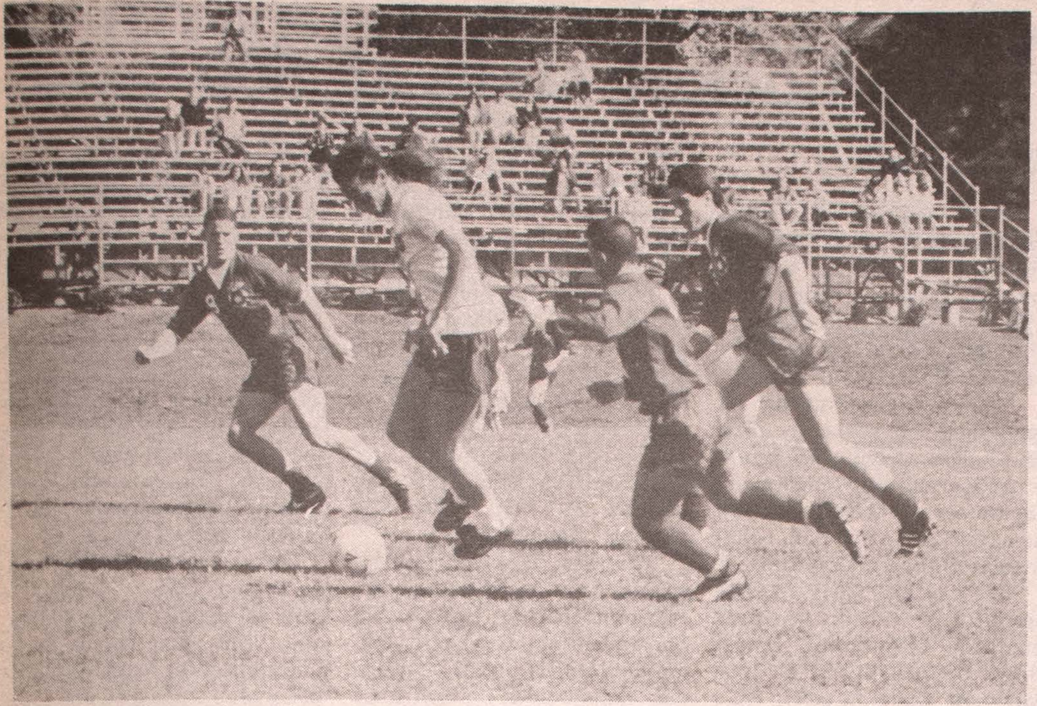

Mike Bishop dribbles his way through Albright defenders in a recent home game. The team continues its quest for a playoff spot this week with important games against Washington & Lee and Haverford. *(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)*

Soccer team getting hot at right time

by Brett Lankford
Staff Writer

Coach Tom Bowman's preseason prediction of success for the men's soccer team is beginning to look promising. The team has won their last five games and six of their last seven, led by a combination of brilliant defense and solid offense. The men now have a record above .500 for the first time this season, and the team is on a roll just in time for the stretch run.

The team started their hot streak in a 1-0 conference victory over Western Maryland on October 5th. Peter Van Buren scored the game's only goal in the first half on an assist from Scott Smith. The WC defense took it from there, led by seven saves from goalie John Thomas. The victory over Western Maryland raised the team's record to 4-6.

Bowman's squad creeped one victory closer to the .500 mark two days later in a game against Albright. Tom Bowman supplied the team's offense, tallying a goal in each half. Ken Hutchins and Enrique delPrado assisted on Bowman's goals, which proved to be the only scoring of the game. John Thomas ran his shutout streak to two games in the win.

Ursinus was the next Sho'men victim, and the team played their best game of the year in the victory. Both teams were held scoreless in the first half, but Washington College exploded for three goals in the second half and a 3-0 lead. The Sho'men dominated Ursinus both offensively and defensively, outshooting their opponent 16-4. Van Buren, Mike Bishop and Benji Ward scored the goals, with assists from Bishop and Ken Hutchins. The defense played brilliantly in front of John Thomas, who was only required to make two saves in the game. This was the goalie's third straight shutout, and the team raised their record to 6-6.

The fun continued last Thursday as the Sho'men won on the road, defeating Gallaudet 3-1. The offense peppered the Gallaudet goal with 18 shots, scoring twice in the first half and once in the second half. Andrew Prevost and Van Buren tallied goals in the first half, and Bishop drove home a penalty kick to end the scoring. Van Buren, Prevost and Hutchins were credited with assists in the game. John Thomas allowed a goal in the first half, but the defense shut down Gallaudet's offense in the win.

Only four games remain in the regular season, and the Sho'men hope they can maintain their level of play from the previous seven games. The next three games are against Haverford, Widener and Johns Hopkins, and the team hopes to continue their solid play. The Sho'men must win these games to secure a spot in the MAC playoff picture.

Women tune up for Rolex

by Fred Wyman
Special to the Elm

The Washington College women's tennis team has played extremely well within the last few weeks, showing the talent that should have them contending in their division in the spring. The team took the unofficial team title at the sixth annual Catholic University Tennis Classic, then played well in a loss to Division I opponent Villanova. Coach Holly Bramble was happy with their performance, and the team seems prepared for the women's Rolex Tournament to be held this weekend in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

The Sho'women outpointed seven other schools at the Catholic Tournament. The team was led by some great individual play. Tracy Peel continued her solid play in both doubles and singles. Peel did not drop a set as she won the #1 singles title. With the win, she also remained undefeated against Division III competition.

Meg Wheatley also gave an excellent performance in the #4 singles bracket, capturing the title with her superior baseline play. Her championship victory over Catholic's Jenny Dowd took three sets and avenged her defeat in last year's final. Monica Blanco also reached the finals in the #2 singles competition.

The team performed equally well in doubles play. Blanco and Peel were runners-up at #1 doubles, while sophomores Miriam Dittman and Rachel Rice took the championship in the #2 doubles competition. The title match took three sets, but Dittman and Rice were able to defeat Mary Baldwin's #2 doubles team by a score of 7-6,4-6,6-4.

Their next opponent was Division I power and Big East team Villanova. The Wildcats' victory raised their record to 19-5, but the Sho'women still played very well in defeat. Tracy Peel was especially impressive, defeating Villanova's #1 singles player Sue Bernardi in three sets. Peel dropped the first set 6-3, then won the next two sets by scores of 6-3,6-4.

The other two victories over Villanova came in doubles matches. The #2 doubles team of Miriam Dittman and Rachel Rice won in straight sets, while Marty Rougher and Meg Wheatley were victorious in #3 doubles. The #3 doubles match was extremely close, with the WC duo winning in a third set tiebraker. This match, coupled with the team's victory in the Catholic University Tournament, suggests that the women's tennis team should make a strong showing in the Rolex Tournament this weekend.

Gewer and Read win Rolex, move to national tourney

by Fred Wyman
Special to the Elm

Larry Gewer and Scott Read rolled onto victory at the highly competitive Rolex Eastern Regional Small College doubles championship recently, solidifying their position as one of the top tandems in Division III. This was their second Rolex title in the last three years, and the win earned the duo an expense-paid trip to Minneapolis for the National Small College Championship to be played this February.

Gewer and Read were the top seeds in the tournament, a position that earned them a first round bye. The tandem rolled over their opponents in straight sets in both the round of 16 and the quarterfinals, then met their toughest challenge in the semifinals against Millersville's Oliver Merrill and Mike Kennedy.

The WC duo won the first set 6-0, then dropped the second set 6-4. Gewer and Read fell behind in the final set 2-1, then took five of the next six games to win the match.

The victory moved the doubles team into the finals, setting up a match with Concordia College's #1 doubles team. The Washington College doubles team played well in the first set of the final, taking a 6-2 lead. Perira was troubled by cramps and forced to retire after the first set, giving Gewer and Read the victory and the trip in February.

The tennis team also made a strong showing in the singles section of the tournament. Read also participated in singles, reaching the quarterfinals before losing in three close sets. Freshman phenom Alberto Diaz also made an excellent showing in the tournament. Diaz defeated three Division II players to reach the quarterfinals of the singles competition.

The Rolex Tournament brought the tennis team's fall season to a close. Read and Gewer will return to the courts for the National Small College Championships in February, and the team resumes play in early 1990 in pursuit of another division title.

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A field hockey player launches a shot in a recent home game against Lebanon Valley. (photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

O's in '90: Why not?

by Greg Coss

I know you're tired of hearing this, but the Orioles had a great year even if they didn't win the AL East. Forget about The Pitch by Gregg Olson in the first game against Toronto. Erase the memory of The Inning in game two, where the bullpen's wildness caused the O's downfall. The Orioles should have won these games, but O's fans still have every reason to be proud of a team that could dominate the 90's. Although the Orioles appeared to be a team of destiny this season, I believe it was their destiny to come up short. This miracle season will alert other teams to the O's bright future.

The '89 Oriole slogan poses a good question - Why Not? This is a young club that just went through the heat of a pennant race and maintained their poise. The Orioles will have starting pitching in Ballard, Harnisch, Milacki and Johnson. The staff was erratic at times, but they were brilliant down the stretch with some clutch performances. The bullpen should remain strong with Olson, Williamson and Hickey.

I also feel Ben McDonald will be used in middle relief instead of as a starter. Why? The O's middle relief was ineffective this season. A McDonald-Olson tandem in the bullpen could be devastating. This would also allow the team to make the Schmidt and Milligan for Mattingly trade that was talked about for half the season. I think the O's would be foolish to make the trade and give up youth in Milligan.

Youth abounds on the Oriole roster, and they need this type of team to realize their potential. It will be a team filled with young pitching and fast outfielders in Anderson, Bradley, Devereaux, Finley and Orsulak. The Orioles, with the signing of McDonald and a deal for a middle reliever, should be a team with no holes. Jay Tibbs should return to give the O's an excellent five-man rotation. Pitching, offense and defense should combine to lead the Orioles to a division title in 1990. Why? Why not?

Field hockey stays at .500

by Jennifer Stickney

The Washington College women's field hockey team continues to hover around the .500 mark as the season winds down. The team lost 4-1 to Catholic , then followed the loss with a 2-1 victory over Lebanon Valley.

The team started quickly, tallying their lone goal early in the first half. Carolyn Athey scored on a pass from Amy Tiehel, giving the women a 1-0 lead. Catholic struggled in the first half, failing to score until seconds before half.

Catholic University started the second half with an increased intensity, bombarding goalies Brigid DeVries and Erin O'Neal with nine shots on goal. WC's goalies played well in the second half, but Catholic eventually able cashed in on their opportunities. Catholic scored three straight goals in the second half, giving the team a 4-1 lead they would never relinquish. Still, coach Diane Guinan was positive about the team's performance.

"Washington College played an incredible first half," Guinan commented. "We played with a style unmatched to date this season. We passed the ball well, shot well and controlled the game. Unfortunately, a couple of injuries and a score by Catholic created a different style of play. We became more conservative and played Catholic's style."

The team displayed their resilience once again in their victory over Lebanon Valley. The Sho'women played well early, taking the lead on a goal by freshman Marie Mohler. Carolyn Athey was credited with the assist at the 32:57 mark, giving the team a lead they would take into halftime. The women expanded their lead to 2-0 at the 31:07 mark of the second half on a score from Jenifer Blenckstone. Lebanon Valley pulled to within one goal, but Brigid DeVries made some of her eight saves at crucial moments to salvage the victory.

Coach Guinan was very pleased with the team's performance. "This was a big win for us. Lebanon Valley competes in the Pennsylvania Region of the NCAA and were ranked eighth in the last poll. Our team played well together and maintained our efforts throughout the game."

The team plays their last regular season game at home this Saturday against Western Maryland. This game should be an indication of the team's progress this season while also preparing for the MAC playoffs. Coach Guinan and the players hope that they can come alive at the right time and perform to their capabilities in the playoffs.

Volleyball readies for CWAC

by Brett Lankford
Staff Writer

The women's volleyball team has been extremely busy over the past few weeks, swamping their schedule with two tournaments and three meets. The team has played well in this stretch, maintaining a solid position in their division. The team is 16-12 with four meets and two tournaments remaining.

The team won seven consecutive matches in early October, raising their record to 13-5. They dominated a dual meet with Marymount and Swarthmore, losing only one game in their two match victories. The WC Invitational was the next meet for the team, and they breezed through the early rounds. The women whipped Gallaudet in an important match, then defeated Scranton and Washington & Lee without dropping a game. Their first loss of the tournament came against perennial power Wilmington, but the women still reached the semifinals. WC lost to Gallaudet in the semifinals, finishing fourth in the Invitational. The team performed well in the tournament, and they seemed ready to improve on their 13-7 record.

The women dropped their next meet against Western Maryland. The team lost the match in three straight games, but they played well in defeat. Their next meet was the Gallaudet Invitational, a tournament with a very strong field. The team came in fourth out of a field of ten, a place that pleased Coach Fall. Their victories came over Methodist and Christopher Newport, with losses to Gallaudet and Guilford. The team still managed to make it to the semifinals, where they dropped another match to Western Maryland. Guilford defeated the Sho'women in the consolation match, lowering the team's record to 15-12. The team got back on the winning track this past Tuesday, defeating Franklin & Marshall in three games.

Coach Fall and the players are preparing for the CWAC tourney that takes place the weekend of October 27-28. The team seems destined to play Gallaudet in this tournament, and the result of this match could have a profound effect on Fall and her four-year seniors realizing those goals they set a few years ago.

Crew team opens season

by Brett Lankford
Staff Writer

The men and women of the Washington College crew team officially started their fall season two weekends ago with their race at the Head of the Connecticut. Both the men's and women's varsity eight boats raced in Connecticut, and coach Don Chatellier was happy with the team's performance. The men's varsity eight came in 20th out of 38 boats, finishing 52 seconds off the pace. The women's eight also did well, finishing 11th out of 22 boats. Both the men and women rowed strong races and showed promise for the fall season.

The women's crew team spent last weekend in Philadephia at a Navy Day Regatta, sending a varsity four boat and a novice eight boat out on the water. The varsity four rowed a strong race, finishing fourth out of the seven competing boats. The novice eight highlighted the day, however, winning their race. Despite the fact that they only raced against two other boats, coach Chatellier said the victory was a positive experience for the novice women.

This weekend the team travels to race at the Head of the Charles. This is a prestigious race, and Chatellier was overjoyed to be competing on the Charles. "Many boats apply to get into the race and very few are allowed to enter. It is quite an honor to be invited to the Charles." This should be one of the most challenging races of the year, and it should give an indication of the talent present in the crew program this year.

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Renowned pianist to perform in Series

by Jennifer Del Nero

Acclaimed by critics and compared to the likes of Leon Fleisher, Dinu Lipatti and Arthur Schunabel, pianist extraordinaire Paul Maillet honors the Chestertown community tomorrow evening in the Washington College Concert Series' first performance of the fall semester, sponsored by the Peggy and Yale Gordon Trust.

Performing on stage gives Maillet a natural high. In an article written by David Patrick Sterns of *USA Today*, Maillet was quoted as saying, "Once on stage and going, that's where I feel the most alive.

"All those insights and magical moments, something that went well one day and something that went well another day, it all happens, concentrated in a performance," said Maillet, describing the thrill of performing.

Salt Lake City's *Desert News* music critic Dorothy Stowe described Maillet as "displaying impressive artistry, versatility, and musical individuality...." His performances have taken him around the world, including Europe, South America, Canada and Mexico and throughout the United States as well.

Some of the orchestras for which Maillet has performed as a featured soloist include the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, the San Antonio Symphony, the New Haven Symphony Orchestra, the Symphony Orchestra of the University of Nueva Leon (Mexico) and the Heidelberg Festival Orchestra.

When Maillet debuted with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Scott Duncan of the *Evening Sun* referred to Maillet's playing as possessing "poise, insight and musicianship...." A year later Duncan praised him as a "pianist of superb refinement" after attending Maillet's performance at St. John's College in Annapolis.

Of Maillet's performance in the San Antonio Festival, Larry Barnes of *The San Antonio Light* wrote, "His recital...overwhelmed the audience with a deep, unchallengeable musicality....The pianist wove tapestries of intricate lace, circling and enclosing the melodies with an air of refined dignity."

This past season Maillet performed in a solo recital at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC. From DC, Maillet traveled to France, where he was a featured soloist and chamber musician at the Chateau La Gesse Festival near Toulouse. His visit to France came about from winning the Le Gesse National Competition.

After returning from France, Maillet received an invitation to appear at the 1989 Keyboard Festival and Competition, sponsored by the New Orleans Institute for the Performing Arts, where he participated as a featured soloist, teacher of master classed and judge for the competition.

Besides winning the Le Gesse Competition, Maillet won first prize in the Sherman Clay Steinway Piano, Yale Gordon Concerto and Eastman Concerto Competitions. He was also a prize winner in Leeds International Pianoforte, University of MD International Piano and Ginal Bachauer International Piano Competitions.

Critic Gordon Sparber in the *Columbia Flier* explained what he felt made Maillet such a rare performer. "One always gets the feeling that Maillet is listening, filtering and streamlining in performance. The kind of bombast that so many powerhouses build senseless careers upon is alien to this patrician player."

The concert will be Saturday at 8PM in Tawes Theater. All full-time WC students will receive free tickets for the concerts sponsored by the Concert Series.

Turchi to read from new novel

by Teresa Cropper

On Monday, October 23 at 8PM, the Sophie Kerr Committee will present Peter Turchi reading from his recently published novel, *The Girls Next Door*. Turchi, a 1982 graduate of Washington College, was the Sophie Kerr Prize winner that year, and to date is the only winner to have a novel published.

Turchi grew up in Rockdale, a small suburban community in Maryland, and has been writing fiction since he was in grade school. In an interview for *The Accent*, Turchi said, "I remember writing little short stories for *Highlights* magazine."

Turchi was a student of Randallstown High School and while attending Washington College, he contributed to the Broadsides Series, the Washington College Review and was an editor of *The Elm*.

The Girls Next Door began as a short story while Turchi was still a student at Washington College. The original title was "The Girls of Summer," and in an interview with *The Accent*, he tells the story of when he first showed the rough copy to Professor Robert Day. "He looked at it about two weeks. Then he said, 'this is a very long piece of work.'" To be exact, it was 212 pages, single-spaced.

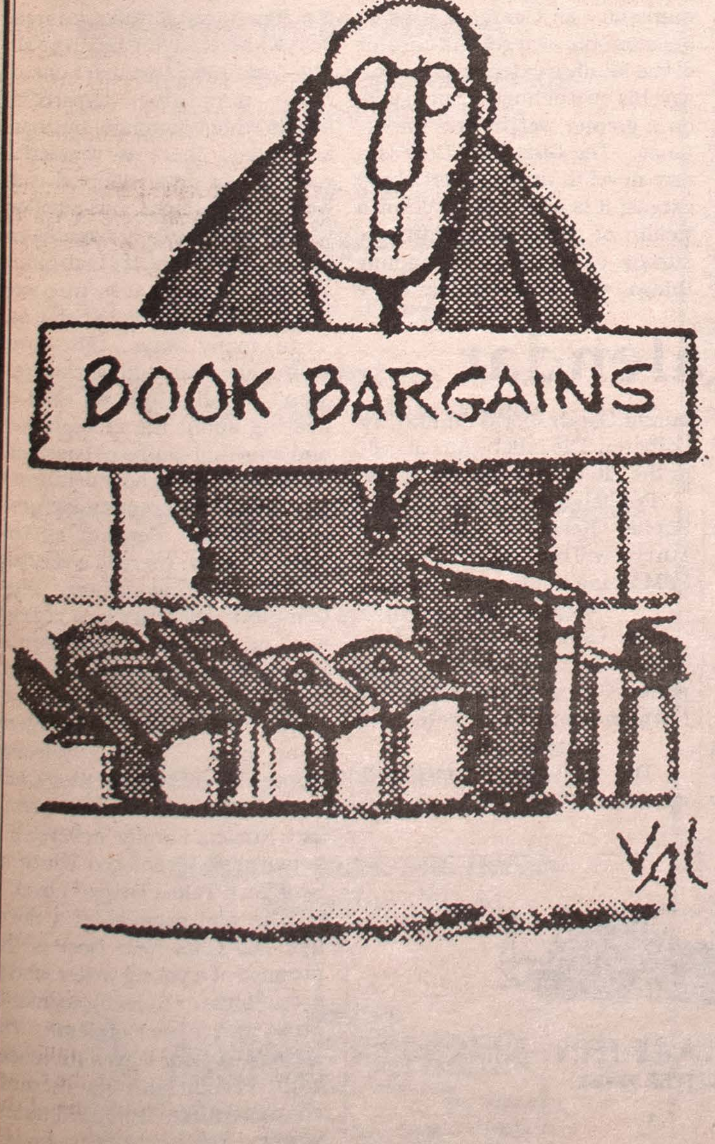
"The Girls of Summer" as well as several poems and essays were included in the portfolio which Turchi submitted to the Sophie Kerr Committee.

The money from the Prize allowed Turchi to complete an MFA at the University of Arizona. From there, he reviewed movies for a Tucson newspaper for two years before moving to Chicago, where he now resides. In Chicago, he divides his time between lecturing in fiction writing at Northwest University and working on his second novel.

The Girls Next Door takes place in Baltimore in 1963. It is about a young married man and the complications that arise when a group of prostitutes move into the house next door.

According to *The Accent*, "*The Girls Next Door* is based on an incident that [Turchi has] known about all his life. A couple of girls did move into the house next door when his mom was pregnant with him."

In addition to reading from his novel Monday at 8PM, Turchi will participate in a panel discussion on "Surviving as a Writer: Life after the MFA" held Monday afternoon in the Literary House.



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Sweeney Todd: obsession, murder, revenge

by Stephanie Hess
Staff writer

Murder and revenge are coming to Washington College in the grand musical style of Stephen Sondheim's *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*. Directed by senior Drama major, Peter T. Johnson, the musical opens on October 26.

Musical direction and orchestration is by Geoffrey Girard; Thomas Andrews is set designer and technical director; Johnson is the lighting designer. Wendy Kloiber is the stage manager and Wendy Snow designs costumes. The production features John McDanolds as Sweeney, Kate Bennett as Nellie Lovett, and Drew Elburn, Felicia Shakman, Jason West, Brendan Casey, Roxanne Seubert, Denise O'Connell and Ed Schroeder in other major roles.

Johnson was considering this musical as his senior project since the summer before his junior year. He calls it a "musical with a message" and says, "it's not something you expect from a musical and I respect it for that. It has a great score and I think Stephen Sondheim stands alone as the greatest lyricist for the musical theater ever."

The legend of Sweeney Todd goes back to nineteenth century London, and the musical was adapted from a play of the same name, by Christopher Bond. The music and lyrics are written by Sondheim and the "book" is written by Hugh Wheeler.

The Broadway production of *Sweeney Todd* opened on March 1, 1979, in what is now the Gershwin Theater. Hal Prince, director of *Phantom of The Opera*, directed the show, casting Angela Lansbury and Len Cariou in the leading roles. The production ran for roughly 585 performances and won eight Tony awards.

The Broadway set represented London during the Industrial Revolution and the theme of the show centered on the Revolution. Johnson explains that the Broadway production was directed as a "Brechtian parable of class structure," adding, "our production team is going for a more human, intimate approach to the material."

This intimacy is partly achieved through the set, which is not nearly as huge as the Broadway set, and makes the production more accessible to an audience.

Johnson says the "play is about obsession; all the characters are obsessed with something. Through the movement, lighting, costumes, and other aspects of the production, I am trying to achieve the action of obsession."

In addition to the nine main roles, there is a company of thirteen men and women whom Johnson uses as "narrators and observers, like a Greek chorus."

As the musical director, Girard has his own interpretations of the production, which he calls an "ugly play about an ugly world."

He sees the music as "an outgrowth of Sweeney's own mind" and claims pessimists will see this show as an expression of our own world. He compares the music to the dionysian chaos of an early Wagnerian opera.

Through the music, he perceives Sweeney as a "man who has been pushed to the limit by the overwhelming, chaotic forces around him."

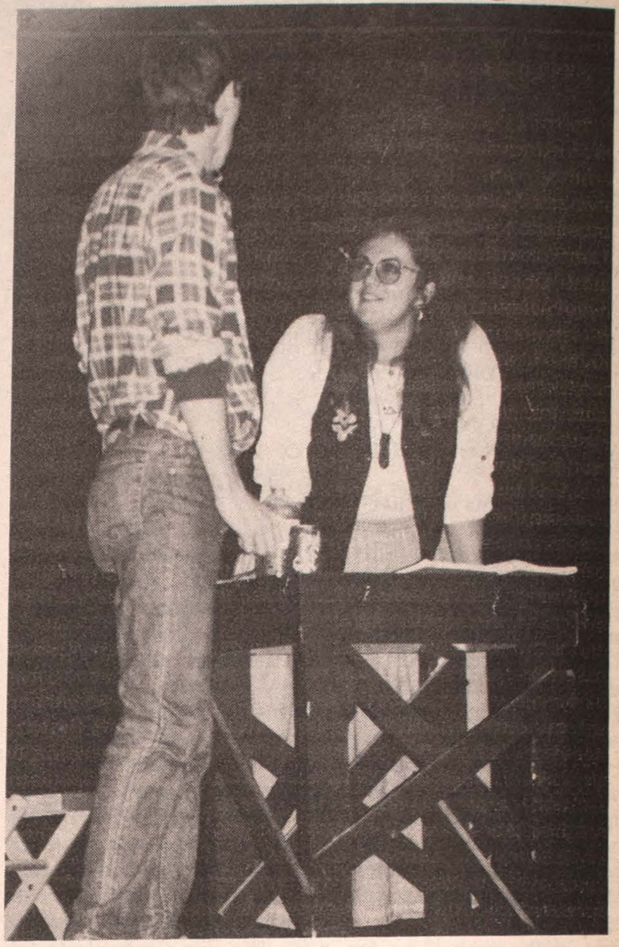
Girard's orchestra includes two flutes, one piccolo, a cello, a euphonium, a saxophone, two keyboards and a percussionist.

This is not the first time Johnson and Girard have worked together on a musical; last spring they collaborated on the *Apple Tree*, a one act musical which they produced in preparation for *Sweeney Todd*.

When asked how the earlier production prepared them, Girard said, "it helped develop a relationship between musicians, music and Peter and I."

Johnson said the *Apple Tree* helped, but did not completely prepare him for the work involved in a full scale production. In response to a question about the progress of *Sweeney Todd*, he said "it's a tough show. We are working hard and it is all slowly coming together."

Sweeney Todd will be presented October 26 and 27 at 8PM in Tawes Theater. Tickets are free and reservations are not required.



Working hard, cast members rehearse for *Sweeney Todd*.
(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

Turchi's first novel: a fresh change

by Timothy J. Madison

If Peter Turchi's first novel *The Girls Next Door* were a human being, it would be the type of man who would invite you to settle down on his front porch, pop open a beer and watch the sun go down. There is a gentle humanity about the novel, a love of things familiar and simple that is rarely found in novels of today. It is set in suburban Baltimore during the summer of 1963, a time when America is still poised on the brink of a decade of social upheaval and bitter disillusion with the American dream. George Willus is a young husband who has been nurtured on clean, straightforward American values - he is one of eight children who were named after the 1927 starting line-up of the Yankees. Trouble begins for George when three young prostitutes move into the house next door, making George question for the first time the foundations of his marriage.

Although Turchi's novel examines the eroticism of everyday life, the true subject of *The Girls Next Door* is far removed from sex; the novel is about a young man coming to realize his niche in the true order of things. The real question is whether adventure lies in temptation or commitment. As George begins to question his own role as curator of the family's extensive mythology, his own actions seem to take on a greater weight and importance. *The Girls Next Door* is a rare novel in that it is not about excess; it is about the unknown wealth of meaning beneath the surface of apparently mundane things - within the familiar there is usually the truth.

The primary magic of Turchi's fiction is his ability to find what is true and interesting in apparently unheroic, everyday characters. Both Turchi and his characters have the ability to say a great deal without saying much at all. *The Girls Next Door* isn't one of those rampaging, hyperbolic novels which dominate the market today; there is wonderful economy of prose coupled with wealth of thought and emotion which seems doubly remarkable from a debut novel. It's both funny and sad because it is true and takes genuine pride in being so.

In many ways, this novel seems like it should be cloying - aren't we all a little bit tired of hearing about the metaphysics and spiritual truths of baseball? Yet none of these nostalgic, front porch values seem manufactured or outdated. Beneath all the gentle humor, there is a very sly intelligence at work here. Wisdom and innocence can coexist in equal portions. Turchi scrutinizes the nature of commitment: commitment to a wife, commitment to family and commitment to an ideal. This is a welcome change from Stephen King's latest "99 Different Ways to Terrorize a Nuclear Family" novel or the super-slick "Privileged Youth in New York Takes Drugs" novel.

The real promise of a novel like *The Girls Next Door* is the promise of a young writer who is a craftsman of clean, economic prose and a lover of detail. *The Girls Next Door* leaves its reader with a certain faith that there are characters like George Willus and writers like Peter Turchi who still care about them.

Campus Calendar

October 20, 22, 23

The Film Series presents *The Accidental Tourist*, starring William Hurt,and Geena Davis.

Bill Breslin will be playing in the Coffee House from 9 to 1. Cost is $1 at the door.

October 21

The Concert Series presents pianist, Paul Maillet, in Tawes Theater at 8PM.

October 23

The Monday Series presents a discussion on "Surviving as a Writer." Panelists include Peter Turchi, Sandy Hiortdahl, and Eric Lorberer. The talk begins at 4:30 in the Literary House.

Published novelist and 1982 Sophie Kerr recipient, Peter Turchi, will read from his work at 8PM in the Sophie Kerr room.

October 25

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October 26

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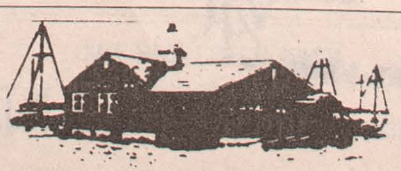

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NEWS

Student safety:

facility tour dispels myth

by Ed Schroeder

Editor's Note: Dr. William W. Tubman, Jr., head physician of the Upper Shore Mental Facility, guided an Elm reporter through the hospital last week. Tubman wanted to respond to recent claims that the facility poses a hazard to Washington College students and local residents alike.

On September 6th a patient escaped and came into contact with a Washington College student, who, though physically unharmed, complained to hospital and college authorities as well as the local police. Sophomore Lisa Woodcock was reportedly knocked down, not by the patient, but by male nurses who were in pursuit.

The facility itself goes under the title of the Upper Shore Community Mental Health Center and is located here in Chestertown on Scheeler Road. According to Tubman, it has been open the last eight years and has serviced 3,000 patients. On each day of operation, one person has been discharged, and one admitted.

All patients are on a 30 day program at the hospital, staying there because of drug rehabilitation, loss of a loved one, depression, attempted suicide or other psychologically related problems.

"Our people have really done nothing wrong," Tubman emphasized. "They are not criminals, they are here because they have a problem and they are looking for a way to deal with it."

The facility is usually filled to capacity with patients and is so successful that it sometimes does not have the room for all the people who need immediate medical attention. Tubman added that should a situation arise where Upper Shore has no room, they are quick to send the person to another facility that will service their needs.

"I feel the size is good here at the institution," Tubman commented. If they turn patients away it is an effort to maintain quality care. "It's small enough where I can keep in contact with most of the members of the facility, patients and staff alike."

The facility is set up into units that correspond with the different counties of the area: Kent, Queen Annes, and the like. In each of these units there is a specialized work force that is designed to help each of the voluntary patients.

Each wing is filled with 32 beds, four of which are in single rooms and 8 of which are in double rooms. Most of bathrooms are shared and each patient is given a closet in which they can keep all off their belongings. Three social workers, two psychiatrists and one psychologist work each wing with a team of nurses.

The nurse station is at the beginning of each hall. The station is actually a glassed in office so that the staff can see if there is any commotion or problems with patients.

Nurses do not wear a specific uniform, as in most of hospitals; rather, they work in plain clothing to show the informality of the situation. Tubman cited that this subtlety helps patients focus more upon therapy instead of on the restricting formalities of a regular institution.

"We like our patients to feel that they are at home," Tubman said. "We try and give them luxuries so that they can be more relaxed, more at ease with the staff that is here."

The patients have several facilities available to them in the way of educational and recreational activities. The units have access to a quiet lounge, a TV lounge, kitchen facilities, a dentist office, beauty salon, a library, an art center, and a dining hall. The dining hall is one of the most unique areas because staff and patients eat together.

The facility brings teachers from around the area to talk to staff members and the institution encourages college student activity; many post graduate students are educated in their focused studies at this hospital and many undergraduate students volunteer.

"I bring classes that I teach here as much as I can," Tubman said. "At first some of them are intimidated, but that fear is lost after they are introduced to the concept behind it."

Tubman and his staff are planning to build a greenhouse in the future because, as the doctor puts it, "It will serve as a place where the patients and staff can learn together. It can be a growing experience, planting, nourishing and then even possibly selling some plants to make some money for our institution."

Tubman wanted do dispel the myth that the mentally ill are also always criminal or dangerous.

"Mental illness is a disease, it's just like getting a cold. Where a pharmacy can offer the cure for a stuffed up nose, we can offer a cure for someone who's not sure what is going on in their head. We encourage the community not to let mental illness scare them, our building is always open if someone wants to see what it is all about."

"We are ranked 7th in the state out of a 110 other facilities by the Governor of Maryland," Tubman said. "Obviously we must be doing something right."

Cater predicted that cross walk construction should be complete within the next two weeks. see related articles on page one. *(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)*

Delivery

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Cabreja views Sho'men as a "positive social action." Adds Schroeder, "When students work with the community, it promotes positive relationships and only strengthens our ties."

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Students attend Homeless March

by Jen Golden

On October 7, there was a march and rally for the homeless in Washington, DC. Under the Housing Now! campaign thousands marched, including several Washington College students, onto Capital Hill. US park police estimated attendance at 40,000. March organizers estimated attendance at 200-250,000.

Stephen Lorenz, a senior from Alexandria, VA, was one student that went. A transfer from Rutgers University, Lorenz describes the event as "Great, with a good mix of people." He commented, however, that WC is generally more apathetic than Rutgers, but not necessarily because of size. "We're really sheltered here, maybe because the problems aren't as apparent; we don't have strong racial or housing problems."

Lorenz tried to get a culture van to bring more students to the march but sensed a lack of interest from students and administration. "There was just no consorted effort at this school to go to the rally." Having cited the apparent apathy, Lorenz expressed an interest in starting a Student Action Union chapter on campus, a national collegiate activism organization. According to Lorenz, this would help foster more organized participation in activist causes on campus. Memorable to Lorenz was a speech by Jesse Jackson. "Jesse's great. He really lays it on the line."

Other celebrities involved were Jon Voight, Valerie Harper, Susan Dey and Martin Sheen. Also present were Ohio governor, Richard Celeste and DC mayor, Marion Barry, who was jeered by the crowd.

Lorenz was pleased with the event itself yet was discouraged the next day to see the homeless back on the streets of D.C. However, he realized that the march accomplished a recognition of the homeless problem.

"You have to put things in people's faces before they decide to do something," he said.

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unity is a big problem and that, while the alcohol policy may serve to fragment the campus, the Honor Code is something which could and should be used to unite the student body. Attias posed a compromise. If the Administration is concerned about alcohol related misbehavior, then the Honor Code could be applied to social behavior as well as academics.

A second big topic of discussion of the evening involved the Dining Service. Athletes complained that when they go to dinner after practice at 5:30 or 6:00, there is hardly any food left and that what is left has gotten cold or is so picked over that its not worth eating. Carrie Blackburn also asked if student could use missed Dining Hall meals for credit at Mrs. D's or the Coffeehouse? President Cater replied that he would follow-up on student complaints about the Dining Hall and work on improvements.

The third topic which caused a lot of discussion among the students was heating in the dorms. Only three dorms, Cardinal, Minta Martin and Reid, have individual thermostats in each room. Students from the other dorms told about how their rooms are either so hot during the winter that windows need to be open constantly or the rooms are freezing. Cater promised to look into the problem and possible solutions.

Other topics included Student/Faculty ratio, the possibility of making the Senior Obligation a possible fourth course during the spring semester of the senior year and a special addition to transcripts giving students special recognition for having completed a thesis.

Students also expressed an interest in having additional lighting on campus and the athletic fields. Blackburn voiced another concern over what she called a lack of "SHO'MEN" pride among the students.

Near the end of the meeting Steve Attias updated students on the selection process of the new president for Washington College. Cater assured students that they will possibly be able to meet with the final few candidates and have input into the actual selection.

Renovations

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Director of Planning and Special Projects.

One of the stages in planning for the refurbishment of Hodson Hall consists of a review on the renovation proposals with the Student Government Association.

"I think it is important that students make their voices heard and opinions known concerning the renovation of the Coffee House," commented Attias.

"The future student center should be a place to bring the entire student body together in a common place and students today can make a difference for students tomorrow."

Renovations for William Smith Hall and Hodson Hall are expected to begin in the late spring, when the state review replies to the college's proposal.

Subway

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really appreciate having the service," says Cabreja.

Cabreja, Imber and Schroeder agree they would like to see Sho'men Delivery Service continue in the future, but have doubts about expansion any time soon. They are waiting "to see if we'll need more people or not," as Schroeder puts it. Added Imber, "I see it going in a very large direction....I would like to see it keep going."

Sho'men Delivery Services are available Sunday through Thursday, 9PM to12AM, and Friday and Saturday, 9PM to 1AM.

SGA meets

Most of the discussion at Tuesday evening's Student Government Association Senate meeting centered around the SGA social committee, who announced that three bands will be coming to WC in the near future: Friday, October 20, Bill Breslin and the Swamp Weasels; Saturday, October 21, In the Flesh will appear : New Potato Caboose will play at WC on November 11. All bands will play at the C-House.

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Fire sparks good town relations

by Tracey Connell
Staff writer

Students, staff and faculty of Washington College were involved in all aspects of helping a local family of four, in need after a fire devastated their home and belongings on Monday.

The fire started when a furnace in the basement exploded; the house, located at 218 Kent Circle, was virtually destroyed.

Junior Matthew T. Weir, a volunteer at the local fire company, said that the station was alerted at approximately 12:25 PM. He, Russ Gardner, Mike Jenkins and Seth Powell (all students who are volunteer fireman) were among those who aided in fighting the blaze.

Students Don Diefendorf and Jim Jenkins, and Sharon Hurd, a staff member at Mrs. Dee's Snack Bar, helped as volunteers to the local rescue squad.

The Chestertown Fire Company and Kent and Queen Anne's Rescue Squad were joined at the scene by fire companies from Centreville, Church Hill, Kennedyville, and Millington. Rock Hall stood by only minutes away. Local radio station WCTR covered the event.

Hurd commended everyone who participated. "They are all volunteers. They had to leave their homes and jobs to respond. I kept thinking that it could be my home, my family, my clothes."

When the alert was dispatched it was thought someone might be caught inside, but when they arrived, Geraldine Hodges, in her seventies, had escaped with minor injuries. Hurd stated that the woman had fractured her left ankle and "she also has other medical problems." Before the day was over, she and five fireman, who were suffering from the intense heat as well as minor burns, had been taken to Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital.

"It was exhausting," Weir stated.

Bertha Cotton of the Red Cross tried to sum up the extent of the damage and the consequences. "They were burnt out. They need everything."

Cotton stated that the family now has temporary housing, but when they find a permanent residence they will need furniture.

Gene Hessey, Senior Vice President for Management and Finance, approved plans to offer the College's Pennington House to the family for one week, to give them time to find more permanent housing.

Marshall Williams, Special Events Coordinator for the President's Office, made the initial suggestion. Neither is aware whether the displaced family accepted the college's invitation.

Mabel Mumford, Secretary of the Department of Athletics at Washington College and town council representative, was named by WCTR as the individual in charge of collecting clothing, furniture, food, and cash. Mumford stated that individuals desiring to donate clothing may drop items off at Mrs. Dee's Snack Bar. June Costin, of the Washington College Newman Club, also referred to Mrs. Dee's.

Financial contributions should be made payable to The Hodges Fund , and may be sent to WCTR, PO Box 700, Chestertown, MD, 21620.

Anyone who wishes to donate clothing, furniture or money through the local Red Cross should contact Bertha Cotton at 348-5416.

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(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

Students play intramural sports on the lawn in the final days of warm weather. This occurs amidst the year's first complaints to maintenance about heating problems. President Cater fielded a heating question at last weeks Open Season. See related article, this page, for his response.

Quick responses to complaints:

Open Season produces positive action

by Gordy Scherer

Last Tuesday, October 24, the Washington College Student Government Association called a special session to order; President Cater had obtained several answers to the concerns and criticisms raised by students at the open season last week.

Cater had taken an active role toward many resolutions and fully intended to communicate his progress thus far at the Tuesday SGA meeting. He also wanted to emphasize continued interest and commitment toward better communication between students and the administration concerning such issues.

Since Cater fell ill prior to the meeting, Sherry Magill, Vice President and Deputy to the President, presented a progress report.

Questions of an unbalanced student and faculty ratio and problems with the current senior obligation system were both referred to their respective committees for review, said Magill. It was also mentioned that in the case of the Academic Council, student representation was lacking.

A major concern of several students was about the Washington College Food Services. Complaints ranged from not having the scheduled hot meal served until closing time, to catered events conflicting with planned student activities.

Dave Knowles, Director of Dining Services, stated that he was not aware of a problem with the meal time. In addition he stated that the catered events were scheduled after his meeting with the social chairmen of the SGA.

It was suggested that the social committee reserve the dining hall well in advance, prior to a confirmation. In addition, a date will soon be announced for open season on Dave and the food service staff.

The second priority of the open season was that of maintenance related problems. Upon completion of the Master Plan, permanent light fixtures will be installed along the new fire lane and the area surrounding the new dorms.

Said Magill, missing lounge furniture is just that—missing. Contrary to popular belief, there is no mysterious warehouse in which new furniture is stored. There was a brief discussion about a grace period in which such furniture could be returned with out any questions asked.

With the inevitability of winter approaching, the problem of heating dormitories was addressed. Complaints ranged from rooms so hot that personal property melted, to rooms that were freezing.

Students at the meeting attested that maintenance quickly

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New fitness center proposed, planned

by Susie Mazzullo

Currently, the Cain Athletic Center is where many intercollegiate practices and games, intramural games, and indoor organized recreational sports are held. With all of these activities taking place there is little room left for those who gather for an impromptu game.

A plan for a new field complex may solve some problems as well as provide extra advantages for WC students. The Benjamin A. Johnson Lifetime Fitness Center, also known as the Field House, is the proposed name for this complex. No target date for construction has been set.

According to the administration, the new structure may alleviate pressure on existing facilities. It may also present students with new health resources.

"Not just for jocks," is the

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EDITORIAL

Can life be sustained without beer?

Here we go again. Students who heard the band at the Coffee House last weekend noted the small audience, ironic given the supposedly lacking social life on this campus. You'd think the whole campus would have been there.

It seems that a significant number of students have chosen to forgo the Coffee House, bemoaning its enforcement of the alcohol policy, specifically the black book used to verify the birth dates shown on suspicious student identification cards (incidentally, the black book is not a new innovation; this is its third year of existence). An establishment is not automatically shielded from lawsuits simply by accepting any identification, false or otherwise. The validity of the ID must be confirmed by the establishment.

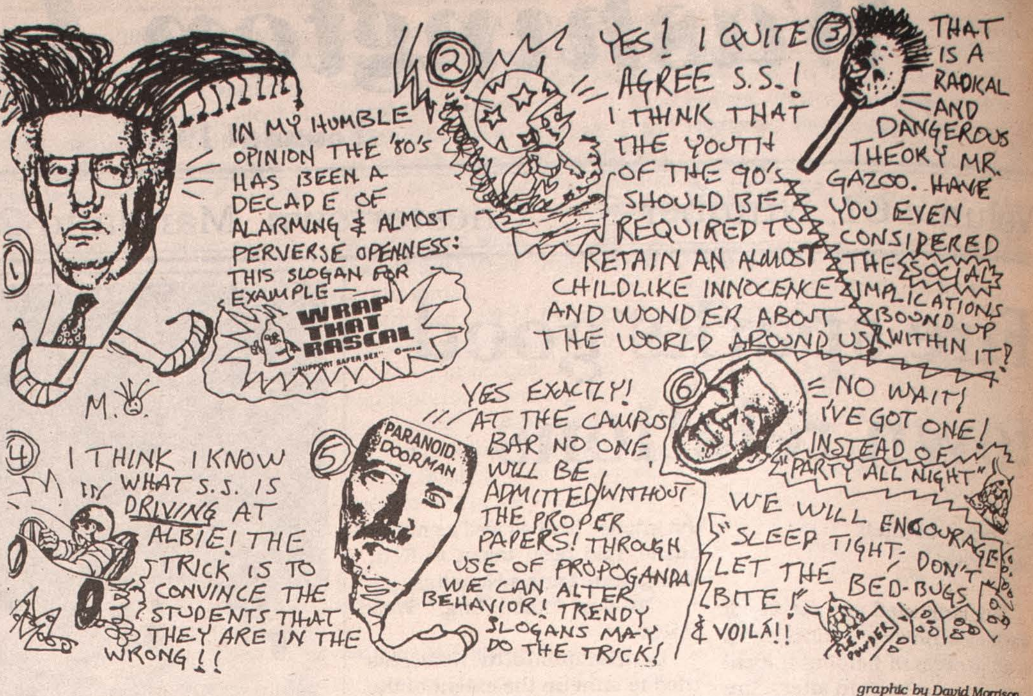
The Coffee House is not equivalent to the Vern, Newts, or a fraternity keg party, nor was it ever intended to be, to the best of my knowledge. At one time, a night in the C-House apparently resembled all the negative elements of a keg party. This is why we now have a policy which combines a peculiar mix of strictness with the reluctance to be strict.

It's no secret that the administration would rest easier if the drinking age were 18, and most students would be overjoyed. Until students mobilize to change the drinking age, or until we're old enough to hold government positions, we'll just have to live with the law as it stands.

The current policy certainly is unfair to the majority of us, excepting seniors, who have no firsthand knowledge about what incidents prompted the tightening of the policy in the first place; yet we're the people who suffer the consequences. But the law is the law, policy is policy: it's likely that the rules would have been narrowed for legal reasons regardless of problems in the past.

Why should the Coffee House have to even worry about competing with keg parties? There's a manager who's trying, at least, to provide events to attract students. But, evidently, there are students who find sitting around a keg complaining about the lack of social life on campus more stimulating than dragging themselves into the C-House to be subjected to something which is potentially entertaining.

Preachy as this sounds, it isn't meant as such. It's simply unfathomable that people would choose not to visit the Coffee House because they can't cradle a beer. After all, you can still drink in your room until you're sufficiently uninhibited before you head over to the Coffee House for that evening's entertainment.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M.
②
YES! I QUITE AGREE S.S.! I THINK THAT THE YOUTH OF THE 90'S SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO RETAIN AN ALMOST CHILDLIKE INNOCENCE AND WONDER ABOUT THE WORLD AROUND US!
③
THAT IS A RADICAL AND DANGEROUS THEORY MR. GAZOO. HAVE YOU EVEN CONSIDERED THE SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS BOUND UP WITHIN IT?
④
I THINK I KNOW WHAT S.S. IS DRIVING AT ALBIE! THE TRICK IS TO CONVINCE THE STUDENTS THAT THEY ARE IN THE WRONG!!
⑤
PARANOID DOORMAN
YES EXACTLY! AT THE CAMPUS BAR NO ONE WILL BE ADMITTED WITHOUT THE PROPER PAPERS! THROUGH USE OF PROPOGANDA WE CAN ALTER BEHAVIOR! TRENDY SLOGANS MAY DO THE TRICK!
⑥
NO WAIT! I'VE GOT ONE! INSTEAD OF "PARTY ALL NIGHT" WE WILL ENCOURAGE: "SLEEP TIGHT, DON'T LET THE BED-BUGS BITE!" & VOILÀ!!
FLEA POWDER

graphic by David Morrison

Letters to the Editor

Students asked for suggestions to alleviate campus parking problems

To The Editor:

One of the most prominent concerns of Washington College students is that of parking, or lack of it. This issue is not new to the college community. Inadequate parking has been the source of added fustration for many years. The rural location of our college, combined with the inconvience of construction has created an intolerable situation. Now the addition of over 100 additional spaces through the completion of the master plan is threatened due to over budgeting.

There remain, however, several temporary solutions. Suggestions such as restricted lots for specific dorms and parallel parking in front of the Cullen dormatories remain open for discoussion. President cater is well aware of the problem, but states that the college tries to place as few restrictions on the students as possible. The President and student affairs office, in conjunction with the freshman class, are willing to support any reasonable solutions proposed by the students. In addition, the Freshman class is eagar to initiate and organize such a proposal. It is for this reason that all students are encouraged to attend the meeting Thursday, Nov. 1, in the Sophie Kerr room of the library at 8pm. With your essential input, a solution can be reached soon. Let's do something about it!

Respectfully submitted,
Gordy Scherer
President of the Freshman Class

The Christic operation

To the Editor:

Early last year, the Club presented a videotaped speech, about two hours long, by Daniel Sheehan of Washington's Christic Institute. Sheehan laid out an enormous array of criminal charges against named former U.S. officials, accusing them of a thirty-year pattern of criminal racketeering activity.

The students were left with an extremely distasteful "message."

Apparently in keeping with College custom, there was no opportunity for discussion, much less for informed refutation of these charges or the "message" which the Christics and their local allies intended to convey.

The fact that the charges were fabricated, that the case was thrown out of court, or that the Christics have been severely sanctioned for their abuse of the judicial system will doubtless come as news to Club members.

Since that occasion, which was my own introduction to the Christics, I have written a book about the Institute and its La Penca lawsuit. At the risk of disturbing the placid groupthink of the campus, the Club might consider hearing about the Christic operation.

Yours truly,
Dr.Susan Huck
Former Assistant Professor of Economics

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OPINION

ISSUE: Are the athletic facilities at WC adequate for a Division III school? What facilities should be included in the Lifetime Fitness Center?

Student proposes ideal facilities

Erin O'Neal

As an athlete at Washington College, let me first say that my needs as a team player are adequately met by the athletic facilities here. But since there is always room for improvement, and I'm being asked what improvements could be made...

First, let's discuss the change necessary in the existing field situation at Washington College. Washington College's outdoor athletic facilities include five fields and the tennis courts, roughly 584,000 square feet, or thirteen acres to maintain. In short, this includes cutting, lining, construction of goals and benches, irrigation, infield maintenance for baseball and softball, aerification, herbicide application, trash removal, and fence installation and removal—and this is in short. Presently, one person is employed and responsible for maintaining all of this. It would be a gross oversight to not include more facility maintenance personnel in our lists of improvements.

Washington College has at its disposal the ability to develop at least three more full fields on "the other side of the tracks." This would mean real practice fields for men's lacrosse and soccer instead of a giant mudhole or destruction of the softball field every year, a field to give the other fields necessary rests, and a real field for REC and Intramural sports. As long as we're dreaming, let's light the fields so that the student body can play REC sports when it actually has time for them—after classes, after dinner, after practice. Even without new fields, the ones we have need protection: a chain link fence to keep out cars and motorcycles that get the strange inescapable urge to drive on beautiful, flat, green surfaces. An emergency phone on both sides of the tracks would be nice. After all, sports are fun, but they're not necessarily injury free.

As a student at Washington College, let me secondly say that the athletic facilities leave a lot to be desired. Sure, there's a fitness center—if you take your own oxygen, because there isn't any in that little sweatbox. The gym is nice, too, if you can beat your way past sweating men playing basketball to the five square feet remaining to do whatever it is you thought you were going to do. But, enough complaints; this can all be fixed by the New Improved Lifetime Fitness Center. The following is a serious proposal that is not only necessary but feasible.

Even for a college the size of Washington, a field house needs three full gym floors with separators between them so that, for example, tennis, basketball, and volleyball can occur simultaneously. Above this giant gym circles an indoor track, and beside it lies on squash court and one racquetball court. The fitness center (weight room), complete with adequate ventilation, not so many mirrors, and a few more bikes, is downstairs among the student, faculty, and team locker rooms which all connect to their own shower facilities. Also downstairs is the dance studio which this time happens to be wider than the average dorm room.

As an "athlete," I can say that Washington College athletic facilities are adequate for my needs, but a field house such as I propose could do nothing but enhance the lives of the entire Washington College community and student body.

Erin O'Neal is a junior majoring in American Studies.

CAMPUS VOICES by Amy L. Undercoffler

Darren Vican
Milford, Del.
Freshman

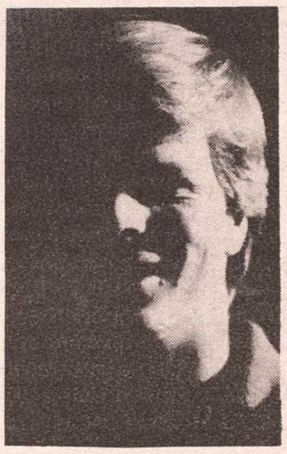
I feel that most of the athletic fields could use some definite improvement!

Beth Wilson
Annapolis, MD
Junior

I feel that the fields that we have now are adequate and kept up by building the bridge to the girls fields, it will keep them from being isolated from the rest of campus.

Brian Johnson
Baldwinsville, N.Y.
Freshman

I feel that the staff that works on the athletic fields should include more than one person.



Chris Vaughn
Baltimore, MD.
Freshman

The athletic facilities are adequate for a Division III school. Of course they can always be upgraded but as of now they are fine. As for the new athletic center I think they should consider such things as racquetball courts & possibly an indoor track.

Margaret Cappelletti
Syracuse, N.Y.
Sophomore

No, I don't feel the athletic facilities are adequate but since I am a member of the staff I know that measures are being taken to improve them. In a few years a whole new huge facility will be built. I just wish it was here now.

Ted Greeley
Golden, CO.
Freshman

I feel that the athletic facilities here at Washington College are fine for a division III school, especially the pool. In the new athletic facility I feel that there should be a new weight room and a few more basketball courts.

A Division III powerhouse deserves proper facilities

Greg Coss

There's so much talk about the different sports teams not using their full budgets, and what results from the complaining is absolutely nothing. What I'd like to know is, where does this extra money go? Last year the tennis team only used about half of its budget. Why?

This is the best sports team at Washington College (#4 in the nation Division III) next to lacrosse, and they can't even wear team shirts, they are referred to as "the bandits," or get occasional free string jobs. No need to even mention free shoes or anything else that could help the team. There's no need to blame the head coach, he's the best in the country for Division III and does everything he can to make Washington a big name on the tennis map. He, Fred Wyman, is stressing for the proper facilities for a tennis powerhouse and all the school has is six shitty courts and a mess of used balls only suitable for throwing across 213 and letting your five-year-old child chase!

It's not just the tennis team that is not getting what it justly deserves, but the lacrosse and basketball teams as well. Everyone gets this idea that the lacrosse players have it easy and are treated like kings. But the image they throw out on the field that has gotten them to several Division III lacrosse championships and a final four appearance last year is not an illusion. They are blue collar workers, pushing themselves very hard and not reaping the benefits. Give these guys all the sticks, balls, pads, and jerseys they want. Give them good indoor facilities to practice on the off-season so they don't lose their step in the spring. We're talking about a team that tied Duke last fall. Come on, these guys are good; let's quit jerking these guys around and give them more respect instead of making them pay for a grubby gray t-shirt. And for Christ's sake, get them a real weight room!

The basketball team got to the round of 16's of the NCAA's last year and had one of its best regular seasons ever, winning 20 games. This is a big time program which should not be playing in a gym the size of my high school's. I guess what I'm saying is let's not be afraid to spend some money on athletics for once. Let's quit building different academic buildings for a moment and work on the gym. If it takes a couple of years that's fine, it's worth the wait. Expand the gym, adding indoor tennis courts, a lacrosse training ground, and a larger basketball court. Let's spend those underused sports budgets to help sports facilities for the next couple of years. Besides, do you really think you're going to get any smarter because of a new greenhouse that might be built in 1990?

Greg Coss is a sophomoree and is a member of the tennis team.

Happy 2nd Decade,
Brett Lankford!
The Elm Staff

OK Tammy Faye, start singing the blues

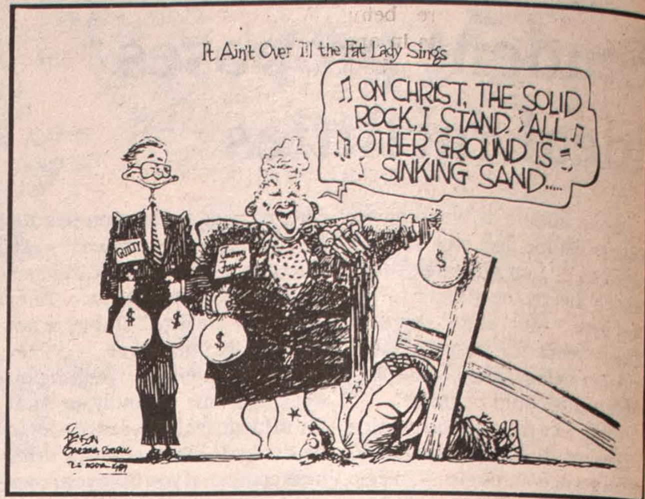
Laura Hopper

Monday was Judgment Day for televangelist Jim Bakker in Charlotte, NC. Found guilty by a jury a few weeks ago, Bakker stood before the judge for his sentence. When asked if he had anything to say, Bakker replied that he had never meant to defraud anyone. The judge replied that Bakker's seeming lack of remorse over having cheated hundreds of the faithful out of their money influenced his sentence. The sentence was 45 years in prison and a $500,000 fine. Fearing that Bakker might attempt to flee, the prosecution asked that he be taken immediately to prison. The judge agreed, and Bakker was taken from the courthouse in handcuffs to a medium security prison in Alabama. He will not be eligible for parole for ten years.

This should bring the long, soap opera saga of Jim and Tammy Faye Bakker to a close. Bakker's attorney did promise an appeal, and Tammy Faye will probably still cry for the Lord's forgiveness on cable, but for now it is over.

Other televangelists have also experienced problems since Bakker's downfall. Jimmy Swaggart, who was photographed with a prostitute just days after denouncing Jim Bakker, has lost his TV show. Oral Roberts announced he would have to close his hospital and medical school in Tulsa, OK. He has experienced a sharp drop in popularity after telling his followers that God would take him away if he didn't raise four million dollars. But seeing as Tulsa has quite a few hospitals, it is doubtful that it will be missed. Since he disbanded the Moral Majority, revenues are up for Jerry Falwell. And Pat Robertson's popularity has somewhat returned since he went back to hosting The 700 Club, a TV show carried by UHF channels.

Overall, America's romance with TV preachers seems to be over. Good. The idea of someone's grandmother sending her social security check to someone like Jim Bakker is rather nauseating. The idea of him or his wife using it to buy a multi-million dollar home and several cars is repulsive. What the judge gave Jim Bakker in Charlotte was fair. He violated the trust that the faithful had placed in him, and proved, in the end, that he was just as susceptible to greed as anyone else.


It Ain't Over Til the Fat Lady Sings
ON CHRIST, THE SOLID ROCK, I STAND; ALL OTHER GROUND IS SINKING SAND.....
GUILTY
Tammy Faye
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As Bakker left the courthouse, his supporters sang the same hymn his wife had the day he was convicted. It just goes to show, you can fool some of the people some of the time, but you can't fool all of the people all of the time. Go ahead and start singing, Tammy Faye.

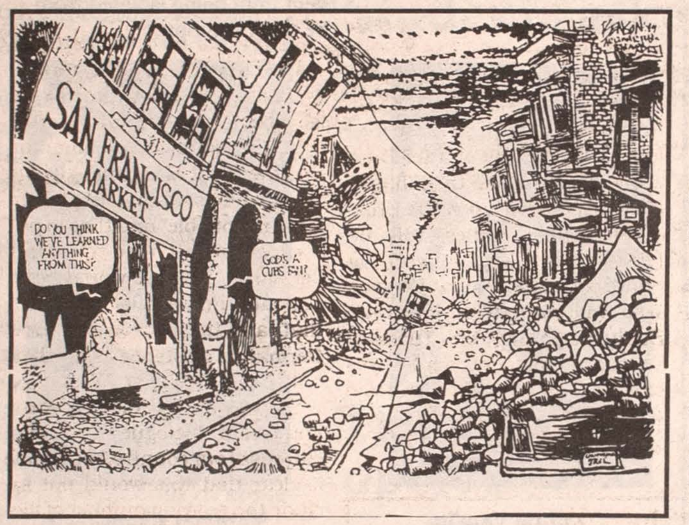
Laura Hopper is a junior majoring in International Studies. She is also Perspectives Editor

In the wake of the earthquake, life will go on

by Laura Hopper
staff writer

When the earth grinded to a halt last Tuesday, people got up in the Bay area, brushed themselves off and found that, in some cases, life is very different. One insurance company estimated that the earthquake may very well be the most expensive natural disaster in US history. Coming so close of the heels of Hurricane Hugo, which devastated Charleston, SC, the earthquake may cause yet another hike in insurance premiums.

But there is far more damage then what will be covered by insurance companies like Allstate, Farmers Group, State Farm, and Firemen's Fund, many people, especially the elderly, did not have earthquake insurance, and now find themselves without home, possessions or money. Even those with Earthquake coverage will have to pay a large deductable. Many of the people who lived in the mountains around Santa Cruz did not carry earthquake insurance. There have been reports of people setting fires in their damaged homes in hopes of collecting some insurance money. In the Santa Cruz area, mudslides following heavy rains have destroyed many already damaged homes.


SAN FRANCISCO MARKET
DO YOU THINK WE'VE LEARNED ANYTHING FROM THIS?
GOD'S A CUBS FAN?

Money and help are on the way for some victims of the earthquake. The Federal Emergency Management Agency opened its San Francisco centers on Monday, although officials did say it would take days or weeks for people to get money. Even before the center opened, over 4,000 people had already called a toll-free FEMA hotline to apply for federal assistance. The White House announced it was scrapping its plans for an earthquake relief program, and would cooperate with Congress on development of a three billion dollar plan to aid victims of the earthquake. California congressmen are saying that it will take much more to rebuild the damage. In Santa Cruz, it may become difficult to get building permits and building loans for what will be now considered questionable lots.

In San Francisco, rebuilding is slowly beginning. In general, rush hour on the first work day following the earthquake went very well. Officials credit this to efforts to get employers to institute flexible working hours but are worried that such cooperation may not last. Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) also helped. BART's subway system, which runs underneath the Bay, carried 50% more passengers to work on Monday. Ferryboats are also helping to ease commuting problems between the two cities. City officials estimate the Bay Bridge will be reopened in three weeks. One of the most spectacular images from TV coverage of the the earthquake, the two-tiered bridge was closed after the earthquake caused one of the concrete roadbed slabs to fall.

Engineers examining the collapsed Nimitz Freeway say that the freeway's natural resonance may have contributed to its collapse. Comparing it to pushing a child on a swing, they explained that when the first seismic wave hit, it made the two-tiered highway swing slightly. Successive waves hit at just the right times to make the highway swing even more, eventually causing connecting girders to break and allowing the highway fall. Once the roadbed fell, it smashed into supporting columns, knocking large chunks of concrete out of them. Modern highways and overpasses are designed with this concept in mind. But the Nimitz was built in the 1950's, well before engineers knew about resonance. Even so, scientists say it is impossible to predict the dominant frequencies or direction of an earthquake, so a structure that it may be sound during one earthquake may crumble in another.

Life will go on in San Francisco. Tourism, a major source of income for the Bay Area, is very low during what is normally one of the busiest months. But the World Series will resume Friday night in Candlestick Park, and the San Francisco Opera, which moved out of the damaged opera house and into the Masonic Auditorium on Nob Hill, will resume somewhat scaled-down performances. On Sunday, the Opera company gave an Earthquake Relief Concert in Golden Gate Park. Over 20,000 people attended, and brought with them canned food and 18,000 pounds of clothing and blankets. So, in the city by the Bay, life goes on.

complied from the New York Times and Philadelphia Inquirer

International Relations Club adopts new format

by Steven Bruchey

The International Relations Club had its first meeting of the year last week and decided to change its format during the upcoming year: instead of having meetings every other week in a round-table discussion, the group will hold briefings in the future. A member of the faculty or staff will brief the club about a major news event. The topic of each meeting will be posted in the lobby of Bill Smith and in front of the Dining Hall.

On the night of the meeting, the speaker will present a 15-20 minute "run down" of the event, to be followed by a discussion. The purpose of these briefings is to help inform the students about current affairs, to bring a wider variety of people to IRC meetings, and to provide a more formal structure while also adding spontaneity to the meetings. It is encouraged for people to attend even if they only want to stay for the briefings. The IRC is hoping that this new twist in their agenda will boost an interest in the news and try to remedy the lack of available news outlets at WC.

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News from around the world: *Flag burning debated in Congress*

UNITED STATES

Repercussions from last weeks earthquake are being acutely felt by residents in and around San Francisco, CA, both in the form of literal "aftershocks," continued but minor tremors, and in efforts to resume normal lives, and in a general sense of vulnerability. Rescue efforts continue in Oakland, where the upper tier of the Nimitz Freeway crashed onto its lower tier. The freeway's collapse caused the greatest amount of death and injury in the earthquake, and continues to pose residents with the greatest disruption in everyday life. Many depended upon the freeway, which was a major artery linking Oakland and San Francisco, for their daily work commute. The Bay Bridge between the two cities remains closed, so many have taken to travelling by ferry. Thousands remain homeless and an estimated100,000 people in the region are without electricity or mail. However, in many areas this is not the case; many public schools even re-opened this week.

President George Bush said last week that he would veto the bill that would provide Medicaid money to pay for abortions for women who had been the victims of rape or incest. With the veto of the Medicaid funds, abortion in such cases would only be possible for women who can afford it. Many have criticized the president's action as being implicitly contradictory and discriminatory. Bush defended his decision by saying that he did not want to "compound a violent act with the taking of an unborn life."

The proposed constitutional amendment to ban flag burning was brought to the floor of the Senate last week, where it was killed. Though it received a majority vote of 51, this was less than the minimum of 67 votes (the 2/3 majority vote) required for passage. The proposed amendment had been enthusiastically backed by President Bush since the Supreme Court ruled last summer that the flag was a form of political protest that was protected by the free-speech amendment.

EAST GERMANY

The leader of East Germany for 18 years, Erich Honecker was "relieved" of his duties as General Secretary of the Communist Party and chairman of the National Defense Council. Technically, Honecker resigned because of failing health, but ostensibly the flight of over 60,000 East German citizens since August and 135,000 this year must have caused his ouster by what has been termed a "nervous leadership." Egon Krenz, his succesor, perhaps summed this up best when he said, "Problems in recent months have not been sufficiently assessed." The question now is how Krenz will address them.

Honecker was inexorable in the face of dramatic changes rocking the East bloc, refusing West Germany's offer of substantial aid if he undertook "earnest reform." Many say that Krenz will also refuse to grant reforms East Germans are demanding and the West is urging. Krenz has already said that "socialism is not negotiable" and that to put his country under West Germany's tutelage would be to "retreat from socialist principles that are the reason for East Germany's existence as an alternative to capitalist West Germany." Krenz did promise, however, a "dialogue with all the citizens of our country," but made it clear that this would not include the growing number of illegal dissent groups. Some of the demonstrators in the group of over 100,000 demonstrating in Leipzig last week cited the new leaders' connections with the secret police and one woman said that he is "one of the concrete heads"; the stubborn hard-liners.

SOUTH AFRICA

Last Sunday Walter Sisulu and 7 other political prisoners were granted "unconditional freedom." Sisulu had spent 26 years in prison because of his campaign against apartheid. His release, as well as that of the others, is part of Mr. De Klerk's program of "evolutionary change." In order to end white domination and the policy of apartheid, De Klerk must confront a system of "many interlocking regulations and customs monitored by an efficient security apparatus." One restriction is enforced by another, and allowing one freedom often means contradicting a restriction. For example, while some are facing court charges for advocating violence, others, such as Sisulu, are allowed free speech. For this reason DeKlerk is facing criticism from both sides; the conservative element who want to maintain apartheid as well as those who want to do away with it.

LEBANON

Legislators this week agreed on a new national charter that would share political power equally between Moslems and Christians, a step which they hope will bring peace to the country, where the two groups have fought bitterly for 15 years. Saudi Arabia sponsored the negotiations and delegates from Syria were also present. Though 58 of the 62 legislators accepted the charter, there was some doubt as to whether or not the military commanders would. General Michel Aoun, who commands the Christian forces, demanded that the 40,000 Syrian troops, in Lebanon since 1975, pull out before he accepts the charter. Shiite Moslem leaders also oppose the charter.

Complied by Cecile Gutscher from the New York Times, Washington Post, Philadelphia Tribune, and Time Magazine.

The South Korean siege

Steven Bruchey

Friday the 13th was definitely not a good day to be the US Ambassador to South Korea as six radical students armed with Molotov cocktails and lead pipes raided his home and remained for an hour. During the first few moments of the siege, Ambassador Donald Gregg and his wife fled for safety. The students used homemade bombs and tear-gas to power their way through the police protection that surrounds their residence.

The Gregg's were reportedly awakened by the explosions and waited in their bedrooms to hear where the students were before trying to flee. The ambassador and his wife made their escape while students were causing "considerable damage" to parts of their home, including pouring paint thinner on the floor and threatening to ignite the house if police attempted to overtake the students.

After about fifty minutes, police used tear-gas to overpower and remove the students from the house.

A review of security will determine how to avoid future problems; security for all US personnel in South Korea is expected to be increased.

Ambassador Gregg said that this event will not interfere with US-South Korean relations. Regardless, US officials are worried about the escalation of these types of protest tactics. It seems as though the radicals are losing support within the population. Rallies held over the weekend only received small turnouts.

It is believed that two main reasons for this clash are Gregg's former position as CIA station chief in Seoul from 1973-75 and the importation of American farming goods. The people, especially in Seoul, were irked by the appointment of Gregg to the ambassador post.

Likewise, recent visits by trade officials are infuriating South Koreans by attempting to open and widen markets in South Korea. They fear that these new levels of trade will shatter their economy and make them financially dependent upon the US.

These issues will be forced to a head this week as South Korean President Roh Tae Woo will meet with President Bush beginning on Tuesday. During his visit, President Woo is expected to address Congress and discuss the trade problem.

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Soaring high with the arising flying club

by Katherine E. Absher
Staff writer

Circling the plane, we check the fuselage, oil, landing gear, and every bolt connecting the aluminum sheets that make up the wings of the Cessna 152. The pilot quickly lectures me on the instruments, and we hop into the cockpit. Anxiety washes over me; I do not hesitate to fasten my seat belt.

As the small airplane rumbles toward the runway, I breathe deeply. Maneuvering the tiny craft onto the airstrip, the pilot increases its speed, rears the plane on its back wheels, and grasps the wind. Because of the flimsiness of the 152, the walls of the plane vanish, leaving me to the sky.

When the pilot asks me to fly the plane, however, reality quickly strikes me. We are flying a training type of craft equipped with dual controls, enabling both instructor and pupil to steer.

Nervously, I place my hands on the controls. The instructor explains if I pull toward myself, the nose of the plane rises; if I push away, the nose lowers. Keeping level with the horizon, I attempt to persuade the plane to follow my lead.

I am awed by the pilot's trust in me. How easily, with me at the controls, could we plunge to our death. I can imagine the ashen heap of our plane strewn about the eleventh hole of Easton's golf course; ducks in the course's pond munching on bits of my body.

If the engine were to stop, however, at even a thousand feet, the overall weightlessness of the Cessna 152 allows a smooth landing in any emergency landing strip, such as a cornfield or parking lot. And in acquiring a pilot's license, the instructor pulls the engine on the pupil, and the pupil must land in the best sight available. By being cautious and prepared, prudent flyers try to prevent an accident such as this from occurring.

Surprising me further, the instructor orders me to turn the plane around. By now my palms are perspiring like a scene from *Body Heat*. But they calmly manipulate the plane. It leans to the right, and I have a wonderful view of the very hard ground. The plane responds to the slightest touch of the controls, forcing my movements to be light and gradual.

The pilot explains to me that the gung-ho, macho types he instructs are usually too aggressive with the controls, and it is the more mellow people who have a certain light touch that the airplane's controls respond to.

When I understand the control's delicacy, however, I become a little cocky. Suddenly, I am a World War I flying ace battling the Red Baron or Tom Cruise in his F-14 head to head with the Russians. My cowardliness departs, and I ask my "co-pilot" if he can fly the plane upside down. Taking the controls, my instructor makes the plane leap upward and then dart downward; my heart follows the progress of the plane by first leaping into my mouth and then darting into my stomach. With this, my bravery quickly disappears. I relinquish the controls to my instructor and enjoy the scenery until we land.

Waiting for its passengers, the Cessna 152 is prepared for flight. *(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)*

This is my very rewarding experience with the newly-formed flying club, which is just getting off the ground (no pun intended) this year.After a great surge of popularity following World War II and the Vietnam War, flying has decreased in popularity. In August, however, the Federal Aviation Administration created a new private pilot's license, dubbing it the recreational license. This license requires less hours and money while learning how to fly, and its specific goal is to increase the number of young adults involved in flying. Therefore, the student organizers of the club feel the time is ripe for this activity.

With its well-trained staff and numerous small planes, Easton Air Service is sponsoring the club. The air service will begin by giving ground classes to students, and then a training airplane and instructor will be flown to Chestertown. The club is not sanctioned by Washington College, but in the future the club hopes the College will offer credit for the course, and that the college will allow an aircraft to be always available for student use.

If interested in participating in the flying club, contact Sean Guinness or Matthew Weir at 778-4478.

Coping with aftermath of Hurricane Hugo

by Amy R. Caddle

Master of destruction. Tempest of torment. Beginning as a tropical depression off the west coast of Africa, it sped across the Atlantic Ocean, gaining ferocity with sweeping 150 mile per hour winds. Wreaking havoc from the Carribean to South Carolina, Hurricane Hugo caused three billion dollars in property damage, 39 deaths, and unprecedented emotional destruction. As students from South Carolina return from fall break, they comment on the aftermath of Hurricane Hugo.

Jennifer Rowe, a junior history major from Sullivan's Island, South Carolina, describes the effects of Hurricane Hugo as "catastrophic." The National Guard began evacuating the island 18 hours before the storm was predicted to hit. Until the storm had subsided, Rowe's family fled to the mainland. "I was really scared for my family," she reveals. "Because all power was out, I was unable to contact them until the hurricane had passed. It was a frightening experience."

135 mph winds and 17 foot waves beat down on the Charleston area, destroying almost everything in its path. "We were very lucky," gasps Rowe. "Our house was the only one standing within a four block radius. Our house did suffer four feet of water damage, and our porch blew off, but it was nothing compared to what the rest of the island suffered."

As officials were planning emergency relief for the area, Hugo even ripped off part of the roof of Charleston's City Hall. This was just one aspect of the destruction; there were approximately 60,000 homeless in Charleston alone, with local schools and hotels serving as shelters.

The National Guard was called in immediately after the storm subsided to return the area to order. Rowe complains that the National Guard expertly evacuated the area, but did not follow through with more help and leadership after the evacuation.

The National Guard was responsible for checking the ID's of the island's residents, and refusing entrance to those without an ID. "After a while, the National Guard got impatient, and just let anyone on the island," Rowe says. Scavengers were rampant, sifting through residents' belongings even before the residents themselves were able to return to the island. "My father caught someone towing our boat away. When my father asked what he was doing, the looter said he was told that whatever was laying around was free. My father got our boat back, but some people lost almost all of their possessions to looters," Rowe states.

Sullivan's Island is approximately two and a half miles square, consisting of mostly residential areas. Rowe explains, "the people of Sullivans Island are used to hurricane evacuations, and some don't take the warnings very seriously. But I think that after seeing the devastation caused by Hurricane Hugo, people will take the evacuations more seriously. Hurricane Hugo was the worst hurricane of the century for the Charleston area."

Amy Rowe, a freshman from Sullivan's Island, agrees with her sister as to the extent of damage inflicted by Hugo. "Jennifer and I watched the news all day. It was a very emotional experience to know that our hometown was in the process of being destroyed. We were just happy our family was safe."

Jennifer and Amy returned to Sullivan's Island a week after Hurricane Hugo hit to help their family. "The island was completely trashed. It was just devastated." Donations poured in from corporations, organizations and private citizens to help alleviate the problems caused by Hurricane Hugo. Amy Rowe states, "It was heartbreaking to see my friends wandering around with wheelbarrows, searching for remains of their houses and possessions. Many houses were completely leveled. The foundations aren't even left." The Charleston area still hasn't finished cleaning up after the storm.

Sally Campbell, a junior psychology major, hails from Hilton Head Island, 70 miles south of Charleston. "Everyone on Hilton Head Island took the Hurricane warnings very seriously, and evacuated quickly," comments Campbell.

Hilton Head Island was spared the brunt of the storm and sustained only minor damage. "Because of the heavy rain and wind, we suffered significant beach erosion. But it was minor damage compared to what the Charleston area suffered," adds Campbell.

Seth Powell, a senior history major, lives in Georgetown, South Carolina, which is situated on the mainland coast 62 miles north of Charleston. "Georgetown was not evacuated because it is off the intercoastal waterway," says Powell. But Georgetown was not untouched by Hugo's fury. "The rising tide caused a lot of water damage. Many trees were knocked down, and we had no power for three days. However, telephone service remained intact," laments Powell. Local authorities took charge after the storm hit. "There was no looting. The people of Georgetown were genuinely concerned with helping each other after the storm. As well, the support that poured in from all over the United States made a huge impact on the recovery of South Carolina."

Hurricane Hugo attacked South Carolina, leaving 750,000 residents without power, 70 percent of forests destroyed, and two-thirds of the state declared a disaster area. As the storm approached the Appalachians, it recoiled its deadening force, puttering out through rainstorms in West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and New York.

Hugo may have faded, but the memory of its power and destruction will undoubtedly remain for those affected by its demolition. Jen Rowe adds, "It is going to take years before Sullivan's Island and Charleston returns to normal."

Soccer loses twice, misses playoffs

by Brett Lankford
Staff writer

A wonderful streak came to a screeching halt this week as the Washington College men's soccer team dropped two straight games. The team appeared to be on a roll after winning five consecutive games, but they were unable to the last two important games against Widener and Washington & Lee. The team's record dropped to 7-8 and they were eliminated from playoff competition.

The first loss came on October 18 against Widener, ending the streak of solid performances the team started in early October. The offense created many scoring opportunities, but they were unable to capitalize on any of the chances. WC managed fifteen shots on goal, but the team was never able to dent the back of the net. The team was saved by a wonderful team performance on the defensive half of the field. They were led by goalie John Thomas, who made an amazing 11 saves in the game. Neither team scored in regulation, sending the game into overtime. Widener was finally able to score on Thomas in the overtime period, handing the Sho'men a 1-0 defeat. This dropped the team back to .500 and seriously damaged the Sho'men's playoff hopes.

These hopes were completely doused in a home game against Washington and Lee this past Saturday at Kibler Field. The Sho'men seemed pumped up for the game and got off to a quick start. Peter Van Buren scored the game's first goal on a pass from Enrique delPrado, giving WC a 1-0 lead. This lead held up as the teams went to halftime, then was stretched to 2-0 early in the second half. Enrique delPrado scored a goal of his own, putting home a shot off a pass from Tom Bowman. The Sho'men were playing well and seemed to be in control of the game.

Washington & Lee refused to roll over and play dead, scoring on a penalty kick to cut the lead in half. Their next goal came on a freak play, knotting the game at two. While trying to pass the ball back to his goalkeeper, a WC player accidentally put the ball past John Thomas. Washington & Lee then scored again, completing their run of three straight goals. The game ended with the score of 3-2, and the Sho'men's playoff hopes were put to rest.

The soccer team have only three games remaining in their season, including home games this Saturday against Johns Hopkins and next Tuesday against Delaware Valley. The Delaware Valley game draws the season to a close, which has proven to be a disappointing one for coach Bowman and his players. Their hopes for an MAC championship have been dashed, and the team has been marred by their inconsistent play all year. The last few games are still important to the team. The Sho'men hope to move above the .500 mark and finish an otherwise disappointing season on a very positive note.

Midfielder Kevin McCarthy prepares to center a ball in a recent game against Washington & Lee. The team ends their season on Halloween at home against Delaware Valley. (photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

Men's crew rows solid race

by Brett Lankford
Staff writer

The men's varsity crew boat gave a strong performance this past weekend in the Head of the Charles race. The four rowers join the men's and women's crew team in preparation for the Head of the Schuylkill race in Philadelphia this weekend.

Greg Terry, Whit Maroney, Than Hansen and John Mulvany made up the men's varsity four boat that went to Boston for the Head of the Charles. The boat came in 24th out of 38, finishing approximately one minute out of first place. The team, led by coxswain Mindy Stark, rowed a strong race. The boat ran a very true course, and coach Chatellier was pleased with the fact that the varsity four ran a clean race.

"The four guys rowed a very good race," Chatellier commented. "We closed ground on the boat in front of us and distanced ourselves from the boat behind us.. The Charles was an extremely exciting place for us to be. All in all it was a very successful weekend, mainly because the kids worked together wonderfully."

Chatellier also thinks that the experience of this prestigious race could help the rowers in the future. "The varsity four should continue to get better as they gain experience. I hope we've started a tradition of rowing at the Head of the Charles."

The experience may pay immediate dividends in Philadelphia this weekend. The Head of the Schuylkill is also a prestigious race, and the WC crew team will be well represented at the competition. Three men's boats and two women's boats are headed to the Philadelphia race. A men's varsity four boat will compete in their first race of the season, and the men's varsity eight will row for the second time this fall. The women's varsity four will also compete this weekend. The men's and women's novice eights should also gain valuable experience on the Schuylkill River.

"This is also a prestigious race—there should be boats present from this entire region," Chatellier remarked. "This will begin the rowing careers of some people. We would like to make a very strong showing at the Head of the Schuylkill this weekend."

Volleyball continues solid play

by Amy R. Caddle

The women's volleyball team has played very well recently, going 2-1 this past week. Coach Fall's squad is playing a good team game at this late stage of the season. The women used victories over St. Mary's and Delaware Tech to solidify their strong standing in the MAC conference.

The women were defeated by Haverford in a home match on October 18th. The team played well and managed to take a game from their opponent. The Haverford women proved to be too strong, however, and WC dropped the match in four sets.

The Sho'women came back from the loss in full force this past Tuesday, defeating both St. Mary's and Delaware Tech in a dual meet. The women slaughtered St. Mary's, allowing only eleven points in two games while on the way to victory. The Del. Tech match proved to be a tougher one for the women. Delaware Tech was anchored by four women around six feet, and their height caused the women some difficulty. WC won the first game 15-11, then fell behind by a score of 10-2 early in the second game. The Sho'women were able to rally and storm ahead, allowing only two points throughout the rest of the game. The team defeated Del. Tech 15-12 in the second game, sweeping all four games in the dual meet. The women played extremely well in the victories over St. Mary's and Delaware Tech, and the meet gave an indication that the team is coming together at the right time of the season.

Coach Penny Fall was extremely impressed with the way the team has played. "The entire team is reaching very close to their potential," said Fall. With one of the toughest schedules in years, the team is doing extraordinarily well, boasting a 18-13 record to date. Coach Fall feels that the team's makeup is well suited to its difficult schedule. "We have a veteran team, and we are qualified to take on a rough schedule," Fall added. She also mentioned that their loss to Haverford was not a lack of skill, just a lack of steam. "The team did not play to its full potential, but only because the women were exhausted. We made a good showing, but I could tell they needed a rest."

The volleyball team is now preparing for their participation in the CWAC Tournament, taking place this weekend at Notre Dame College in Baltimore. The team is also hoping for an invitation to the MAC Tournament. "Our team is ready to compete, and we are anxious to participate in the tournament," said Fall. The volleyball team is matched against Catholic University this Wednesday, then returns home to play against Anne Arundel Community College on November 8.

Reece plays last home game

by Jennifer Stickney

The Washington College women's field hockey team upped their record to 6-5 this past week. The team has won two of their last three games, including victories over Frostburg State and Western Maryland.

On Tuesday, October 10, the team put up a brave fight at Johns Hopkins University. Hopkins scored the only two goals of the first half while dominating WC on both ends of the field. The WC women were unable to get off a shot in the first half, but they were not discouraged by their performance. The team took control of the game in the second half, playing with a skillful and agressive style. Julie Schram tallied the team's first goal of the game, scoring on a pass from Carole Reece. This was the first goal scored against Hopkins at home this year. The women could not score again, however, and the final score was 2-1.

The team took the field again on Thursday, October 12, and managed to pull out a victory over Frostburg State. The first half was scoreless, but the Sho'women scored two goals in the second half to gain the win. The two goals were scored within a span of two minutes. Carole Reece put away the first goal on an assist from Marie Mohler, then Erin O'Neal ended the scoring with an unassisted tally. Frostburg was unable to muster any offense, and WC climbed back up to .500 with a 2-0 victory.

After a week of rainouts, the team met rival Western Maryland in their final home game last Saturday. The game was dedicated to the players' parents and the team's lone senior Carole Reece. The team played well in the first half, but they still left the field at a 2-1 disadvantage. Their goal was scored by Amy Tiehel, assisted by Jenifer Blenckstone.

The second half proved better for the Sho'women. They outshot Western Maryland 11-6 while scoring twice. The game-tying goal was scored by Carolyn Athey on a pass from Reece. Julie Schram put home the winning goal with only 1:46 remaining. Marie Mohler was given with the assist, and the women held on to beat Western Maryland 3-2.

"The whole team did a great job," Guinan said. "Carole Reece had a great game, and we will certainly miss her."

The team will make up two rainouts this week, playing Widener and Swarthmore. The women end their season by participating MWCFHA tournament, and they hope to finish the year on a good note.

Women's tennis finishes fall season at Rolex

by Fred Wyman
Special to the Elm

The WC women's tennis team played in Fredericksburg, VA this past weekend, competing in the Southeastern Regional Small College Championships. Tracy Peel, Miriam Dittman and Rachel Rice competed in the prestigious tournament, sponsored by Rolex. The tournament was very challenging for the women, who were forced to deal with bad weather and an extremely competitive field. The women still managed to make a very good showing in Fredericksburg.

Women's tennis coach Holly Bramble has taken her squad to the Eastern Regional in previous years, when it was held at Trenton State University. The tournament was moved to a small college in Connecticut this year, creating a travel problem for the women. As a result, Bramble opted to play in the more competitive Southeastern Regional. This region was mainly comprised of Division II schools and NAIA institutions. Peace College, one of the strongest junior colleges in the nation, also competed in the tournament. Only four Division III schools competed in the tournament. WC was joined by Mary Washington College, Sweet Briar College and Goucher College. Still, the women played a strong tournament against difficult competition.

Tracy Peel continued to show the competition why she is one of the top Division III players in the country. Peel played eight matches in a three-day span and was hobbled by injuries. Despite these hardships, the WC netter still managed to reach the consolation final of the singles draw.

Peel did not start well, losing in an upset to Pam Davis of Peace College in her first match of the tournament. She played her first match in the consolation draw early Saturday morning, then played five matches over a period of twelve hours. Peel's play made for a day of brilliant tennis, winning five straight matches to earn a berth in the consolation final. Peel racked up straight set victories over Guilford's Laura Wagner 6-2,6-1, then winning over Mary Washington's Karolyn Hall by a score of 6-2,6-2. She continued her stellar play in wins over Mary Washington's Christy Copper and Atlantic Christian's Nancy Griffin. Peel's victory over Copper was the second time this fall that the Sho'women all-American has stopped Mary Washington's #1 player.

The WC star's toughest match came against Jenny Tinnell of Peace in the quarterfinals. Peel dropped the first set in a close tiebraker, then rallied to win the final two sets and the match. Peel had nothing left for the final on Sunday morning, losing in straight sets to Peace's Tiffany Harting. Still, Peel's string of victories enabled her to finish sixth overall and higher than any other Division III player in the tournament. The second semester freshman concluded her fall campaign with a sensational 16-4 record. In addition, Peel did not drop a match against a Division III opponent. Two of her four defeats came at the hands of Division I players.

Sophomore Miriam Dittman was a last-minute entry in the singles draw, yet she nearly pulled off a major upset. After defeating a Peace's Kim Campbell 6-2 in the opening set, the hard-hitting Dittman seemed to lose her concentration. She dropped the last two sets 6-1,6-0, but Dittman still managed to reach the round of 16 in the tournament's consolation draw.

Dittman also played well in the doubles draw of the tournament. She was joined by teammate Rachel Rice in the competition and managed to finish seventh in an extremely competitive doubles draw. Peel, Dittman and Rice hung tough in the difficult Southeatern region of the Rolex tournament, showcasing their ability as well as their determination.

The 1989 World Series: The show must go on

by Brett Lankford
Staff writer

This baseball season has dragged on longer than any other year in the history of the game. The American League and National League playoffs ended in early October, and since then baseball fans around the world have followed the continuing saga of the World Series. The Series was preceded by almost a week of hype, then was torn apart with the rest of the Bay Area by the tragic earthquake last week. The Series is supposed to start tonight at Candlestick Park, but this was not an easy decision. Many people have suggested the cancellation of the playoffs, claiming the Battle of the Bay is secondary to the battle many Californians are fighting to survive. Still, I have to believe that commissioner Fay Vincent has made the right decision in continuing the World Series.

There is no denying the fact that the World Series has dragged on too long. The two teams may play on a float in the Tournament of Roses Parade if the games do not resume soon. The A's and Giants may finish as late as the first day in November, making for the longest season ever. If the season were to finish in early November, the players would only have three and a half months before returning to spring training. These teams will need some time to recuperate and relax at the end of this lengthy season. Players are already showing little concern about the completion of this series.

Aside from the apathy of the teams, many people argue that it is ridiculous to resume the Series in the Bay Area after the devastation of the earthquake. Hundreds of lives were lost in the quake, and it will take years for the area to resolve the economic problems caused by the destruction. The completion of the World Series pales in comparison to the other difficulties currently facing the people of California. For this reason, many people feel the Series should be cancelled to allow people to concentrate on more important problems.

I completely understand this argument, and I agree with these people to some degree. The World Series is given far too much importance. I am one of the biggest sports fans around, but I was shocked by the reaction some people had to the situation in California. Most people were more concerned about the condition of the World Series than the condition of the Bay Area. This is wrong. People's lives have been destroyed by this tragedy, and it is ridiculous to focus attention on a game instead of showing concern for the true problems. Baseball is not that important.

Still, I think it would be a mistake to cancel the World Series. First of all, the playing of the World Series will bring money to an area desperately in need of economic assistance. Baseball can also be an emotional boost to the troubled state of California. The World Series can allow people to take their mind off of the tragedy of the earthquake, if only for a few hours. The true purpose of baseball is not to make money, but to bring enjoyment and happiness to the fans. The Series must be continued, if only in the hope that it can be a boost to an area badly in need of help.

Dr. Jock: The rewards of pool exercise

As most fitness fans know, swimming is a great overall exercise. It gets your heart and lungs pumping, your legs kicking, your arms churning, all in a relatively safe and stress-free environment. The injury rate is low, and the aerobic payoff can be enormous in terms of increased strength, flexibility and the relaxed, good feeling that seems to settle over swimmers after they've done their 30 minutes.

But what if you can't swim laps? What if your crawl is crummy and your backstroke sloppy and you really never got the breathing thing down? What if swimming laps is simply too boring for you? Can you still get the benefits of swimming?

Yes, and more. Water training is getting more and more popular around the the country as a way for all sorts of athletes to stretch and strengthen their muscles. And exercise in water – basically, slow-motion versions of jogging, jumping jacks and disco dancing – is especially good for athletes who are working their way back after an injury.

Here are some things you should know before diving into water exercise, followed by some specific techniques recommended by Dr. Jane Katz in her book "The W.E.T. Workout: Water Exercise Techniques to Help you Tone Up and Slim Down Aerobically" (New York, Facts on File Publications). "Even if you can't move on land because you're handicapped, too heavy or recovering from an operation, you can work out in water," says Dr. Katz, professor of health and physical education at Bronx Community College in New York.

– The deeper the water you work out in, the greater the resistance against your body and the more aerobic your workout. If you can, try doing exercises in water that is chest-deep to chin-deep. If it's too hard, retreat to more shallow waters and build up your strength gradually.

– If the bottom of the pool is slippery or rough, wear some kind of water shoe or sneaker to help you get a better grip.

– Drink at least two glasses of water before you begin and more water after you finish. Water exercise is hard work and you'll need fluids. Don't think that just because you're in water your body is getting what it needs.

– For best results, do your pool exercises three times a week, on alternate days.

– Begin your workout slowly. Listen to your body. Sense where your tension is and allow your body to release it and relax.

– Practice mindfulness when you work out in water. Be aware of working your muscles against the resistance of the water. If your body simply floats through the different moves it is the equivalent of coasting on your bike: if you're not working, it's not working. Get it?

Here's a sampling of water exercises from "The W.E.T. Workout." For a complete (30 minutes or more) routine, buy a book, take a class, see a water exercise teacher in your area, or make up your own routine based on your understanding of land exercise. Be sure to include a warm-up, a cool-down and moves to exercise your upper, middle and lower body parts:

WARM-UP (five minutes): 1. AQUA JOGGING. Run in place or in different directions – backward, forward, sideways, etc. 2. ROPE JUMPING. In shoulder-deep water, stand with your feet hip-width apart and jump rhythmically while moving your arms circularly as if you were jumping rope.

UPPER BODY (five minutes): 1. AQUA PUSH-UPS. Stand facing the pool wall with your hands gripping the lower ledge, shoulder-width apart. Straighten your elbows and lift your body out of the water. Lower yourself back into the water and repeat. 2. MEDLEY OF STROKES. Stand in chest-deep water, practice all the arm strokes used in swimming – crawl, breast stroke, side stroke, backstroke. Balance your body by placing one foot ahead of the other. Alternate strokes. Vary speeds.

LOWER BODY (five minutes): 1. LEG RAISE. Stand with your back against the pool wall and lift one leg as high as possible, keeping it straight. Repeat. Alternate legs. 2. MEDLEY OF KICKS. Face the pool wall. To brace yourself properly, hold onto the edge with one hand, and press the other against the wall under the water. Pull with the top hand and press with the bottom as you lift your legs to the surface. Do the flutter kick or alternate with others, such as the frog or scissor kick.

TOTAL BODY (five minutes): 1. JUMPING JACKS. Stand with arms at your side. Turn your palms upward and bring them to the water surface while extending your legs into a "v" position with a low jump. Then turn your palms downward and return your arms to your sides while jumping back to the starting position. 2. TREADING. In chin-deep water, assume a sitting position with your shoulders over your knees. Move your arms in a wide, flat, figure-eight motion, while kicking your legs in a cycling (or some other) motion.

REMEMBER: Always cool down after a water workout with some simple arm and leg stretches. Move slowly and gradually, and be careful not to bounce. Increasing your flexibility in the water is a great way to avoid suffering sports injuries on land.

Retrospective set for old & new Bowie fans

by Clay Eichelberger

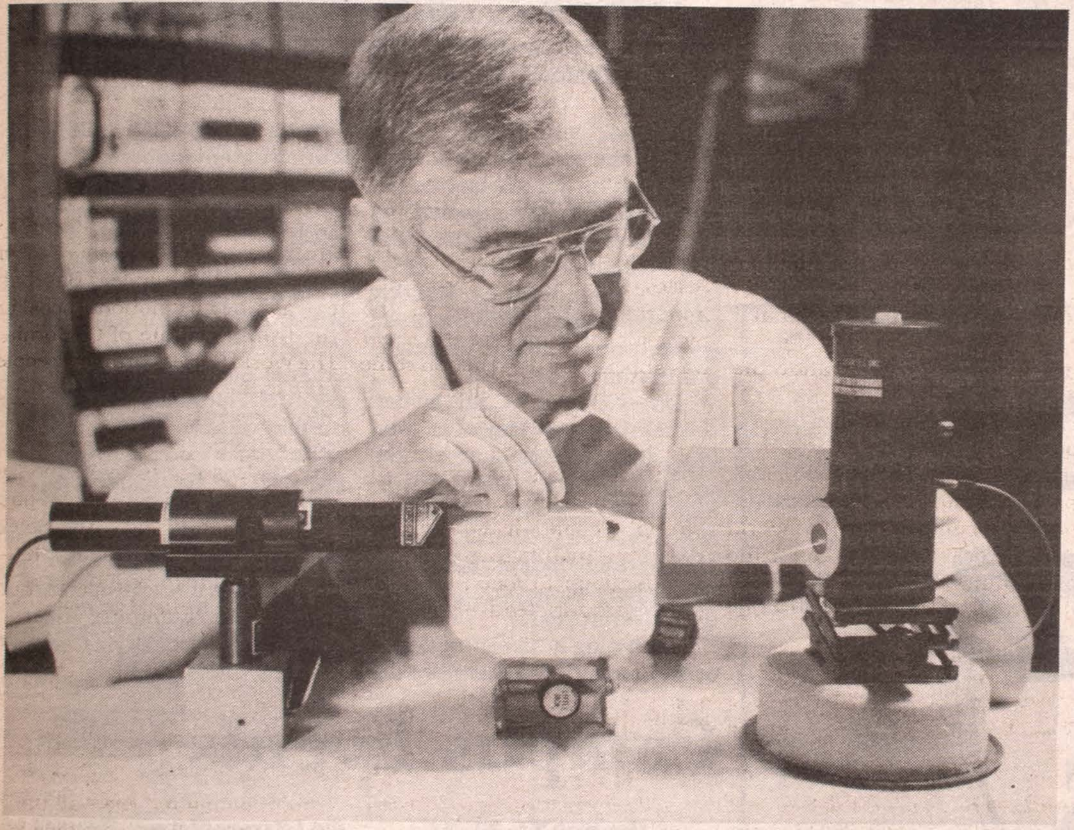
For those who first became aware of David Bowie with the release of his hit 1983 album *Let's Dance*, the singer's new release, *Sound + Vision*, will no doubt come as a surprise. The boxed-set retrospective includes none of the techno-pop that has characterized the Bowie of the Eighties. Rather, it is a fascinating cross-section of the singer's career, from the nervous young man at the beginning of the set to the confident, seasoned professional at the end. Throughout Bowie's career, the one thing that has remained constant has been the singer's chameleonlike ability to alter his style, and it is this ability that is showcased in *Sound + Vision*.

Surprisingly, there is very little unreleased material on the three-cassette set; much of the material was taken directly from Bowie's RCA albums. For collectors who possess the original albums, the unreleased material that does appear is the main reason for buying the set; for everyone else, it is a treat along with the rest of the goodies. The set opens with a demo version of "Space Oddity," Bowie's first successful single, recorded by Bowie in his bedroom on a four-track tape recorder with a friend singing harmony. Considering the circumstances of its recording, the track is actually very good, and surprisingly similar to the released version. There is also a fascinating, rare version of his *Diamond Dogs* song "Rebel Rebel" that includes a different vocal and musical arrangement, and a song from the *Young Americans* recording sessions called "After Today" which showcases Bowie's "soul man" phase of the early Seventies. This phase of Bowie's career took the singer into the dreaded disco style for his *Station to Station* album, and the set includes a wonderfully bizarre outtake from those sessions as well: a remake of Bruce Springsteen's "It's Hard to Be a Saint in the City." This is one of the most interesting cuts on the set; it shows Bowie's ability to take a song written by an artist whose style is completely different from his own and make the song work.

Throughout Bowie's career, he has traditionally had more of a following through his concerts than his albums, and the set pays tribute to his live performances; included are "Ziggy Stardust," a faithful recreation of the original; "Rock'n'Roll Suicide," which includes Bowie's infamous "This is the last show that we'll ever do" speech; and a great cover of Lou Reed's "White Light/White Heat." Also included, though not as good, are "Suffragette City" and "Watch That Man," and the excellent instrumental "Warszawa."

Most perplexing is what has been left out of the collection; it is surprising not to see "Fame," Bowie's collaboration with John Lennon and his first number-one hit in the USA. Also missing is one of Bowie's greatest songs, "Heroes," which appears on the set, sort of, but only in German (?!?) as "Helden." This is a good track, but the English-language version would have been better.

Just as the set opens with "Space Oddity," the song that introduces Bowie's alter ego Major Tom, so does it end with "Ashes to Ashes," Bowie's 1980 sequel in which he bade farewell to Major Tom and (supposedly) all his other personae. The song brings us full circle, and provides a fitting capper for the retrospective. For many, Bowie's albums for RCA represent the most creative period of his career. Throughout the set, we are given some of Bowie's best work, as well as some of his most uneven. *Sound + Vision* is by no means the definitive collection of David Bowie's work, but it is a faithful one.



Working in the lab, physicist Dr. Gordon Thomas of AT&T Bell Laboratories will visit the campus on Wednesday, November 1 to deliver a lecture on superconductors at 7:30 PM in Norman James Theater.

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Jesuit poet's life featured in performance

by Jennifer Del Nero

The one-man play *Immortal Diamond: a Jesuit in Poets Corner*, written to commemorate the centennial of the poet Gerard Manley Hopkins' death will be performed Wednesday night at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Chestertown. The performance is sponsored in part by Washington College's Sophie Kerr Fund.

Written and produced by William Van Etten Casey, the play incorporates various aspects of Hopkins' life as depicted through his poems, letters and journals. Casey, professor emeritus of religious literature at Boston College and Holy Cross College, was praised by Brian McNiff of the *Evening Gazette Boston Bureau* as capturing "the poet's love of words, especially his fascination with those Anglo-Saxon and Celtic ones which undergird our language."

English Department Chairman Bennett Lamond has seen *Immortal Diamond* performed four times, most recently this month at Rockhurst College in Missouri. Lamond credits the play as a "splendid piece of work," adding, Hopkins is an "essential poet, and this play is a wonderful way to get to know him."

Because the play does not focus on the works of Hopkins, Lamond will give a Monday Series lecture on Hopkins at 4:30 PM in the O'Neill Literary House. His presentation will stress complex literary details left out by Casey. Lamond explains that there is a need to discuss Hopkins' poetic techniques since "Hopkins is a unique poet with a lot of special elements in his poetry."

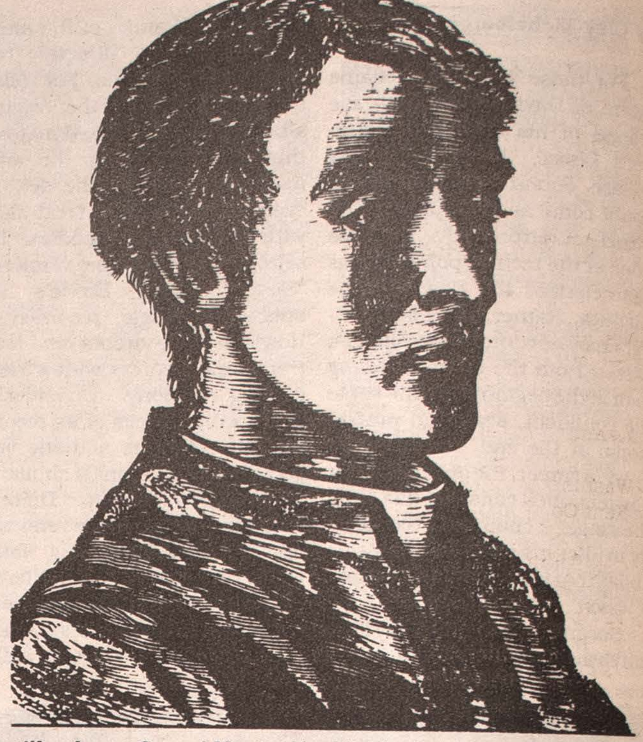
Immortal Diamond covers Hopkins' life from his schoolboy days at the Highgate Grammar School (where John Keats had also attended), to his final days in Dublin where he died of typhoid fever, and includes such highlights as Hopkins' conversion to Catholicism, his Jesuit training and his work as a poet and teacher.

Hopkins first contemplated living the life of an artist or professional poet at Balliol College, Cxford, where not only did he study Latin and Greek, but where he began a life-long friendship with Robert Bridges, who in 1918 edited and published Hopkins' first edition of *Poems*.

A year after leaving Balliol College, Hopkins made his decision to become a priest and a Jesuit. It was also at this time when he ceremoniously burned his poems, denouncing all possibility of a career as a poet.

Peter Levi, poet and professor at Oxford University, acknowledged the greatness of Hopkins' poetry in an address delivered at the dedication of the Hopkins Memorial in Poets Corner. "He suffered intensely in ways we can hardly understand and he could hardly express. In his lifetime he was not taken seriously as a theologian, or a poet, or a scholar....yet he had a profound and unconfined freedom of spirit." Explained Levi, "This [spirit] is what makes him so great a poet. It is something like love."

Starring in the production is New York actor and Phillips Exeter Academy and University of Vermont graduate Henry Wright. Wright, who has recently performed in such productions as *The Taming of the Shrew*, *Twelfth Night* and *As You Like It*, portrays the man known among his fellow Jesuits as one who was "a gentle eccentric of unpredictable ways."



The life of poet Gerard Manley Hopkins is documented in the play, *Immortal Diamond: A Jesuit in Poets Corner.*

Lamond has had the opportunity to speak with Wright, including when he performed at Rockhurst, and says he has reached the point where he feels as though he has grown into the part. Wright was quoted by Lamond as saying, "I feel like the play belongs to me now." Arriving in Chestertown on Monday and leaving Thursday, Wright will spend time on campus throughout his stay.

Directed by Bill Cain, *Immortal Diamond* has played in sixteen cities stretching across the US from Berkeley, CA to Washington, DC since its 1987 debut at Boston College. Cain is founder of the Boston Shakespeare Company where he was artistic director for seven years.

Predicting a "lively" performance, Lamond also describes the play as a "significant pleasure. It's not just entertainment; there's a sort of perfection of Hopkins that comes out of the performance."

For the Chestertown performance, members of the WC Music Department will perform Purcell and a composition of Samuel Barber which is set to a poem of Hopkins. Funding for the play was provided by the Kent County Arts Council in conjunction with the Washington College Lecture Series.

The curtain for *Immortal Diamond* will rise at 8 PM. Admission is free and open to the public. The Emmanuel Episcopal Church is located in Chestertown on Cross Street.

Campus Events

October 27, 30, 31

The Washington College Film Series presents a 3-D double feature, Ray Bradbury's, *It Came from Outer Space*, and Alfred Hitchcock's, *The Birds*. 3-D glasses will be provided.

October 27

The Washington College Drama Department presents the Stephen Sondheim musical, *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*. Billed as a "musical murder mystery," the student directed production will be performed tonight in Tawes Theater at 8 PM.

October 28

A Halloween Party, featuring "The Wake," will be thrown in the Coffee House from 9-1.

October 30

The Monday Series presents Chairman of the English Department, Professor Lamond, talking about the "Poetry of Gerard Manley Hopkins," at 4:30PM in the Literary House. Tea will be served at 4 PM prior to the lecture.

November 1

The Physics Department of Washington College presents visiting lecturer, Gordon Thomas, who will speak on "High Temperature Superconductors" at 7:30 PM in Norman James Theater.

Also, the Sophie Kerr Lecture Series presents *Immortal Diamond: A Jesuit in Poets Corner*, a centennial celebration of the life and poetry of Gerard Manley Hopkins, performed by Henry Wright. The performance will be held at 8 PM at Emmanuel Church on Cross Street.

November 3

The Business Management Department is sponsoring a "Power Lunch" at noon in the Hynson Lounge. The featured speaker is Daryl Swanstrom, speaking on "Women in Business."

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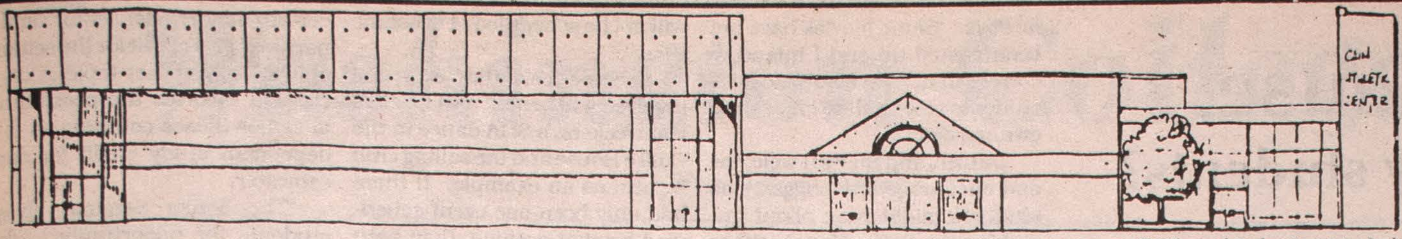

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This drawing is from the proposed plans of one company considered to build the Lifetime Fitness Center. The front is pictured.

Neiman speaks:

drug, alcohol prevention

by Kyndra Ponder

Washington College hosted the Kent County Drug and Alcohol Prevention Council's (KCDAPC) fundraising dinner last Sunday evening. The dinner officially marked the end of Drug Prevention Week in Kent County, which happened to coincide with the National Collegiate Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week that the college observed.

According to Richard Gentry, chairman of the council, Drug Prevention Week was declared by mayors of various Kent County towns and has been deemed very effective.

After greeting and thanking the 75 guests who attended the dinner, Gentry introduced the evening's speaker, Washington College sophomore class President Stuart Neiman.

For Neiman, speaking to the public about drug abuse is nothing new. He has spent the last several years as a non-Professional Adolescent Addiction counselor.

He began his comments by saying that he is really confused about some things which are becoming commonplace in our society. He later asked, "at what point in our history did drugs become so pervasive as to justify the need for a special office in the President's cabinet (William Bennett, Drug Czar) to deal with the problems?"

After explaining his involvement in drug counseling, Neiman went on to discuss his personal experiences with drug abuse and the lessons he learned from his experience.

Neiman pointed out that not all addicts are junkies laying in an alley— that many are seemingly normal, All-American people who seem to have everything going for them. Addiction, Neiman said, must start with something— alcohol, marijuana, prescription, and even non-prescription medicines.

After sobering the audience with his remarks, Neiman praised them. "The cure to drug abuse is here, in this room, and in rooms like it all across the country." said Neiman. "Without people who care, we have nothing."

After Neiman, various members of the community spoke about the "Just Say No Campaign." Prizes were then awarded to students who participated in the poster playwriting and game contests. The overall winner, a fifth grade Chestertown boy, added to Neiman's message saying, "Say no [to drugs]."

Washington College and the KCDAPC plan to be partners again in the future.

Academic Board news

by Sharon Bonner

A formal letter from the Student Academic Board (SAB), stating the proposal for all majors to participate in senior seminars for credit, will be submitted to the Academic Council by the end of this month. Before submission of the letter, the SAB must wait for information from the Deans concerning faculty input on the subject.

Currently under discussion is the issue concerning the senior fifth obligation.

Mariella Ruiz, Secretary of the Student Academic Board, explained that certain departments such as psychology, history, business, and American studies have senior seminars available

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phrase used by F. David Wheelan, Vice President for Development and College Relations, when describing his idea of the purpose of the center. He cited the importance of lifetime fitness "in addition to intellectual growth" for every student, not just those students who participate in varsity athletics. Classes provide the intellectual aspect and the center will provide the fitness aspect.

Geoffrey Miller, Director of Athletics and Acting Chairperson for the Physical Education Department, stressed that the center is still in the preliminary planning stages. "We have not decided on a company yet. All we have is plans and I don't agree with two or three things in those plans." He added that student, faculty and staff opinions will be solicited in the "next couple of months. We need to know what they want, what elements need to be in the new building."

It is expected that the center will be built on the site of the existing tennis courts. The courts will then be relocated to an undecided location.

The athletic aspect will emphasize recreational activities already taking place in the gym. Intercollegiate practices and games as well as the training room will remain in the current structure.

The new facility is anticipated to include additional locker rooms, offices and a state of the art fitness center. The health services now located in Queen Anne will be moved there and will include health counseling.

The Lifetime Fitness Center will have an "all surface" floor in order to allow that a variety of sports can be played. Plans also include an indoor track and a room for aerobics. Final stages of design and construction, however, depend on input and fundraising results.

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responded to this concern. Each individual thermostat and controls are being checked.

Students are asked to bear in mind that we are currently experiencing "Indian Summer," and that rapid temperature change is hard to accommodate using a hot water system.

Although these issues are far from being completely resolved, in the opinion of the SGA, they have been quickly addressed.

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Coffee House:

abandoned by students?

by Amanda Burt

According to senior Ryder Daniels, taking advantage of activities offered at the Coffee House is not what students have been doing. Daniels, along with David Stewart, is student co-manager of the Coffee House.

"It is impossible to compete with free beer and keg parties," said Daniels. He holds that the purpose of the Coffee House is to create a nice atmosphere and give students a place to relax. Most activities are free, and this year there has been a concerted effort to provide live entertainment every weekend, at a low cost to students.

"There is more student use of the Coffee House than in the past, but I want there to be more," Daniels said. He claims that the general feeling among students is that the Coffee House is "not what it used to be." As alcoholic laws have become increasingly strict in recent years, the Coffee House can no longer serve minors.

When the Coffee House sold pitchers of beer years ago, there were excessive problems with the bathrooms being trashed, and fights were not uncommon. Daniels feels that conditions have improved, but he needs the support and input of students.

"It is difficult to anticipate what the students want, but I think we have a variety of activities which appeal to everyone."

There are rock groups, acoustic musicians, and bands similar to the Grateful Dead which perform at the Coffee House. He hopes to have the Music Department sponsor a jazz night.

Upcoming events include a performance by guitarist Karen Goldberg on Thursday, November 16. She will also instruct a workshop that day. Friday, November 17, the Coffee House will host the campus band Plaid Rabbit, an electric group. Open Mike Night will be Saturday, November 18. The SGA will also sponsor New Potato Caboose Saturday, November 11.

In addition to musical groups the Coffee House also offers movies to the students. Daniels admits the fact that several movies have not shown when scheduled is a valid criticism.

"I'd like to apologize for that," he says. "Some movies have not been picked up and I intend to correct that." He also welcomes students who wish to show their own movies.

Daniels and Stewart welcome and encourage any suggestions students might have about improving the Coffee House, either through campus mail or The Elm.

"We need the support," Daniels reiterates. "Nothing is ever over $3, and most of the activities are at no charge."

Club Unity

by Kyndra Ponder

Freshman class President, Gordy Scherer, has implemented a program which he hopes will improve club unity and general school spirit.

Scherer will head the Inter-Club Council, which members of the SGA Social Committee, one member of the Inter-Fraternity Council and all club presidents on campus will be invited to join. Scherer stressed that he doesn't want to interfere with individual clubs, he simply wants to serve as "a mediator between clubs and activities."

The ICC will serve two roles on campus.

First, the ICC plans to develop a "Community Calendar," which will be set on a first come, first serve basis so that events will not be scheduled at the same time.

Scherer feels that everyone involved will benefit and he cites last weekend's SGA dance in the Coffee House and the sailing club regatta as an example. If there had only been one event scheduled for that evening, then both clubs would have benefited more from their individual activities.

In addition, once the ICC has received notice of an event, memos will be sent to all club presidents the next day to ensure maximum coverage for the event.

Scherer hopes that the ICC will bring all the clubs together and will allow each organization to have fullest campus-wide support system available.

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and that psychology and business majors receive 4 credits from the Senior Seminar, whereas other departments do not give credit.

The senior obligation is a requirement for all majors of study, in addition to completing required course work. Department requirements, such as as senior thesis research paper, comprehension exams, and experimental studies, vary depending on the major of study.

The Student Academic Board is investigating reasons why only certain majors offer senior seminars and give credit for the senior obligation. Another topic of discussion involves the possibility of senior theses counting as independent study credit for one semester.

"The Senior Seminar gives students the opportunity to do research on their thesis, discuss thesis in a class atmosphere, and receive guidance from faculty members," commented Ruiz.

The SAB consists of about 18-20 members, representing each major of study. Meetings are held every two weeks. Each representative of a major prepares a report of students' evaluation of the major.

"The Student Academic Board acts as a liaison between the students and faculty," said Tracy Coleman, Chairperson.

From discussions and reports, the board reports on the state of the College, allowing faculty to see how students view majors and departments.

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Food, as well as other donations, will also be accepted downtown at the News Stand.

Boys size six, women's size six to eight, women's size 16 - 18, and women's size 44 are all desperately needed.

MOM'S COOKIE JAR

I dislike starting my article on a negative note, but it has been brought to my attention that certain students are not bussing their trays at meals. Also, certain groups are regularly leaving food on the floor, under and around their tables. Bussing tables is a rule of the dining hall, and if you are caught not clearing your dishes and trays, you could be fined Twenty-five Dollars (several students have already been fined). It isn't very appealing to those who come in to eat after a table has been left not bussed. Put your self in that position. Would you like to eat at a table laden with dirty dishes? For those of you guilty of this infraction, remember the WC Honor Code and please start bussing your tables.

Food fights, too, are another NO NO! This frequent practice will not be tolerated. So, please make life easier for all of us, BUS YOUR TABLES and NO MORE FOOD FIGHTS!!

Last Wednesday's Food Show, sponsored by HSH Food Sales was well received by those who attended dinner. Thanks to all who filled out the surveys. These surveys enable the W.C.D.S. to determine what items may be acceptable for future menus.

Next Wednesday, at dinner, Lankford/Sysco will present a Produce Show.

Hope you will enjoy the items that will be featured that evening.

The "Suggestion Board" is located on the bulletin board, on the left, as you enter the Main Dining Room. Please, feel free to use it to comment on the meals, service or make suggestions or requests. The management staff would like to hear from you; good or bad.

In closing, I would like to leave you with a suggestion. If any of you are interested in shedding a few pounds, try cleaning your room. You'll burn up 100 extra calories by cleaning for half an hour! Your housekeepers will appreciate the effort, too!

Until next week,

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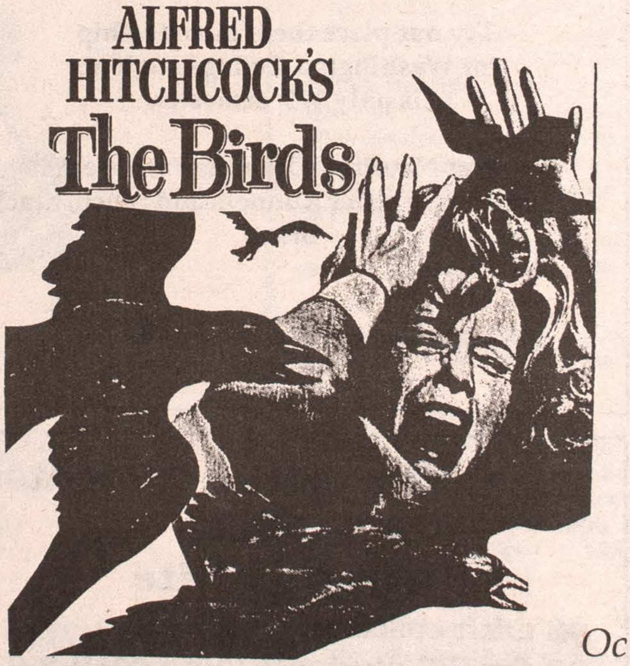

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Vanished furniture plagues administration:

Thousands of dollars wasted

by Sharon Bonner

There is much confusion among administrators about the disappearance of lounge furniture from several dormitories, particularly from the Cullen dorms.

Renovated in 1985, Cullen dormitories were provided with new lounge furniture, costing approximately $11,814. A recent inspection conducted by Clint Baer, Director of Planning and Special Projects, and the Maintenance Department, indicated that all of the original furniture purchased for the Cullen dormitories is missing.

"I inventoried all lounges this fall and found essentially all of those original groupings of furniture have gone and furniture supposed to be in one location had appeared in another," said Baer.

For several years, some lounges in Cullen, such as Dorchester, Wicomico, and Somerset, have been used to accommodate students for housing. In order to make use of the lounges as dormitory rooms, the maintenance department was responsible for relocating lounge furniture.

The furniture was redistributed to other lounges and there is no record of exactly what furniture was removed and the location where it was taken.

In addition, no actual inventory was done of the original furniture in the lounges.

Finally, according to Joe Cathers, Assistant Superintendent, pictures of the furniture in lounges were taken last year to keep inventory but somehow the roll of film was ruined.

Cathers explained that over a period of a few years, furniture in the Cullen basement has been both damaged and mysteriously redistributed to other places around campus. The Maintenance Department plans to begin keeping accurate records of the furniture in each lounge.

"Although we can't keep furniture forever, we would like to see the furniture last for a considerable period of time, since it was so expensive for the College," commented Cathers.

Security is taking positive steps to prevent the furniture from being taken from its original place. Lounges on all halls are

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This little girl is one of the several Chestertown children who enjoyed Halloween on the Washington College campus on Tuesday night. Trick-or-treating was organized in several dormitories. Students in Somerset constructed a haunted house. (photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

Miller Library transformer scheduled for removal Nov. 14

by Tracey Connell
Staff writer

In accordance with Environmental Protection Agency guidelines, Miller Library's PCB transformer will be removed and replaced on Tuesday, November 14. On that date, the library will close from 7 AM to approximately 5 PM.

Miller Library is the second building on campus to have its transformer replaced. The first was Kent House on October 25.

Clint Baer, Director of Planning and Special Projects, attributed last week's all campus blackout to a problem with Kent House's new transformer.

"An arrestor was incorrectly sized. When they turned the transformer on it was like blowing a fuse. It blew the arrestor. That's why we had a power outage."

"We're not closing the building because of danger, we're doing that because there won't be any electricity," said Tubbs.

Baer stated that dealing with transformers is dangerous. "That's why we have experts to do it." Outside specialists will be doing the work, not Washington College maintenance.

The process involved is not extremely complicated, according to Baer. All of the PCB fluid is drained, sealed into a drum and removed from the building. Any fluid that has leaked is cleaned before the new transformer is brought in.

The new transformer contains

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SGA meeting

by Kyndra Ponder

The Social Committee began the meeting Tuesday, October 30th, by reporting that New Potato Caboose is scheduled to appear at Washington College on Saturday, November 11, from 9:00 pm - 1:00 am in the Cain Gymnasium. Ticket prices will be announced.

SGA Vice President and Student Academic Board (SAB) Chairperson, Tracy Coleman, reported about the senior obligation. Various departments on campus deal with the obligation differently. Some offers seminars for credit, some do not. The SAB would like to see equal preparation and assistance for seniors in all departments

SGA President, Steven Attias, has been trying to incorporate a means by which the honor code can be strengthened at WC. To this end, he has developed a special committee to address changing and strengthening the honor code. Committee chairman, senior Bill Kerbin, announced that he has received copies of honor codes from other schools and plans to review them in hopes gaining some new ideas.

Attias then commented on the positive response from students who attended Open Season on President Cater. Due to its success Attias is trying to have an Open Season on Clint Baer, Director of Planning and Special Projects, Joe Cathers, Assistant Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, and Dave Knowles, Director of Dining Services. Dates and times will be announced.

Finally, three senators, Kevin Langan, Jen Rowe, and Jim Sobczak, were impeached for failing to attend SGA meetings.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14 at 9:45.

Middle States report

by Jennifer Gilday

Washington College recently submitted its response to recommendations made in 1986 by the Middle States Commission.

The Middle States Report is issued to institutions every 10 years in order that each college or university may be accredited and may continue to exist. It involves a complicated, time-consuming process of recommendation and follow up which members of the administration hope will soon end, according to Elizabeth Baer, Provost and Dean of the College.

The Middle States Commission is a regional division which sends a team of four to five individuals to a college for three to four days. It is composed of faculty, deans, vice presidents

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EDITORIAL

Furniture fiasco

Well, better late than never. It's inconceivable that the Washington College maintenance and security departments would not have considered methods of inventory other than Kodak before relocating more than $10,000 worth of lounge furniture. As we all know, things around here are easily lost, misplaced, or just mysteriously disappear; it's important to keep track of one's property. A compiled list of furniture pieces and their locations would have worked. Numbered stickers like the ones put on Macintosh computers would have worked. Even writing the name of the respective dorms on the furniture pieces in some type of invisible ink would have worked.

This isn't going to happen again, which is all very well and good. However, no mention has been made of replacing "missing" lounge furniture. If you live in the Cullen dorms, you'll get your furniture. If not, too bad. Maybe the "grace period" will see the return of some furniture, but not likely.

Is lounge furniture a privilege, or do students pay for it through their room fee? If the case is the latter, perhaps the College should consider a shopping trip.

Students are not packing

Washington College is not sending students packing. Actually, I wouldn't really know, being one of the students who choose to live off campus. My feeling is that students are simply dispersing throughout Chestertown, choosing to hang out in someone's house rather than someone's dorm room. Maybe students are choosing to stay in and study on Friday nights; then again, maybe they're heading down to Baltimore or DC.

Admittedly, keg parties have always been a kind of unifying force here, but only in the sense that a lot of people attend them, thereby nullifying the question of WC's degeneration into a suitcase school.

Take away the keg parties, and everyone worries that students are packing. Living off campus can foster this impression as well. For the most part, these are unfounded conclusions; sure, people are heading home on weekends, but not in hordes. And probably not in more significant numbers than in the past.

However, the fact remains that students are no longer staying on campus for their entertainment. We all know this is a problem which needs to be reckoned with, but no one is sure of the solution. Maybe we should have an open season on the social life at Washington College.

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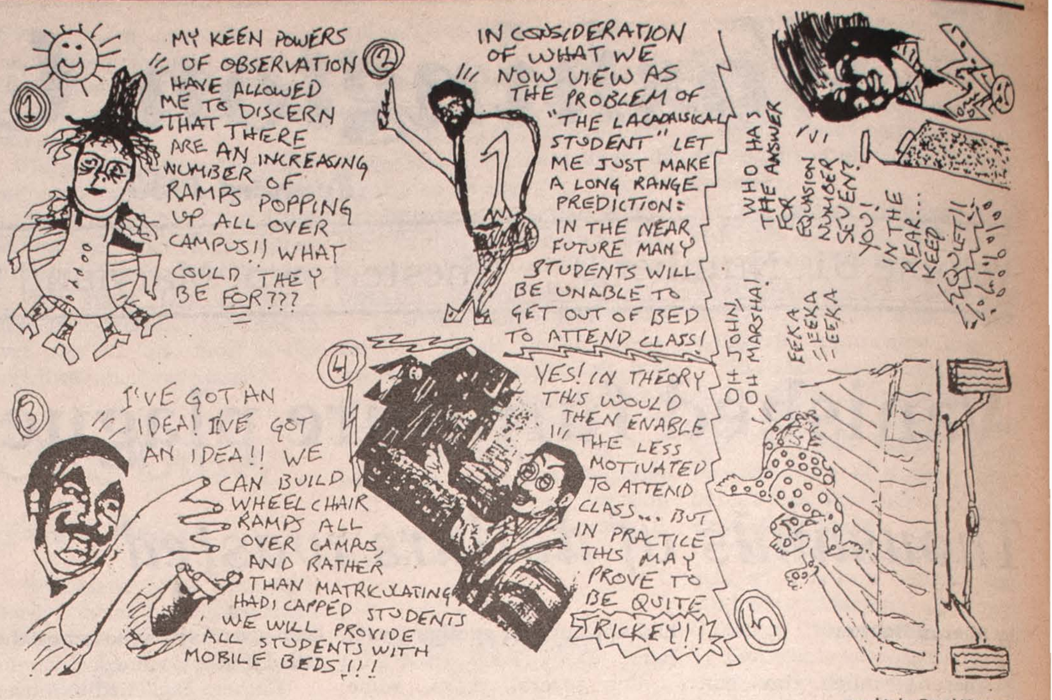
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graphic by David Morrison

Letters to the Editor

Why are we losing Dean's List students?

To the Editor:

OK, Washington College Administration, now I'm really baffled. Granted, the whole PCB fiasco was undeniably stupid, but WC idiocy has reached new limits.

This week, a Dean's list student has informed me that he will not be returning to this school next semester because Washington College cannot help fund him. This student is not only Dean's list caliber, he is also a member of the Writers' Union and a coeditor of one of the college's independent magazines. Obviously, a productive, well-functioning member of the college environment. Earlier this semester another student, carrying a 3.9 grade point average, ran into financial difficulties and had to leave because Washington College could not help fund her.

I would like to clarify my point here. I believe that the WC Financial Aid office is doing the best with the funding it is given. My complaint is directed to those officials who have the potential to exhibit influence on the directions towards which donations take.

I am not unreasonable. I realize that there are bullheaded donors who will only give money for fresh flowers in front of Bill Smith every week, or a new all-brick college walk, regardless of how many students are forced to leave school as a result of lack of funding. However, optimism forces me to believe that with the right encouragement some of these generous people could be directed towards a more profitable way of spending their extra dollars. Doesn't it seem plausible that a Washington College alumni somewhere would recognize the beauty of education and want to share it with someone who has the potential to flourish in it but is without the means of acquiring it?

The problem gets uglier. As I mentioned above, both of the students pursued excellence in their studies, and both were refused financial support. This strikes me as particularly odd because I know of another student who has, in turn, has been caught by security using drugs, exhibited violent acts toward other students, and who at one point missed approximately one month of classes consecutively. Despite several complaints from students, this student is still enrolled at Washington College. This student comes from an extremely wealthy family.

A sense of discrimination at this point? While I admit that discrimination in the favor of the wealthy would be a clever, albeit unethical, policy for Washington College; I think the college's mistake is not quite as clever or clear as this. Hasn't everyone heard, "it's hard to get an 'A', but it's even harder to get an 'F' at WC"? Even unproductive, low-GPA students who have lost their financial aid are allowed to enroll again, regardless of how many times they have "almost" failed out. It seems that Washington College is intentionally trying to drive away potentially excellent members of the college community to make way for those who are academically and emotionally inferior.

So what's going on? Just getting sick of all those complaints about the alcohol policy and the construction and the mud and the PCB fiasco? Thinning out the sharper sheep?

In the hope that this is not the case, I strongly suggest that the adminstration review its policy on financial aid, with the result that such deserving students will be able to continue their pursuit of education.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Rollins
Senior
Einglish

Freshmen tell their own fortunes

This is the third year that the Alumni Association offers this unique, challenging opportunity for Freshmen: write a "Letter to Myself" and send it to the Alumni Office, to be remailed to you after you graduate in 1993. The Association has commissioned special coffee/beer mugs to trade for these letters.

In this "Letter to Myself" you should address, in as much or as little detail as you choose, "who I am now, who I will be in 1993, something/someone I will remember about Washington College and something I will not remember when the Alumni Office mails this letter back to me in 1993". This can include the best book you've read here, the worst joke you've heard here, or a detailed description of the classmate you intend to marry. Seal your letter in an envelope with your name and class year on it, bring it to the Alumni Office and collect your mug. We promise that this will suprise and delight you when it finds you in "the real world" four years from now. Upper classmen can play too.

The Alumni Office is located on the corner of Campus and Washington Avenues. The downstairs lounge is open to students every night but Wednesday. Videos from local stores can be reserved through the Alumni Office, extension 462, and shown on any night but Monday, Football Night. The resident student in the Alumni House is Matt Zuech. The Directors of the Alumni Office are Pat Trams and Mackey Streit. Everyone who respects the rules of courtesy and sobriety is welcome.

ISSUE: Is Washington College becoming a "suitcase school"?

Campus sends students packing

Carole Reece

Ask any senior their opinion on this question in light of the last four years, and I think the reply would be a resounding "YES!" A steady trend of students leaving the campus for the weekend has reached a high point this year. In connection with the weekend absences, an overwhelming number of students have moved off campus for the year. These people are losing a big part of the college experience as well as taking it away from the rest of the students. I think the issue encompasses too many aspects of the college to adapt to our situation and resources and then change our outlook on the situation to a positive one.

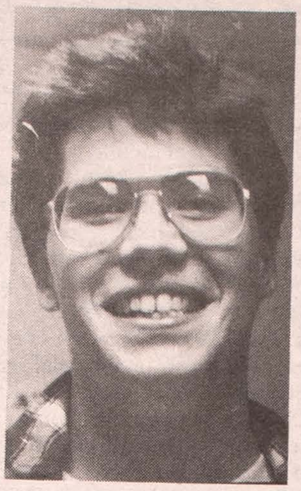
A "suitcase school," which exists on many college campuses like ours, develops as a result of several intermingled factors. First, as a small-town college with low enrollment, we are faced with the problem of entertainment for students. The only real off-campus event is the theater, and it hardly has the capacity to hold a large number of college students comfortably. In addition, the closest "metropolis" is at least 45 minutes away. Like any campus, the students are somewhat divided into "interest groups" which tend to hold exclusive events for members only. By offering students more opportunities to socialize with the "whole" campus, we could attract more of the "suitcasers" because there would be a reason to stay. This task is a responsibility of both the students and the administration and deserves extra attention if we want to curtail the trend towards a full-blown "suitcase school."

A second obstacle is the lack of communication between the students and the administration. I don't think the students formally express their interests or desires to the administration so things they may want done never reach the ears of the administration. I think the administration also needs to make a conscious effort to publicly support other programs and even sponsor some themselves. We must spend a lot of money bringing in the guest speakers for the William James Forum and similar programs. Unfortunately, very few students participate. Just think, if we put half as much time, effort and money into the social programs, such as bands, a lot of students would get the other other important half of their education, the socialization.

Third is the conflicting attitudes of the students and the administration on the alcohol policy. The attitude of the majority of the student body is that the only thing we can have fun doing together is partying, which inevitably involves drinking, and the attitude of the administration, recently, is to prevent all underage drinking as soon as possible. I think it is unrealistic to try and prohibit all drinking to minors on the campus, especially in light of the school's traditional relaxed attitude toward other activities. Alcohol is a part of life from now on and if we can't avoid it then maybe we can learn how to deal with it properly so we'll have less trouble adjusting to the pressures outside of college. Both the students and the administration need to center their attention on alternative activities rather than focus on the "problem with the alcohol policy."

The solutions are not simple and the first thing that has to change is the attitude and focus of the campus. Plenty of resources are available to us for entertainment, someone just needs to tap them. With an active student and administrative campaign, we could revive life on the campus and make our experience at WC even more valuable.

CAMPUS VOICES by Amy L. Undercoffler



Karl Seelaus
Old Greenwich, Conn.
Sophomore

This campus is so empty on the weekends that I myself have considered going home too. The alcohol policy is too strict here, and cuts on social life which is now very boring.

Lori Hastings
Georgetown, Del.
Freshman

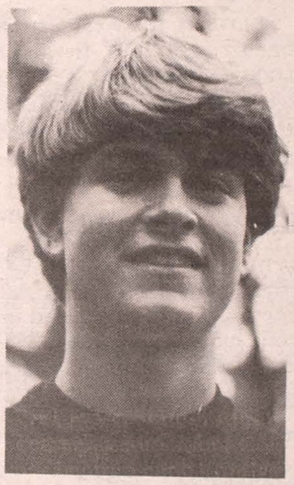
I think the alcohol policy is definitely a factor but let's face it, not much happens on campus on the weekends.

Brian Nilstoft
Wilmington, Del.
Freshman

People are going home because many people live nearby. I don't think it is because of our alcohol policy. If people don't want to drink they don't have to, and they aren't going home to avoid the situation here on campus.

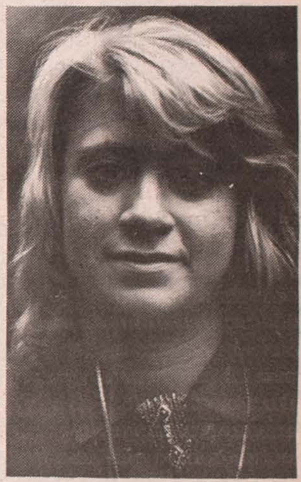
Christopher Spezio
Rockville Centre, N.Y.
Freshman

I feel that the alcohol is not the "main" cause of people going home. It's because of people wanting to visit friends and relatives. But on the other side the alcohol may have an influence on this situation; only trying to be a devil's advocate am I.



Roswell Eldridge
Chevy Chase, MD
Sophomore

Last year, the only reason people stayed on campus was for the big parties. With the new alcohol policy, attendance at these events is limited, so many people find entertainment away from campus. They pack their bags and go.



Marie Ensor
White Hall, MD
Junior

The major issue is the alcohol policy initiated on this campus. However, also the lack of interest in the SGA functions is relevant to the alcohol policy. The SGA has had many parties and bands, however, hardly any students attend these functions.

Students aren't leaving, they're just harder to find

Vanessa Post

My perception of the character of Washington College is naturally based on my own experience. If I see WC as a "party school," I either go to a lot of parties or see everyone else going to a lot of parties. Similarly, if I see it as a "suitcase school," I either go home every weekend or notice the absence of everyone in my dorm once Friday rolls around. I do neither of these. Therefore, I would not label WC as a "suitcase school."

Truthfully, I have not polled the student body to find out an exact percentage of weekend leave-takers. Nor, as a sophomore, do I have a clear picture of how many freshman stay on campus on the weekends. But not many of the people I know well choose to pack up and leave Chestertown at each week's end.

When they do leave, it is for any number of understandable reasons. One friend used home as a comfortable escape from a noisy suite during a period of work-induced stress. Others are called home, or elsewhere, at times to fulfill familial and social (or romantic) obligations. Still others occasionally leave small-campus and small-town life in search of a change of pace, typically in the form of short roadtrips to more urban settings, whether home or not. This semester I have only left campus for the majority of a weekend a few times. Home, only fifty short miles away, offers a cure to the occasional bout with social and academic burnout and a chance to catch up with friends there. But never have I left campus because I felt it was "the thing to do."

At many larger institutions, such as public universities like the University of Maryland and Towson State, however, the attitude of most students seems to be that going home is what you do on the weekends if you live close enough and if most of your friends go home as well. I've heard descriptions of College Park on weekends centering on words like "desolate" and "abandoned." This is how I define "suitcase school" in the first place; all work and partying is done during the week and then a mass exodus of homebound students takes place Friday afternoon. Considering the high percentage of WC students originating from nearby Maryland cities, it would seem that more of them would opt for home more often.

One could cite the altered social scene this semester, an issue too complicated to address in entirety here, as a point in support of the perception of Washington College as a "suitcase school." The social atmosphere on campus has changed, for whatever reasons, but just because hardly anyone goes to the Coffee House anymore or because the few fraternity houses left are no longer jam-packed and raging until all hours of the morning every weekend, does not necessarily imply that everyone has gone home. Most everyone is still here, just partying in numerous, smaller-scale groups spread both around campus and throughout the rest of Chestertown. WC students have not left; they are just harder to find.

Vanessa Post is a sophomore who is going home this weekend.

Are you listening to us at all, Mr. Bush?

Laura Hopper

Perhaps he's just not listening to women's voices. Perhaps he's just ignoring what has been called the changing tide in America. Or maybe he's just, well, not very bright.

Yes, George Bush has vetoed a budget measure for the District of Columbia. Included in the measure, somewhere amid funds for the District's battle against drugs, was a clause that would have permitted the District to use Federal and local funds to pay for poor women's abortions. Included in this category are victims of rape and incest. Aren't they the ones for whom Bush supported abortions? He intends to use this to block public financing of abortions on the whole. Medicaid is now only supposed to pay for abortions for women whose lives are endangered by the pregnancy. Thank you, Mr. Bush, for not listening.

Do you think your veto is going to prevent abortions? Well, it will prevent abortions in the District. It will prevent safe and clean abortions, abortions in sterile conditions. Abortions that allow girls and women to have children later on, when they can afford it, when they want children.

Were you watching what happened in Florida, Mr. Bush? Not one of the anti-abortion bills proposed were passed by the State legislature. Not one. Where were you when that was happening, Mr. Bush? Was your TV on the blink?

What you are doing is not going to stop abortions. You can veto all the bills you want. It will just make abortion a more selective service, for the rich. The people who could probably afford to take care of a child.

How do you expect a black teenage girl, who gets pregnant at 14 to finish high school, get a job, and take care of a baby all at the same time? If she has an abortion, perhaps she can stay in school for another year, or two years, or finish high school and get a job. If she has to have the baby, she might end up on welfare and stay there. If she has an abortion in a back alley, she may end up in the hospital, unable to have children, or dead. And even if she does have the child, she probably won't get adequate prenatal care, so her baby will end up in the hospital, or dead. If you are so pro-life, then let's see the Federal government pay for better pre-natal care for poor women.

Your administration is so anti-abortion and anti-sex education that it borders on the ludicrous. Remember the uproar when a public high school in Illinois started to distribute condoms and other forms of contraceptives? "Just say no" is not a form of contraception, it doesn't deter inner city nor upper-middle class youths from engaging in a little premarital intercourse.

Wake up and smell the coffee, Mr. Bush. If you're not going to let the government pay for welfare abortions, at least let the government pay for sex education and contraceptives for inner-city and disadvantaged youth. The problem won't go away, and won't get better by itself. If you don't act, you are condemning another generation to poverty and misery.

If you don't care about the lives of these women, at least show some compassion for your political career. If you're not careful, the pro-choice movement will target you for removal from office, like the pro-choice movement is now targeting Florida Governor Martinez, and other staunch anti-abortion politicians. After all, 1992 is only three years away, and I, for one, have a long memory.

Laura Hopper is a junior majoring in International Studies, she is also Elm Perspectives Editor

Kohl working to prevent second flood of refugees

by Laura Hopper
staff writer

In West Germany, there are fears that a second flood of refugees might seriously damage the economy. Although the first wave of East German refugees (about 50,000 people), were absorbed into the West German economy without much difficulty, there are fears a second mass immigration might overburden the economy. In West Germany, many of the jobs in manufacturing are held by Turkish workers. These jobs are easily taken over by the new arrivals who are young, highly skilled, and very motivated, hoping to achieve a better life in the west.

But where the West German economy was able to absorb 50,000 new workers, a second, larger flood of refugees from other countries in Eastern Europe may seriously overburden it, causing high unemployment and overcrowding, among other problems.

Worried that the failure of government reforms in East Germany and other countries in Eastern Europe, might lead to a second mass immigration, West German government officials are asking their American and Western European allies to help them come up with plans and financial assistance that will help support the political and economic reforms beginning in Poland and Hungary. West Germany is hoping that if reform succeeds in these countries, it might also occur in East Germany.

West German Chancellor Helmet Kohl will travel to Poland to present an aid package to help the Polish economy. The aid package, which is similar to one proposed by President Bush, includes $200 million for currency stabilization to help combat Poland's high inflation and support for a moratorium on payments on Poland's $39 billion debt. Kohl's foreign policy advisor, Horst Teltschik, has also proposed an international instituted to be set up in Warsaw that would help guide the Poles through economic reform. He stressed the need for a cohesive plan among the western governments for aiding these changing governments during what may well be a very difficult time.

Among West German's European allies, Great Britain has pledged 40 million dollars over the next five years to both Poland and Hungary. The money will be used to train managers, investment bankers, economists, and joint-venture specialists. These are people who will be essential to the new capitalist economy.

While in Poland, Kohl will sign an agreement establishing the rights of the German minority in Poland; this agreement is intended to improve living conditions in Poland so the Germans living there will not want to emigrate. He has also pledged comprehensive and far reaching support for political and economic reforms in most of the Eastern Bloc countries. Many of these countries have substantial German minorities, and Kohl is hoping that improved conditions will keep people for emigrating to West Germany. He is also concern that the amount of aid that has been pledged by western governments so far will be inadequate.

There are signs in East Germany that political reform might be on its way. On last Friday, the East German government announced amnesty for people who have fled the country, or who are attempting to flee. The amnesty also covers people currently imprisoned after they attempted to flee, and those arrested for participating in anti-government demonstrations. There are 2,000 people currently imprisoned in East German for attempting to flee the country. They will be set free by November 30; fines and court cases involving people who either attempted to flee the country or participated in anti-government demonstrations will be dropped.

But it was also announced that the amnesty would not be extended to people who used or called for violence against the East German government. The fate of those people is still unknown.

The government has also announced it will lift a ban it placed on visa-free travel between East Germany and Czechoslovakia on November 1. Prior to the ban, the Czech border was the only border East Germans were allowed to cross with visas. It was closed after nearly 20,000 East Germans fled to the West via the West German embassy in Prague.

A spokesman for the foreign ministry announced that any East Germans wishing to return to East Germany can apply for assistance at any consulate. So far, very few people have responded to the government's offer. Dorothee Wilms, the East German minister for inter-German relations, suggested that former citizens consider postponing any trips to East Germany they may have planned until the full extent of amnesty is known. But it appears that this will make it possible for the new West Germans to travel back to East Germany on their new passports without fear of arrest.

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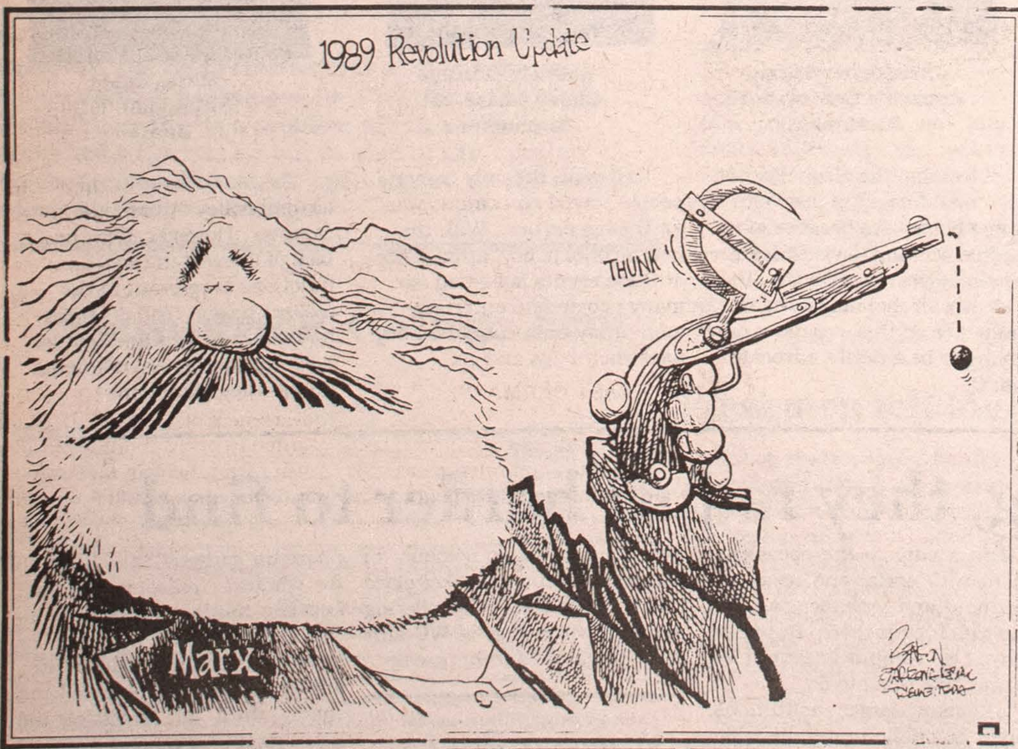

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In the world: US seeks Agricultural tariff reductions

UNITED STATES:

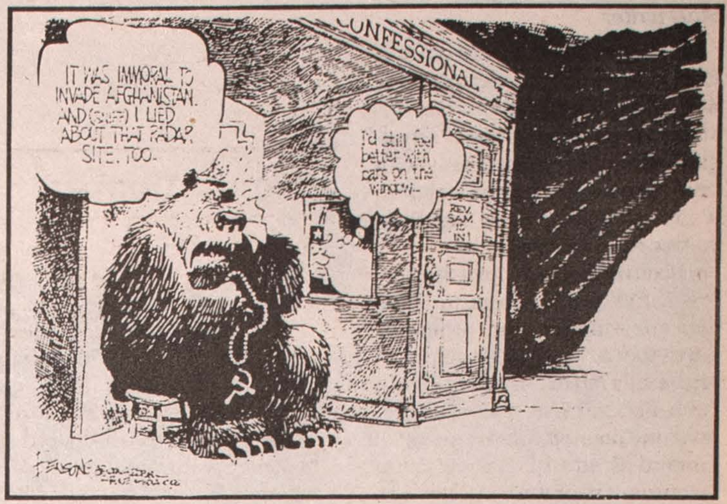
The Bush Administration presented proposals for freer agricultural trade at the Geneva Summit last week. The Bush plan met with opposition from both the Japanese and the EEC (European Economic Community), a group of 12 European nations with integrated economies. Freer trade would mean less protection of these countries' own agricultural products. This could be achieved by the lifting or reducing of tariffs on agricultural commodities, thus exposing them to greater competition with foreign goods. The United States would most likely benefit the most from the plan since it is able to produce beef, corn, milk, peanuts, and citrus fruits far cheaper than either Japan or the EEC, and the American agricultural products would therefore fare better than foreign agricultural commodities in this more competitive situation. But foreign consumers would also benefit from lower prices on food. The United States is also seeking to reduce restrictions on tourism but to increase protection of patents, copyrights and other "intellectual" property.

Former first lady Nancy Reagan's autobiography, *My Turn*, was released last week. The autobiography which covers Mrs Reagan's early life, her career in films and also includes her period in the White House, prompted comedians on NBC's Saturday Night Live television show, to joke that the former president's biography would be entitled, *Her Turn*.

USSR:

Last Tuesday, Soviet foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze announced that the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan had "violated Soviet law and international norms of behavior." In addition, he declared a Siberian radar station "an open violation" of the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty with the US. (The USSR agreed last month to dismantle the station). Then, on Thursday President Mikhail Gorbachev, during his visit to Finland, said the USSR had no right to interfere in the affairs of Eastern European nations, morally or politically. In so doing, Gorbachev verbally reversed the Brezhnev doctrine, which stated that the Soviet Union was justified in armed intervention to prevent changes in Eastern bloc countries, but moreover, Gorbachev also has verbally repudiated the foreign policy of all his predecessors since World War II, and apparently granted Eastern Europe complete independence from the Soviet Union. He also was reported to have lauded the changes towards democracy being made in Poland, and encouraged Hungary to go down the same path. The latter were said to represent the Soviet Union's "revisiting history with contrition and trenchant candor."

This Tuesday was the unofficial Day of the Political Prisoner in the Soviet Union. The anti-Stalinist group Memorial organized a peaceful demonstration in front of the Lubyanka, the infamous KGB headquarters in Moscow. Memorial is led by such famous Soviet figures as historian Yuri Afanasyou, human rights leader Andrei Sakharov and poet Yevgeny Yevtushenko, and has been trying to organize and fund a center to commemorate the millions of people who died under the regime of Joseph Stalin and at the hands of the KGB, which continues to be associated with the Stalin era, during which 30 million Soviet and non-Soviet citizens died during mass deportations, in labor camps, executions, were tortured and generally suffered immeasurably at the hands of the government. Thus the Lubyanka remains a symbol of terror, both during Stalin's time and after, and the KGB is still hated and feared, despite present efforts to give them greater legitimacy. But police did not allow the demonstration this Tuesday to proceed peacefully. As protestors ended the prearranged 30 minute demonstration and were returning to Pushkin Square, special troops, *spetznaz*, arrested two dozen demonstrators and beat others with riot clubs. In the republic of Byelorussia, a similar rally took place at a mass grave site but did not meet with any police interference.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I'd still feel better with bars on the window.
REV. SAM IS IN
BENSON

HUNGARY:

Last week marked the 33rd anniversary of the 1956 revolution in Budapest, which was crushed by Soviet tanks. 100,000 Hungarians gathered outside Parliament with lighted candles, banners and flags. Their chants of "Gorby! Gorby!" were juxtaposed ironically with other cries of "Russians go home!" It has become commonplace for Eastern Europeans, among others, to draw inspiration for their quest for freedom from Soviet and communist domination from the Soviet leader, Mikhail Gorbachev, himself. Meanwhile, Hungarian leaders responded to demonstrators cries by stating that their country is no longer a Communist People's Republic but simply the Republic of Hungary, planning to become a democracy.

POLAND:

In Warsaw last week, 2,000 people gathered for a symbolic funeral for victims of the Stalinist era which in Poland lasted from 1945-1953 (Poland was not under Soviet domination until 1945, though Stalin had come to power in the USSR much earlier). The Poles feel especially indignant, since much of the torture, beatings, killings, secret burials, etc. they underwent during that period was "on Poles, by Poles, to impose and strengthen a hostile power". A movie about the Stalinist era, *The Interrogation*, which was banned in Poland for many years, is soon to be released and further investigation into arrests and murders during the Stalinist period has been promised by the current leadership.

EAST GERMANY:

Several hundred thousand people demonstrated peacefully and unhindered by police in at least eight East German cities this Tuesday. The demonstrations are the most widespread thus far in East Germany, with protesters numbering 200,000 in Leipzig, 50,000 in Halle, 40,000 in Schwerin and 20,000 in both Cottbus and Karl-Marx Stadt. Protesters carried banners bearing the slogans of "Free elections" and "People's Government", but are also seeking greater freedom to travel, less censorship of the media, a more democratic political system and the end of special privileges for Communist Party members. The East German government, under the leadership of Egon Krenz, a Communist hard-liner, remains resistant to such changes currently sweeping across East Europe despite the demonstrations and the mass defection of 50,000 East Germans to West Germany in recent months.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA:

10,000 protesters were harshly suppressed this Sunday when they marched in the nation's capital, Prague. The protesters were calling for freedom and an end to Communism in Czechoslovakia. Riot police bore down on the demonstrators with clubs, beating some unconscious, and injuring more (though it is not clear how many). Though the present leadership under Milos Jakes stubbornly clings to a hard-line model of Communism which refuses to allow *glasnost*; political openness including relaxed censorship, freedom to demonstrate and to dissent peacefully and general civil rights, and has only made some gestures of possible *perestroika*; economic restructuring, this has not always been the case in Czechoslovakia. In 1968, the government of Alexsandr Dubcek wanted to bring about "Communism with a human face", Communism which would guarantee human rights. Mr.Dubcek's government, which did not seek to leave the Warsaw Pact or to do away with Communism in Czechoslovakia, was crushed brutally by the Soviet Union under Leonid Brezhnev during what is known as Prague Spring. Many Czechoslovakians will remember Prague Spring on Sunday, hoping that a government modeled on Dubcek's might be established, this time with the knowledge that it would meet with financial assistance from the West and encouragement, not repression, from today's Soviet leader.

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Looking for adventure? Try Echo Hill School

by Katherine E. Absher
Staff writer

Brimming with adventure, Echo Hill Outdoor School is a literal *Temple of Doom* . But instead of Indiana Jones struggling through each calamity with only his deadly whip and felt hat, a group, cooperating together, solves each predicament.

Located outside of Chestertown, Echo Hill caters to businesses, schools, and other organizations looking to acquaint and unify their members with each other. The school is not only for Chestertown's League of Women Voters or Rotary Club, but organizations from Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Washington DC attend Echo Hill. Following Japan's lead, outdoor schools are springing up across the country. These schools direct their energies toward enhancing group cooperation in business.

Organizations on this campus are utilizing Echo Hill's facilities. To help them conquer problems of freshmen, peer advisers and resident assistants tried to conquer challenges issued them by the outdoor school's instructors. To encourage group creativity, residents of the International House recently spent a day at the school.

PAs and RAs attempted Adventure One and Two. Adventure One promotes group cohesiveness and trust. To encourage this trust, instructors propose a hypothetical situation, with the aid of some props. One such situation entails the group individually swinging across a treacherous chasm, landing on a small platform, and safely carrying the much needed antidote to the villagers plagued with whooping cough.

One of the problems facing the group is how to reach the rope mysteriously suspended over the chasm. One group of peer advisers solved it by throwing their shoes at the rope until it swung over towards them; a groups of RAs tied their shoelaces into a loop and lassoed the rope over.

RA and senior Wendy Kloiber comments on this activity: "At first it seemed totally impossible, but everyone worked well together. It was the last one we did of the shorter exercises, and by that time we were really united as a group." This activity "didn't involve being brave or being strong—just being clever," states junior and RA Brooke Frank.

Another Adventure One activity is the trust fall. One member of the group stands on a raised platform and falls backward into the groups' outstretched arms.

Enjoying the society of each other in the outdoors, these children camp and learn about the ecology at Echo Hill Outdoors School. *(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)*

Because a person could break a part of their body if the group dropped their hands, this activity really discerns whether the individual trusts the group. If a member completely believes in his peers and the strength of their appendages, this trusting person lies down under the awaiting arms and watches group members topple into the "net."

A third example of a baffling Adventure One situation is the crossing of the infamous Washington College crosswalk with only eight points of contact on the road and fifteen people needing to cross. Senior Peter Maller's group of peer advisors handled it by having four members walk on each other's feet and stretch themselves across the walk. The other members crossed by stepping on the planted feet and balanced themselves by grabbing the arms of this human bridge.

This was Maller's favorite exercise: "I've been in the army before where everything you did was group oriented. In the army, as in this place, not only were you part of the group, but everyone had a chance to lead the group at a particular time. [But] it was the groups' decisions that counted, not a particular individual's decision."

Many PAs and RAs did not know each other before the Echo Hill experience, but through group activities, but many now consider the others in their group as their friends. Frank explains, "This school is very cliquey. It broke the images we had of each other. We got to know each other, depend on each other. Many of them became my friends, and I feel that if I have a problem on my hall, I can rely on them to help me."

Adventure Two differs from Adventure One by combining group challenge with individual challenge. When the groups' adventurous spirits scramble up a tall and towering tree, attach themselves to a zip line, and plummet to the waiting hands of the group below, Adventure Two is at its climax. Teaching the climber to make a Swiss seat, and then hooking him to a beleyer, the instructors insure the safety of the climber. As the climber zips down, he is securely attached to the line.

Although the security of the student is inviolable, the student usually fears this activity. By overcoming his inhibitions, the climber boosts his self-confidence and discovers more about himself. Sophomore and PA Jennifer Griffin said this about her climb, "I was impressed. I could climb the tree and jump off the platform!" Senior RA Katina Smith overcame her inhibitions but "was a little shocked by the fact that I was scared to go up to the zip line. I thought it would be no problem for me. Sitting on the top, it was a little high, and I sat there for awhile."

Kloiber says that although she was a little shaky after her climb, she felt the instructors "tried to calm you, and if you didn't want to go any farther, they made you feel you weren't backing down on something." With no thought of the danger, the instructors, however, go upside down or backwards down the zip line.

Senior PA Mariella Ruiz participated with other peer advisors in Adventures One and Two. But with the residents of the International House, she experienced Project Quicksilver which "was an even bigger challenge" for her.

A new program at Echo Hill, Project Quicksilver centers around the foreboding Alpine Tower and combines the challenges of One and Two. The Alpine Tower is a fifty foot tripod constructed from tree trunks and crowned with a platform.

The central object of Project Quicksilver is to scale the tower; the tower consists of numerous devices to enable the climber to do so, such as a circus ladder, hanging cargo nets, a knotted rope, a free hanging log, and rock climbing holds screwed into the trunks.

Similar to the trepidation felt by the RAs and PAs during the tree climb and plunge down the zip line, some members of the International House also experience fear in tackling the Alpine Tower. Ruiz comments, "it was scary" and the scariness, different from the tree climb, was enhanced by "the boleyer being your own peer."

But the purpose of the exercise, like all at Echo Hill, is to learn to rely on group members and trust the boleyer. Ruiz feels everyone in International House bonded with each other, and she notices an improvement in daily relations at the House. Sophomore Brian Gimelson also comments on what he garnered about his neighbors in International House: "We found out who's most helpful in a given situation and who is most likely to back off from conflict." But he acknowledges that "everyone needs to contribute to an activity in order to be successful."

Members of International House are impressed by how the instructors molded the Echo Hill experience to their needs. International House wanted to learn to be more creative as a group, and when planning their activities, the instructors took this into account. The Echo Hill experience changes from group to group, accommodating a certain groups' needs.

By working as an instructor, Senior Dave Stewart helps to bring about a groups' successfulness at Echo Hill. Stewart is a fourth year soldier of the Army and Guard, and feels Echo Hill is a "nice change." A difference from the adult, male Reserve is that Stewart usually instructs children ranging in age from ten to thirteen: "As a rule I usually dislike children, but now I enjoy it. I like seeing them change through the week. We had a real problem child at the beginning [of one Adventure]. But I saw him at Chesapeake Appreciation Day, and he was the nicest kid."

As well as fostering a child's self-development, many Echo Hill programs teach children and adults about the environment. Stewart feels "the Bay is going down the tubes and so is the environment in general," and the outdoor's school "instills a respect for the environment."

One such program involves canoeing in Echo Hill's five-hundred acres of swamp. Here, participants learn the importance of swamps to the ecology, and how the bay turns to swamp and then into land. On this excursion the canoers study beavers, otters, ducks, geese, deer, and the endangered osprey.

Also along these lines are Pine Studies and Bay Studies. Taught in a bi-boat, Bay Studies activities include fishing and crabbing. And "until a few weeks ago, the eels were migrating, and we caught some eels," states Stewart.

Pine Studies also includes a fishing expedition. But instead of fishing poles and bait, the group uses sein nets. Sein nets are nets stretched between two poles, and the fishermen drag the net through the water in hope of entangling an unsuspecting fish.

With the coming of winter, the excitement at Echo Hill ends in two weeks, but an oystering program will be the grand finale at the outdoors school. The Alpine Tower, the zip line, and the five-hundred acres of swamp reopens in March.

Other campus organizations are showing interest in intending Echo Hill, and the administration is considering sending freshmen there during orientation. If your campus organization is looking for a rewarding group experience, call the Echo Hill Outdoor School at 348-5880.

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Rewarding experiences at mental hospital

by Amy R. Caddle

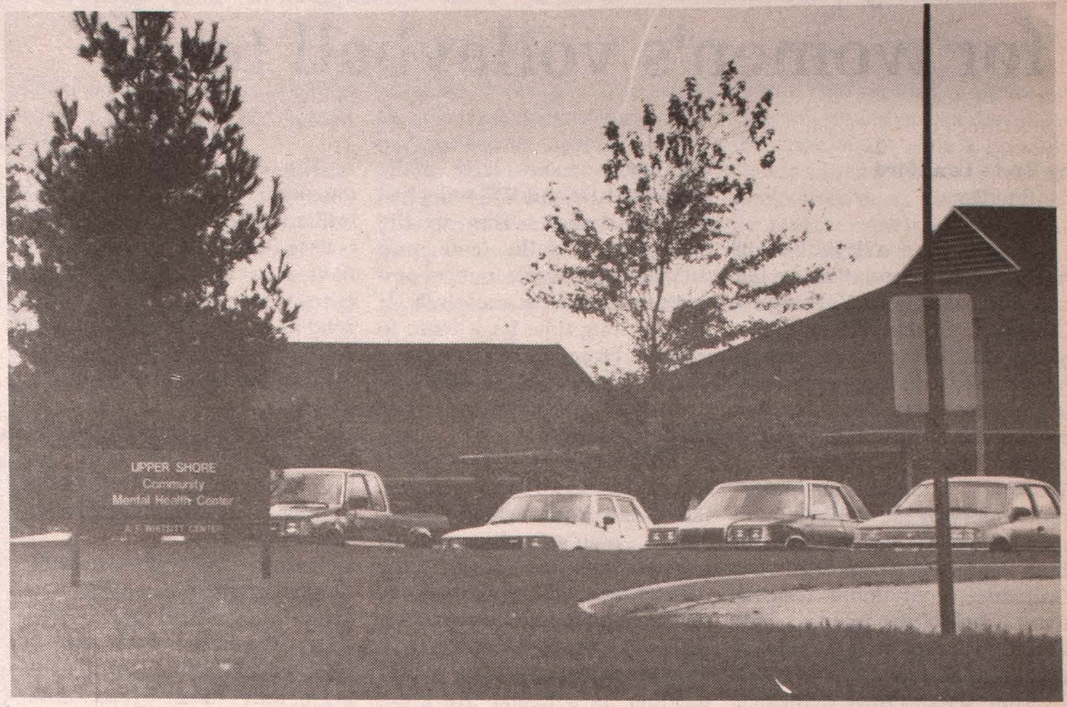
Strange, demented humans locked away from society in padded cells; this is the vision many have of the residents of the Upper Shore Mental Health Center, a misconception fostered by the escape and apprehension of a patient on campus grounds. These images and realities question the actual safety of the Mental Health Center, and whether its patients pose a threat to sane students.

Elizabeth Rollins, a senior English major and Resident Assistant of second floor Worcester, served as a volunteer at the Upper Shore Mental Health Center last semester. This year she was offered a job tutoring a twenty-year-old mentally retarded woman. "Originally, my job was to keep her from becoming a vegetable. But I soon found out she was willing and able to learn. Now I am teaching her how to read," said Rollins. She devotes nine hours each week working with the mentally ill.

Many fear the mentally ill are irreparably sick and dangerous to mainstream society, but Rollins disagrees: "A large majority of the patients at the Mental Health Center have admitted themselves into the program. Admitting your illness to yourself is the first major step to recovery," she explained. Most of the patients at the Mental Health Center are not dangerous, and Rollins assures that "the staff is extremely competent and do their best to control the patients as well as encourage a loving environment." Much caring and patience is required to work with the mentally ill, but Rollins thinks the rewards far outweigh the demands. "It is a stressing job, but it's a great feeling to know that you are helping someone better their life. It adds another dimension to college life and gives me a much wider perspective on life," she added.

Lauren Montenegro, a junior psychology major, spends eight to ten hours per week at the Upper Shore Mental Health Center as part of an Internship. She serves as an apprentice to a staff psychologist, and assists the psychologist in his daily rounds. "It is rewarding to see a patient get a grip on their life and move on towards normality," said Montenegro. She attributes much of the patients' successes not only to the remarkable staff, but to the patients themselves. "The people at the Mental Health Center realize they are ill and need help. Most are eager to get well, and are very responsive to therapy."

Her work at the Mental Health Center has helped Montenegro realize the mentally ill are just normal people having difficulty dealing with life's problems. "There is no reason to fear the mentally ill. It is important to remeber that mental illness can happen to ANYONE." The staff at the Mental Health Center integrate progressing patients into normal society through a point-earning system. A patient may earn points for good behavior; these points are redeemable for anything from a candy bar to a weekend pass home.



Does the Upper Shore Mental Health Center pose a threat to students? Or is it broadening the horizons of student interns? *(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)*

Paije Osworth, a senior sociology major, agrees that integration into normal society serves as positive therapy and helps the mentally ill feel better about themselves. "The patients do not want to be known as 'crazies', and try very hard to project an image of saneness," theorizes Osworth. Osworth spends eight to ten hours each week at the Upper Shore Mental Health Clinic, which provides follow-up care for mental health patients. As an intern, she is under the supervision of the Clinic staff, as well as Barry Barrell, instructor of the Field Experiences and Social Welfare class offered at Washington College. Osworth observes chronic clients, attends counselling meetings, and eventually would like to take on a client of her own. "Working with the mentally ill is a big responsibility, but its rewards are tremendous," said Osworth. She also stresses that the mentally ill have the same needs as we do, only in different intensities. "They need love, caring, and understanding. How are they much different than we are?"

The image of the insane mental patient is hard to dispel. However, keeping an open mind about mental illness, remembering everyone is vulnerable, and realizing mental illness is a curable disease helps us to deal with it on a more humane level. Rollins concludes, "The Upper Shore Mental Health Center always needs volunteers. It is an excellent way to get involved in the community, give something of yourself, and make a significant impact on someone's life." These three women have benefitted from the experience.

The trials and tribulations of a TV viewer

Most people like to watch TV. It has to be right up there with baseball as America's favorite pastime. Who knows how people ever survived without television? Some of you out there reading this are thinking, "They played cards and sang songs around the piano." That is a nice thought and TV has perhaps taken away some of those family moments, but believe it or not, they still exist despite television.

A lot of people claim they hate TV. Now, hate is a strong word, and those people have either never seen Peter Jennings on a good day or were forced to watch every episode of *Gilligan's Island* back to back. Admittedly, TV can be extremely stupid. Do we really need to see the star of *Knight Rider* taming lions on *Circus of the Stars*? I think not. There is no law stating we have to expose ourselves to these inane network productions. We can simply turn off the "idiot box" or change the channel where we would no doubt find a more intellectually stimulating show like *Dynasty*.

On the other hand TV brings us the news instantly, visually and accurately (well, maybe not accurately). The effect of television on our lives is too great to be measured, so let's not dwell on this serious matter any longer.

I know college is supposed to be for learning about life and experiencing new things, but I would miss not having a TV in my room, and I know for a fact my roommate would also. There is something on TV every evening that is palatable, but there are only two shows I cannot miss (well, I could miss them, I mean my life doesn't depend on them. And that's why we have summer reruns, right?)

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So every Tuesday night we (you know who you are) watch *The Wonder Years* and *thirtysomething*. Although some people find the latter somewhat stressful, both of these shows are pretty good and entertaining. When I watch these or other shows, it's important either I, my roommate, or someone else is within arm's length of the remote control at all times. This way we don't have to expose ourselves to any unnecessary traumas.

For example, it can help you avoid seeing the beginning or end of an "undesirable" show which otherwise you would have had to see because you couldn't get to the TV in time to turn it off. The mute button works especially well during commercial breaks, and the convenient sleep feature lets you pass out during *Tales From the Dark Side*. I like to take advantage of all these modern conveniences in order to make my television viewing time as pleasurable as possible, especially that hour and a half on Tuesday night.

Most people do not realize the important decisions that have to be made when one plans an evening in front of the TV. Before the television can even be turned on, one must decide what is more important: planning for the future (i.e. getting good grades in order to get a good job in order to make lots of money) or avoiding the English paper that's due tomorrow. Usually it is the second alternative that is favored. When the choice is between Harrison Ford and *Moby Dick*, what would you pick? (I hope you men out there didn't pick Harrison.)

Don't think I personally do not study, because I do, really. I also do other things in my spare time, but this article is about TV. At this time I should mention another very important time to watch television. During the day friends there is a veritable cornucopia of entertainment on the ol' TV. Can you say "Soap Opera"? I knew you could. I only watch one soap opera, I swear! *Days of Our Lives* is my soap of choice. It's important to know how long it will take Kimberly to sleep with Cal and whether or not Adrienne will ever really get pregnant. These developments are a nice balance to the difficult world of astronomy.

And you can't tell me you don't know what's going on at least on one soap. Except for the occasional afternoon cartoon, *Days of Our Lives* is the only thing I watch during the day. I used to watch *Oprah*, but I got tired of her asking the battered housewife of the day: "How long did it take you to find out your husband was a member of a homosexual motorcycle gang." Luckily, the subject matter on *Geraldo* is much more pertinent to everyday life.

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Four-year seniors carry load for women's volleyball team

by Brett Lankford
Staff writer

The women's volleyball team has been the surprise of the fall sports season at Washington College. Coach Penny Fall's squad has had to face a rash of injuries and their toughest schedule in years, but the team has responded wonderfully. The women have an impressive 23-13 record, including an important victory in the C-WAC tournament and strong showings in both the WC Invitational and the Gallaudet Invitational tournament. One of the team's major assets has been the experience of their seniors.

Four seniors have dedicated four years of their college career to Coach Fall and the women's volleyball team, and they have played a key role in the rise of the volleyball program to its present height. Debby Cohn, Ann Urban, Sharon Orser and Valerie Williams joined a program in the middle of a rebuilding process. In the past four years, the four women have played an important role in the team's success. This season, they were called upon to lead a team loaded with talented freshmen and sophomores. They have been able to lead the team by example, at the same time displaying their experience and knowledge of the game.

Coach Fall is quick to point out the contributions the four women have made to the program over the past four years. "The four seniors have really helped to turn this WC volleyball program around. They are the core players of the team, and they have been able to meet and sustain pressure successfully. It takes a long time for a team to mature. Over the past four years we have reached that point, and the seniors have played a key role in the change."

For Debby Cohn, this maturation process was a familiar one. She came from a similar situation in high school, and she is happy to have played a role in the rebuilding of WC volleyball. "It's fun to watch everybody grow together," Cohn said, "over the past four years we've learned to play together as a team. We know what to expect from each other."

Ann Urban agreed with Cohn's statement. "When you play next to someone in practice, you know what those around you are going to do. Since we've been playing with each other for four years, we know each other four times as well. I know where they are going to be in different situations."

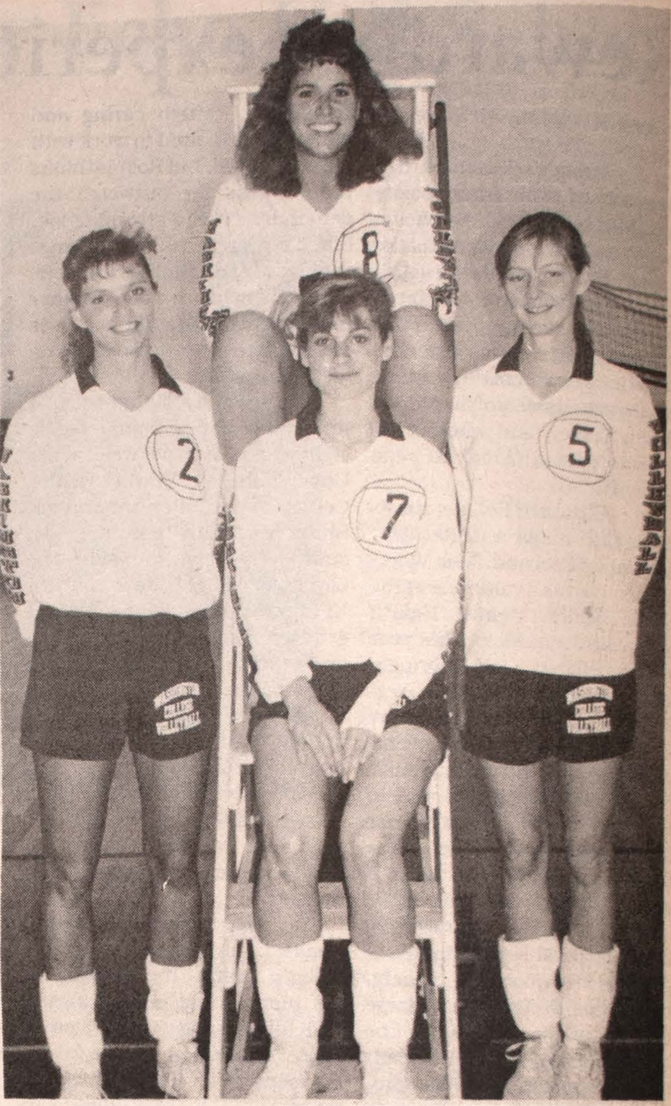
Coach Fall has helped to inspire the four seniors, setting challenging goals for them to reach. "We really started setting goals last year," Sharon Orser said. "Last year we wanted to move our record over .500, win in the C-WAC tournament and keep our grade point average above 3.0. This year we wanted to win the C-WAC, have a winning percentage of .750 and have a 3.0 again."

The team won the C-WAC tournament last weekend with brilliant team play. The seniors believe that the major reason for their success this season has been their team play. "We're solid as a team this year," Orser added. "We have no real holes on the floor, and everyone gets along well."

"There is a stability on the team this year," Cohn said. "It's been fun to help in the rebuilding process and provide a leadership role this year."

The four women have developed a strong relationship over the years, both on and off the court. Orser feels that this has been one of the bonuses of playing for four years. "On the court, we respect each other as players. Our friendship off the court adds to our performance on the court."

The seniors all play different roles for the team. Debby Cohn leads the team with her setting and serving, and Ann Urban is one of the team's designated hitters. Sharon Orser has moved from the front line to defense as a result of her wrist injury, and she has solidified that position. Valerie Williams is also one of the most powerful hitters on the team. All four women have accepted their leadership roles this season, and their experience has been an asset to the underclassmen on the team. The seniors have played a key role in turning around a floundering program and giving WC volleyball a promising future.


Debby Cohn, Ann Urban, Sharon Orser and Valerie Williams have led the women's volleyball team this year. *(photo by Gary Brown)*

Soccer ends disappointing year

by Greg Coss

The last week of the men's 1989 soccer season typified their performance from the year. The men finished off a somewhat disappointing season with losses to Haverford and Johns Hopkins and a win over Delaware Valley. The team finished the season with a record of 8-10. The Sho'men lacked consistency this year, and a squad that was considered to have an excellent shot at the MAC title floundered around the .500 mark most of the season.

The Sho'men's losses to Haverford and Johns Hopkins continued the team's streak of bad luck and inconsistent play. The Sho'men were the better team against Haverford, but they were unable to execute in the game. They lost the game 4-2, dropping their record two games below .500. The Sho'men dominated the entire game against Johns Hopkins, outshooting their opponents 11-2. WC had some solid scoring chances in the first half, but they were unable to convert the shots. Hopkins scored the lone goal of the game on a fluke goal in the second half. A Hopkins player scored unassisted on a corner kick, curving the shot into the goal. This "banana kick" gave the Blue Jays the only score they would need. The Sho'men were never able to rally and lost the game 1-0.

The Sho'men managed to rebound against Delaware Valley in the last game of the year. WC played a near-perfect game, taking out a year's worth of frustrations on a lesser team. The squad moved the ball very effectively, as none of their goals were unassisted. The defense played just as well, completely shutting down Delaware Valley's offense. The Sho'men mauled Delaware Valley 18-0, ending the year on a high note the best soprano in the world couldn't reach.

Goalie John Thomas summed up the Sho'men's season when he reviewed the recent game against Hopkins. "We had a lot more chances than they did," Thomas said, "we just couldn't find the net." This problem plagued the team early in the season as they failed to score in their first three games. The entire season was filled with bad breaks and a lack of consistency. Still, the team would have finished above .500 if not for three losses to Division I and II teams.

The team's entire season was a series of ups and downs. The Sho'men dropped their first four games and five of their first six, and the promising season seemed destined to be a complete disaster. The squad then responded by winning six of their next seven games, including a five-game winning streak. The team was on a roll, but they were soon derailed in a series of tough losses. WC lost four of the last five games, finishing the season 8-10.

The Sho'men are now beginning to look forward to next season. John Thomas mentioned the fact that the team is losing three key starters, but next year's freshman class is promising. The Sho'men also have some of the main players on this season's team, and the combination of experience and new talent could pay off. The team was supposed to meet high standards this season, but they were never able to meet the expectations. For this reason, Sho'men fans should be cautiously optimistic about the prospects for next season.

Blowouts in college football

by Brett Lankford
Staff writer

One of the most distressing trends in college football is the apparent affection that some coaches have for running up the score on opponents. Recent scores in games across the country include 95-21, 91-10 and 101-0. These coaches have defended the scores, claiming they cannot ask their players to stop trying. This may be true, but it is still wrong for one team to beat their opponent into the ground just for a higher national ranking or to recruit better players.

College teams have been running up the score for many years. College football fans have learned to accept Oklahoma trouncing Kansas State by 50 or BYU throwing for 600 yards in a game. Miami has been the most frequent violator over the past few years. While playing under former coach Jimmy Johnson, it was not uncommon to see Miami passing the ball with a 60 point lead late in the fourth quarter. Johnson offered an even poorer excuse, explaining that he had to introduce his fourth string players to regular game situations. This is part of the reason it is such a pleasure to watch Johnson and his Dallas Cowboys limp along to an 0-8 record while getting mauled every Sunday.

This season teams have taken blowouts to a new height. Houston introduced Southern Methodist to a new and harsher version of the "death penalty". SMU had to have second thoughts about the renewal of their program after the Cougars gained over 1000 yards total offense in their 95-21 victory. In one game involving two small schools, an NAIA powerhouse was leading their opponent 101-0 when the game was halted in the fourth quarter. Other wins result in similar scores. There appears to be no end to these maulings.

Some coaches apparently do not understand how devasating a sixty point loss can be to a football team. How can a coach build a team's morale after they have just given up 1000 yards of offense? When a team destroys an opponent by an overwhelming score, they are showing a complete lack of respect for the other school's program. It has never been an acceptable practice to clobber a team by seventy points, and there is no reason why this should now become a trend.

Part of the problem stems from the fact that these games are even scheduled. The big schools play these games in an effort to pad their record, while the smaller colleges play to bring money to the school and the football program. Most of these games should not be played, but if they must go on, the stronger team must have enough respect for their opponent to ease up once they have a large lead. It is not that tough to run out the clock, and it is time some teams stop kicking teams when they're down.

Crew has strong showing at Head of the Schuylkill

by Brett Lankford
Staff writer

The WC crew team ran a full day of races this past weekend at the Head of the Schuylkill race in Philadelphia. Three men's boats and two women's boats hit the water as the entire crew team gained some valuable experience that should help them in upcoming races. The team runs their last scheduled race of the fall this weekend at the Head of the Occuquan in Virginia.

The women's varsity four boat started off the day in a race loaded with stiff competition. Still, the women did not row a very strong race, finishing far behind the winning boat. This was a disappointing performance for the women, and the men's novice eight were called on to boost the team's morale with a strong showing. This was the first race for the men's novice boat, and they performed extremely well. They managed to pass a couple of boats, and they rowed a solid race. Coach Chatellier was pleased with the novice eight's performance. "The men may have rowed too fast early on and expended all of their energy, but the first race is an exciting thing and their adrenalin was pumping. Themen still rowed a very good race at an important time for us."

The women's novice eight followed on the heels of the men's novice boat, and they also rowed very well. The women caught a crab in their race, but they were still able to regain their momentum and pass a couple of other squads. They finished fifth out of ten boats in the race despite facing some stiff competition.

The men's varsity four came next, and the boat was made up of four rowers racing for the first time this fall. This race was loaded with extremely talented boats, but the men still managed to turn in a solid performance. The men finished toward the bottom half of the standings, but Chatellier said the boat should be proud of their showing. "The four boat's showing may not get all the headlines, but the men rowed well."

The highlight of the day also came in the day's last race. The men's varsity eight boat rowed in a race with over fifty boats, and some of the other boats were loaded with experienced talent. The winning boat was made up of eight former Olympians, which indicated the strength of the competition. The men rowed an excellent race and impressed many rival boats with their performance. The boat managed to defeat many of their rivals and rowed a strong team race. The team left Philadelphia with a satisfied feeling, and the coaches were pleased with the team's steady improvement.

Coach Chatellier was very happy with the crew squad's performance this fall. "We've accomplished a lot this fall," he commented. "We've been able to get in a lot of time and a lot of miles on the water. The entire team is really looking forward to our races in the spring."

The team heads to the Occuquan Reservoir this weekend in hopes of receiving some medals in this weekend's race. The Head of the Occuquan is a smaller race made up of regional competition. This race is the last regularly scheduled race of the fall for the crew team, with a possible visit to a race in Philadelphia two weeks from now. Coach Chatellier and the crew team hopes that this weekend's race on the Occuquan will be a good ending to a promising fall season.

Volleyball realizes goal, wins C-WAC tournament

by Amy R. Caddle

The Sho'Women proved their mettle last weekend at the C-WAC Tournament held at Notre Dame College, crushing Gallaudet in three games for the C-WAC Championship.

Beginning Friday night, the Sho'women were pitted against Goucher College and Notre Dame College, winning each set in two games with scores of 15-10, 15-9 and 15-6, 15-6 respectively. On Saturday, the WC women beat Marymount College in two games by scores of 15-8 and 15-6. They went on to challenge St. Mary's College in their next match, landing a victory with scores of 15-10 and 15-6. The Sho'women were down 10-2 early in the first game, but they were able to close the deficit and eventually rally for the win. The finals of the C-WAC Tournament pitted the women against Gallaudet. WC lost the first game 11-15, but they came back strong to beat Gallaudet by scores of 15-8 and 15-2. The win earned the women first place in the tournament.

Coach Penny Fall admitted that one of the team's major goals of the season was to win the C-WAC Tournament. "We are very pleased with our victory. Our play over the two days was very consistent, and we played the best we have all year," said Fall. Consistency was a key to the team's success in the tournament as they lost only one of eleven games. "The entire team was in the proper mental zone. We were focused as a team, as well as individually," Fall commented.

In addition to winning the C-WAC tournament, three players were awarded All-Conference honors. Debbie Cohn, Ann Urban, and Laura McClellan were all recipients of the honor. This was Cohn's third time on the All-Conference team.

The Sho'Women did not receive an invitation to the MAC Tournament, as Elizabethtown and Gettysburg received the wild-card bids. The women still managed to place fourth in the league, behind Western Maryland, Dickinson, and Gettysburg. The team also has a remarkable win-loss record of 23-13, and Coach Fall said the Sho'Women have reason to be proud of their performance. "This year was a team victory. All of our players were excellent, and every victory was well earned," Coach Fall said.

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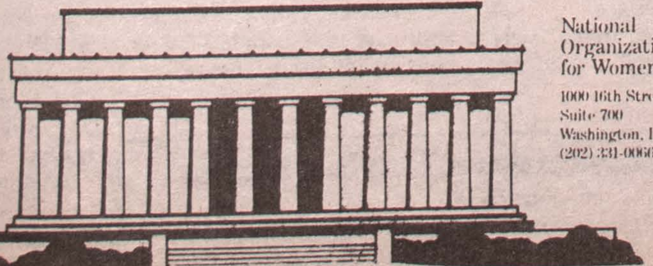

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Concert celebrates French Revolution of 1789

by Stephanie Hess
Staff writer

On Sunday, November 5, Washington College will celebrate the bicentennial of the French Revolution (1789-1989) with "Vive La France" performances by the Music Department.

Performers include members of the Music Department faculty (Kathleen Mills, Elizabeth Parcell, Amzie Parcell, Garry Clarke) and students: Renee King, flute; Greg Hickman, oboe; Doreen Rzecinski, clarinet; and Andrew Chandler, alto saxophone. Two musical ensembles, the Early Music Vocal Consort and the Early Music Instrumental Consort will also perform.

Members of the Vocal Consort include Kathleen Bennett, Christopher Brower, James Doran, Drew Elburn, Pamela Flemke, Brent Hopkins, Laura Hopper, Karyn Iacangelo, Denise LaRue, Christopher Martin, Jen Mauser, Kyndra Ponder, Justin Scout, John White and Lisa Woodcock.

Members of the Instrumental Consort are Elizabeth Cooper, Jennifer Eisberg, Pat Koch, Marilee Schumann and George Wadelton.

A wide selection of various French compositions will be performed, spanning periods from the middle ages to the twentieth century.

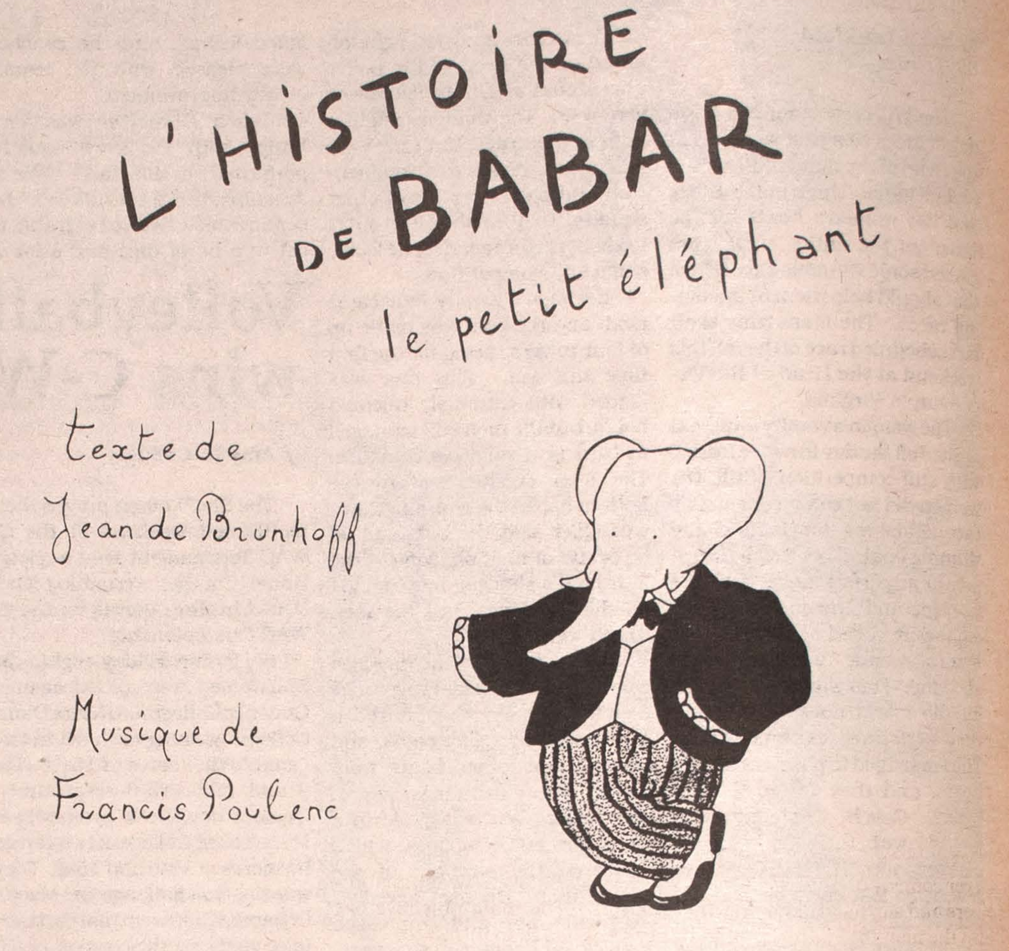
Of particular interest is Kathleen Mills' piano performance of "L'Histoire de Babar le Petit Elephant," written by Jean de Brunhoff and with music by Francis Poulenc. Brunhoff's story will be narrated in French by Professor Christine Pabon of the Modern Languages Department.

Mills chose the Babar piece completely by "chance," she says. She wanted to do something from the early twentieth century, but she couldn't find anything with which she was happy. Finally, she received a letter from her mother who had heard the piece played and enjoyed it. The piece had been hanging on Mills' bulletin board for a long time, and her mother's mention of it brought it back to her mind, she realized it would be a good piece for the concert.

Clarke said the programs in the past have centered on such themes as music from 1740, and music by women composers.

He added that he scheduled the program for Sunday because many people,students and community members, "enjoy coming out on Sunday afternoon."

The concert, which is free and open to the public, will be held in the Norman James Theater on Sunday, November 5, at 4 PM.



A piano piece about Babar will be performed by Kathleen Mills in a concert entitled, "Vive la France."

Songwriter/vocalist inspired by Chestertown

by Jennifer Del Nero

Contemporary acoustic guitarist and singer/songwriter Karen Goldberg returns to the Coffee House next Thursday, November 16, three years after her debut at Washington College.

Describing her music as a "jazz influence on folk music—jazzy folk or new folk music," Goldberg compares her work to such acoustic singer/songwriters as Tracy Chapman, Suzanne Vega and the Indigo Girls. "The music is inspiring, emotionally moving," she explains. "You focus on the lyrics."

Praised by DC magazine *Out* in a review that read, "Goldberg's voice is, simply put, a treasure, an instrument that does anything asked of it with seeming ease," she was also hailed by *The Elm* after her debut performance at Washington College. Goldberg, wrote *The Elm*, has a "spectacular voice...her act is unique and filled with spunk."

Having opened for such national acts as 10,000 Maniacs at Johns Hopkins University in '88 and for Howard Jones last summer, Baltimore-born Goldberg has also performed with such notables as Michael Hedges, an accomplished new-age acoustic guitar player, Livingston Taylor, brother of James Taylor and the duo of Don Dixon and Marti Jones. Jones is an acoustic singer/songwriter, and Dixon formerly worked as a producer for R.E.M.

The Miami Hurricane made it a point to mention Goldberg in its concert review of Firefall: "At last, a warm-up performer who seems glad to be in front of the crowd and truly loves her work." Agrees Goldberg, "I feel like what I do is a vacation," explaining, "when you put energy into doing something you love, it's like a vacation."

Goldberg's concert schedule even takes her to some of the world's most beautiful vacation spots including Key West, FL and St. Cruz, where she usually performs during the winter semester break for colleges.

Active in the animal rights community as well, Goldberg is involved with People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA). The concert where she opened for Howard Jones was sponsored by PETA. For that concert, Goldberg performed at the Washington Monument Ground in DC before 35,000 people.

One of Goldberg's songs off her second album *High Contrast* reflects her advocation of the ethical treatment of animals. "Strings for Wings" was written during Goldberg's stay at the Chester Motel when she performed here in '86. She remembers, "I was the only person staying there who wasn't a duck hunter, and so I wrote an anti-hunting song."

Says Goldberg, "I've been trying to get back to Washington College ever since I wrote "Strings of Wings."

Not only does Goldberg write and perform original music, but she acts as her own booking agent, promotion director and record producer. As she puts it, "I'm self-contained....It's a full-time job." Goldberg describes a person who manages her own career as one who "needs to have aptitudes in a couple of directions including business and art."

A Towson State graduate with a degree in education, Goldberg made her transition to music after she discovered that the job market for teachers was not as needy as it had been. In her junior year of college, Goldberg began performing in Baltimore bars such as The Horse You Came In On and continued to perform in night clubs throughout the Baltimore-DC area.

After purchasing her own studio, Corbett Records, Goldberg released her first album, *The Lion in Me*, in '81. *High Contrast* originally went on the market in '88, and just last month, Goldberg released her third album *Solo*.

Solo is a live show comprised of recordings from three performances: 8X10 in Baltimore, King of France Tavern in Annapolis and Co-Coa Lane in Ellicott City, MD. The nineteen songs on Goldberg's most recent release are all originals.

Performing at St. Mary's College November 15 and at Chesapeake College in the early afternoon of November 16, Goldberg will arrive in Chestertown late Thursday afternoon. At 4:30 PM she will speak in the Coffee House on what it's like to write and produce original compositions.

Goldberg begins her one-woman show in the Coffee House on November 16 at 9:30 PM.

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Opera tickets made available to WC students

by Stephanie Hess
Staff writer

For the past several years, Mrs. Eugene B. Casey, a 1947 graduate of WC, has purchased opera tickets for members of the College community to attend performances at the Washington Opera at the Kennedy Center in DC. This year, her donation included eighty tickets in prime seats for four operas, twenty tickets for each opera.

The operas, performances and seats were all chosen by Dr. Garry Clarke of the Music Department.

The operas he chose include: *Lucia di Lammermoor* by Donizetti, *Cosi fan tutte*, by Mozart, *Aida* by Verdi, and *Die Fledermaus* by Strauss. Clarke said, "each of the operas are very different."

He describes *Lucia* as bel canto (literally translated into English as beautiful singing) with "spectacular music." Based on a source by Sir Walter Scott, it is a tragedy about a woman who does not want to marry her husband, and ends up going mad and killing him.

The second opera, *Cosi*, is a clever comedy about two pairs of lovers and a cynical old man who bets the men that if they pretend to go off to war and then return in disguise and woo their sweethearts, their sweethearts will be unfaithful to them. Of course, the old man is right, and the resulting action is fraught with confusion and mistaken identities.

Aida was written in the 1870's to celebrate the opening of the Suez Canal. First performed in Cairo, it is a love story about a slave girl who falls in love with the General who has defeated her father's army. The performance features exotic dancing and ballet.

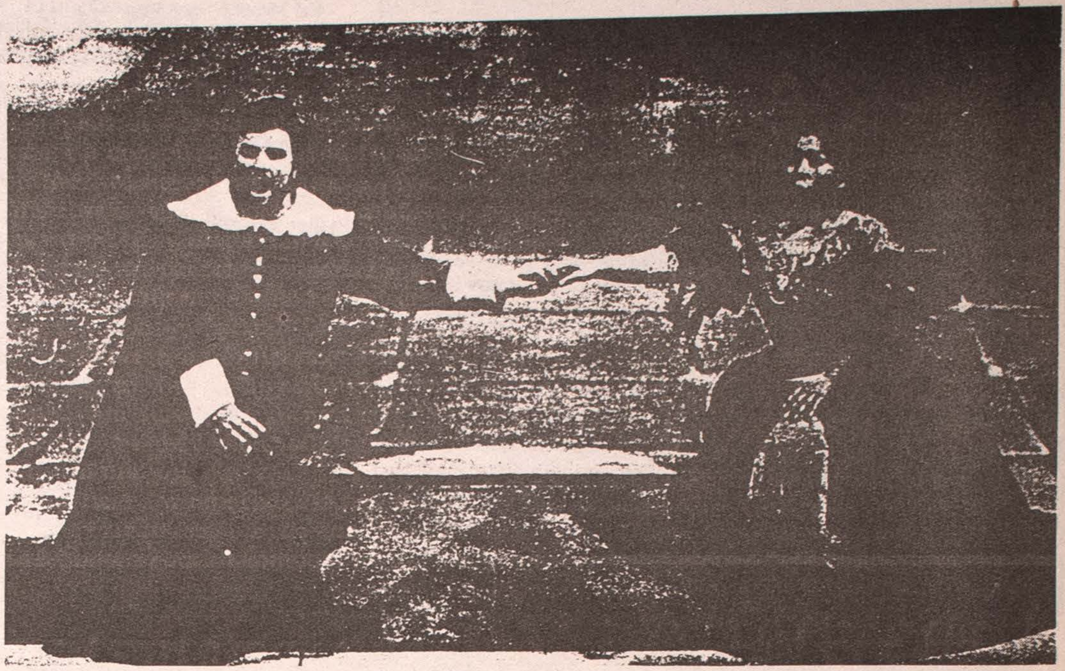
Strauss' *Die Fledermaus*, a comic operetta often performed on New Year's Eve, has special significance to the Washington College community because its production costs are paid by Mrs. Casey in memory of her husband. Clarke describes *Fledermaus* as a "bubbly, champagne-like Viennese musical."

Clarke is enthusiastic when he speaks about Mrs. Casey's donation. "I don't know of a college in the country that has a contribution like this made to student life." He adds that for many students, the opera trip is their first acquaintance with music, or their first chance to go to the Kennedy Center. For some students, the opera experience has sparked an interest in music where there was once no interest in that area of study.

Clarke says Mrs. Casey, a member of the Board of the Washington Opera, "loves the opera and loves Washington College." The main objective of her donation is to introduce students to opera. So far, it seems to be working; this year, approximately 185 students applied for 80 opera seats. Originally, the tickets were intended for students taking the opera class, but eventually, Mrs. Casey decided to extend the opportunity for tickets to all music students. A few years ago, during a particularly long opera season, she opened the offer to the entire college community.

Last year, there were more requests than there were available tickets, and this year, the requests for tickets were overwhelming. Clarke attributes this increased response to word of mouth. He explains people who have gone in previous years are excited about the opportunity, and they tell their friends, who then also want to go.

While Mrs. Casey's generous gift of eighty opera tickets is one of her smaller contributions to the College, (other contributions include funds for the construction of the Casey Swim Center, the new Academic Resources Center, and for several scholarships) it is certainly her most unique donation.



Thanks to Mrs. Eugene B. Casey, twenty Washington College students will see a performance of an opera, *Lucia di Lammermoor* , tonight at the Kennedy Center in DC.

Campus Events

November 3, 5, 6

The Washington College Film Series presents *High Hopes*, a "fascinating, unstable, but deeply humane English comedy" written and directed by Mike Leigh, about a sensitive, shabby young left-wing couple who have been abandoned by Thatcherism. The film begins at 7:30 PM.

November 4

The Coffee House presents blues performers, Willie T. and Dr. X, from 9 PM to 1 AM.

November 5

The Washington College Music Department presents a program celebrating the bicentennial of the French Revolution entitled "Vive la France," featuring several WC musical ensembles, performing French music from the middle ages to the twentieth century. A related article appears on page 10.

November 6

An informal discussion on "Preventing Sexual Assault and Date Rape" will be led by Gerry Roderick, Director of Security at Washington College; Beth Rohmer, from the Counseling Services; and Bob Willus from the Kent County States Attorney's office. As well as self-protection and prevention, the legal aspects and psychological effects of rape will be discussed.

November 7

Senior Fellow at Washington College, Theodore Kurze will lecture as part of the William James Forum. Entitled "The Chrestomathy of Death," his talk deals with the the treatment of the aging in America. The lecture begins at 7:30PM in Hynson Lounge, and is open to the public.

November 9

The Lecture Committee presents Dr. Conrad King of the University of London, speaking on "Cell Motility" at 7:30 PM in the Sophie Kerr Room.

NOVEMBER
Campus Paperback Bestsellers

1. **The Night of the Mary Kay Commandos,** by Berke Breathed. (Little, Brown, $7.95). More *Bloom County* cartoons.
2. **Trevayne,** by Robert Ludlum. (Bantam, $5.95.) The probing of a "hidden government" within the Government.
3. **The Cardinal of the Kremlin,** by Tom Clancy. (Berkley, $5.95.) The rescue of an American secret agent.
4. **The Calvin and Hobbes Lazy Sunday Book,** by Bill Watterson. (Andrews & McMeel, $9.95). Collected cartoons.
5. **The Prehistory of the Far Side,** by Gary Larson. (Andrews & McMeel, $12.95.) Larson's notes and sketches.
6. **Yukon Ho!,** by Bill Watterson. (Andrews & McMeel, $6.95.) The latest Calvin and Hobbes cartoons
7. **Breathing Lessons,** by Anne Tyler. (Berkley, $5.50) An ordinary married couple discovers how extraordinary their lives really are.
8. **The Dance of Anger,** by Harriet Goldhor Lerner. (Perennial, $8.95.) Guide for improving women's personal relationships.
9. **So Worthy my Love,** by Kathleen E. Woodiwiss. (Avon, $10.95.) Historical romance set in England.
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Trial dates set

Mark Cavallaro, Nicholas Darcangelo, and Michael Johnson, who were cited for theft on August 25th, will come before the Kent County District Court on November 21st at 8:45 AM. The three were arrested after being observed loading furniture belonging to Washington College into a truck at night. Darcangelo and Johnson have since been dismissed from the College.

Peter Goode, who was charged with possession of an illegal substance, will face trial on December 5th. Goode was charged when police answered a complaint about a party conducted at the residence. He is an alumnus of Washington College.

Two students released on their own recognizance after being charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance and intent to distribute/manufacture, still await a trial date. Hamilton Brooks Durkee and Jill Mackay Butler were charged on September 7.

Phil-Tom Jackson, former SGA Treasurer who allegedly extorted funds from the Student Government Association last year, is also awaiting his trial. The date was set for Nov. 2 but has been postponed for unknown reasons.

Furniture

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locked after certain hours, yet students can use their room key to have access to the lounge after hours. "In the past, the College had to bolt furniture to the floor but that became a problem when lounges were to be used for large assemblies and the College had to accommodate for that," commented Jerry Roderick, Director of Security.

Security has investigated the disappearance of lounge furniture, finding that most people who have used the furniture in their rooms usually return it by the end of the year. For students who may have sequestered the furniture, there seems to be a positive response from the suggestion of having a grace period, in which it could be returned without any questions asked.

"We will be willing to work with the SGA to facilitate a grace period for the missing furniture to be returned," Baer said.

Ed Maxcy, Associate Dean of the College, explained that when damaged furniture is found, the current policy is to either charge the area of the building or the specific floor, depending on the nature of the situation. "I think the problem is a combination of students taking furniture into rooms elsewhere and the furniture being [allocated] by maintenance for other places and not returning to their original places," commented Maxcy.

Although it is possible that some of the missing furniture could have been relocated during the summer programming at the College, Cathers says that most of the people moving the furniture have been efficient in making maintenance aware of what they are doing, and in returning the furniture to their original places.

Maintenance is in the process of relocating furniture from several other lounges completely furnished to accommodate for the lack of furniture in the Cullen dormitories. Due to the continuing disappearance of furniture, all of the lounges on campus cannot be adequately furnished.

"This seems to be a losing cycle: as fast as we put the furniture in, it either gets damaged or lost," Baer commented.

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a silicon based mineral oil. Some fluid is essential as the basic function of a transformer is to convert high voltage electricity to lower voltages so that it can be utilized. This generates heat and fluid inside is required to absorb that heat.

Baer stated that no PCB fluid has leaked from the old transformer in Miller Library, but in keeping with EPA regulations and in response to their $150,000 fine levied against the school last year, it must be removed.

Baer said that the College will have all transformers removed well before the EPA deadline.

"We are supposed to have them out by January, 1990, but it will be finished by October of this year."

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and presidents from other colleges and universities. Their purpose is to make sure that the points presented in the college's self-analysis report, which has been submitted earlier, are accurate.

After immersing themselves into the life of the campus they write an evaluation. A school can then be credited, credited with certain problems to be solved, or not credited at all by the Middle States Commission.

Washington College was asked to submit a follow-up report in 1986 after the ten year evaluation. Another review team also visited.

Along with this extra report, a periodical review is required every five years. The commission is interested in which recommendations the college has accepted and those which were not.

Covered in this report are topics such as curriculum, long range planning, the action plan for recruitment of minority students and faculty, information or attrition and report on progress toward a college-wide assessment program.

The curriculum section contains recommendations concerning the creation of a statement clearly defining the 32-course plan, and creating a publication for new faculty members to give them a clear understanding of it.

Another aspect of the report concerns the lack of minority students. As a possible remedy the College is willing to place more emphasis on their GPAs and high school activities, and less emphasis on SAT scores.

The college is hoping that the commission will okay the report and not request another follow-up. That would mean that there would be nothing more required until 1993.

MOM'S COOKIE JAR

Next Wednesday, November 8th, the Dining Service is planning another mini food show. This time it will be sponsored by Habeck/Zaitz Food Brokers. One of the featured items that evening will be the very popular Yoplait Yogurts.

The Produce Show put on by Lankford/Sysco last Wednesday evening, at dinner, seemed to have been well received. I was surprised at how well you liked the Jicima. Watch the salad bar, it may just turn up there some time soo

The student's Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 15th. Reservation forms will be available beginning Monday, November 6th, from the numbers lady. Fill out the form and return it to the numbers lady by the end of the lunch meal Tuesday, November 14th. Your reservation form must include reservations for parties of four or eight people.

There will be a pre-dinner reception in the Student Center beginning at 4:00 P.M. Reserved seating for dinner will begin at 4:30 P.M. Those who do not make reservations will be seated last (at approximately 6:00 P.M.). One other thing .... YOU MUST BRING YOUR ID CARD to be admitted in for dinner.

As in previous years, the S.G.A. is sponsoring the "Give-a-Bird" program, affording students an opportunity to donate their Thanksgiving turkeys to the Kent County Department of Social Services, which will be distributed to people less fortunate than ourselves. For every eight students who donate their turkey, a turkey will be given to a needy family. Just remember, to receive credit for the "Give-a-Bird" program, you must attend the dinner.

A special THANK YOU to the members of the S.G.A. Food Service Committee for all their efforts in planning for the Thanksgiving Dinner.

Hopefully the student body will cooperate and make this Thanksgiving Dinner a great success.

To all of you celebrating Birthdays this month, "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" from the W.C.D.S. staff.

Thanks for bearing with us this past week when we were having problems with the dishmachine and had to serve from paper. Your patience and understanding have been greatly appreciated. Hopefully, by the time you read this, the problem will be resolved and the main dining room china will be back in circulation.

That's all for this week. Remember, if anyone has any comments or suggestions, put them on the suggestion board in the main dining room or contact the Supervisor on Duty. Until next week.....................MOM

HIGH HOPES

November 6, 1989
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Recycling project challenges student apathy

by Sharon Bonner

Students have approached the administration in an effort to begin a campus wide recycling program involving administration, faculty, staff and student groups. This program would benefit the College, by reducing costs of disposing trash and at the same time allowing for materials to be reused. The administration has been pursuing the idea of recycling for some time.

Currently the Maintenance Department, Miller Library, the Computing Center, and various administrative and faculty offices are participating in the recycling program. Each office has a bin for white paper to be recycled and some have containers to keep aluminum products. In addition, the library saves newspapers and the Maintenance Department saves metals to be recycled.

"For the most part, the recycling program has been fairly successful, except for people placing the recycling goods in the wrong containers or throwing them in the trash," commented Tim Kirk, Assistant Director of Computing.

Junior Jennifer Eisberg has started to coordinate a recycling program in Queen Anne's dormitory and has already received positive responses from students in that dorm. Planning and Special Projects will supply Eisberg and the dorm with individual trays for holding white paper along with hallway bins to hold cans and bottles.

Eisberg explained that many students had not recycled prior to this time because they were unaware of it and were not sure how to go about recycling. "I think that there is a need for everyone's awareness and education about recycling. Nobody wants to live on an earth filled with garbage," she commented.

"I think that it's important that if this recycling project is successful, then other schools will have an awareness and institute recycling," she said.

The recycling program will also exempt the College from paying additional tipping fees if the policy of the local landfill changes in the future. Currently, the facility requires a tipping fee for only white goods (refrigerators, etc.), tires, and metal materials.

Mr. Stanton, Director of Public Works, said that the present landfill will be closed and a new one will be opened next to it. He explained that there will eventually be a fee for commercial hauling, but whether the College will be charged for additional fees because of this new policy remains to be seen.

To avoid these potential costs linked to unrecycled waste, Clint Baer, Director of Planning and Special Projects, has taken steps toward initiating a comprehensive plan. "What I've done so far is to get the recycling policy proposal through the administration channels," he said.

"Our first priority in this recycling program is to have a cooperative venture, and not to concentrate on making a profit," Baer commented.

However, the SGA is planning to organize a recycling program in the dormitories so that aluminum cans may be converted into cash for the SGA budget. The administration, in cooperation with the SGA, will provide each student organization office with bins and containers for recycling materials, and offices will be given guidelines for the recycling program.

According to Steve Attias, SGA President, the project should be underway by the beginning of next semester.

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Academic Recources Center is scheduled for completion this Spring, but has undergone little noticeble change in the past few weeks. Interested students can visit Bunting to see a model of the building as it eventually should look.
(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

Security enforces parking regulations with a vengeance

by Tracey Connell
Staff writer

Washington College Security has had seven vehicles towed since September for excessive parking violations. Though many students feel victimized by a crack down, security personnel have cited an increase in their staff as the explanation, not renewed attention to old rules.

Current parking policy states that each student and guest at the college is awarded a five ticket limit. Once the limit is exceeded, Security issues an orange violation sticker. Afterward, if the vehicle is found parked in violation of rules, security will have the vehicle towed.

Cars will also be towed if they are a possible impediment to emergency equipment or if they impede the flow of traffic.

Chief of Security, Jerry Roderick, stated that his staff has made an effort to "try to work with people. We send out notices to the vehicle owners to let them know that they have surpassed the reasonable number of tickets. They are invited to come in and speak with me and let me know if they have a legitimate reason why they have five or more tickets."

He also added that "we know there is not enough parking." However, this does not excuse violation of the rules.

Some students argue that parking at night is a problem if the lot near their dorm is full. Many do not want to walk a long distance from another lot at night simply so they can park their car legally.

Said Roderick, "If you have a vehicle and you choose to use it at night, take someone with you. Pull up to the dorm and run in, get someone to ride to the lot and to walk back with you. Using common sense can keep you safe."

Roderick stresses that security is serious about enforcing the rules. "We've revoked several privileges already."

Lenny Thompson, of Security, stated that their staff has increased, thus enabling them to pay more attention to all aspects of their job on campus.

"There are more security officers on duty so we can take more time out to do this. What this means is that we have a safer campus. We are patrolling and when people get tickets at least they can say 'He was here. He was checking. He was watching out.'"

SGA officers to attend leadership conference

by Kyndra Ponder

Two Washington College students, Student Government Association President Steve Attias and SGA Secretary Kevin Kelly, will attend the National Conference on Student Services in Orlando, Florida from November 18-21.

The two were selected by the administration because of the leadership roles each plays on campus. Attias said of the prepaid trip that he plans to enjoy "sun, fun and a few workshops."

At the conference, Attias and Kelly will attend a number of workshops aimed toward "creating an overall effective student government," according to Kelly. The workshops range from is-

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EDITORIAL

Can tickets and towing save us from ourselves?

Call me crazy, but knowing that additional security personnel are out at the crack of dawn putting pink slips under my windshield wipers does not make me feel more, well, secure. Knowing that Security's budget increase is funding more parking patrollers, who in turn may fine me—and possibly have my vehicle towed—for parking in a spot they deem illegal, somehow doesn't make me feel safe.

On the other hand, I might feel better if I knew that the hospital employees and visitors who park in the Minta Martin lot are seeing their vehicles towed for violating parking regulations. After all, issuing tickets to unregistered vehicles does not do one whit of good in deterring them from parking there in the future; those tickets are just crumpled up and thrown away.

Parking tickets are not totally unwarranted, but they are often issued superfluously. A car parked in a space—even if it is not marked as such—without obstructing traffic, fire hydrants, or the like, should not be prey to the eager ticket writer. Not all students use their cars each day; consequently, a student may unwittingly garner an obnoxious number of tickets within a week. Certainly one penalty per week issued to a car which remains in the same place for more than a day is sufficient to make the point, especially since Security is apparently serious about "renew[ing] attention to old rules." A pile of tickets on a windshield doesn't convey this more effectively, apart from landing someone in the poorhouse.

Of course, administrators know about—and students lament—the lack of parking spaces in the lot behind Reid Hall, which is sadly inadequate to meet the needs of the residents of three dormitories. Part of the solution is so obvious that there must be a hitch involved: why not put ten or so parking spots on the lawn separating Reid Hall and Minta Martin? Much of that area is unused and unattractive. Several spots can easily be placed along the line of trees bordering the property. Moreover, this can be accomplished without cutting trees down or razing buildings.

In the meantime, as administrators and student leaders scramble to find a solution to the parking issue, perhaps security officials will curb their eagerness for issuing pink slips to protect us from ourselves.

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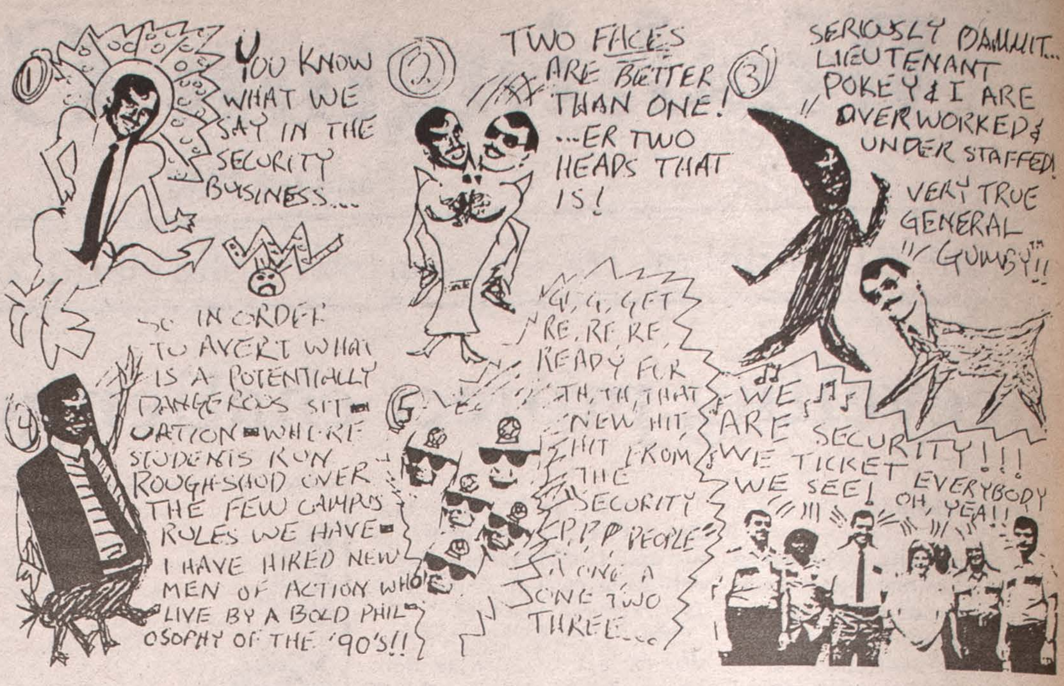
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Letters to the Editor

College's financial aid policies clarified

To the Editor:

In a letter to the Editor in the November 3 issue of The Elm, several statements were made regarding the College's financial aid policies and programs that are unsupported by fact and are unfair to the many friends of Washington College whose generous donations help to support our student aid program as well as other vital works of the College.

The financial aid policies of Washington College have one purpose: to ensure that all available student aid funds are distributed equitably to those individuals who demonstrate financial need. The actual determination of need is a complex process developed by the national College Scholarship Service of Princeton and based on the availability and accuracy of financial information provided by students and their parents. Since there is always a small margin for error in the interpretation of financial data and family circumstances, the financial policies of Washington College include an appeals process whereby a student or parent can ask for and receive special consideration for his or her financial aid application. The appeals process, too, is based on open, two-way communication documented data.

Washington College remains committed to providing eligible students with the financial support they need to meet educational expense. In the last six years, financial aid expenditures at the College have increased from $1.2 million to $2.5 million and new programs, such as the Middendorf Scholarships and Jessie Ball duPont Scholarships, have been created to extend our range of financial aid and scholarship opportunities.

As always, students who have questions about their financial aid status or who wish to initiate the financial aids appeals process are encouraged to contact Mrs. Bonnie Vansant in the Financial Aid Office.

Sincerely,

Nancy Tatum, Chair
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Kevin Coveney
Vice President for Admissions

Bonnie Vansant
Director of Financial Aid

Trick or treat participants commended

To the Editor:

I wish to commend the Washington College student body for its positive approach to celebration of Halloween this year. Security reports glow with praise.

I wish also to call attention to students of Minta Martin, Reid, Queen Anne, Caroline, Kent, East, West, Wicomico, and Somerset who hosted young trick or treaters from town. You make all of Washington College proud.

Sincerely,
Douglass Cater

A Science Editor for *The Elm* next semester?

Since Washington College is an institution of the arts and sciences, it seems appropriate that *The Elm* should reflect the scientific aspect of this school. With this in mind, we're considering the idea of a Science Editor next semester. The kinks haven't been worked out yet, but we need to find interest before we forge ahead.

So, if you're scientifically inclined, if you can write, if you can keep up with current science events, and if you're responsible, you're a prime candidate for the job.

For details, contact Susan Di Leo at extension 321, Student Mail, or Intermail via *The Elm*.

Letters to the Editor

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OPINION

ISSUE: The Coffee House seems to have fallen out of favor with students this year. Why do you think this is and how can the situation be remedied?

C-House can be salvaged

Raphael Koster

Buried in the dark, deep under Hodson Hall, wedged in next to Miss D's: the Coffee House, recently in the news here at Washington College, just because nobody seems to be going there. The question is why?

I have to admit, I like the atmosphere in the C-House. I love the dark, the wooden bar, the candles on the tables, the crummy pool hall and the colored lights. It reminds me of fictional bars from countless movies, of Sam Spade. But I also have to admit that something's wrong when a student center is considered to be a great place to study because it's quiet.

So what are the good things about the Coffee House? It has facilities for entertainment sorely needed in a college that lacks a student rec room. It has ping-pong, it has pool, it has free movies, cheap pizza, and dart boards. It has a great line-up of singers and bands coming through. Why aren't people flocking to enjoy these opportunities?

It can be narrowed down to two things: the condition and the alcohol. As the second is a much more important issue, let's look at it first.

I have heard many students complain about the bartenders at the C-House. Apparently these students came in with alcoholic beverages and the staff asked them to either leave or dispose of the drink. I have heard students say they were not going to the C-House's live performance because they knew they couldn't get beer from the bartenders. Is the C-House being done in by the laws of Maryland?

Probably. One of the problems with liability and the current alcohol laws is that the C-House would land in deep trouble if someone stumbled across 213 at midnight after becoming inebriated at a dance and got hit by a Mack truck heading for Annapolis. And if the C-House staff sees someone whom they believe to be underage drinking on the premises, they have no choice but to assume that the courts would declare them liable in case of an accident: it doesn't matter where the person in question got the beer—who will be the assumed origin if the person leaves the premises and then goes to play in the road?

Nonetheless, alcohol laws are not something the C-House has control over. Rather, they can just try to avoid the problem. Recently, the Lit House came to a similar conclusion upon discovering that the directors would be liable in the event of drinking on the premises. A small college like this one has been bankrupted by a suit similar to these hypothetical ones: we cannot really blame the Coffee House for prudence.

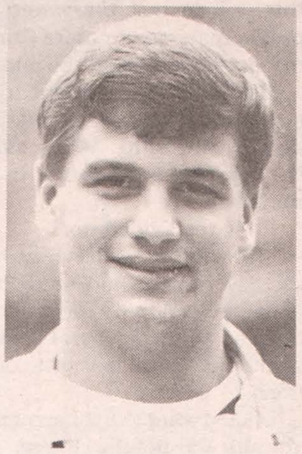
The things that the Coffee House can do are push its strengths. It could supply new pool sticks, to replace all the warped ones that we struggle to play with now. It can publicize interesting events like the Karen Goldberg talk and concert through more audience-targeted methods: like informing all those enrolled in music courses that a singer-songwriter is going to talk about what's like to make a living that way. It can replace old cracked ping-pong paddles faster. It can try to schedule events on better days (blues 'til midnight on a *Monday*?) It can actually organize the tournaments that never materialized: chess and pool, for instance. It can work harder to make sure that the right movies are shown at the right time.

The Coffee House should be a true gathering spot. It isn't. Perhaps we can blame the alcohol policy and the illegal but understandable urges of WC students. Perhaps not. But no matter what, we can't deny the potential inherent in the concept.

After all, it's got such a great atmosphere...

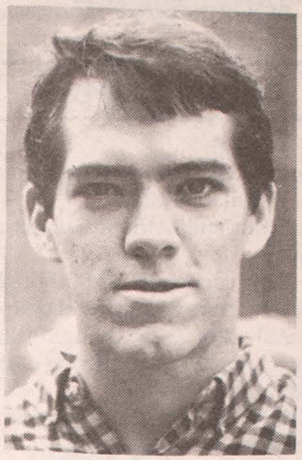
Raphael Koster is a sophomore, Sophie Kerr Scholar, and President of the Spanish Club.

CAMPUS VOICES by Amy L. Undercoffler



F. Graeme Wildman
Valley Forge, PA
Junior

One of the major problems is a lack of communication among the students about upcoming activities. That along with the administration jumbling the social schedule as much as they do.



Jeff Rexford
Westport, CT
Sophomore

I feel the alcohol policy is too strict. Maybe the C-house should offer specials on drinks as do local bars.

Elizabeth Stoudt
Adamstown, PA
Freshman

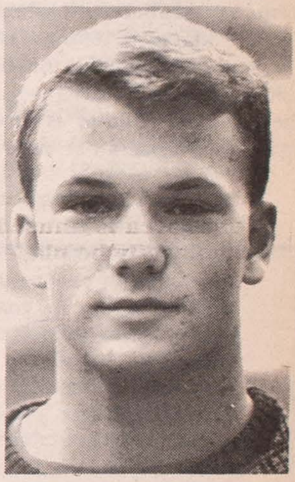
There are too many other activities going on at the same time. I have no idea how to fix it. Maybe the Coffee House should try to schedule bands on Fridays so they don't have to compete with Saturday frat parties.

Beth Skinner
White Hall, MD
Sophomore

The alcohol policy is not the cause of the lack of participation at the Coffeehouse. I think we need to take a poll and find out what the students want. In turn, the college needs to give money to the coffeehouse to make it what the students want. More live entertainment should be scheduled.

Rose Jarboe
Pasadena, MD
Sophomore

A sense of apathy exists among the student body regarding the Coffeehouse and the SGA sponsored activities there. Instead of supporting both the SGA and the Coffeehouse, students choose not to attend any functions. Cohesion among the student body is needed as well as a realization that everything cannot be blamed on the alcohol policy.



Sean White
Annapolis, MD
Junior

I've heard that several years ago the Coffeehouse was used frequently, and that all could get served there. I think the alcohol policy has been the scapegoat for too many situations, but it may be the cause of this problem. If the policy is the problem, then there does not appear to be a solution.

Problem is "deeply rooted at the bottom of a vodka bottle."

Amanda Burt

Alcohol AGAIN? It seems like every problem on the Washington College campus is deeply rooted at the bottom of a vodka bottle.

So, why don't students take advantage of the Coffee House? Alcohol, of course. The Coffee House doesn't serve minors. But wait a minute. It is my impression that it is illegal, according to Maryland laws, to serve alcohol to minors. Could this be a major misconception? Is Washington College the exception to the rule? NO.

I have a problem with people complaining that WC is a "dry campus." Really? When a 19-year-old can walk across campus in broad daylight with several cases of beer and a bottle of hard liquor without being stopped by Security, I would not say that this is a dry campus. And when an 18-year-old is asked by Security to take her glass of alcohol back inside—not to the trash can—I would not classify our campus as "dry."

And people say that there's nothing to do on campus? I disagree. There IS the Coffee House, complete with video games, a pool room, good food, good musical shows, good movies, and good prices. It seems ridiculous that people would turn their noses up at the Coffee House all the time. And if students are so bent on drinking, they could always drink and THEN go to the Coffee House.

Maybe the question to ask is not why students do not take advantage of the Coffee House, but rather why students feel that they have to drink to have a good time. I'll be the first to admit that I have done my share of drinking and will do my share of drinking in the future. But I do not feel like I have to get ripped in order to have a good time with friends.

When the alcohol policy is a prime topic of conversation, that makes a sad statement about the general attitude on campus. If it's that big a deal, then leave.

And it's not as if the administration is out to can everyone for drinking. President Cater himself admitted that if you can't learn to drink on a college campus, where can you learn? I'm sure that in a short while the big question will be "Gee, will the new president of Washington College make the alcohol policy even stricter?"

It's too bad the Coffee House staff is forced to deal with a situation that is: 1) not their fault, and 2) beyond their control. I really cannot think of one valid reason NOT to go to the Coffee House. Co-manager Ryder Daniels thought about making a suggestion box for ways to improve the Coffee House, but dismissed the idea because most of the answers would say, "Serve alcohol."

I'm really sick hearing about the problems with the alcohol policy—this is NOT a dry campus. If I really wanted to get sick I could easily find some Beast.

Amanda Burt is a freshman who writes frequently for The Elm.

PERSPECTIVES

Soviet poll and other ponderings on Perestroika

Laura Hopper

1468 Soviet residents of 16 large and small cities took part in an interesting event at the end of September and beginning of October. It wasn't a demonstration or rally, and it was government supported.

The event was a public opinion poll conducted by the National Public Opinion Research Center, which is run by a sociologist, Tatyana I. Zaslavskaya. The subject of the poll was the Soviet economy, and the results were perhaps slightly disturbing.

Mikhail Gorbachev has brought the Soviet Union many changes: he has improved relations with the West, and introduced a measure of freedom of the press. However, he has failed to bring economic prosperity—or even recovery—to the Soviet Union.

The poll on the economy was done at the request of the Leonid Abalkin, Chairman of the State Committee on Economic Reform. The people who participated were asked several questions about the Soviet economy, ranging from the condition of the economy to whether or not they felt the reforms would succeed to where to lay the blame if reform failed. The general tone of the questions asked seems quite negative, as if the Research Center is biased against Gorbachev's reforms. The answers are also quite negative.

On the subject of the Soviet economy:

56% of the people interviewed thought the Soviet economy was in critical condition

38% thought the situation was bad.

2% responded they thought the economy was in good shape.

Asked if they thought that Gorbachev's restructuring of the economy might fail:

57% of those interviewed said it might fail

19% thought it might succeed.

Asked about changes in both the economy and personal well being:

52% responded that they felt the economy was in significantly worse shape than it had been 3 to 5 years ago

47% saw no change in their personal well-being in the same period.

The poll indicated growing support for some of the changes suggested by Gorbachev, such as worker-owned factories and the decontrolling of prices and private property. It also showed growing resentment for those people who have benefited from Gorbachev's new economic program. Abalkin is perhaps using this poll to test the waters on public response to more drastic measures that might be ahead.

The poll also brought a few criticisms of Gorbachev's economic leadership. **When asked if they had confidence in tomorrow:**

57% responded no.

39% of those interviewed felt the government had no definite plan for coping with the economy but had instead general ideas of what to do in the current conditions.

Asked what the Government should do in the event the economy does not improve within the next 3 to 5 years:

26% thought the government should resign

27% thought the government should then offer a new economic program

34% suggested they fire the people who didn't do what they were supposed to do.

Of the people interviewed, 24% felt that Gorbachev's economic program would fail.

When asked why the economic program might fail, the interviewees gave a variety of responses:

44% thought it would be the government bureaucracy.

25% felt it might be organized crime and the black market.

21% suggested a general indifference to work might be to blame.

15% felt incompetence on the part of the leadership might cause economic reform to fail.

6% felt that economic reform might be ended by a coup.

The poll seems to indicate that more Soviets are becoming open and supportive of the general idea of change, and that they might even support economic change that would produce some very painful side effects, such as high inflation, shortages, reductions in the standard of living.

The poll also showed that the Soviets are perhaps not ready to let go of some of the foundations of communism. Only half of those surveyed thought that the government should grant economic freedom to the republics or to factories and farms. Among these people polled at least, there is a sense of wanting the government to protect them from the "mercy of the marketplace" higher prices and capitalist competition. The poll indicated that the Soviet citizen still wants the government to set prices, and in the event of a shortage, favors government imposed rationing over raising prices, which leads a westerner to wonder if these people are really ready for a western style economy with its emphasis on survival of the fittest. Yet when asked to place blame for the current state of the economy, 1 out of every 5 people polled blamed the very nature of socialism.

This poll reinforces a growing idea in both the Soviet Union and the West that Gorbachev's program of *perestroika* is in trouble. Legislators in the Supreme Soviet expounded at great length why the government should cut off funding for the "Exhibition of Economic Achievements." The Exhibition is a large park in Moscow with several museums lauding the achievements of socialism adjoining it. The feeling in the Supreme Soviet seems to be that they have no need to glorify Socialist labor when the Soviet Union is unable to produce anything.

This poll did not go into any detail about how people in the Soviet Union feel about Gorbachev as a leader, but it does show discontent with his economic leadership. In the Soviet Union, there are more people calling for the government to take stronger measures both politically and economically. Gorbachev recently held a closed

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NOTICE:

To anyone planning independently to attend the N.O.W.'s *Mobilize for Women's Lives Rally* at the Lincoln Memorial--

Washington College is registered as an official delegation; our appointed meeting place is The Museum of American History.
Students traveling to D.C. with the Margaret Horsely Society will be at the museum between 10:30 and 11:30 A.M.
Meet us there, and be a part of W.C.'s delegation.
(Some spaces on the vans are still available, sign up in Student Affairs by 4:00 P.M. on Friday)

News from around the world: Webster defines new CIA role in coups

UNITED STATES:

CIA director William H. Webster said last Saturday that the Bush Administration has given Congress a new legal interpretation of the ban on US involvement in covert assassinations. Webster began drafting the new interpretation immediately after the failed Panamanian coup on October 3. The new interpretation of the ban would allow the CIA to help coup plotters in other countries as long as the death of a political leader was not their explicit goal. The CIA can offer assistance in the removal of foreign leaders who are then "killed accidentally."

President Bush has decided to postpone his struggle for the passage of the proposed capital gains tax cut. The proposed cut was killed on the Senate floor last month. "...the stalemate must be broken.", said the President last Thursday. The tax cut has been one of the most partisan issues recently. In 1990, the Republicans vowed to "take up the struggle again.". Next week legislation for increasing the federal government's ability to borrow money to finance its deficit will be up for passage. An overhaul of the Medicare health insurance program will also come up for passage. Included will be legislation concerning allowances for victims of catastrophe, which has come under some criticism.

Four demonstrators burned an American flag on the steps of the US Capitol last week. Among the demonstrators was Gregory Lee Johnson, who was convicted in 1984 for burning a flag at the Republican Convention. Mr Johnson's conviction led to the Sumpreme Court decision that flag burning was legal. Mr Johnson's action was protesting the Flag Protection Act of 1989, passed last month by Congress. The Supreme Court may still declare the Act unconstitutional, in which case Congress might try to press for an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting flag burning.

Last week, the Administration and Congress agreed to an increase in the minimum wage. It will be raised to $3.80 an hour in April, to be followed by another hike to $4.25 an hour the following year. Advocates of raising the minimum wage were forced to concede to the new "training wage" for teenagers, whereby a worker would receive $3.23 an hour for the first 6 months.

EAST GERMANY:

500,000 East Germans demonstrated, without police interference, in East Berlin last weekend for greater freedom and political change. By the end of the weekend, 17,000 East Germans had emigrated to West Germnay by way of Czechoslovakia through the reopened Czech/East German border. Meanwhile, 760,000 applications have been filed by people hoping to leave East Germany legally. It is estimated that 1% of the population has emigrated to the West over the last ten months.

Egon Krenz, the new East German leader, had tried to stem the mass exodus. In a nationally televised address a day earlier, he entreated citizens to remain in the country. "Your place is here. We need you...", he told East Germans. Mr.Krenz has promised "far-reaching" reforms of the Constitution, economy, education system and administration. Other proposed changes include: alternatives for young men who refuse military service on grounds of conscience, less censorship of the media and free travel. "We want full sovereignty for the people of East Germany. Our aim is to reform the political system. At its center is the citizen and his free expression" After returning from a visit to the Soviet Union and Poland, where he had met with Mikhail Gorbachev and Tadeusz Mazaweicki, respectively, Mr. Krenz commented, "I can take a lot of good from this experience to my country."

As far as having enacted changes, Mr Krenz has made it easier for refugees to go on to West Germany and dismissed six Politburo members. The six members were all between the ages of 73-81 years old, and generally considered to represent the older generation adhering to a hard-line Communist model.

SOVIET UNION:

KGB Chief Vladmir Kryuchkov criticized the KGB's role in the crimes of Josef Stalin, leader of the Soviet Union from 1928-1953. Mr Kryuchkov talked of the "bitter history" of the Stalinist period, saying it had "deformed the Leninist conception." In doing so, Mr Kryuchkov clung to the official version of Soviet history which denies allegations that the forced labor camps had actually begun under Lenin. By "remembering those who suffered," Mr.Kryuchkov said, they would insure that repressions of the past will never be repeated.

Alexander Dubcek appeared in a Soviet TV interview last week. Mr. Dubcek was Czechoslovakia's reformist leader in August 1968, when the Soviet Union invaded the country and deposed him. The sympathetic portrayal by the Soviets of Mr. Dubcek conveyed the shock of Czechoslovakians when Soviet tanks rolled into Prague. Though the invasion has been "obliquely criticized" by the Soviet Union, it has not been officially condemned, as it has been by Poland and Hungary. The hard line Czechoslovakian leadership, however, complained to the Soviet Union about the interview with Dubcek, and a documentary similar to it by Soviet film maker Arkadi Ruderman.

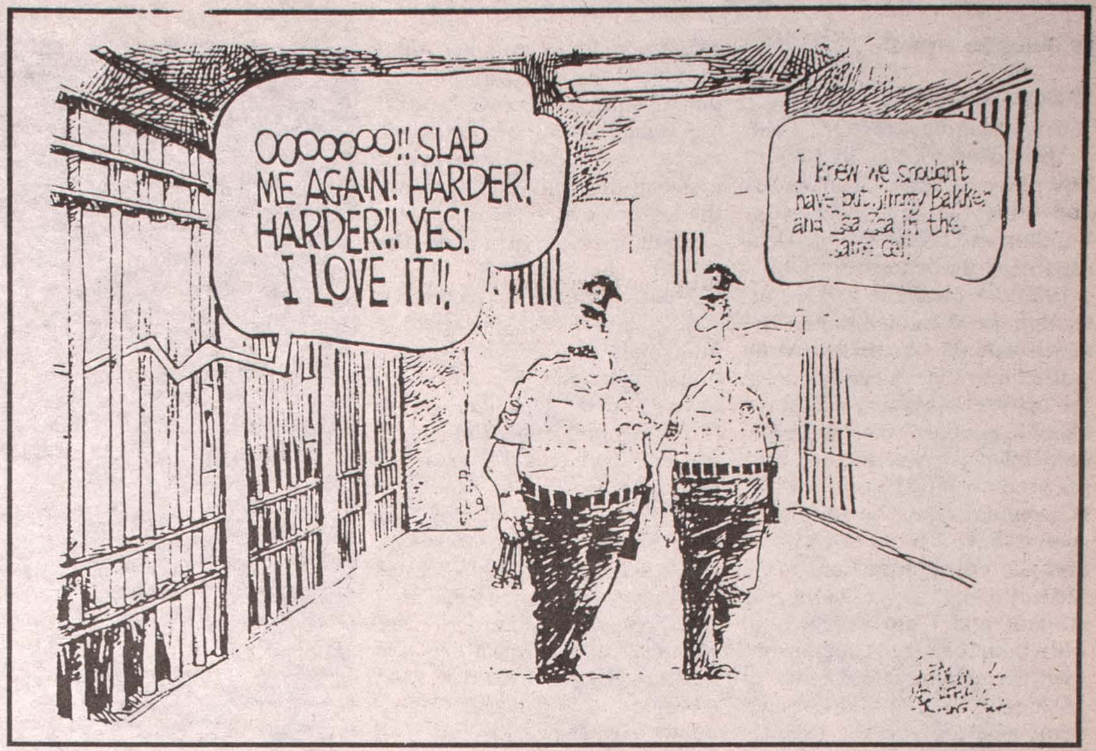
NICARAGUA:

The Nicaraguan president, Daniel Ortega called off the cease fire between the contras, and the Sandinists last Wednesday. The following day, President Bush called the decision a "shameful blow to democracy" and a measure which could provoke the US to renew military aid to the contras. Ortega's actions have raised doubts about whether or not the Ortega government is sincere in its professed commitment to democracy. While the cease fire must be renewed every 60 days, Mr.Ortega did not call it off. Rather, Mr.Ortega said it was provoked by contra attacks, particularly the killing last month of 19 reservists on their way to vote. According to the Tela agreement, signed by four other Central American countries in February, the contras were to demobilize by December 5, in order for the elections scheduled in next February to proceed freely. Mr. Ortega's decision has been termed"an attempt to force the demobilization of the insurgent army." Mr Ortega left open the possibility of restoring truce through negotiations with the contras.

EL SALVADOR:

The Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMNL) has decided to withdraw from cease fire talks scheduled for November 20 and 21 in Caracas, Venezuela. Their decision was prompted by the bombing of a leftist trade union by a rightist group, which killed 10 people and wounded 29. The FMNL refuses to take part in future negotiations unless the president can offer better guarantees of protection. The growing political polarization and rising violence in his country has caused President Alfredo Cristiani to move from his presidential residence for "safety reasons".

compiled by Cecile Gutscher from the New York Times, Washington Post and Time Magazine. Ms Gutscher is a junior majoring in International Studies.


OOOOOOO!! SLAP ME AGAIN! HARDER! HARDER!! YES! I LOVE IT!!
I knew we shouldn't have put Jimmy Bakker and Zsa Zsa in the same cell.

Soviet economy poll

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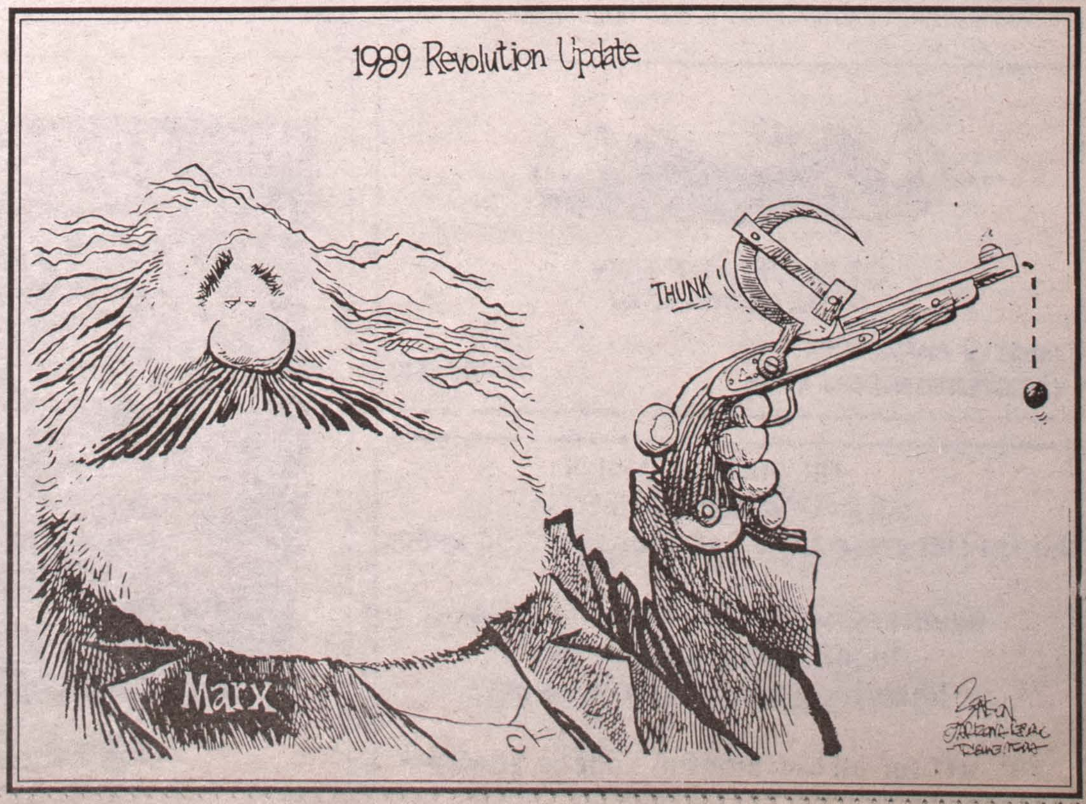
meeting with the editors of the Soviet Union's major newspapers, asking them to tone down criticism of his programs and policies and to accentuate the positive aspects.

Recent Soviet actions may be tied very closely to the economic situation. Gorbachev's announcement in Finland that the Soviet Union has no right to interfere in the affairs of eastern Europe could also be an outgrowth of the current economic situation in the Soviet Union; it costs the Soviet Union a great deal to keep armies in East Germany, and the rest of the Warsaw Pact countries. With Gorbachev hoping to redirect resources from military to civilian use, a nonintervention policy would be both pleasing to the West and a sound financial move. Who knows? Could *perestroika* be the Soviet master plan to getting economic aid from the western industrialized democracies?

Laura Hopper is a junior majoring in International Studies, she is also Elm Perspectives Editor. The poll appeared in the New York Times.



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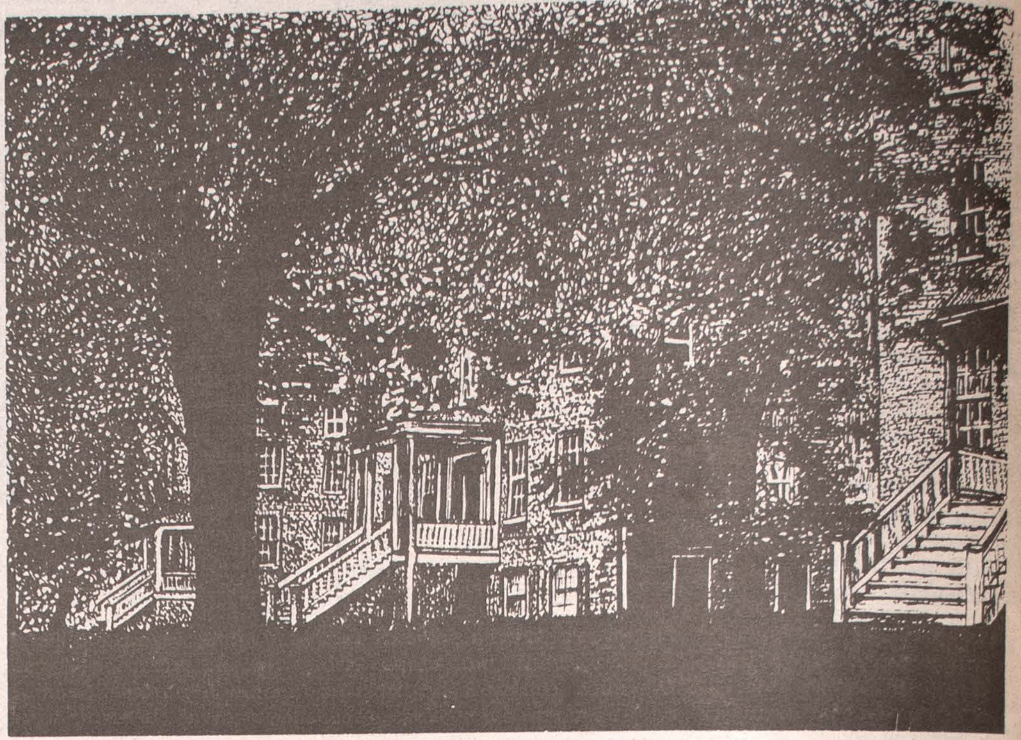
Studying at Washington College in 1826



"I am satisfactorily settled into the college building, the two fellows I board with being likeable enough." (illustration by Debbie Kulich)

by Jennifer Grindle

30 September 1826

Finishing now my first week at the College in Chester Town. The place is quaint and small, and quite the center for shipbuilding and trade. We are situated near the waterfront which provides a pleasant breeze, although the humidity may be the death of us all. I am satisfactorily settled into the college building, the two fellows I board with being likeable enough. One is a pale, quiet fellow, very concerned with his studies, but the other, Billy, is a regular chap, he should be good to have a bit of fun with. I find the curriculum here to be rather taxing. I am yet a first year student and I am expected to learn both Latin and Greek grammar, the more complex forms of arithmetic, and to read Caesar's *Commentaries* and the first six books of Virgil's *Aenid*.. Master Baker, the steward of the men's rooms, is rather a sour and strict man with an immense hooking nose. I had not even been here four hours before he came and told Billy and I our riotous behavior would not be tolerated, but that he was indulging us because it was our first day. I don't know what to think of these regulations, but I'm sure I'll be able to make a good enough time of my term here.

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No student shall make any noise either in the hours of study or amusement within or without the College to the interruption of those within disposed to study.

-13 October 1826

Was fined twelve and a half cents today. Master Edwards was having us recite an unusually odious string of verb conjugations in Latin and my mind wandered out the window to a playful squirrel who was scurrying busily about on the ledge next to me. I don't know why I insist on sitting in the recesses of the lecture hall, it makes it very difficult to concentrate on the lesson. In any case, Master Edwards stopped the recitation, had me stand, and proceeded to admonish me in front of my peers and impose the fine. He also ordered me to the seat closest to him. Billy had a good laugh over my fine and said he amassed some five dollars in fines last year. He went on to tell me of the time Master Edwards went to strike a student with his pointer and tripped, his weapon flying out the open window. I fell over with guffaws and within seconds Master Baker and his nose stormed in and loudly reprimanded us. I fear we've gotten on his bad side already, and I on Master Edwards' as well. And here it is only a month into the term!

Hereby Give Notice

That they have engaged Miss Henderson to open a school for young ladies in that large and commodious house in Chester Town. In this school young ladies will be taught spelling, reading, plain sewing, marking on samplers, tambouring, chinelle, filagree and fancy work.

Rule 8th. Any student who shall be guilty of immoral conduct, such as quarreling, cursing, swearing, or immodest conversation, shall for the first offense be fined a sum not exceeding two dollars, for the second shall be privately admonished, for the third publicly.

-8 November 1826

What a fortunate turn of events! It was announced last week that the young ladies of Miss Henderson's school are to sit in on our English grammar classes once a week in addition to their other training. Wednesday last was the ladies' first day, and the day I met Miss Sarah Chase, a tiny, buxom thing with sweetest looking mouth I've ever seen. The seat she chose is just in front of me at the head of the class and I spent so much time gazing at her that I was almost fined again. I even approached her as we left, but I was intercepted by Miss Henderson, whose resemblance to an angry hen quickly frightened me away. Yesterday was the second time I saw her. I hurried past old Miss Henderson and reached Sarah just as she was about to leave the building. I only had time to introduce myself when I saw Miss Henderson and Master Edwards hastening toward us. Hurriedly, I blurted to her that she had beautiful eyes and was about to hurry away when Master Edwards seized me by the arm. He told me in no uncertain terms that the men of the college were not to interact with the ladies except under supervised conditions and furthermore, that my ungentlemanly comment violated a college rule. But a two dollar fine is a small price to pay for the radiant smile bestowed on me by Miss Sarah Chase.

There shall be no running about in the dining room, nor any pulling or throwing victuals during meals.

In response to complaints by students the board announced: On three days of the week you will have at your dinner both fresh and salted meat. On those days in which salted meat only is provided a plain dessert will be added to your dinner and on every day you will have two dishes of different kinds of vegetables. You are not restricted in the quantity of coffee at your breakfast and supper. In directing this bill of fare, the Board are of the opinion that they have given you quite as good a one as the steward can furnish for the price of board which he receives from you.

-27 November 1826

Yet another hefty fine added to my growing debt. It began in the dining room this evening during prayers. The portion of meat which had been placed before us was so rank that it surely must have been rotten and it had us all gagging. The steward was thanking God for blessing us with His wholesome food and I whispered to Billy that it was a shame that the steward hadn't seen his way to bless us with some himself. But the penalty for my humorous remark and the soft chuckles it caused was five dollars. Master Edwards informed me that the sum of my fines was almost the highest since the rules had been implemented. He warned me that any further violations may make me subject to dismissal. My opinion at this point, however, is that dismissal may be the best course I could follow. Then, at least I would be free of this monastary which calls itself a college.

Rule 9th. *No student shall in any way or manner injure the buildings of the College, or its appurtenances, under a penalty of double damages.*

-10 January 1827

Billy whispered to me during recitation today that he received a parcel containing some expensive cigars. We plan to avoid the steward and go down to the cellar after supper to smoke a few. I wrote to father today asking him if I might not quit this place and come back to the plantation. I've had enough learning for one lifetime and this place is beginning to weary me. Fined another twelve and a half cents for being late to lecture.

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Creative tips for weekend

People have spent most of this school year complaining about the lack of activities on campus. The problem seems to lie in the fact that most students are not looking to sit around in the Coffee House, Dr. Pepper in hand, and watch an acoustic guitarist jam on weekends. This is no fault of the Coffee House–it's just that Washington College students are looking for more exciting things to entertain them. Dumping beer on people used to do the trick, but the administration is trying to end this sport by disbanding campus fraternities. Except for the KA's, of course, but they're having too much fun wasting tons of dry ice to worry about unloading a keg on innocent bystanders.

Brett Lankford

Anyway, my point is that people need to find some other form of entertainment on this campus. Don't just sit around and complain about being bored. Do something about it. Be creative. That's why you came to a liberal arts college, isn't it? There are numerous possibilities for fun on this campus that haven't even been considered yet. Here are a few examples, just to get those creative juices flowing.

-Tear up power lines, phone lines, cut cable lines, etc. You don't think this can be fun? The construction workers have been doing this for the past year and a half, and look how much fun they're having! Be sure to whistle and make sexist remarks to the women as they walk by, just to get the full effect. Who knows what interesting damage you can do to the campus?

-Try to solve a mystery baffling the great minds of campus. No one, not even Clint Baer, can find the missing lounge furniture. Just think how popular you would be! Your days of sitting on a cold lounge floor will end. In addition, other bored people could start stealing the furniture back again. While you're at it, you may want to help security solve the Case of the Destroyed Film Roll.

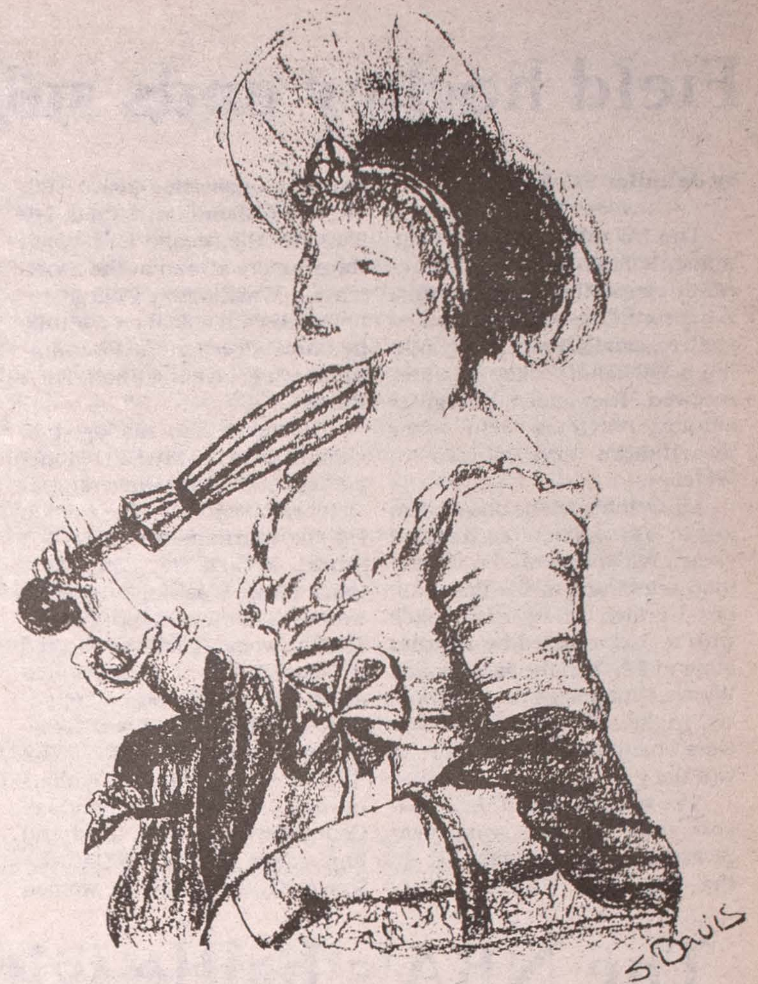
-You can write out parking tickets. Join in a fad that's sweeping the nation, or at least the WC Security Department. Fill out as many pink slips as possible, then place them on those cars not parked in one of the five legal parking spaces at this college. If you're good enough, they may let you join maintenance and drive around campus in their ultra-modern, high-tech, all-terrain golf carts.

-Start your own mudslide. There's no reason to wait until MayDay to partake in this fun festivity. Why not do it now, when you can actually wear clothes while sliding? This drastically diminishes the chances of doing some serious injury to important parts of your anatomy. It will also put this college's abundance of mud to good use.

-Try to dodge those cars that refuse to stop at the crosswalk. I realize this is an everyday event, but add some rules that will give a little excitement to the game. Require more talented performers to wear a blindfold and use crutches. Double a person's points if they successfully avoid a truck with a gun rack. Make it so a person automatically wins if they are able to shove a KA in front of a moving vehicle. This should add some excitement to your life.

-Help decide the future leader of this fine institution. Play a game of Pin the Tail on the President! Line up any men or women who are applying for this important job, then spin around three times and take your pick. Make sure these people like rain, student apathy and *"The Dukes of Hazzard."* Once these requirements are met, it's up to you to decide our future.

These are just a few untapped options for fun on this campus. Surely there are many other chances for fun available to the WC student. Of course, the option of getting drunk and throwing up out a second-story window is still there for the less inventive student. Still, wouldn't it be a thrill to tell your parents about your many new ideas for having fun at Washington College? Try to keep these suggestions in mind when you're bored silly this weekend.



"...Miss Sarah Chase, a tiny, buxom thing with sweetest looking mouth I've ever seen." *(illustration by Sharon Davis)*

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Between the hours of seven and eight o'clock last night the alarm of fire was given in our village. It was soon discovered to proceed from Washington College. This fire originated in the cellar under the common hall or center building in a quantity of hay or fodder. It is not known whether by accident or design. - Chestertown Telegraph

On the Burning of Washington College

January 11, 1827

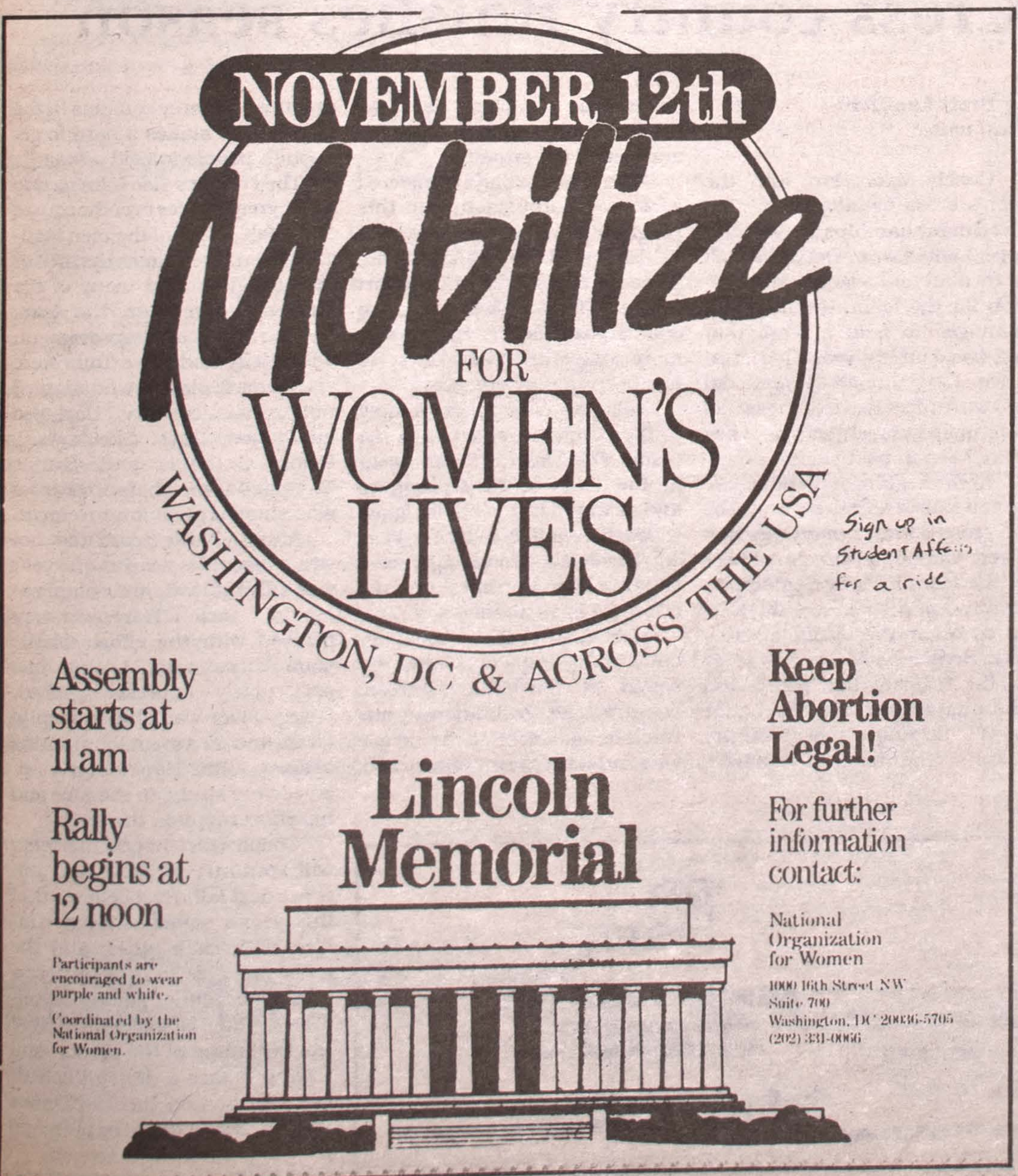
This fabric das'ling with effulgent glare
Thy name, immortal Washington did bare;
We saw it long Destruction's dart withstand,
We saw it once the pride of our land,
We see it now wrapt in devouring fire,
The ruins hasting: - -Oh! misfortune dire.

Tis gone, adieu, within thy walls no more
Will we Appolo's garden shine implore,
Why should the fates this awful hour decree?
Why should they force fair science to flee?
Why should the golden Vesta *wield her sway*
O'er thee, O, Virgil, brightest of the day?

-20 January 1827

Tragedy struck the college this past week. A raging fire broke out in the cellar and burned the entire building to the ground. Indefinitely, classes are to be held in the customs house, a large, brick building on the waterfront. Strangely enough, this unfortunate circumstance has somehow endeared me to the old school and its strict taskmasters. I've written to Father, and he's agreed to finance another term. As far as my disciplinary problem, the Board has decided to wipe the slate clean because of the loss of so many students after the fire. Billy is staying on, and hopefully the two of us will manage to stay out of trouble and complete our education to the satisfaction of our parents.

The Board anticipates that your good and correct principles will induce you to think seriously of the folly and fatal consequences of the course of transgression and you will be incited to adopt a plan of life and of attention to your studies which will greatly gratify your parents, family and friends, add to your usefulness and respectability in society and insure yourselves the most permanent source of happiness throughout life.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SPORTS

Field hockey ends solid season

by Jennifer Stickney

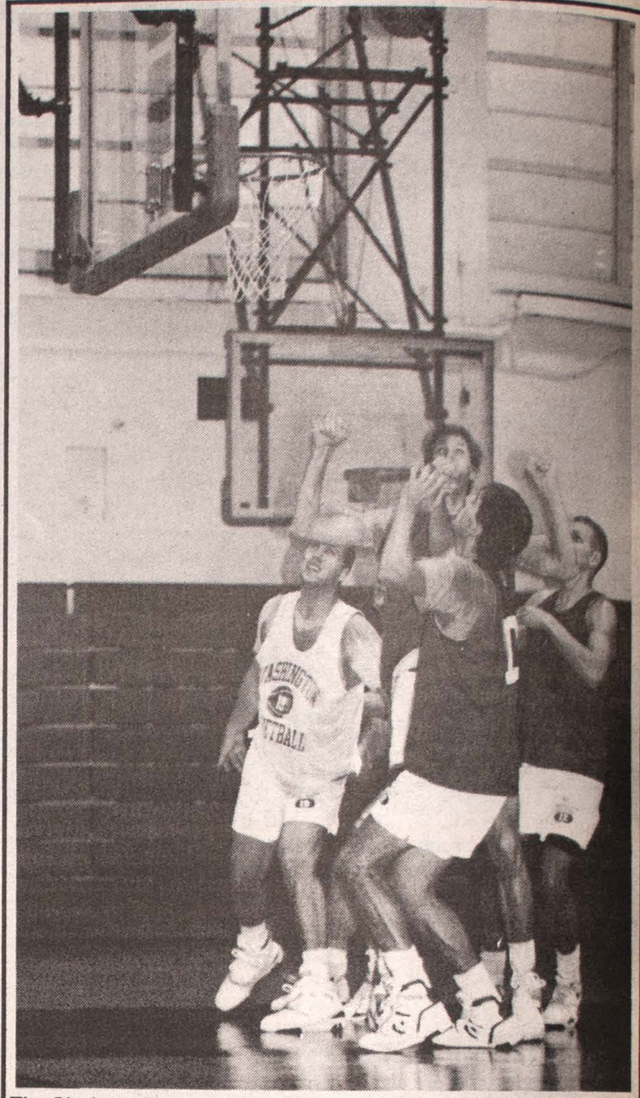
The Washington College women's field hockey team recently closed their season with a 7-6 record. The team was ranked sixth regionally, the highest ranking a WC field hockey has ever received. They ended the regular season with a win over Swarthmore and a loss to Widener.

On October 24 the Sho'women lost to Widener in a rescheduled game. Widener scored with only 9:36 remaining in the first half, but Carolyn Athey came back with a goal assisted by Heather Mayr at 14:45 in the second half. Widener managed to outshoot WC in the second half, and they were able to score once more to win the game 2-1.

The women ended their season with a 2-1 win over Swarthmore on October 31. In the first half, Carolyn Athey scored an unassisted goal at 9:08. The team maintained their 1-0 lead into the second half, when Swarthmore scored at the 24:48 mark. Washington College rebounded with a goal on a stroke by Carole Reece at the four minute mark to give the Sho'women the win.

The team also managed to place third in the MWCFHA tournament at Catholic University on October 28 and 29. The women left the tournament with a 1-2 record. In their first game of the tournament, Washington College won over Mount St. Mary's 2-1. The Sho'women goals were scored by Carole Reece and Carolyn Athey. The team's second opponent of the weekend was Georgetown University. The Sho'women suffered an embarrassing 4-0 loss at the hands of Georgetown. In their third and final game, WC lost to Catholic University 2-1. Still, the women played a good game and were very persistent.

While at the MWCFHA tournament, Washington College field hockey players competed for positions on one of the four teams sent to the USFHA Southeast Tournament. The tournament will be played this weekend in Virginia Beach. Carole Reece and Donna White were selected to the first team, while Carolyn Athey and Amy Tiehel are members of the second team. Brigid DeVries, Erin O'Neal and Kristen Phalen were chosen for the third team. The fourth team includes Heather Mayr, Jennifer Sloan and Debbie Walsh. These women should be congratulated on the honors. The women have also completed a very successful season. With only one senior graduating and several strong freshmen returning, the WC field hockey should be just as good next season.



The Sho'men men's basketball team recently began practice for their quest for the MAC title and an NCAA tournament berth. The season begins November 17. (photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

The NBA's battle with drugs

by Brett Lankford
Staff writer

The National Basketball Association has quietly made a great stride in their effort to ban drug use in the league. Commissioner David Stern, the key figure in the NBA's recent prosperity has taken another step to improve the sport. All rookies will be tested for drugs three times during their initial season. The drug tests will be random in order to prevent players from concealing their drug use. This action keeps the NBA far ahead of other professional sports when it comes to drug prevention in the league.

The other professional leagues should take steps to follow in the footsteps of the NBA. The National Football League has consistently been soft on drug users. Kevin Mack should be back in a Cleveland Brown uniform within the next few weeks, and he was recently released from jail on counts of drug possession and distribution. Of course, this is the same league that attempted to welcome convicted rapist Mossy Cade back to football. Obviously the NFL is not too concerned with the drug problem in their league.

There are also differences in the severity of the punishment that violators receive. In the NFL, players such as Lawrence Taylor is suspended for four games. Any violators of the new NBA rule will be banned from basketball for the entire season. Which rule is more likely to make players think twice before using drugs? This is just one more example of the present superiority of commissioner David Stern and the NBA.

Cross country finishes season

by Brett Lankford
Staff writer

Coach Mike Hart and the men's cross country team survived many harships during their recent fall season. Despite a lack of turnout and a lack of recognition for the team, the men still managed to field a team that improved on last year's performance. Even though the team did not win a meet this fall, the squad was more competitive than they have been in past years.

At the beginning of the school year it looked as if there would be no cross country team this fall. There were only three members of the team in early September, and two of the runners were injured before the season started. Noel Breger was the only member of the team at this point, and there appeared to be little chance of WC fielding a cross country team. The team was saved, however, as a number of lacrosse players built up some interest and joined the squad.

"The lacrosse players injected a life and enthusiasm into this program when we really needed it," Hart said. "The players deserved a lot of credit for the effort they put forth. Their presence enabled us to field a team and be more competitive than the team has been in previous years."

This was a new sport for most of the people involved with the team. This was Hart's first year in the cross-country program, and he found it very challenging. "I learned a lot myself," Hart commented. "Coaching cross-country is a lot different from coaching basketball."

Hart also realized the difficulty in fielding a cross-country squad. "It's hard to have a cross-country team without a spring track team. Most of the people who run want to run year round, and they can only compete in the fall here. It makes it hard to get enough people to field a team."

The runners also managed to make great strides over the course of the fall. Most of the men managed to cut their times by three or four minutes, and many of the lacrosse players on the team showed marked improvement. John Kelly and Dave Taibl were two lacrosse players who adapted well to cross country. Hart also mentioned Dave Slomkowski, Kevin Colbeck and Curtis Campbell as members of the team who showed great improvement.

Although the team did not win a meet this season, the year was full of individual accomplishments. Coach Hart was very pleased with the efforts of the squad's runners, noting one particularly impressive effort. "Greg Oliver was able to step in for us and do a great job running against Johns Hopkins. He finished very strong in the race and his effort inspired the team."

Coach Hart hopes the team will continue to grow and improve next fall. Hart believes that this year's squad enjoyed running with each other, and the team was able to develop a certain comraderie among themselves. After facing extinction at the beginning of the season and having to face a difficult schedule, the men on the 1989 cross country team should be prepared for competition next season.

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Vomen's swim team dives into new year

he women's swim teamprepares for their first meet of the year ext Wednesday against Salisbury *(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)*

by Brett Lankford
Staff writer

Coach Dennis Berry leads the Washington College women's swim team into their fifth season starting Wednesday, November 15 against Salisbury State. Last year marked the most successful season in swim team history, with the Sho'women storming to a 9-3 record and pushing their career record over .500. The success of the swim team was a key part of the banner year women's athletics had last year. The women's teams are doing just as well this year, and Coach Berry hopes his swimmers can follow the precedent set by this year's field hockey and volleyball programs.

"It's important for other women's teams to set the trend and the mood for the women's swimming program," Berry said. "We're hoping to get a boost from the success of this year's volleyball and field hockey teams. It should help to allow us to continue our stability and growth."

The swim team is doing a solid job on their own. Last year's winning record indicates the stabilization of a very young program. In addition, the team has grown rapidly in five years. This year's team has six new swimmers, including three sophomores who have decided to try out in their second year at college. "Our team is committed to having a wide range of abilities on the squad. We can have someone in Lane 1 trying to qualify for the NCAA's while putting someone in Lane 8 who is swimming just for the competitive nature of the sport. That's one of the benefits of the swimming program."

There are swimmers on the team who have solid chances of reaching the NCAA Championships in February. Sophomore Kasey Carroll competed in the NCAA's last year, and she figures to lead a young team into the pool this season. Carroll will be looking to qualify for the NCAA's in the first meet of the year, and she should continue to shine on the Sho'women squad.

The team is without Jen Korten, a backstroke specialist who graduated last spring. Korten never lost a backstroke race at home in her four years at this school, and her presence will be missed. Still, Coach Berry thinks the team has enough talent to cover up for Korten's absence. "Jen Korten will be hard to replace, but we do have experienced swimmers on the team. Vicky Vahos may be stepping in Jen's place, and she should do a good job. It will be a challenge to see how we respond without Jen swimming backstroke, but we should be all right."

There are other veterans on the team this season. Vicky Carroll is a senior who is a very versatile swimmer, while Kerstin Kjellberg has proven her ability in stiff competition. Samantha Streamer placed in the 100 meter freestyle at last year's MAC championships, and she has set a number of goals for this season's MAC competition. Leslie Newcombe and Karen Brady are other swimmers who will lend experience to this year's squad.

Three freshmen have also joined the WC swimming program. Jennifer Pula has come from a strong swimming program in high school, and Bridget Ferris has proven to be an extremely versatile performer. Amy Capone is another freshman who has shone in the early season practices. Capone also comes from a very strong background and showing her ability in many different strokes.

This year's women's swim team faces their toughest schedule in the history of their program. The women start off the season against a couple of very talented schools, then will be tested by four MAC teams at the end of the schedule. The upgraded schedule should present a challenge for the women this year, but their mixture of youth and experience should lead the women's swim team to another solid season.

Crew conquers Occuquan

by Brett Lankford
Staff writer

The Washington College crew team added another notch to an extemely successful fall season, rowing a good series of races at the Head of the Occuquan last weekend. Three of the seven boats were awarded medals in on the Occuquan as the team ended the fall with their best showing of the season.

The men's varsity eight earned third place in their race, defeating a number of talented boats in the process. George Mason was the only college to place ahead of the varsity eight, with the Potomac Boat Club taking first in the race. Two of the WC men in the boat were injured, making their high finish even more impressive. Will Brandenburg rowed with an injured knee, while John McCarthy was troubled by shoulder problems. The women's varsity four was equally impressive in their race. The women battled a tough field and also earned third place in their race.

The men's varsity four boat rowed their best race of the fall season at the Occuquan. The boat came in fifth out of approximately sixteen competitors and showed improvement from the beginning of the year. The men did not earn a medal, but they still rowed a very solid race.

Coach Chatellier was also pleased with the performance of the novice boats. The novice women's eight earned their second medal of the fall season, placing third out of nine boats in the race. The novice women have won more medals than any other boat in the fall season, adding their third place finish to their first place showing at the Navy Day Regatta.

The men's novice eight finished eight out of twenty boats, despite competing in a difficult circumstance. The boat was late arriving at the starting area, and they were forced to wait with two other boats until the other boats were finished. The men's novice eight were forced to row with two other late boats, but they managed to row a very good race. Coach Chatellier noted that WC will see many of the boats from the Occuquan during the spring season, and he suggested that these races would be a good preparation for future races.

Two other novice boats competed on the Occuquan last Saturday. A men's novice four and a women's novice four joined in the competition, and it was the second race of the day for the members of both boats. Despite this tiring schedule, both boats rowed very solid races. The novice rowers impressed Chatellier with their resilience.

Coach Chatellier was very pleased with the overall performance of the team on the Occuquan. Every boat finished in the upper half of their race, and everyone came away from the race with a positive feeling. The last competition of the fall takes place in Philadephia on November 18. Two novice eight boats and the men's varsity four boats are participating in the Frostbite Regatta on the Schuylkill River. The course covers a much shorter distance, and the race should help prepare the boats for the sprints in the spring. The Frostbite Regatta will be have a talented field and should offer a challenge to the WC boats. This race will also be the last race in an extremely successful fall campaign for the WC crew team.

ec Sports Update

Deeann Pinczok

Once again WC students will ve an opportunity to partici te in the country's largest col e sports program as the Schick per Hoops 3-on-3 Basketball rnament returns to campus. the 1989-90 season, more n 200,000 students at over colleges and universities are ected to participate.

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The program consists of three rounds. First, all participating schools conduct an all-campus tournament. Then each of the championship teams compete at one of 22 regional tournaments against other schools. From there, the two top male and female teams in each region will then play for the regional championship at a nearby NBA arena.

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Under Milk Wood: impassioned and funny

by Stephanie Hess
Staff writer

Dylan Thomas' masterpiece, *Under Milk Wood*, opens in Tawes Theater on Thursday, November 16 and runs through Saturday, November 18. Thomas himself calls it a "play for voices," and the *New York Times* described it as "a dazzling combination of poetic fireworks and music hall humor."

Presented by the Washington College Drama Department, *Under Milk Wood* is the first WC production directed by new Assistant Professor of Drama, Dale Daigle.

Under Milk Wood was one of the first of over fifty productions directed by Daigle before he came to WC. He considers it one of the best productions he was involved with and admits, "ever since, I have wanted to take another shot at it."

Daigle says Thomas' play "is one of the few pieces of truly lyrical drama in contemporary dramatic literature." He notes, "our language has become more and more homogeneous...and less musical," adding, *Milk Wood* "creates a world where the language is not pedestrian or prosaic, but elevated and poetic."

As a director, Daigle was also drawn to the play for its "unusual dramatic structure." Rather than presenting "the evolution of a momentous or consequential event," *Under Milk Wood* focuses on every day incidents in the lives of people in a small Welsh fishing town. Daigle explains the characters are interesting because they are "so carefully and lovingly drawn, so full of life that you very quickly find yourself spellbound."

Though *Under Milk Wood* was originally intended for radio, Daigle asserts there are "valid and important reasons" for staging the piece. A staged presentation makes the play more accessible to an audience which may have trouble differentiating between the many different characters, some of whom only have one or two lines.

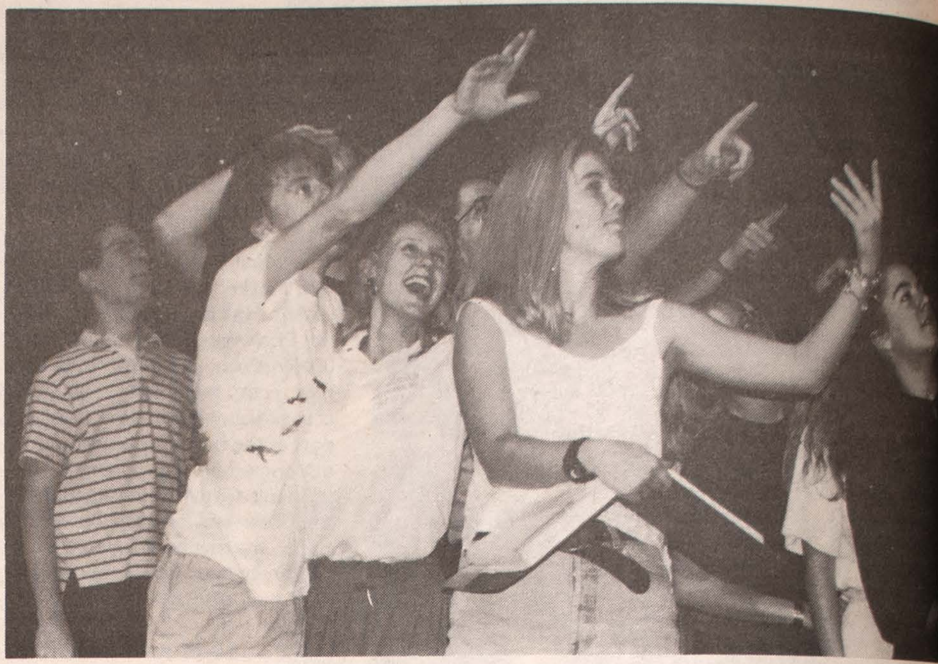
The play presents a moving and funny account of a spring day in a small Welsh coast town, beginning before dawn, moving through the brilliant, noisy day and closing as the "rain of dusk brings on the bawdy night."

More than sixty characters appear in the play in a series of vignettes, songs and longer scenes, presenting the many activities of an entire town.

The sixty characters are portrayed by an ensemble cast of twenty people: Pat Attenasio, Cynthia Croot, Ryder Daniels, David Dietz, Mark Dietz, Clay Eichelberger, Karyn Iacangelo, Jason Imber, Peter T. Johnson, Emily Lott, Jennifer Morgan, Kyndra Ponder, Carl Pupa, Felicia Shakman, Carey Smith, Jeanette C. Smith, Wendy Snow, Samantha Streamer, Jason West and Lisa Woodcock.The production crew consists of six members: M. Heath Cooley as Stage Manager, Thomas Andrews and Alistair Paget as Technical Directors, Jason Rubin as Set Designer, Debbie Johnson as Assistant Stage Manager and Light Board Operator and Chris Mihavitz as Assistant Stage Manager.

About *Under Milk Wood*, critic Randall Jarrell wrote, "it would be hard for any work of art to communicate more directly and funnily and lovingly what it is like to be alive."

Under Milk Wood will be presented at 8 PM on November 16, 17, and 18 in Tawes Theater. Admission is $4; $2 for stude and senior citizens, and seat is limited; reservations are quired. To make reservations, c (301) 778-2800, ext. 269 or 2



Under the guidance of Stage Manager Heath Cooley, members of the *Under MIlk Wood* cast rehears

Members of the Washington College Music Department came together to present a "Vive la France" performance last Sunday.
(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

Review: *When Harry Met Sally..*

by Timothy J. Madison

Something curious is going on in movie-making today; Woody Allen has started making Ingmar Bergman films. As if that isn't spirit deadening enough, Rob Reiner must have noticed and decided that someone had to fill Allen's old shoes. *When Harry Met Sally* has all the elements of a Woody Allen film: New York locale, ailing romances, neurotic Jews, goofy wasps and lots of jazz music. As a matter of fact, there isn't a whole lot about *When Harry Met Sally* that we haven't seen before. According to Reiner, the film is heavily autobiographical but that doesn't really excuse the fact that the film seems like a tired retread.

Harry and Sally first meet in college and take an instant dislike to each other—Harry is a cynic who claims there is no way a man and a woman can honestly be friends without sex getting in the way; Sally, of course, is a prim idealist. But, in weird movie logic, instant dislike between a man and a woman almost always indicates the onset of true love before the final fade out. Unfortunately, the audience picks up on this a lot sooner than Harry and Sally and are left with a rather boring "Gee-will-things-ever-work-out-between-Harry-and-Sally?" situation. The most interesting point of writer Nora Ephron is that Harry can never really expect to love a woman if he cannot learn to like her first but, alas, this alone cannot sustain a movie of this length.

Reiner keeps falling back on material poorly borrowed from better Allen films: throughout *When Harry Met Sally* the audience is treated documentary-style to scenes of older happily married couples discussing the nature of their marriage. The material simply does not have the the emotional resonances of a film like *Annie Hall*.

As Harry, Billy Crystal is likable but the audience is left with the uneasy feeling that he is ready to break into an uncontrollable stand-up patter at any minute; like Robin Williams, his acting often seems plagued with unfocused energy. Meg Ryan turns in a competent if uninspired performance as Sally. Carrie Fis stands on the sidelines as one Sally's friends in another one those strange little roles t make you wonder if George Lu put her under some terrible cu

Reiner is a talented dire (*Spinal Tap, Stand By Me, P cess Bride*) but, like Ron Howa it is still not clear that he discovered his true niche filmmaker. *When Harry Met S* seems to consistently fall shor target. It is a movie that is o briefly funny but lacks the de and insight that make a genuinely memorable.

Campus Events

November 10, 12, 13
The Washington College Film Series presents the movie, *When Harry Met Sally...*, directed by Rob Reiner and starring Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan. Written by Nora Ephron, the film focuses on New York, friendships, and romance.

November 11
New Potato Caboose will play in the Cain Athletic Center from 9 PM to 1 AM. Sponsored by the SGA, cost for admission is reduced with presentation of a WC ID card. A related article appears on page 11.

November 13
Bill Breslin will play in the Coffee House starting at 9 PM. Admission is free.

November 15
Joseph Coyle of Johns Hopkins University will speak on "Alzheimer's Disease: From M to Molecule," at 7:30 PM in N man James Theater.

Dr. Emilie Amt, Assis Professor of History at Wash ton College, will lecture on rago: The Empress Mati Struggle for the English Thro 1135-1154." The lecture is sented by the Margaret Hor Society and begins at 8 PM in Sophie Kerr Room of Mille brary.

November 16
Contemporary acoustic tarist and singer/songw Karen Goldberg will perform the Coffee House at 9:30 PM

The Washington Col Drama Department presents opening performance of D Thomas' *Under Milk Woo* Tawes Theater at 8 PM. A rel article appears above.

ARTS

New Potato Caboose coming to rock WC

by Stephanie Hess
Staff writer

New Potato Caboose, a band that has built a solid reputation on years of touring the East Coast, is coming to play in the Cain Athletic Center tomorrow night. Incorporating psychedelia, rock, reggae, folk and jazz in their music, "The New Potato Caboose is a band for everyone," says Debi Moen of *Performance Spotlight.*

The band of eight musicians formed in 1984 in Washington DC, originally as a cover band, performing songs such as Jimi Hendrix's "Little Wing," Little Feat's "Dixie Chicken," George Gershwin's "Summertime," and several Grateful Dead tunes. Gradually, the band began mixing original songs into their sets and building fans for their own music, not just their Grateful Dead covers.

Still, because crowds enjoy hearing their favorites, the band has not given up playing covers, but The Caboose likes to give their covers a fresh sound. Lyricist for the band, Mark Mondok believes it is good the band did not try to start out as an original act. He says, "That's increased our diversity, not having to start out and write a whole bunch of tunes. It's given our originals a little meat, too. And people more and more are getting into our originals, and that gives us incentive to write more of our own material."

This year, the band and a production company, Rykodisc, put out the New Potato Caboose's first album, *Promising Traveler.* The album includes ten originals and a reggae-flavored cover of Van Morrison's "Brown-Eyed Girl," and a cameo appearance by DC guitar legend Danny Gatton.

Marketing director of Rykodisc, John Hammond, explains the company first checked out New Potato Caboose because they heard the band "was amazing live, and had this great following." Hammond adds much of the album is recorded live—an unusual event for a debut LP—because the band is so exceptional in live performances. His goal is "to get them out on the road as much as possible, because that's where they shine."

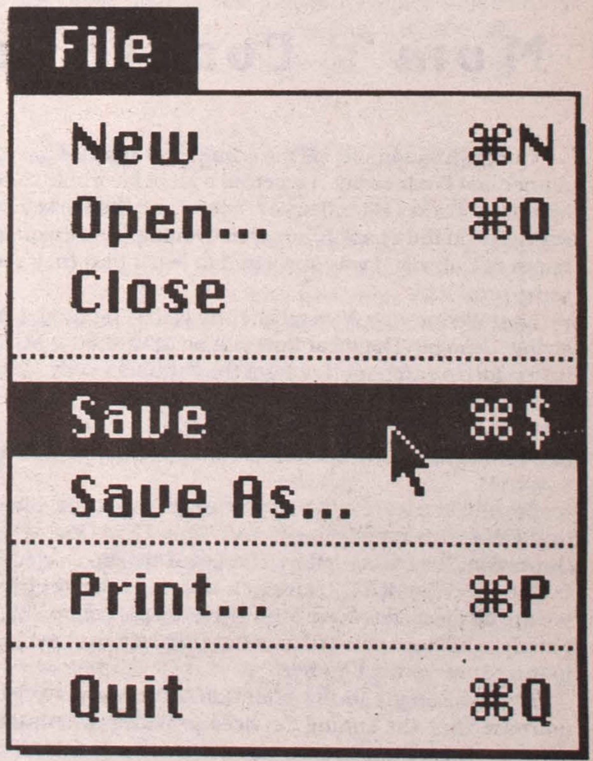
New Potato Caboose. a band known for its energy in live performances, will play here Saturday night.
(photo by Amy L. Underoffler)

In 1983, the band started at Catholic University as an acoustic folk trio called Wood-n-Steel, comprised of Don Laux(rhythm guitar, vocals), Doug Pritchett(acoustic guitar, vocals), and John Redling(keyboards, vocals). As New Potato Caboose, the band went electric and also includes Rich Della Fera(lead guitar, vocals), two drummers/percussionists John Trupp and John McConnell, and Mike Mahoney(bass).

Mark Mondok, lyricist and manager of the band, is in a self-proclaimed "unique situation," but admits "it keeps us a little more unified as far as management and band. Because I can relate to the band on an artistic level and on a business level, and I think we have much more open channels of communication because of that...and it keeps politics from running amuck!"

Obviously, the combination is working; as Moen reports, "their high-energy danceable music has been packing in clubs and garnering favorable press reviews wherever they go."

The New Potato Caboose's Saturday night performance should not be missed. The band will play from 9 to 1 in the Cain Athletic Center. Student rates are available with a WC ID card.



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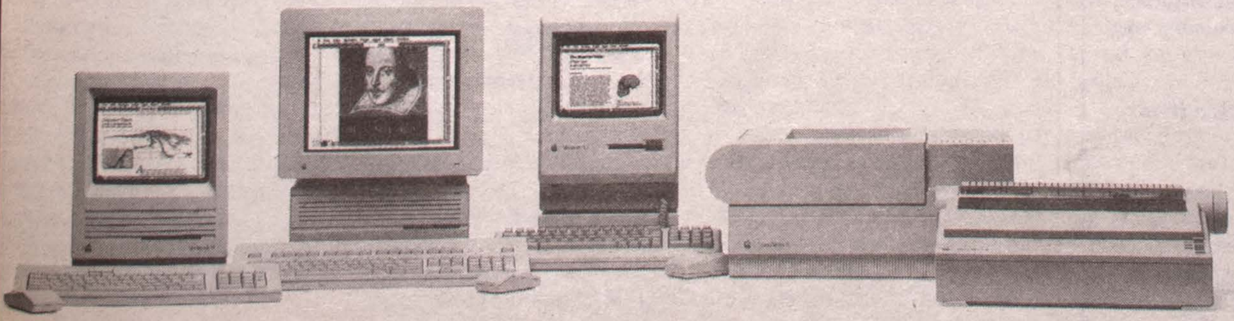

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Registration

by Tracey Connell
Staff writer

Complaints from last year's arena registration have initiated some changes, which are mainly intended to alleviate crowding at registration this year, according to Ermon Foster, Registrar. Registration will take place on Tuesday November 14th and will begin at 6:30 PM in the Cain Gymnasium, gymnasium-B.

Rather than having all students at one entrance, seniors, sophomores, and continuing education students will line up at the side door between the gym and Casey Swim Center, with seniors first. Juniors and freshman will line up at the front door, with juniors first.

Foster urged students to arrive only "fifteen to twenty minutes early."

Security will also be present this year for "crowd control," said Jerry Roderick, Director of Security, mentioning deaths which occurred at a soccer game in England recently as a result of overcrowding.

At 6:45 PM seniors will be permitted to enter the arena.

Once seniors are close to completing their registration, juniors will be allowed to enter, followed by sophomores, freshmen and continuing education students. The process will be completed by class as space permits.

Every student's current class, determined by the number of credit hours earned to date, is printed on their program card. Students are warned that changing the class on the card will not get them in earlier.

Once inside the arena, students should find the appropriate professors to determine if there is space in the desired course. If the course is filled, students should seek out their advisor to get help in choosing an alternative course.

When all signatures have been attained, students should return the card to the Registrar's table.

If anyone misses arena registration they may late-register at any time by obtaining the appropriate signatures and returning the card directly to the Registrar's Office. However, classes may fill during arena registration.

Joseph Coyle to speak Nov. 15

Dr. Joseph Coyle, M.D. will appear at Washington College Wednesday, November 15, at 7:30 in Norman James Theater. Dr. Coyle will speak about the causes and recent findings of Alzheimer's Disease.

A distinguished Professor of Child Psychiatry at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Coyle has taught courses in Pharmacology, Psychiatry and Neuroscience at Johns Hopkins.

Research during the last decade on the brains of the elderly who had died from senility revealed the same deterioration as those who had died of Alzheimer's disease, which effects 10- 15% of the population.

Significant progress is being made on finding the causes of and possible treatment of Alzheimer's disease. Researchers have found that a genetic abnormality is the main cause of the symptoms of Alzheimer's - much like the abnormality that causes Down's Syndrome.

With this information, doctors may be able to find treatments for the disease that robs people of their memories and independence.

Recycling

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"As soon as the executive counsel has a meeting, we will be able to make formative plans to organize a campus wide recycling program," Attias said.

The Infinity Recycling Company, a non-profit organization, will be picking up the recycling materials from the college.

Ford Schuman, a representative of Infinity, visited the College last year in an effort to incorporate a recycling program, but did not receive an enthusiastic student response. Nevertheless, he did start a pilot project in the Arts Department and distributed recycling trays in each faculty room.

"I think it will be interesting to see how it goes, the recycling project seems to depend on the leadership of peers as it entails basic changes in habits we all have. It seems to me that this type of project would be successful in an institution where people's minds are open enough to make proper changes in the environment," said Schuman.

Fun, sun

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sues such as campus rape, to working with campus publications, to special forums for individual officers in the SGA. In addition, the Attias and Kelly will learn how to structure a similar conference at Washington College.

Both Kelly and Attias are excited about the trip and hope that what they learn will help to strengthen the College.

Another role that the two hope to fulfill at the conference is to promote Washington College. Attias says he is more than willing to accept suggestions from students who have ideas about how to promote WC at the conference.

While there, the two will play an active role in the National Student Campaign Against Hunger. They are asking for donations of Washington College hats, shorts, sweatpants, t-shirts or sweatshirts to be auctioned off at the conference.

The proceeds from the the auction will go to the Campaign Against Hunger. So far Attias has received donations from the Kappa Alpha fraternity, the Theta Chi's, the Pan Hellenic Council, the Alumni House, Recreational Sports, the Coffee House and the Bookstore.

Anyone who would like to make a donation should contact Steve Attias at extension 427.

Sign up in Student Affairs by 4:00 and support Choice! Mobilize for Women's Lives.

Mom's Cookie Jar

Congratulations to all the winners of the Perdue raffle at dinner last Wednesday. I received a lot of favorable comments about the Turkey Ham, Turkey Salami and the Turkey Bologna featured on the Snack Shop, that evening. As a frequent customer of Subway, I was surprised to learn that they serve the same products.

Next Wednesday, November 15th, is the Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner. The meal time will be 4:30-6:30 P.M.. Reservation forms can be gotten from the Numbers Lady. Please remember to fill out the form with parties of 4 or 8 (no more, no less). A reception, prior to dinner will be held in the Coffee House, beginning 4:00 P.M.. Seating for dinner will start at 4:30 P.M..

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Lisa Travis to the W.C.D.S. management staff. Mrs. Travis is replacing the Supervisor II vacancy left by Theresa Harmon, who has left to be the Food Service Director at a nursing home in Delaware. We are all pleased to have Mrs. Travis as part of our "W.C.D.S. Family" and hope you will take time, when you come to meals, to introduce yourself to her.

It was brought to my attention that many students are unaware that the Dining Services provides alternative meal options. If for some reason you are unable to attend a meal, you can order a "box lunch" in lieu of the meal you will miss. Had you read your Student Handbook, you would know about this and other services we provide. I can't stress enough that you can always come and discuss your individual situation with any of the Supervisors on staff. We are here to assist you and are more than willing, when ever possible.

Well, I guess that's it for this week. Until next time,

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Washington College for Choice?

Students, faculty, administrators attend D.C. Rally

by Tracey Conne
Staff writer

Over forty Washington College students stood among three hundred thousand Pro-Choice supporters in Washington D.C. this past Sunday, November 12th. Most of them traveled to D.C. together as part of an official delegation, registered and organized by the college's Margaret Horsely Society, a women's issues group.

College faculty and administration were also well represented.

Dr. Peter Tapke, Professor of Philosophy and Religion, attended the rally. He offered a summery of what political issues were raised.

"Pro-Choice was by no means the only issue. Right to Privacy was a central one which effects us all, men and women. Everyone has a private life and for the government to impose rules on people's private lives is inadmissible."

Tapke also cited an apparent erosion between "church and state. The Supreme Court is nibbling away at that." He stated that he was against "any group trying to impose their views on matters of private morality, matters of the bedroom, of the clinic."

His thoughts were certainly reflected in comments of the speakers. Said Tapke, "They had a lot of big guns there."

Molly Yard, President of the National Organization for Women, intoned, "And we say to you, Mr. President, we say no. We will not obey your dictates nor those of the Reagan Court."

Don Edwards, Democrat of California, stirred the crowd by citing current events, "Isn't ironic that freedom is on the rise all over the planet...isn't it sad that there are those in America...trying to enlarge the power of the State."

He yelled, "I want a society for those that are born!"

Though Tapke was impressed by the content of speeches and the enthusiasm of the crowd, "There were a few signs that I thought were in bad taste but what do you expect at a rally with thousands of people? I just don't think that helped. The other side is draping itself in religion and high morality. When you champion a moral cause you shouldn't

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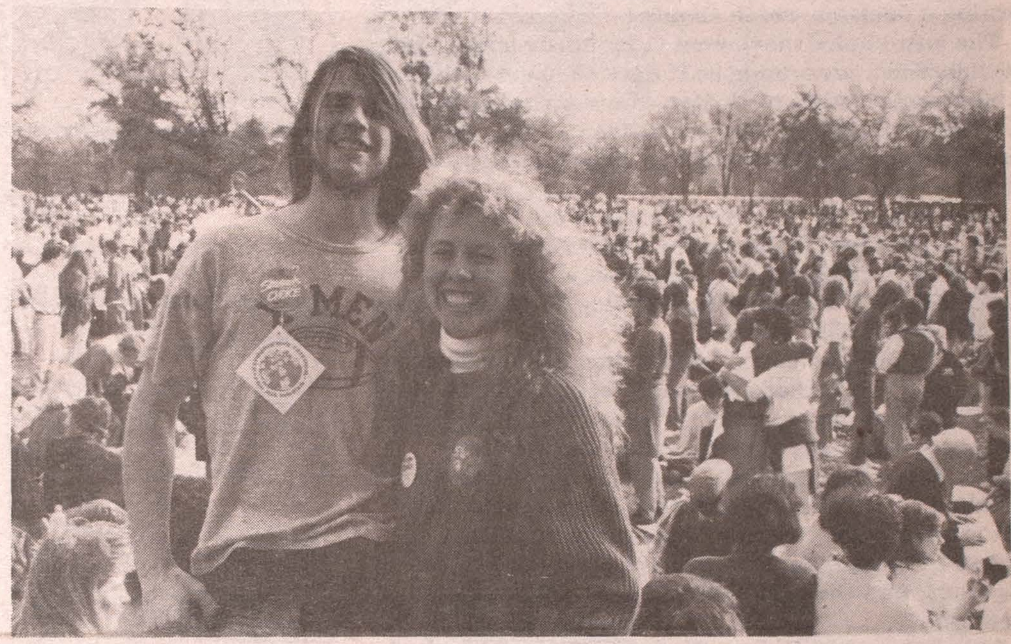

Students Erin Murphy and Stephen Lorenz both attended the Pro-Choice "Moblize for Women's Lives" Rally in Washington D.C. on Sunday. Murphy was part of the college delegation and Lorenz accompanied a number of students seperately. They met by chance in the crowd of 300,000.

(photo by David johnson)

Parking problem attacked

by Ed Schroeder

Recently the Freshman Class President, Gordy Scherer, called a meeting so that actions could be taken about the parking problem that exists here at Washington College. A group of nine, including Scherer, played around with ideas in an open forum that would be presented to the administrative bodies on campus.

"The two main problems exist on the east side of 213 and the area in front of Somerset," Scherer stated. "Problems that deserve actions taken against."

Scherer said that Jerry Roderick, Chief of Security, is very concerned with the safety of women who are forced to park their cars near the Casey Swim Center. The chance that an attack could occur has always existed and the hope is that the new policy can deal with this.

Safety is not the only issue that is being addressed however. The fact that there is no reliable form of transportation in Chestertown and that the only way to get conceivably around is by car is also a concern.

"We are concerned with the needs of the students," Scherer commented on his group. "The bottom line is that we are trying to get things done to better the school."

After talking with Gene Hessey, the Director of the Master Plan Project and Senior Vice President for Management and Finance, Scherer was told that because the Master Plan was an overbudgeted project, addressing the issue of parking was not something that could be done in the immediate future.

"A petition has been drawn up to be presented to President Cater in person," Scherer stated. "A proposal that wants to allow for safety and convenience, but is open to any suggestions that the administration might have."

The proposal is vague on the ideas it suggests for improvement, so that the administration can an active participator with it's conception.

The petition states that action has to be taken in two areas on campus. First, the dormitories of Queen Annes, Caroline, Reed and Minta Martin need more spaces available to them. This will not only reduce the number of possible attacks that can occur on campus, but will also be a convenience to most of the students.

Secondly, the parking facility over in the new dormitories and for the Somerset area needs to be expanded.

"The petition we have drawn up will be distributed among the student body," Scherer stated. "We are hoping at a minimum to get 90 to 95% of the student body to sign it."

With the expanding student body of the Washington College Campus it is no wonder that the need for more parking spaces has arisen.

"It is important that we as students are willing to do this," Scherer stated. "And it is just as important that we let President Cater and Student Board know that we are not going to be apathetic about this either."

Registration improved

by Tracey Connell
Staff writer

Gordy Scherer, Freshman Class President, posed to the administration on Wednesday several changes for next semester's arena registration. Every suggestion will be implemented.

Scherer wanted to address what he considered "common sense problems" created by a disorganized system.

"I suggested that there either be two different registration times in one day or two different days."

At one point Upperclassman would register, with seniors entering through one door and juniors through another.

At the next appointed time underclassman would register, with the two classes again entering through different doors. This would cut the number of students at each entrance in half.

"Ten or fifteen" students would also be chosen to aid security in crowd control and rope walkways will be erected to insure that only a few students will be attempting to enter at a time rather than the whole crowd at once.

Scherer stated that he met with Provost and Dean Elizabeth Baer, Ed Maxcy of Student Affairs and Jerry Roderick, Director of Security, to discuss his plans. According to Scherer there is no doubt that they will be implemented next Semester.

He will meet again with Baer after Thanksgiving to finalize everything.

Said Scherer, "Arena Registration is the fairest method for a college our size. It just needs to be organized better."

Middle Hall vandalized

by Sharon Bonner

Vandals attempted to set fire to Middle Hall, on Saturday, November 11, in the early hours of the morning.

The last fire on campus which occurred in the fraternity house of Phi Sigma Kappa, was under investigation and resulted in the

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EDITORIAL

Students rally for women's lives

With the issue of abortion stepping from the moral realm into the more dangerous area of politics in the Bush era, it will indeed "be the issue of 1990," as National Organization for Women (NOW) president Molly Yard has stated. The turnout of more than 40 Washington College students at last week's "Mobilize for Women's Lives" rally marks a refreshing change; usually, an inordinate amount of attention is paid to the insignificant issues (i.e. alcohol) which seem to pervade this campus.

The very idea of a woman's body playing a major role in a politician's platform is repulsive; worse yet is the state governments' increasing intervention—or the federal government's hands-off policy, as it were—concerning a decision which should be a personal one.

The anti-choice movement is blatantly and intolerably righteous, presuming as it does to make the moral choices for a nation of women who may not agree with fundamentalists, like Operation Rescue's Randall Terry, who believe that abortion is never, ever an option.

More ridiculous than Terry himself are the members of the United States Supreme Court who opted to revamp the existing laws. Somehow, it slipped by these educated folks that the legality of abortion *does not mean you have to do it!*

Has the pro-choice movement ever been properly understood? It has often wrongly been termed a "pro-abortion" movement, which it is not, just as the anti-choice movement is wrongly called the "pro-life" movement, which it is not. Arguably, each side should be called by whichever catchword it prefers, but the fact remains that the pro-choice movement does not contend that pregnant women are compelled to have abortions, and the anit-choice movement does not save lives.

Simply put, had *Roe vs. Wade* been left untouched, the abortion option would today be guaranteed to all women who opt for it, regardless of their ability to pay. Those violently and/or morally opposed to abortion, on the other hand, would have to settle for being responsible only for their own decisions.

Back in the golden age of the Fifties, it's rumored that a large illegal abortion ring which called Chestertown home was busted. Kudos to the Washington College students who are working to make sure we never again have to see those days of illegal and unsafe abortions.

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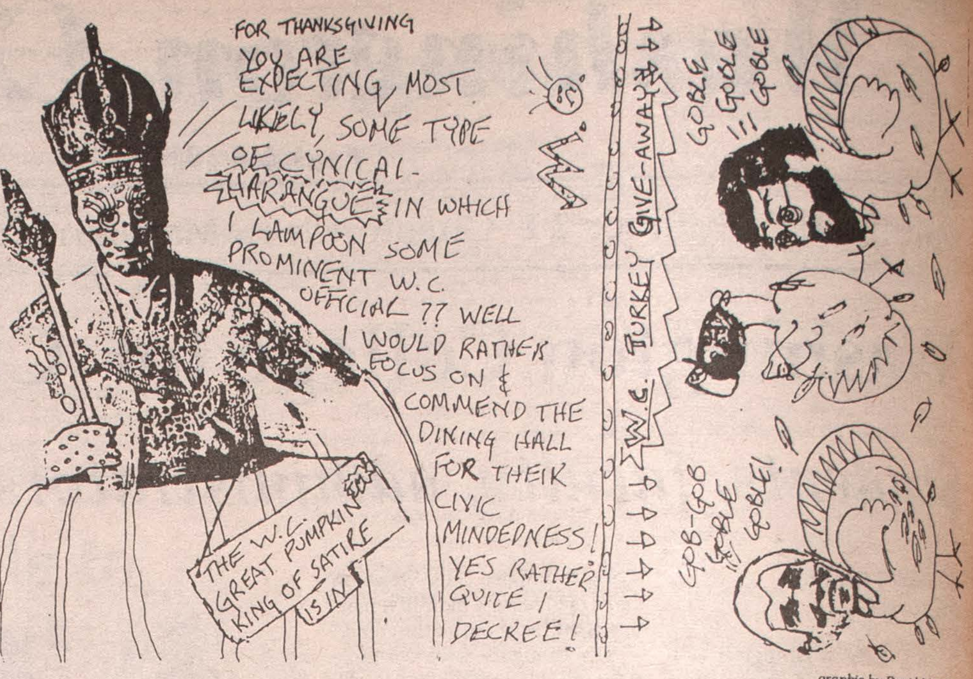
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Letters to the Editor

Article was "utter drivel"

To the Editor:

I can hardly believe my eyes! I picked up the Friday, Oct. 6 issue of the Elm, and turned through the pages. I got to page 7, and began reading Kimberly Cobern's *[sic]* "article" on the REM concert. Since when has the Elm started printing diary entries? That was UTTER DRIVEL - certainly, a concert review is nice, but I cannot believe SPACE WAS WASTED ON SOMEONE WHO ALL THEY HAD TO SAY WAS *[sic]* "What the hell, I gotta get psyched about something?" Setting content aside, the grammar and usage is so POOR that I cannot believe it was published. Here we are at a liberal Arts school renowned for its English program, and we have the word "CRAP" being used. Where is the editor? There is not enough room in the Elm to list why this article was stylistically & grammatically incorrect - and mentally assaulting to read.

Overall, the Elms recent articles have been extremely unimpressive! It would be nice to read a solid, less opinionated article rather than someone's diary entries.

Sincerely,
Miriam B. Dittmann
Sophomore

Trick-or-treater thanks students

To the Editor:

My name is Robert Jones.

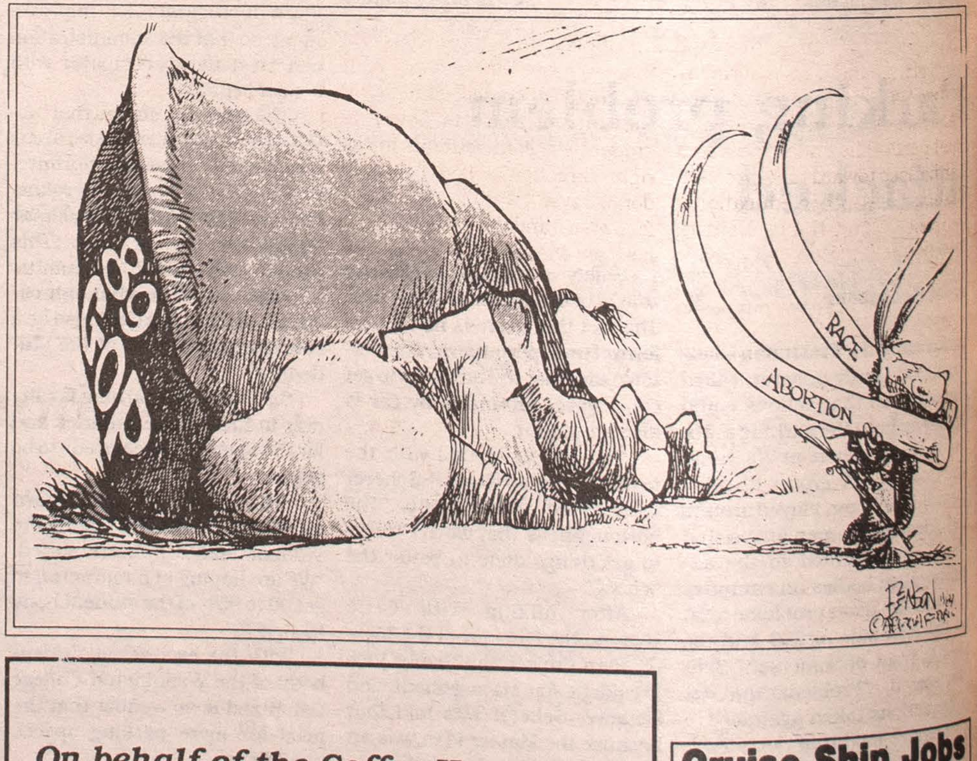
I would like to thank the students for letting me go trick or treating.

I especially liked the Haunted House.

It was "scary fun." Since i live in the country, it is hard for me to trick or treat.

I can't wait until next year to visit the students again.

Thank you very much.
Bobby Jones
I was "Indiana Jones."



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ISSUE: How should funds donated to Washington College be allocated?

WC needs more chairs, not furniture

Erin Murphy

One would hope that benefactors of colleges and universities donate money for the same reason that these institutions exist: to foster education. If this is the case, however, it is a mystery to me why so much of the money given to Washington College goes toward purposes which are only peripherally academic (if that), such as the all-brick fire lane to which one student referred in a recent letter to the Editor (incidentally, one can't help but think of Somoza's order to brick over all roads in Managua after the '72 earthquake, the bricks being supplied by a Somoza-owned brick factory).

So where should donors direct their money? Chairs are the answer (and not armchairs— after all, we've already got Robert Frost's). I mean faculty chairs. It's simple: instead of giving half a million dollars for another building, a benefactor provides an endowment for a specific chair, the interest of which pays the chair-holder's salary.

There are two types of chairs: those awarded to tenured faculty members and those awarded to temporary faculty members— usually big-name people— who come for a semester or two and are basically "extras" in the department. The former is one of the best ways to increase a college's endowment, and it is this type that we need more of at Washington College. This type of chair frees the money from the general fund that would normally be used for professors' salaries. This money becomes a permanent part of the endowment and can be used toward tuition, scholarships, and other educational purposes. And think about it: $40,000 to $50,000 can provide a lot scholarships.

The latter of the two types of chairs— the one that brings in "stars" who commute from the city for one or two semesters, teach one class and split, usually without contributing much to the college community— also has its benefits. It allows the College to attract scholars who normally might not teach at such a small school. Furthermore, the College has an impressive name to put in its catalog which arguably is good for recruitment and attrition. These benefits, however, are rather minimal (not to mention nebulous) compared to the benefits which result from actually taking a salary off the books and adding it to an endowment. Such chairs should be a luxury reserved for a time when there is already an abundance of tenured faculty chairs.

This is not the case at Washington College, which currently has five chairs (Howard, Nuttle, Jones, McLean, and Goldstein), the first three being the only ones currently awarded to permanent faculty members. The McLean Chair is "non-traditional," and does not fund a chair per se. The Goldstein Chair is currently being used to fund a couple of professors who are here temporarily. So in reality we have only three of the type of chair which is the "life-blood" of a college and the most important in terms of increasing the endowment.

So the two burning questions are 1) why don't we have more chairs? and 2) why is it that 40% of our chairs are not utilized to this institution's greatest educational and economical benefit?

A possible answer to the first question is that those who give money have the say-so about where it is allocated. But isn't it the duty of those in power to guide these contributions in the right direction? If a potential donor says, "I want to give money for a gym," and the school doesn't need another gym, can't the president say, "Look, we really appre-

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CAMPUS VOICES by Amy L. Undercoffler

Susan Spedden
Cambridge, MD
Junior

Any new money that comes in should be divided between whatever departments or services seem to actually need it, rather than giving it to departments that already have a long budget. It shouldn't go to any specific person such as administrator's salary.

Tammie Siters
Pittsburgh, PA
Freshman

I think that scholarships should be funded because a lot of people need extra money to stay here at WC and I also think some of the money should go towards the sports program to help us look better and win more.

Mary Lee Barry
Towson, MD
Senior

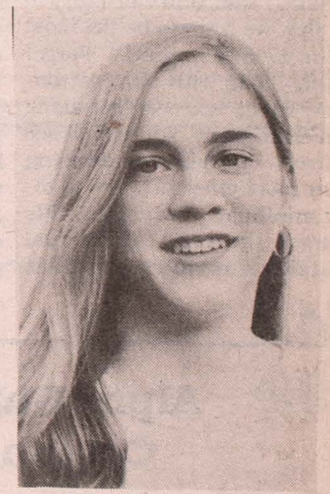
Perhaps the question is best answered by those that donate the money. They should be the ones to stipulate where they want their money to go. Other than that, the administration should consider supplying the students with better food and information rather than making everything look nicer on the outside.

Meg Murray
Calvert Co., MD
Senior

I feel that scholarships should have the number one priority so that scholarship students with high GPAs will not be in fear of losing any money.

Scott Cagan
Hatboro, PA
Sophomore

The school should make more funds available for scholarships and academic programs.


Cheryl Rinehart
Vienna, MD
Freshman

I think that the money would be the most beneficial if used for scholarships especially because of the cost of tuition.

College must allocate funds more efficiently

A.J. MacLennan

A common conversation here on campus concerns (among many other related and less than related topics) is the reportedly incredible size of the WC endowment. One of the topics most closely related to the endowment size is that of a similarly incredible alumni donation ratio. So where does all this money go to? Obviously, and necessarily, a good portion of alumni donated funds does go to the endowment. This allows in large part for the continued success of the school, and also for some return on the alumni investment. The money not allotted to the endowment is what is at question here. Most commonly used for special projects such as the Casey Swim Center or President Cater's Master Plan, questions often arise as to whether the money is put mostly for the good of the students or for the image of the College itself. While the Master Plan is also partially state funded, it cannot be denied that a good deal of money has been allotted to its completion. Is this money really for the best of the students' education, or could it be more effectively spent?

Of the related conversations mentioned above, a number are a litany of complaints, varying from outrageous fines for parking, excessive loudness, and drinking to the recently spotlighted lack of class selection. Also suggested is free on-campus calling, a policy in evidence at many, less affluent colleges. Another common complaint is at the lack of sufficient facilities for the sporting teams, with lighted fields and more equipment a priority. Especially prominent among certain athletes is the request for a proper Field House for the lacrosse team. Campus social life is also a major student complaint. Students miss the opportunities provided by on-campus parties and also very prominent is a regret at the situation of the Inter-Fraternity Association. A majority of socially active students come to college in the hopes of joining a fraternity or sorority only to be turned off by the college's unsupportive atmosphere. On a smaller but perhaps much more important scale, there is the obvious and unnecessary overspending of the college funds on such items as disposable cups, napkins and other such items which need no adornment. This money wasted on pretension, if at all dependent on alumni funds could definitely be put to much better use. Alumni undoubtedly appreciate the pretty little cups, but I'm sure they would prefer a college that is making its students as happy as they must have been. All of these problems if seriously considered may be simply, and expediently put right. All of these problems may in fact already be being worked on. However they are at the very least a serious morale problem among the students.

If this money is being spent effectively and for the purpose of meeting the students needs, it is being done so very discreetly. Perhaps too discreetly, considering the feelings of numerous students on and off campus. The administration would do well to consider student needs, including those not brought up at SGA. meetings. A pretty college that can't even satisfy it's students isn't very pretty at all.

A.J. MacLennan is a freshman.

PERSPECTIVES

Something to ponder over your Thanksgiving turkey

Carolin Leibig

A recent *Time* magazine cover story dealt with the plight of the African elephant. Poachers have so depleted the once large herds that by the middle of the next decade there will be no elephants roaming the vast African savanna. Most of us are pulling for the endangered elephant, but tragically, some people are not. A later issue of *Time* ran several letters responding to the article, all but one condemned the poachers and called for stricter guidelines to punish those involved in the trade of ivory. But most of all they want to help save the elephant.

One letter, however, criticized *Time* for not writing about the plight of all those "helpless" people involved in the ivory trade. This reader contended that the jobs of a few human beings are more important than the survival of an entire species. How dare he even think that! We humans are only one of thousands of living beings on this planet, yet we feel that all those other "lower" beings were put here for our own personal use. We have no right to take this view.

Argue this point with me if you wish, but it is a proven fact that man has done absolutely nothing positive for the earth. My faith in the human race is extremely frail, and I am sorry to say that we have to be the most idiotic beings around. Forget getting along with our environment, we do not even get along with each other. You do not see squirrels or dolphins devising better more efficient ways to totally annihilate each other. We do have the most intellectual capability of any animal, and it is a shame that we cannot use this to our advantage. Instead of making the world a better place for all who live here, we insist on making it difficult for each other and the innocent animals who are the victims of our stupidity.

Perhaps I should list the positive things we have accomplished: okay there is love and friendship (but they do not benefit anyone but us humans).

And now the negative things: severely endangering elephants, lions, buffalo, California condors, seals, dolphins, whales, manatees, wolves, snowy egrets, bald eagles, oysters, clams, chimpanzees, orangutans, pandas, red foxes, rhinoceros, tigers, antelope, zebras, crocodiles, alligators (I could go on and on...); We are also responsible for warfare, acid rain, styrofoam, nuclear weapons, toxic waste, trash, destruction of forests, plastics, disposable diapers, carbon monoxide, polyester, DDT, agent orange, chemical weapons, hand guns, rifles, shot guns, assault weapons, twinkees, grenades, nuclear winter, apathy, ignorance, hate, ozone depletion, diesel fuel, development, global warming, dumping, high-way construction, fur coats, arms race, hunting for sport, greed, air pollution, water pollution, killing the Chesapeake, leaded gasoline, preservatives, medical waste, fishing nets, fertilizer, mining, nuclear testing, drugs, smog, stars wars, asbestos, green-house effect, erosion, landfills, detergents, oil spills and so much more...

It is necessary for us, as the heirs of this mess, to figure out how we can stop the destruction of this planet. Maybe we should limit ourselves to what we need. We need clothing, but do we need fur coats? Most things can be made out of cotton and there are many kinds of wool. Leather is perhaps the only thing that it may be necessary to kill an animal for. Is it necessary to eat lobster, octopus, or other endangered "delicacies"? I am pretty satisfied with chicken, beef, and fish. Being a vegetarian does not make you a saint, it just means you're not getting the protein you need. Other animals eat meat, too. But there should be a limit to how much we eat. Restraining ourselves may be the answer.

The rate of "development" should be slowed down and eventually stopped. I have always wondered what people meant by developed and undeveloped land. I know technically what they mean, but does undeveloped mean land free of asphalt? To me, an area covered with trees and seemingly untouched by humans is very much developed, it is home to many things and we really have no right to disturb it. Did anyone ask that deer how long his lease is for? And where would all those rabbits go? Why don't State Highway Administrations ever think of them?

I suppose we will not stop until the only green left in the world will be Central Park in New York. Imagine all the people bringing their children to see it: "Look, honey, see that thing over there? That's called a tree. They they used to be everywhere when I was your age." Of course we would all be dead if we did manage to destroy the environment. If the elephant dies, we are just taking a step closer to our own demise, which we are helping along at an alarming rate.

The environment is the biggest problem we face today. It is more important than human rights violations, the arms race, drugs, wars, revolutions, and the deficit. Those things will not even be an issue after we destroy the environment, because we will all be to busy dropping dead to worry about them. Writing this reminded me of a book called *On the Beach*. The story takes place in Australia, which is the only place where life remains after an all out nuclear exchange in the northern hemisphere. With the radioactive cloud moving closer and closer, those remaining people down under don't have much to do except think about their fate. One character decides that this is the best thing that could have happened to the planet because it will give other species a chance to make a comeback, evolve and live in peace without human intervention. He described it as a cleansing of the Earth. Maybe that really would not be so bad, but we would have to have this nuclear war soon before the world is so destroyed that those other species would not be able to make a comeback...and the planet would just be dead.

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News from around the world:

UNITED STATES:

Pro-choice demonstrators held rallies in 150 cities and towns across the United States as part of the campaign of the National Organization for Women (NOW) to "Mobilize for Women's Lives." In Washington, DC, NOW estimates that 300,000 people turned out for the rally at the Lincoln Memorial. Other large rallies were held in cities such as New Orleans where 15,000 people demonstrated; Austin, Texas where more than 20,000 people turned out; Milwaukee; in Jefferson City, Missouri where Webster v. Reproductive Services was tried, 15,000 people demonstrated; and Los Angeles where celebrities joined 50,000 demonstrators. The campaign began at sunrise outside President Bush's summer house in Kennebunkport, Maine, and ended with rallies in several Alaskan cities. In Michigan, pro-choice volunteers conducted a door to door canvassing of voters in an effort to target elected officials who had not supported abortion rights in the past.

EAST GERMANY:

In an effort to stem the flood of people leaving East Germany for improved economic opportunities in the West, the East German government announced Thursday of last week that it was opening its border with West Germany and ending restrictions on travel to the West. Within hours of the announcement, thousands of East Berliners swarmed through checkpoints and over the Berlin Wall into West Berlin, celebrating their newly granted freedom. On Saturday, the East German government announced the open border would be permanent, and East German workers began ripping a large hole in the wall to make room for crossings as the government announced that citizens would be free to move through any crossing in the wall.

Those East Germans who visited West Berlin last weekend were met by crowds of cheering, flag-waving West Germans. Some East Germans were offered tours by West Germans. Those who traveled to West Berlin were given $100 in gift money from the West German government, but were unable to use it as most stores were closed on Sunday.

The wall will not, however, be dismantled. In the 19 years since its building, 5000 East Germans have fled over, under and through the wall to West Berlin, while 5000 more were caught and jailed for their attempts. 191 people were killed by gunfire or exploding mines when attempting to cross into West Berlin.

compiled by Cecile Gutscher. Ms. Gutscher is a junior majoring in Political Science.

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My heroes, security guards

I'd first like to take this opportunity to announce that arena registration was once again a rousing success. The administration has shown that no matter how mature college students think they are, they can still be made to accumulate in a very small area and stand around for an hour just to take a course entitled "In Search of Don Juan." That sounds like a special hosted by Leonard Nimoy.

Brett Lankford

At least no brawls began in these close quarters, and this is mostly thanks to our beloved security department. These fine men in blue made sure nothing happened that would even slightly resemble the soccer riots in England. I'm sure we were all very relieved that no soccer games managed to break out in front of the athletic center. I'm not actually sure what security did to prevent any of these possible catastrophes, but we certainly appreciate their efforts.

Of course, it's rather routine for us to appreciate the efforts of the Washington College security department. We're always able to tell when they're on the job. They can often be seen awarding students who park in especially creative ways with very attractive pink slips. Sure, they're not around when fire alarms are going off at two in the morning. Sure, Spike spends most of his existence making sure that no one runs off with a salt or pepper shaker from Miss D's. Still, if you ever see a student's car parked in an RA spot, be confident that they will be nailed and dealt with severely for this horrible crime.

Not only that, security also has a wonderful appreciation of student's attitudes toward different circumstances. Over the years certain members of security have come to realize that when most students get tickets their reaction is "He was here. He was checking. He was watching out." That's the exact reaction we students have. When I found a parking violation on my car last month, I could hardly contain my glee. I suddenly felt very safe at this college. I realized that if any twisted criminals would even think to do something so vicious as park illegally on this campus, they would be doing time so fast it would make their head spin.

Security has also suggested a wonderful solution to many of the students' parking problems. Just park somewhere legal! What a revelation! It doesn't matter there are twice as many cars as there are legal parking spaces on this campus. Security feels the easiest way to solve this problem is to bring a friend along for the search. That way you have someone to help you scour the area for a free space, as well as help you hitch a ride back from the space you finally found in Rock Hall. If you bring enough friends along, you can probably pick up one of the cars in a legal parking space and move it to one of the fifty-eight NO PARKING zones on campus. By the way, if security gets such a kick out of ticketing people, they should take some time to write up the maintenance workers who practically run over unsuspecting students while drag racing their cars across what little grass still remains at WC.

It's also difficult to tell if security does anything other than ticket people. What happens if you're in real trouble and really need the help of security? Call their extension, right? Wrong! The only way to get in touch with security is by hanging around your illegally-parked car until they show up to tow it. If you're really in trouble, you can leave a message on their answering machine. That will certainly do you a lot of good if a fire breaks out in your building. As your belongings are being burned to the ground, it's nice to know security will be right on top of it the following day. Joe Gladu is the only member of the security department who actually makes a student feel secure.

Lenny Thompson and Jerry Roderick deserve most of the credit/blame for the role of security on this campus. In the Washington College Hall of Justice, these two men are little more than the Wonder Twins. You can almost hear it now. Shape of...a parking ticket! Form of...a tow truck! This is aside from the fact that they look almost exactly alike. Unfortunately they also think exactly alike, which causes most of the problems with security on this campus.

Of course, the security department seems to be improving drastically. If they tow a few more cars, the few remaining automobiles will automatically be parked in a legal space. They were also able to control the screaming masses at arena registration. At this rate security may soon become a help instead of a nuisance. I wish I could talk a little longer, but I'm presently parked in President Cater's official spot and may have to face the firing squad if I don't move.

Security's method of insuring student safety. (photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

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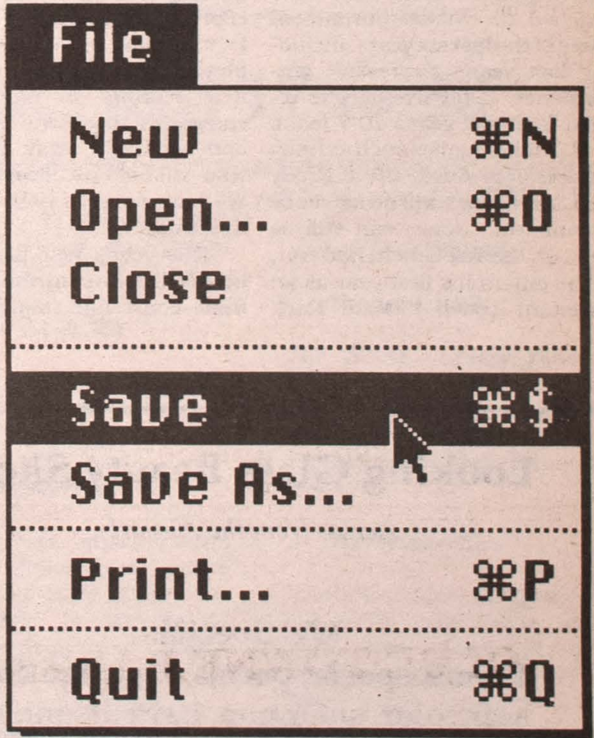

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Basketball hopes to repeat history in upcoming season

by Brett Lankford
Staff writer

Coach Tom Finnegan and the men's basketball team hope history will repeat itself in this 1989-1990 season. In the '85-'86 season, Finnegan entered the year with a team which lacked experience but was loaded with new freshmen talent. That team, led by Honorable Mention All-American Kurt Keller, surprised some preseason pessimists with a wonderful year. This year's team is led by Honorable Mention All-American Tim Keehan, the first WC player since Keller to receive such an honor. The team is also made up of eight freshmen and nine newcomers to the program, and Finnegan hopes this year's edition of WC basketball will continue the program's winning tradition. The Sho'men open their season this Friday against Moravian at the Scottywood Tournament at Muhlenberg College, then make their home debut Tuesday, November 21 against Frostburg State.

There are big expectations for this year's basketball team. The Washington College program has been playing at a consistently high level in this decade, recording a 127-52 record over the past seven years. They have also reached the NCAA tournament three of the last six years, including last year's impressive performance. Only five players return from last year's 20-7 team, and familiar names such as Andy Bauer, Tom Auvil, Steve Brody and Scott Jones will no longer be in uniform. Jones can still be seen on the WC bench, however, as he enters his first year as an assistant coach. Mike Hart, Webster Johnson and Fred McNeil round out Finnegan's coaching staff.

This year's squad must rely on the leadership of the team's five returning seniors. Keehan is the team captain, and he returns with MAC first team and Division III All-American honors under his belt. He returns with Chris Brandt and Chris Jamke to give the Sho'men a solid combination on the offensive half of the court. Keehan is also the team's top defender, and he should lead the traditionally stingy Sho'men defense. Charles "Tank" Duckett and Charles Johnson are the two other seniors who will play a major role in the team's success. Duckett may either start or play the important role of sixth man.

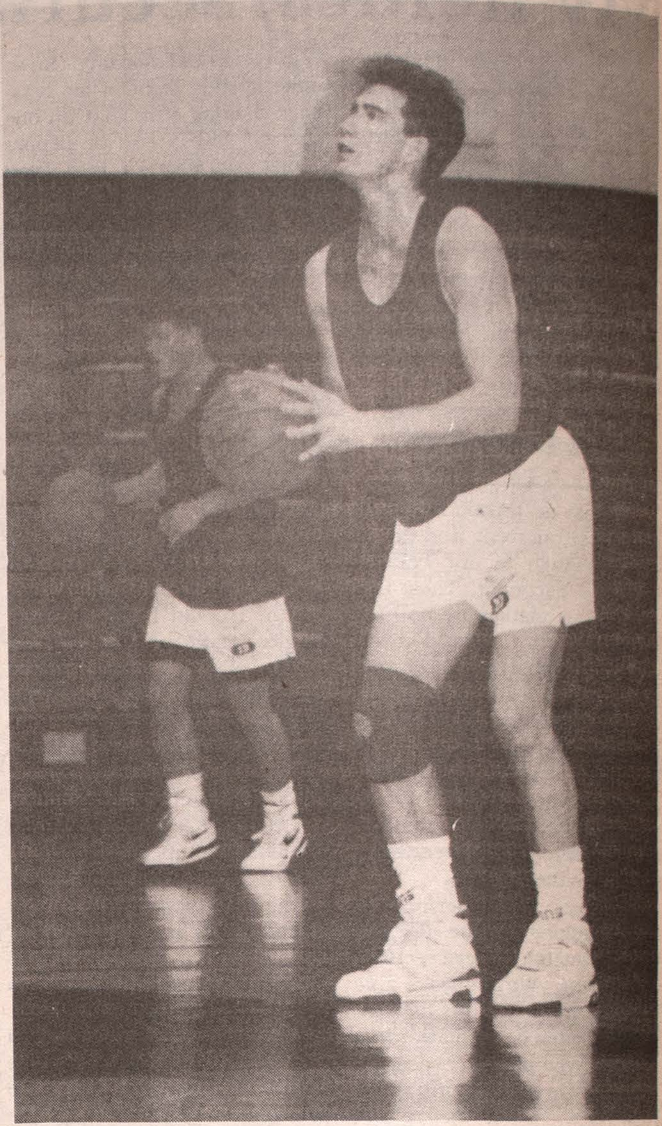
Despite the lack of experience on this team, Finnegan disagrees with suggestions this is a rebuilding year for the WC basketball program. "I don't look at this as a rebuilding year," Finnegan said. "I'd rather call it a replacing year. I'm optimistic about our chances this year. We're an enthusiastic team made up of people who have experienced winning."

Finnegan is also pleased with this year's freshmen recruits. "Our new recruits are learning quickly and have made a good effort in practice, but they're going to take time to be prepared for playing time this season. I put all new recruits in one of two categories–those who can step in and play right away and those who will help us down the road. We have some of both types on this team."

This year's new players will be needed to contribute in the front court immediately. Tim Liddy is a sophomore transfer who may crack Finnegan's starting lineup, while freshmen Philip Carr and Darren Vican should also play key roles in this team's success. Peter Basel, Tim Johnson and Bill Weber are all talented newcomers at the guard position, but they have difficulty getting playing time in an already solid backcourt. Bill Baldwin, Dan Dutton, Jerry Peden and Mike Swanson are other new additions who will give depth to this WC squad.

This team will be asked to continue the great play that has flourished at Washington College over the last few years. Finnegan believes that the program has received little credit for their impressive performance. "I tend to think our accomplishments over the last six years have been both overlooked and underplayed by the school and the local metropolitan media. No other team has been so strong over this long a period of time without any respect and acknowledgement."

The Sho'men of 1989-1990 will have to battle to gain respect this season as they face a difficult schedule, including two Division I schools and a couple of Division III powerhouses. Despite the team's lack of experience and their difficult schedule, Finnegan is confident the team will put together a good season. "There's a tradition that this team has to try to uphold. I think that as the season progresses, we will develop into a very good team." This development could result in yet another playoff berth and a date in the NCAA tournament for the Washington College men's basketball team.


Tim Keehan is one of the players who must produce for the WC basketball team to be successful this year. (photo by Amy L. Undercoffler

Volleyball finishes brilliant season

by Amy R. Caddle

The Washington College women's volleyball team ended their strong season on a down note, losing their last match to Anne Arundel on November 8. The Sho'Women lost the first two games 15-10, 15-13, but they were able to come back in the third game and beat Anne Arundel 15-8. Anne Arundel then rallied for the win, capturing the final game by a score of 15-11.

Coach Penny Fall was disappointed about the loss and attributed it to the fact that the team had not played in a week and a half. Coach Fall also made changes in the lineup prior to the Anne Arundel match. "We played well, but not nearly as well as we have in the past," said Fall. Still, the women's volleyball coach is already looking forward to next season. "Next year is going to be a major rebuilding season. We have some excellent recruits, but it takes one or two years to learn volleyball at this level," Fall stated.

The Sho'Women have had a wonderful year on the volleyball court, ending their season with an impressive 24-14 record. The team also managed to capture the C-WAC Tournament, and three of the women received All-Conference honors. The women's volleyball team has good reason to be pleased with their performance this season. "The seniors met their goals, and the team played well as a unit. It was a pleasant, enjoyable season for everyone, and we are all positive about the team's final standing," said Fall.

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Acclaimed writer to visit

by Stephanie Hess
Staff writer

Novelist and short story writer Richard Bausch is coming to WC on November 29 to read from his work and lead a workshop on short story writing. Bausch's visit is co-sponsored by the Writer's Union and the Douglass Wallop Room Fellowship Fund.

Senior Erin Murphy, who has been a fan of Bausch's for two years, arranged his visit to the College. She first discovered his work during the summer of 1987 while she was working as an intern at the *New Virginia Review*. Also that summer, she heard him give a reading, and was impressed with his work.

Murphy says that if she were to classify Bausch she would describe him as a "post-modernist writer." She says many of his stories deal with characters whose actions might be considered neurotic under normal circumstances. Through Bausch's development of these characters, however, the reader is able to identify with them.

While hearing him read his work, Murphy sensed Bausch is a writer who "is in tune with the process of writing," and who "would be helpful to student writers." After having her friends read his work, Murphy thought it would be interesting for Bausch to lead a workshop on writing here at WC.

A finalist for the 1988 PEN/Faulkner Award, Bausch is the author of four novels, including *Real Presence, Take Me Back, The Last Good Time* and most recently in May of 1989, *Mr. Field's Daughter.* He also has a collection of short stories entitled, *Spirits and Other Stories* and writes for the *Atlantic Monthly.*

About Bausch,critic Thomas Cahill says, "It is my deep, perverse suspicion that when I am an old man, in the second and third decades of the twenty-first century, all of Bausch- *Spirits*, his three novels, anything he may write- will be in print."

Bausch, will run an informal workshop with interested students prior to a reading of his work at 8PM on Wednesday, November 29 in the Sophie Kerr Room.

Richard Bausch, author of four novels and a collection of short stories, will lead a workshop on writing and will read from his work on Wednesday November 29. *(photo by Jerry Bauer)*

Brass Quartet to perform here

by Jennifer Del Nero

The American Brass Quintet, whose members were hailed by *Newsweek* as the "high priests of brass," will perform Monday night as the second presentation of this year"s Washington College-Concert Series.

Comprised of Robert Biddlecom (bass trombone), Michael Powell (tenor trombone), David Wakefield (horn) and Raymond Mase and Chris Gekker (trumpet), the American Brass Quintet is a recognized leader in the revival of classical brass.

In a *Baltimore Sun* review, the Quintet was touted as "probably this country's most distinguished ensemble of its kind now appearing before the public." Agreed *the San Francisco Examiner* 's concert critic, "Describe the ideal in brass playing and you're talking about the kind of sound and ensemble produced by the American Brass Quintet."

As it is established today, the American Brass Ensemble, performing chamber music from the Renaissance and Baroque periods in music history, was organized in 1960 by trombonists Arnold Fromme and Gilbert Cohen Fromme and debuted two years later in Carnegie Recital Hall.

Admitted *The Daily Telegraph*, "It is quite impossible to overpraise the playing of the Brass Quintet...they have everything...brilliance, attack, perfect ensemble and intonation, and a tone quality of unrivaled purity, range and power."

Not only have rave reviews of the Quintet been conceded by US critics, but by critics around the world. Wrote *La Provencal*, "This group is of very high caliber, especially regarding the technical mastery and musicality of each member," highlighting, "the exactness, the flexibility, the polish of the ensemble and the intelligence, sensitivity and refinement of the interpretations."

The Quintet, in addition to regularly touring throughout the US, performs around the world, including Europe where it performed in London, Paris, Amsterdam, Berne and Rome. In cooperation with the State Department, the ensemble also toured the Asia/Australia circuit through a cultural exchange program. After representing the US at the Zagreb Biennale Festival in Yugoslavia, the American Brass Quintet went on to participate in Iran's Festival of Shiraz, Italy's Spoleto Festival and both the Edinburgh and Casals Festivals.

In addition to performing its own edition of compositions from the Renaissance and Baroque periods, the American Brass Quintet has premiered over a hundred works, including scores by Henry Brandt, William Schuman and Virgil Thomson.

Praising the group,the *New York Times* described the concert as a "spectacular demonstration of ensemble virtuosity," and added, "the brilliance matched by the extraordinary sonics: crystal line definition, airy spaciousness, superb presence and an overall clarity that is positively breathtaking."

None of the original members still performs with the Quintet. In 1970, Fromme, father and nurturer of the Quintet, resigned in favor of a teaching career. Cohen departed from the ensemble in 1963, three years after its establishment, for the New York Philharmonic.

To date the Quintet has produced 25 records, the most recent completed in spring of 1980 in a combined effort with the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The music on the recording was performed on authentic period instruments from the collection of Dorothy and Robert Rosenbaum.

The American Brass Quintet will begin its performance promptly at 8PM Monday, November 10 in Tawes Theater. Students may use the tickets issued to them earlier in the semester by the Concert Series to gain free admission.

Campus events: Nov. 17 to 30

November 17, 19, 20

The Washington College Film Series presents *Scenes from A Class Struggle in Beverly Hills.*

November 17, 18, 19

The Drama Department presents *Under Milk Wood*, a play by Dylan Thomas. Reservations are encouraged. The performance is free for Washington College students.

November 18

The Alpha Chi's Casino Night is at 9 PM in Hynson Lounge.

November 19

The Music Department presents the WC Jazz Band at 4PM in Tawes Theater.

November 20

The Concert Series hosts The American Brass Quintet at 8PM in Tawes Theater.

November 21

The William James Forum presents "Critical Areas, Critical Times: The Future of the Chesapeake Bay" by William C. Baker, President of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation in Norman James Theater at 7:30PM.

After Thanksgiving

November 27

The O'Neill Literary House presents "Eastern Shore Landscapes" by William Creager and Sue Tessem. The exhibit opens at 4:30PM and is open through December 1.

November 29

Vivencias, an ecumenical choral group from Cuba, will perform sacred and secular songs in Norman James Theater at 8PM.

Also, fiction writer Richard Baush will read from his work in the Sophie Kerr Room at 8PM.

Correction:
In last week's article about *Under Milk Wood*, it was incorrectlyreported that student admission is $2. In truth, student admission is free. *The Elm* regrets this error.

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NEWS

Rally

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give yourself away. You should make a high stand, too. Wave the flag, invoke the Lord, just like the other side."

Senior David Johnson stated that he liked many of the slogans and was impressed by the spirit of the rally. "We (the Pro-Choice Movement) have the voice and the numbers. Hopefully the Anti-Choice people are not only outnumbered now, but outshouted."

Many fear that supporters of the movement will become complacent now that some victories are being attained. In light of this Johnson stressed the importance of making a stand now.

"I urge people to move to become politically involved about this issue at the local level and not vote for Anti-Choice...representatives. This is a basic issue of moral freedom and of choice."

He thought that Washington College was "really well represented. Here's an issue that actually warrants student involvement, not stupid, pissant things like 'attendance to convocation'. It's good that they are given something to really rally about."

Tapke stated, "I thought there was a pretty good turnout of Washington College students."

This man prays among the Pro-Life crosses in Washington. They were meant to signify the lost lives of aborted fetuses. It was a silent protest to the Pro-Choice rally across the street. *(photo by David Johnson)*

Dean Elizabeth Baer, Provost and Dean of the College, who also attended the rally, agreed student turnout was positive. "I was very pleased to see the strong student delegation and some faculty as well. I think it is very important for people who are Pro-Choice to...participate, despite the victories in recent elections," she said.

Baer was particularly struck by the diverse sampling of individuals. Signs designated, for example, Christians, Catholics , and Jews "for Choice", as well as democrats and republicans. Practically every belief system was present.

"It is very important for members of any group that feels their human rights are threatened to be supportive of each other's causes at this time."

Sophomore Cynthia Fields-Belanger interpreted this in a different way. "All the factions were there from one extreme to another. All these people were tagging on."

She also thought that as a college, "we were kind of weak. Once we got there we split up and became more individuals than a group." Fields-Belanger did admit that a good number of students went, given the fact that most had a lot of work to do.

Attendance and action was obviously a central theme for everyone who participated in the rally on Sunday. A flier distributed by WHAM! (Women's Health Action and Mobilization) stated, "Lobbying, voting and coming to Washington twice a year are not enough! You can and MUST do more. Take direction at Home, everyday, because the fight has just begun."

Vandal

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expulsion of that fraternity.

This recent attempt, at the Kappa Alpha house, was reported to Washington College Security at 2:20 a.m. by the County Dispatcher, after a message, which was left on Security's answering machine, procured no response.

The dispatcher said that there had been vandalism in the kitchen area of Middle Hall.

Residents in the building smelled smoke and immediately extinguished the fire before any damage was done.

According to Jerry Roderick, Director of Security, the fire alarm system was working, but "The smoke never got to the point where it activated the smoke alarm."

Officers investigating the area found a detergent box that had been placed on a stove burner causing the box to ignite. Several containers were discovered laying on the floor and cleaning fluids had been sprayed on furnishings and laundry.

The Fire Marshall's Office is currently conducting an investigation in cooperation with college Security.

"This type of incident could easily have been a life threatening situation. We urge anyone with information to contact us," Roderick said.

Students living in Middle Hall were reluctant to comment about the possible arson.

Middle Hall Resident Assistant, Tony Caligiuri, stated that he hoped that "this is not taken as a black mark against fraternities being in a campus building. I just think that it's been a quiet year in the building."

Pro-Choice Sign slogans

-Keep Abortion Legal. Who decides, you or them?

-George Bush has no womb to chose

-Impregnate George and Danny

-Outlawing abortion is the new Prohibition

-If you take choice today, what will you take tomarrow?

-Men who don't support women's rights should fuck themselves

-Abortion on demand and without apology

MOM'S COOKIE JAR

Instructions for Self-Care of Common Colds

The symptoms of a cold at various stages may include any or all of the following: running or stopped up nose, headache, sneezing, watering of the eyes, sore throat, hoarseness, cough, fatigue, and generalized sick feeling with or without moderate sensation of warmth.

Colds are caused by VIRUSES and DO NOT respond to antibiotics such as penicillin which are effective against bacterial (not VIRAL) illnesses. Certain medications and measures are appropriate during different stages of the cold. They include:

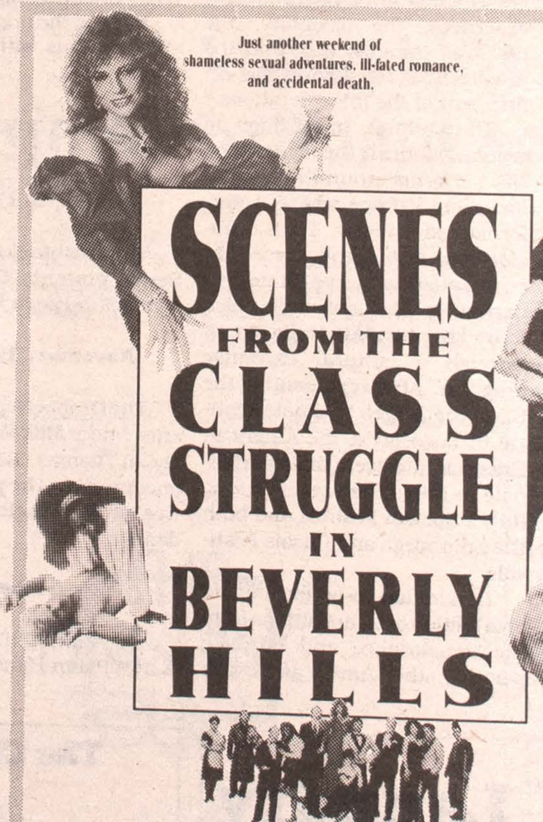
Gargles for sore throat: Warm water with 1/2 teaspoon of salt per glass gargled every 2 - 3 hours. Throat lozenges may be substituted when gargling is inconvenient.

Antihistamines for runny nose & watering eyes: They may be used separately or in combination ("cold") tablets. (Coracidin and Coracidin D are available in the Health Service or from your R.A.) They may cause drowsiness and interfere with study and automobile driving. Nose drops or sprays need not be used if combination cold tablets are being taken.

Tylenol tablets: For muscle pain, headache, "feverish feeling" - 2 tablets every 4 hours.

General Measures: Attempt to rest more than usual. Get ample sleep. Avoid fatiguing activities. Eat sensibly. Do not continue reducing diets during your cold. Dress warmly. Avoid close contact with others and use common sense hygienic measures. Stop smoking. Increase fluid intake. Be optimistic. Most colds clear in less than 1 week.

Important Notice: The following are NOT considered part of a common cold: rash, fever over 100 degrees F. (usually causing shaking chills), chest pains and/or shortness of breath, large neck glands, earache, sharp pain in the sinus area, or having cold symptoms for an unduly long course of time. If any of these occur, or if any other symptoms develop that are different from those usually encountered during a common cold, request an appointment with a physician.



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Philosophy fails President's funding test:

students attend conference at their own expense

by Sharon Bonner and Tracey Connell

College funding was recently denied to Washington College philosophy students who wanted to attend the 35th Annual Meeting for the Florida Philosophical Association, in Tallahassee, November 9-11.

One student, junior Cynthia Croot, was unable to go because of lack of funds.

Senior Barclay Green and junior Heather Donovan attended the conference, since they were able to fund the trip themselves. The two were accompanied by Dr. Ellen Klein, Assistant Visiting Professor of Philosophy and Religion at Washington College, who also presented a paper at the conference.

The conference was intended to give participants an opportunity to meet and discuss philosophical issues with well-known philosophers John Anton, R. M. Hare, Jaakko Hintikka, and others.

In addition, students were able to meet philosophers who have careers.

"When I study philosophy here I don't think of it as an active thing in the world today, so it gave me a lot of confidence to see so many people in the field....It really struck me. Being able to talk to these people and being able to clarify things," Donovan commented.

Added Green, "It was nice to go somewhere where people weren't asking, 'What are you going to do with a degree in philosophy?' I got to see people in the field doing things other than teaching. It helped me to see what's out there."

Several aspects of philosophy were addressed at this conference, such as Applied Ethics, Contemporary Philosophy, Ancient Philosophy, and Logic & Computers.

Dr. Klein presented a lecture on "Naturalized Epistemology: Lauden's Precarious Course." Other professional philosophers, graduate students, and undergraduate students presented papers as well.

In light of the advantages of attending such a conference, Green, Donovan, and Klein were disappointed that Croot was unable to attend.

Klein had submitted a letter to President Douglass Cater on October 24, requesting "$350.00 per student" and stating that she had chosen Croot and Green as the recipients of the money.

She wrote in the letter, "The advantages to Washington College, the Department of Philosophy and the individuals are obvious. The college and department will be represented by two outstanding undergraduate members, and the students will be given an opportunity to take an active part in an academic conference. In addition, the students will be able to mix formally and informally with other young philosophers."

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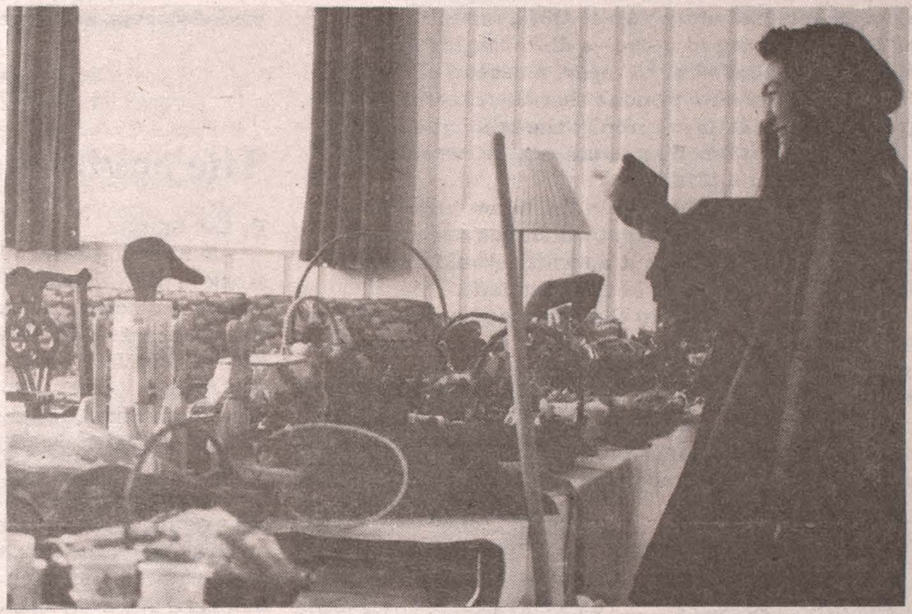

Joan Koo examines the wares at the craft show in the Hynson Lounge. Sponsored by Zeta Tau Alpha the crafts were supplied by the Chesapeake Plantation and were sold Teusday and Wednesday.

(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

Diocese refuses to print news release

by Tracey Connell
Staff writer

Washington College may have fallen from grace with local Episcopal officials, as the Diocese of Easton recently refused to print a Washington College news release in their paper, The Eastern Shore Churchman. The release was to announce the visit of an infamous bishop, John Spong.

Reverend Bill Chilton of the Eastern Shore Diocese received a copy of the release "quite some time ago," according to Dr. Peter Tapke, Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religion.

Chilton contacted Tapke by phone November 28, only one week prior to the talk. Chilton told him that he had conferred with Bishop of Easton Sorge about printing the story in their newspaper. Sorge decided it would not "be in the best interests of the diocese to mention it because Spong is...controversial," said Tapke.

In Tapke's own estimation, Spong is an "outspoken champion of many liberal causes. I am told he is a charming person...and everyone says he is an exceptional speaker." Spong has also written several books.

Many local papers received and either printed or plan to print the release, making the diocese's decision to censure the information a mute point.

Said Tapke, "Needless to say the black out of news in this [paper] doesn't kill the meeting. It does raise some issues."

He conceded that the Churchman, essentially an organ of the diocese, is controlled by the bishop. "They have the right to print what they want, but does anyone in this day and age think they can squelch controversy? I think this supression is an example of silliness and futility."

Tapke claimed that Spong's talk, news of "legitimate interest," is being deliberately "blacked out."

"The whole thrust of religious development in the last thirty to forty years has been away from a paternalistic point of view. The whole movement of religion is to open the doors to a diversity of opinion. It's changing the whole complexion of Protestant Christianity. We live in an age of change, of questioning old dogmas and to attempt to stifle that by keeping a news item out of a paper is silly."

Spong will speak next Tuesday, December 5 in the Hynson Lounge at 7:30 PM. The subject of his talk, sponsored by Wash-

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Library Grant axed

by Tracey Connell
Staff writer

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) denied a challenge grant for the Miller Library last week. In conjunction with college funding, the Library would have received approximately three million dollars for improving its facilities.

William J. Tubbs, Librarian, stated that Washington College had stipulated funds for Miller Library in a challenge grant program.

"The parent organization supplies money so that we can tell NEH, 'We already have this amount, but we want to have this greater amount.'"

Tubbs proposed to allocate the money, if granted, for specific purposes such as buying and endowing more books and audio-visual equipment, improving the record collections and equipment, and improving the availability of primary source material.

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EDITORIAL

Don't add rules—cure the honor code's impotence

The SGA is revamping the honor code. Apparently, the new and improved code will feature an addition to the academic section, which stipulates that if a student knowingly allows someone to cheat from him, or witnesses it and remains silent, it is a violation of the honor code. A new social section of the code is also in the works, which vaguely states that students are obligated to uphold the moral standards of Washington College.

This is all very well-intentioned, but let's face it: the honor code is essentially an impotent entity. If a student does not cheat, it's not because the honor code is stopping him. Likewise, a student who cheats won't be hindered by the code. Some people have the self-respect to uphold their values, and some don't. The honor code doesn't make the difference.

The penalties for violations of both sections of the code are appropriate: for the first infraction, the student fails the class in which he cheated; for the second, the student is suspended; the student is expelled for the third infraction.

When was the last time a student was found guilty of cheating even once, let alone two or three times? Cheating is a hard thing to prove—a discouraging fact. Why would any student want to report a case of cheating when the chances are slim to none that the cheater will be found guilty? The results are ironic: the student accused of cheating comes out smelling nauseatingly sweet, and the accuser is labeled a tattle.

This being the case, the new rule in the honor code is an insult to honest students, a threat which has not even a modicum of assurance to back it up which would make it worth the trouble to report a cheating student.

Instead of adding more rules to the honor code, perhaps the SGA should consider drafting a procedure for students to report cheaters at the time the cheating occurs (in an exam, for instance), so that the professor could also witness the act. Such a procedure would help to eliminate the one-student's-word-against-the-other dilemma which is so often a problem in reported cases of cheating.

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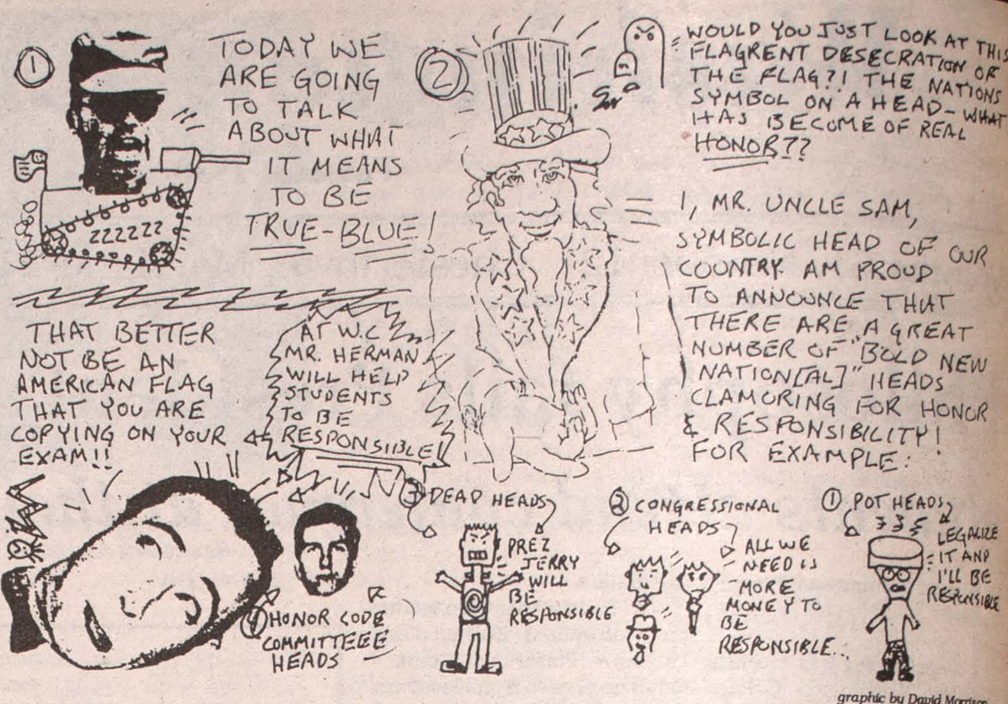
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graphic by David Morrison

Letters to the Editor

The environment: practice what you preach

To the Editor:

After reading Carolin Leibig's article in the November 17 issue, I guess it is safe to assume that she backpacked her way home for Thanksgiving break in fear that the car, plane, or train she could have taken would release carbon dioxide fumes into the ozone layer. Seriously though, the environmental crisis that is upon us now is probably the most pressing issue the human race has ever faced. However, I think that each and every one of us is well aware of what the only solution to the problem is, but we just won't accept it . . . yet.

I don't know about anybody else, but I think that those styrofoam trays are quite handy when you don't feel like eating in the dining hall and want to bring dinner back to your room. I LIKE being able to hop in the car and go for a drive when I want to. When I say car I mean the average mid-size sedan that has a V-6 engine and holds fourteen gallons of gas; NOT a car that is the size of a sardine can with three cylinders that you have to floor just top get it up to 50 MPH. I LIKE being able to put 1/4 cup of ERA detergent in the washing machine and not having to bring my clothes down to the river and slapping them over the rocks to get them clean. I LOVE the New Jersey Turnpike, which is 10 lanes wide in some places, instead of getting stuck in a traffic jam that is twenty miles long on some country road waiting for the traffic light to turn green. And, of course, I think most people like an occasional Twinkee, or something to that effect.

I like all of these things and don't want to give them up, but I know I will have to sooner or later . . . let's just hope it is soon. The fact that Ms. Leibig feels that leather is a necessary item leads me to believe that she doesn't want to give up many of the things she takes for granted either.

So, my message to Ms. Leibig is:

1. We KNOW what the problem is and how to solve it.
2. Practice what you preach before you cram it down my throat. The fact that you are preaching in the first place is illogical considering your faith in the rest of us is so frail.

Peter J. De Jong
Freshman

Maintenance responds to article

To the Editor:

Dear Mr. Lankford: When was the last time you were hit by a drag racing maintenance worker? What's wrong? Couldn't you think of anything else to write about?

I have nothing against you, or anyone else at Washington College for that matter.

In fact I have a pretty decent rapport with most everyone there. But when someone just feels like taking a Cheap shot at my coworkers and myself for no reason well that just ruffles my feathers.

Just about every time I pick up a copy of the "elm" there's something in there about the staff or faculty. "W.C. staff/faculty could or should do things better from a lot of students stand points. All I can say to you is that if you can do a better job, W.C. is looking for a new President. We at maintenance pride ourselves on being prompt and efficient so things will be comfortable for everyone. If you have a problem with a certain employee take to him/her don't nail all of us to the cross.

Chuck Sewell
Maintenance

R.E.M. writer responds

To the Editor:

In response to Miriam Dittman's complaint about my R.E.M. article, which was printed about six weeks ago, I would like to state that I have enjoyed all of Miss Dittman's articles in The Elm. Oh, wait a minute, there haven't been any. I apologize to anyone on campus who was offended by the word "crap." I didn't realize that The Elm's articles should be printed for a sheltered reading audience. As for my grammar and usage in the article, my grammar and usage are to the point and correct. The article was not written as late-breaking news, rather it was written for a certain population at Washington College who might have an interest in R.E.M.

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Kimberly Coburn
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OPINION

ISSUE: President Bush has vetoed several bills proposing federal aid for abortions in the US and abroad. Should abortion be a political issue? Why or why not?

Politicians aren't listening to the voices of the people

Cecile Gutscher & Jenny Albers

Laws have entered the most intimate areas of our lives —our bedrooms. So it makes sense that abortion has become a political issue. Politics protect our rights as free individuals. If we believe abortion to be a woman's right, than we must make it a political issue in order to protect it.

Last week, hundreds of thousands of people took their politics to the streets in nation-wide demonstrations to keep abortion safe and legal. They did so because in recent months, the usual channels for articulating the public will— using elected officials as their mouthpiece— had failed. The sudden and overwhelming mobilization is a reaction against a government that is failing miserably to protect a human right; in fact, that it seeks to do away with it.

How has our government failed us?

Though the Webster vs. Reproductive Health Services ruling last July, which is slowly eroding abortion rights, took place under the Bush Administration, it was only the culmination of a process begun long before.

Now states have the authority to limit abortion. The federal government has passed the buck, so to speak, because it must not have felt abortion laws to be important enough to protect it as the inviolable right it is.

What we are presently witnessing in Pennsylvania is a direct outgrowth of this obvious disdain for abortion rights. The Abortion Control Act of 1989, passed by the Pennsylvania House of Representatives last week, called for the most stringent laws in the nation since 1973. They include: 1) Notification of husband's consent; 2) Women must be informed by physicians of fetal development and alternatives to abortion.

"Notification" seems harmless enough, though it still infringes on a woman's choice to have an abortion as well as putting unnecessary stress on relationships where the husband disagrees. Notification soon leads to consent. How would this "notification" be verified? Would a husband perhaps have to sign a form stating that he has been notified? And if he disagrees, could he simply refuse to sign this form? A woman would then not be granted an abortion and carries a baby to term for another person, her husband; she thus becomes an incubator.

"Being informed of fetal development," on the other hand, is nothing more than a code for explicit, off-putting and distorted information imposed on a woman at a vulnerable moment. It is blatant intimidation.

What is most indignating about these laws is the fact that most Pennsylvania polls indicated that residents who felt that abortion is a private issue to be decided by a woman and her doctor outnumbered those who did not by a 2 to 1 margin. Such stringent laws, then, reflect only the particular view of legislators, not their constituents.

Shouldn't laws reflect the popular will?

In this case, they clearly do not. George Bush carried this one step further, by trying to impose his own morality onto not only the District of Columbia, but the rest of the nation as well. Last month he vetoed a bill to permit Medicaid to pay for abortions of the victims of rape or incest, though he has said he supports abortion in such cases. He must just be against the government funding them for the poor. Maybe he is trying to tell poor women to "just say no" to rape and incest!

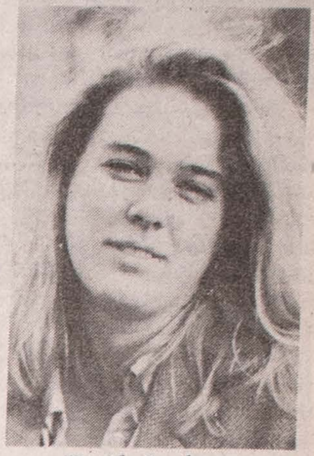
CAMPUS VOICES by Amy L. Undercoffler

Karen Iacangelo
Sophomore
Silver Spring, MD

By making abortion a political issue, the human factor is forgotten. Federal funding for abortions leaves too many questions unanswered such as will the money really help those in need of an abortion.

Cynthia Croot
Junior
Crownsville, MD

If we are to make federal laws (either for or against abortion) the only avenue is through political process. Although I may not agree with the outcome of the government's (and the country's) decisions, I live in a system where it is the majority which counts, not personal choice.



Heath Cooley
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Residing in an atmosphere of fear, created by the dictations of society's perceptions of wrong & right, women are placed in the position of choosing abortion or not. Because of this, federal funding becomes a necessity. And abortion naturally becomes a political issue.

Alex MacLennan
Freshman
Laurel, DE

Yes. Not because either side is necessarily right or wrong but because so many people have such strong emotions and beliefs concerning it, and those beliefs need to be represented in America's leaders.

Brian Gimelson
Sophomore
Doylestown, PA

No, it should not. Individuals should be able to make their own decision in a democratic society.

Jim Doran
Senior
Annapolis, MD

It seems to me that it is inevitable, and as the great Pharoh Benjamin T. Hinkle once said, "Boy, you're gonna drive me to drinking if you don't stop drivin' that hot rod Lincoln."

Politicians don't have the right to make their morals the law

Kyndra Ponder

President Bush vetoed a bill that would provide abortions to victims of rape and incest in Washington. In addition, Bush shot down a package which would provide much needed aid to foreign nations, including Poland and Hungary. He vetoed the package because it would help fund the establishment of Planned Parenthood clinics in China— which happens to be in favor of abortion.

When I found out about this my admittedly conservative mouth was about to shout "Hooray! It's about time someone in government got some morals!"

I have been a very dedicated ultra-pro-lifer. Like most other pro-lifers, I feel that a fetus - no matter how small - IS life and that consequently, abortion IS murder and VERY wrong!

I also feel that there are some extenuating circumstances— such as rape, incest or endangerment of the mother's life— where abortion should be legal. Unfortunately, few abortions performed today are for any of those purposes.

I definitely feel that abortion should not be used as birth control when condoms and other forms of birth control are so widely available!

There are couples who want to have a baby but can't. They anguish while women who got pregnant and aren't ready to accept the responsibility take the easy way out and kill their unborn baby.

Despite my moral views regarding abortion, politically, I MUST be pro-choice. I have realized that I have no right to force my morality on anyone else.

We have the technology to abort pregnancies. Even if abortion were outlawed, that technology would still exist— and women would still have abortions. At least it is safe now and women aren't dying because they aren't ready to be a mother. Plus, I would rather see a baby aborted than to see it abused or neglected later in its life.

While I still think abortion is horrible and morally wrong, I don't think it is my place— or the president's place to force others to live according to one set of values.

That is why when I heard about the recent vetoes of abortion packages I really screamed— when Bush was inaugurated, he took an oath "to uphold and defend the Constitution," not "to uphold and defend the Constitution AND enforce the moral values I believe in."

I do think that pro-lifers and pro-choicers can agree on a middle ground, I just think that they're too busy screaming at each other to really listen to what the other is saying. Maybe we could put down all those picket signs and symbolic crosses and spend some of the money each side uses to yell at the other side on education.

While the country has been busy yelling at each other about "morality," the problems leading to abortions have increased. Let's stop trying to fluff our egos because we think we are right and get to work helping the people who SO DESPERATELY need it!

News from around the world: Soviets grant economic autonomy to Baltic States

UNITED STATES:

Two of the topics on President Bush's agenda for the Malta summit with Mikhail Gorbachev will be arms control and the suspected arming of Salvadoran rebels by the Soviet Union.

Although the president has announced he will not make any deals with the Soviets on arms control at this summit, he is expected to discuss with the Soviet leader how changes taking place in Eastern Europe might effect cuts in conventional forces.

Bush is also expected to protest Soviet involvement in Latin America, in particular El Salvador. According to Press Secretary Marvin Fitzwater, the Soviet Union has been supplying arms to the Salvadoran rebels, including Soviet-made SA-7 missiles.

On Monday, doctors in Chicago removed part of Teresa Smith's liver and transplanted it into the body of her daughter, Alyssa. The procedure, if successful, could offer new hope to patients, especially small children, waiting for organ transplants. It also raises ethical questions about when a family member could refuse to donate organs or tissues to another family member. The liver has an unusual power to be able to regenerate itself. Doctors are predicting that within a year, Teresa Smith's liver will be whole again.

L. Douglas Wilder was certified as the winner in Virginia's gubernatorial election on Monday. Wilder, a democrat, defeated his republican opponent, J. Marshall Coleman, by 6854 votes. Coleman has announced he will ask for a recount. Since Wilder defeated Coleman by a margin of only 38%, the closest race in Virginia history, the state will pay for the recount which could cost between $300,000 and $500,000. The new governor will assume office on January 13.

SOVIET UNION:

Effective January 1, 1990, the Soviet Baltic republics of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania will have economic autonomy from the Soviet Union. The measure was passed by the Soviet legislature by a wide margin and will free the three republics from Moscow's central economic planning and decisions. This autonomy measure is a result of the grass-roots political movements in the three republics, and was praised by Soviet leader Gorbachev. The measure means the republics will now have greater control of finance and banking, as well as factories and other state enterprises, but the Soviets will still remain in control of the armed forces stationed within the republics, and oil and natural gas pipelines.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA:

At noon on Monday, millions of Czechoslovakian workers walked out of factories and businesses to join in a massive strike. The strike was organized by the newly formed opposition party, the Civic Forum.

The Civic Forum was formed in response to police brutality against a group of non-violent protesters.

The Forum announced Monday night it was calling off any further strikes while it negotiated with Czechoslovakian Premier Ladislav Adamec. The results of the meeting were cheering. Adamec agreed to appoint a coalition government by Sunday and to begin writing a new constitution that will legalize two party rule. The new constitution will also abolish the education system which is based on Marxist and Leninist ideology.

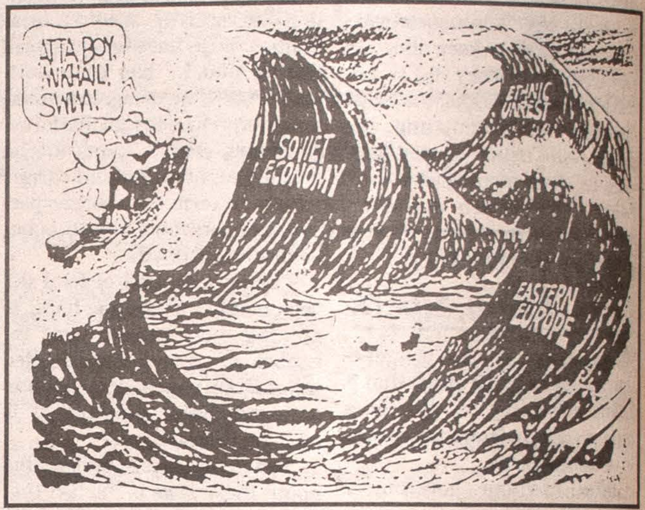
COLOMBIA:

On Monday, a Colombian jetliner carrying 107 passengers from Bogota to Cali crashed shortly after taking off from Bogota. An anonymous phone call to Radio Caracol claimed a group called the Extraditables were responsible. The caller claimed the jet was bombed to prevent five alleged police informants from testifying. The five had apparently given police information that led to the discovery of the hideout of the head of the Medallin drug cartel.

WEST GERMANY:

On Tuesday, in the West German parliament Chancellor Helmut Kohl announced a long-term plan for reunification. Kohl unveiled his plan before the Bush-Gorbachev summit off Malta began. Kohl's plan is in three parts, and does not set a definite timetable for reunification. The first step would be joint committees on the economy, the political situation, and many other subjects. Kohl's suggestion met with applause from other members of the parliament, although some West Germans have expressed reluctance about reunification.

Compiled by Laura Hopper from the Washington Post , NBC and ABC network news.



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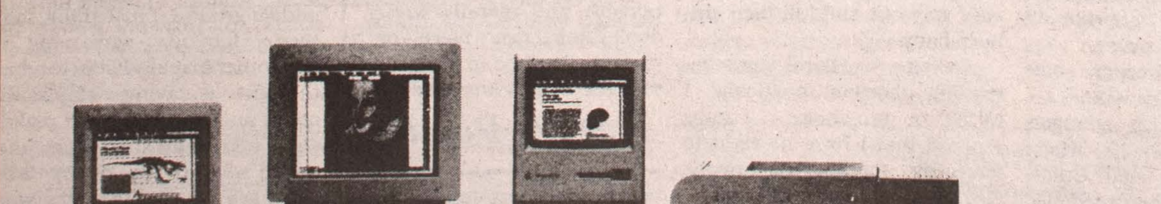

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FEATURES

Date rape: the silent rape

by Katherine E. Absher
Staff writer

"A recent national survey found that one in every six college women is a victim of rape or attempted rape each year," according to *US News and World Report*.

Ninety percent of all cases are not reported to the police, making this statistic a gaping underestimation of rapes occurring on college campuses. Because the victim knows the assailant in one-third of all rapes, she does not usually report being sexually assaulted.

When the woman is acquainted with the rapist, the rape is defined as date rape, social rape, or silent rape. Silent rape is an appropriate term for victims of date rape because they refrain from reporting it—some women do not recognize that their body has been infringed upon. Therefore, bewildered and ashamed, they remain silent. A woman beaten and violated in a dark alley by a stranger is not the only form of rape; a male who disregards his female friend's "no" also commits rape. It is rape when a woman is forced, intimidated, or coerced to relinquish control of her body while another person defiles and abuses it.

One senior tells how she was date raped during her sophomore year: "I was living with my boyfriend. It was at a time when I was very busy. He was very jealous of the time I was spending away from him. He said I owed it to him. It was a really tragic time in my life, and it is very blurry. But I clearly remember coming in and feeling tired, and he would not let me sleep, but he said, 'I want to attack you'—not 'do you want to make love?'-but 'I want to attack you.' It got to the point where it was easier to detach my brain from my body and let it happen because I didn't have the physical strength, the emotional strength to stop it."

Eventually, the friends of the victim saw bruises on their friend's arms and urged her to leave her boyfriend, but she could not see what was happening to her. Finally, she left him: "I don't really think he knows what he did to me. The really scary thing is that I know in relationships after mine that the same thing has happened and the violence has gotten worse." Her boyfriend mentally and physically abused her for an extended period of time.

Now, she is in "a very loving and caring relationship, but sometimes I have to pull back. I will definitely say I'm emotionally scarred." She also reveals she has spoken with other female students on this campus that have been raped, usually due to the woman drinking and subsequently being taken advantage of.

Beth Roemer, Resident Assistant programming director, says, "There is a need to raise the consciousness concerning date rape here. I think a lot of times people aren't sure what date rape is. They are not aware of what made them feel uncomfortable. Television portrays it as a very overt act, but sometimes it is a very covert act. It can be violent through coercion as well as just physically."

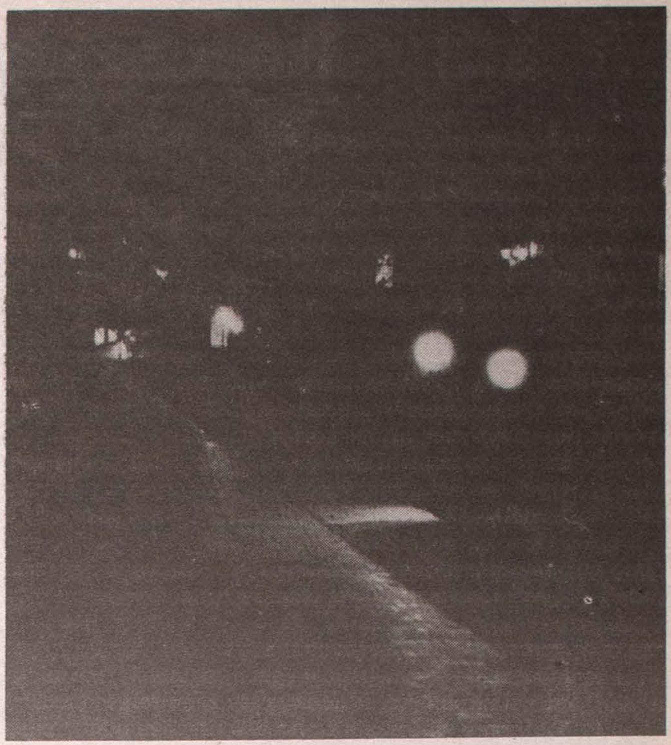
A woman's misunderstanding of her rape is due in part to society's sex role stereotypes. On television women are portrayed as submissive, weak, saying no to sex when they really mean yes. Men in the media vanquish women with their forceful embraces and then carry them up the staircase to the bedroom. In real life, however, men have to comprehend a woman's "no" means **NO**.

Often date rape occurs when a man and a woman are not communicating with each other about their sexual desires. The woman may wear a revealing dress or give off bodily signals contrary to her true intentions. The man misreads these signals, forces her to have sexual relations with him, and may never understand that he committed an act of rape.

"Date rapists are more sexually active than other males and more likely to have a history of antisocial behavior. Women—alone, in a new environment, suffer from low self-esteem and are not very good at asserting themselves," reports *Time* magazine on campus rape. Other characteristics of date rapists are displays of anger or aggression, viewing women as adversaries, subscribing excessively to traditional male and female stereotypes, attempting to make the woman feel guilty or accusing the woman of being tense. "Many date rapists are repeat offenders and are skilled at identifying weaknesses in potential victims. The rapist is looking for a woman he can control, since his primary motivation is power rather than sex," explains Carol Pritchard in *Avoiding Rape on and Off the Campus*. In a large percentage of date rape cases, the victim is often a virgin. A virgin is naive about male and female sexual relations, and is confused about what is happening to her.

Many times a woman is intoxicated; "It's much harder for you to be in control of the situation if you're under the influence of these substances. Be aware of how much your date drinks, too," counsels the pamphlet *What Women and Men Should Know About Date Rape*.

One of the preventions of date rape is to always be alert—alcohol dulls the ability to be alert. *Psychology Today* found, "When a man initiated a date, drove to and from the date, sexual aggression was more likely. They also found that if both people got drunk (at a party, for example) and parked or found themselves in the male's dorm room or apartment, then the date was more likely to end with the woman being forced to perform against her wishes." Some men think it is permissible to rape a woman who is inebriated but Roemer argues, "When you are high, it still does count as rape." Although a woman takes many precautions, she is still vulnerable. Roemer says, "Anything a girl can do for prevention is recommended. But you can do all these things and still be a victim."



Are female students jeopardizing themselves walking home alone?
(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

After this experience, a woman may feel depressed, embarrassed, and guilty. The rapist "stole a part of you," states Roemer. The woman usually loses trust in people and belief in her own perceptions. Date rapes happen usually after the third or fourth date. By then the woman trusts her companion. When she is raped, she finds she misjudged the character of the man who raped her. Roemer elaborates, "They went out with someone they thought they knew. They built a relationship and then that trust was violated."

Rape victims may experience physical side effects such as nightmares, sleeplessness, headaches or nausea, but mostly their trauma is mental. Their self-image is destroyed. "They must learn to reempower themselves, learn to be more assertive," says Roemer.

The Margaret Horsely Society is helping women on this campus learn to be more assertive. The Society concerns itself with the presentation of women's issues to the campus. Its leaders, Senior Jennifer Harrison and Junior Tracey Connell, feel rape and the prevention of it is one of the tragic issues confronting women, especially women on college campuses. Connell states, "I think rape is real. It is not a phantom issue. It does happen. And despite what people think, rapes have happened on this campus." The humiliating reality of rape frightens Connell, prompting the Society to offer a self-defense class next semester.

It also frightens the long list of female students signing up for the class. Sophomore Katie Simms explains why she is interested in the defense class: "We were just watching a two part series of a girl in college being raped. Then we heard about the rapist in Chestertown, and we used to go jogging alone, and we decided to sign up." The television movie Simms and her friends were watching made her more aware of date rape: "How many times have we gone in a room and thought it was all right, and how easily it could happen."

Sophomore Jacqui Bell is taking the class because "I'm an RA and because I'm on a coed floor. A lot of times I'll have to deal with guys that have been drinking. I don't think it will come to that, but it would be nice to know." Because she has never been confronted with a rape situation, Bell is not fearful of rape, but realizes her attitude would change if something did happen to her. But she thinks that "the main problem is the amount of

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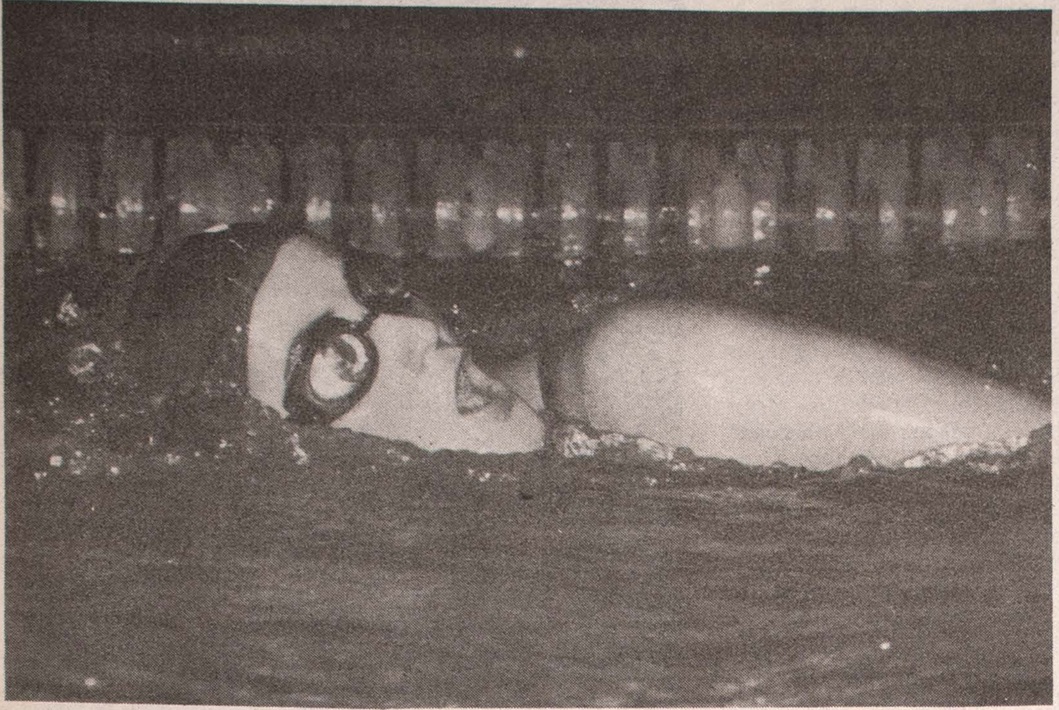

This swimmer and the rest of the women's swim team hope to continue their winning ways against Moravian this Friday night at the Casey Swim Center. *(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)*

Swimmers open regular season with two victories

by Greg Coss

This year the Washington College women's swim team looks very promising, thanks to two early wins in dual meets. The first meet was a convincing victory over Salisbury State on November 15, then they took a tough victory over the College of Notre Dame. Notre Dame was a tough opponent, and the score was nearly deadlocked after the first half of the meet. WC still managed to pull away in the second half and earn the victory. The team was led by Kasey Carroll, who nearly qualified for the NCAA Swim Championships in the 1650 meter freestyle. Other key members include Vicky Carroll, who excels at the butterfly, and Leslie Newcombe, a breast stroke specialist. Vicky Vahos is expected to replace Jen Korten as the top backstroker for WC.

In addition to the returning members of the team, some new talent is expected to play a big role in the team's success. Freshman Amy Capone is a key member of the team, since she can swim almost all strokes competitively and can be placed in relays in many positions. Bridget Fer-Ferris should compete with Vahos for the top backstroke spot. Liza Cohen and Monica Wilen are other members of a team loaded with talent and depth.

Dennis Berry and Kim Lessard return to help glue WC's talented pieces together. Berry is the motivator on the team, pushing the swimmers to give their best. He is also one to help the women with problems away from swimming. Lessard excels at detecting problems in swim styles to shave seconds off swimmer's times. These two people, masterminding a talented group of swimmers, have led the team to a 2-0 start and dreams of sending WC to the NCAA's this February.

WC's road to prominence continues, starting with a meet against Widener. They return home this Friday against Marymount, a team they are expected to beat. The following week pits them against Elizabethtown, who are tough on the road. Still, a 4-0 start could give WC the confidence it needs to win the meet.

This is a team loaded with talent and shouldn't be missed. WC takes on Marymount tonight at 7 in the Casey Swim Center.

WC wins tourney, home opener

by Matt Giller

Coach Tom Finnegan felt this year's team would have to depend on senior leadership and mistake-free basketball to be as successful as the squad that made it to the NCAA tournament. So far that's only half true.

Seniors Tim Keehan, Chris Brandt, Charles Duckett, Charles Johnson and Chris Jamke are the only returnees from last year's team. In the first three games they displayed enthusiasm, guile and savoir faire that spread to the youth movement (a.k.a. the bench) and starting sophomore pivot man Tim Liddy.

The Shoremen also showed that they don't have to play forty minutes of perfect basketball to win. They proved they can fall behind extremely worthy opponents and show enough guts to come back with second half surges and pull out a win.

Their first stop of the season was up at the Muhlenberg Tournament, where they faced an always feisty Moravian squad in the first round. It was nip and tuck for most of the way until the middle of the second half, when the Shoremen started to increase their lead. WC then proceeded to blow them out in the waning minutes, winning 82-68.

The final game was against the mighty mules of Muhlenberg, and the tournament hosts were up by eight late in the first half. The lead was quickly cut to one, thanks to three three-pointers by our resident long-range bomber, Charles Johnson. The Shoremen once again saved their offensive onslaught for the second half, winning 83-73. Tim Keehan ended the two games with a total of 45 points and was named tournament MVP, while at the other guard position Chris "Squirrel" Brandt was added to the tournament team with 48 points.

In the first two games the Shoremen rallied late in the game from a subpar first half, and the home opener against Frostburg State was no different. Before the game, the team felt they were going to have to play better to win, but before you could say "look at those pretty Frostburg warm up shirts", Frostburg was up by nine. WC rallied to within one late in the first half, but a Frostburg three pointer at the buzzer spread the lead to four.

The Shoremen came out with determination in the second half, remembering their most recent second half finishes. Unfortunately the second half began much like the first. Keehan was still cold from the floor, Frostburg big men were outrebounding Liddy and Jamke, and every loose ball bounced Frostburg's way.

All hope was not lost, as the Squirrel brought the team to life. He used his quickness to break a double team, then scored off a move children should only try when accompanied by an adult. His enthusiasm spread throughout the team, and no matter what combination Frostburg threw at WC the Shoremen momentum was not to be stopped. Some clutch foul shooting near the end enabled WC to lock up a win by the score of 83-76.

The Shoremen return for their second home game of the season this Saturday against Widener University. WC has always played extremely well at home, and their success appears to be continuing this season. The Wild Goose Classic takes place the following weekend at Cain Gymnasium.

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Hockey honored

by Jennifer Stickney

Washington College field hockey players Carole Reece and Donna White were selected to play in the United States Field Hockey Association National Tournament, held November 22-26 at Catawba College. The two will represent the Southeastern Field Hockey Association. Selections for this tournament were made at the Southeastern Field Hockey Association Tournament, where Reece and White were on MWCFHA Team 1. The two played on the only MWCFHA team to ever make the finals of the Southeastern Tournament.

Congratulations also go out to the WC tandem of Reece and Jenifer Blenckstone. Reece was selected as a First Team Regional All-American, while Blenckstone was named to the Second Team. This honor makes them both eligible for selection to the National All-American teams.

Cousineau brings Krapp to campus

by Jennifer Del Nero

Making its American premiere Wednesday at WC is *Krapp's Last Tape*, written and directed by Samuel Beckett, performed by French actor Pierre Chabert and sponsored by both the French Ministry of Culture and the WC Lecture Series Committee.

Says Coordinator of Special Events Marshall Williams, "It's amazing that a production Samuel Beckett directed is to perform here at Washington College," adding that the performance is largely a result of Professor Tom Cousineau's friendship with Chabert.

Krapp's Last Tape, the tale of a man obsessed with reenacting memories of his life by replaying tapes recorded in the past and then in his present life, recording new tapes varying his memories, is one of Beckett's most famous short plays, renowned in the world of contemporary literature.

Beckett's play mirrors the same theme dominating his other great theatrical and literary works including *Waiting for Godot* and *Endgame* where repetition and variation are employed as metaphors for the question of human existence.

As an autobiographical sketch of Beckett's life, the play includes an episode set in Dublin, 1946, in which Beckett experienced a vision he claims marks the beginning of his creative life.

This production of *Krapp's Last Tape*, and more specifically, the collaboration of Beckett and Chabert, has been acclaimed not only by French critics, but hailed at theater festivals in Germany, Jerusalem and Madrid.

That Beckett directed the play makes the production unique. In fact, Beckett has spent the past decade directing many of his own plays in order to show how he feels his works should be interpreted.

Chabert, one of France's leading actors, has worked closely with Beckett for over twenty years. Much of his theater work has been devoted to Beckett's plays; Chabert has worked as an actor and director in *Company*, *Catastrophe*, *Ohio Impromptu*, *Berceuse* and *What Where*.

Cousineau originallysaw *Krapp's Last Tape* when Beckett first directed it in Paris in 1976. He remembers, "It was one of the most powerful theatrical experiences I've ever had." Since his initial encounter with the production, Cousineau has been interested in bringing Chabert to Chestertown.

Presently, Chabert is nearing completion of a book describing his collaborations with Beckett.

Krapp's Last Tape, a brief play with a running time of about a half hour, is spoken in French, but for audience members not speaking the language, a synopsis will be included in the program.

Also, on December 5 at 4 PM in the Literary House, there will be a reading of *Krapp's Last Tape* in English for people interested in hearing the play in English before seeing it performed in French on Wednesday night.

Even though the play is performed in a foreign language, Cousineau explains that there are "strong visual and musical images" employed that will "grasp you even if you don't understand the language."

Beckett's *Krapp's Last Tape* will commence at 8 PM December 6, in Norman James Theater.

Pierre Chabert in a scene from Samuel Beckett's play, *Krapp's Last Tape*, making its American debut at WC on Wednesday, December 6.

The Last Temptation of Christ: brave and controversial

by Timothy J. Madison

The furor accompanying the release of Martin Scorsese's *Last Temptation of Christ* has, in retrospect, little to do with the actual content of the film and even less to do with respectable theology. Unfortunately, due to the nature of the film's subject matter, it becomes difficult to examine the merits of *Last Temptation* as a film without addressing its role as a "religious work." Suffice it to say that *Last Temptation of Christ* is neither impious nor irreverent in its interpretation of the Gospels. The film is an adaptation of Nikos Kazantzakis's novel—a provocative but not irreligious interpretation of Christ's Passion. Both Scorsese and Kazantzakis wrestle with the troubling dichotomy between Christ's humanity and divinity, the dual substance of Christ. It is this humanization of Christ and depiction of his weaknesses and desires which originally inflamed the tempers of high-profile pressure groups.

The Last Temptation of Christ is a brave, brutal and introspective retelling of the Gospels. Willem Dafoe portrays a very passionate Christ with human and superhuman motivations—his performance is a far cry from the pallid and ineffectual interpretations of Christ in "biblical epics." Scorsese in his direction succeeds in drawing universal and not necessarily Christian themes out of Christ's struggle without attacking Christ's divinity as proposed by the Gospels.

Unfortunately much of the casting calls attention to itself and seems oddly idiosyncratic. Harvey Keitel seems a strange choice for the crucial role of Judas with his hard New York vowels. While Barbara Hershey is effective in the role of Mary Magdalene, there seems to be no way to explain the casting of Harry Dean Stanton as Peter. One of the oddest bits is David Bowie's cameo as Pontius Pilate; with Sting being his first choice as Pilate, one has to wonder what strange point Scorsese is trying to make with his casting.

The Last Temptation of Christ is lushly photographed and beautifully scored by Peter Gabriel, but at times, like the casting, both the cinematography and the soundtrack seem a tad too lush and draw unwanted attention to themselves. However it is hard to fault such a brave and intelligent movie on these points alone. What is fascinating about *The Last Temptation of Christ* is Scorsese's ability to rediscover the allegory originally implicit in the Gospels and expand on it to make it take on a relevance to those who are without any particular interest in Christian myth.

Campus Events

December 1, 3, 4

The Film Series presents the film, *The Last Temptation of Christ*.

December 1, 2

The Renaissance Christmas Dinner will be held in the Hynson Lounge at 7 PM.

December 4

The Monday Series presents Professors Thomas Pabon and George Shivers speaking on Camilo Jose Cela, Spain's 1989 Nobel Prizewinner for Literature. The talk begins at 4:30 PM.

December 5

A reading of *Krapp's Last Tape* will be presented in the Lit. House at 4 PM. The reading is for those interested in hearing the play read in English before seeing it performed in French.

The William James Forum is hosting a visit by John Spong, Episcopal Bishop of Newark, NJ. Spong will speak on "Rethinking Christian Ethics" at 7:30 PM in Hynson Lounge.

December 6

The Lecture Series hosts a production of *Krapp's Last Tape*, written and directed by Samuel Beckett, and performed in French.

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alcohol drunk on campus; I think a lot of people get too drunk to push someone away."

What You Should Know About Rape suggests women should learn self-defense: "The best-prepared person (in a rape situation) is the one who has thought about and rehearsed many different strategies. Indeed, she is less likely to be attacked because of her attitude in the street and about herself." Self-defense encourages women to be more confident; rapists prey on weak and fearful women.

But, warns Gerald Roderick, Security Director, "you also have to realize your limitations. You're not going to be able to knock down a three-hundred pound guy with a blow to the stomach." Roderick recommends using "good common sense" before entering dangerous situations. Roderick further comments, "I tend to think that people get caught up in a false sense of security because it is a small campus."

Contrary to popular belief, date rape does occur at Washington College. The book, *Sexual Assault on Campus: What Colleges Should Do,* recommends colleges should revise "codes of student conduct to specifically prohibit rape and other sexual assaults, develop "an official written school policy condemning sexual assault," implement "educational programs on sexual assault" and establish "an effective program to assist the victim of sexual assault. With the implementation of these steps, some rapes could be prevented. But says *Avoiding Rape On and Off Campus* "for rapes to stop, men have to stop raping. Men must apply pressure on their peers to treat women with respect and as equals. Women must realize that they do contribute to making themselves vulnerable to dangerous situations, although they are never responsible for their rapes. Women must understand that they can lessen their vulnerability by being aware of their surroundings and by being assertive." The silent rape has to be heard, brought out into the open.

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The request received no formal written acknowledgement.

Klein finally contacted Provost and Dean Elizabeth Baer, who reported to her that if funds were found they would come from the president's "discretionary fund." According to Klein, Baer stated that money from the fund is granted at the discretion of the president and that he is required to have "good reasons" for denying a request, but he is not required to disclose them.

Days before the conference Klein was informed that her request had been denied. She was also discouraged from asking other sources, particularly the Student Government Association, as so few students were involved, she said.

One concern of the Dean, according to Klein, was that if funds were allocated to the philosophy department, then "we'd have to give to everyone else."

Green was able to come up with the money himself. Croot was not, and so was not able to go. Klein then chose Donovan as an alternate for the trip, which Donovan also paid for on her own.

Said Green, "I would like to know why there was no money whatsoever for sending a good student to something that would have been a wonderful learning experience."

He qualified the statement by citing lack of communication.

"I wish the administration would make more of an effort to justify the ways in which money is being spent. Students are complaining about what seems to be strange priorities, but I can't really decide if it's justified or not. I would like to know what goes on so that I can make a decision about that."

Croot stated, "There are some things about funding that are none of my business. I understand that there are a lot of practical considerations and I feel it's unjust to criticize, but a lot of it comes down to communication. If we students are truly supposed to be the beneficiaries of this system then we should have some access to information about what's going on."

She added, "I hope the perceived needs are being met."

Baer explained that money was not provided for the trip because "we simply didn't *have* the money, not because we didn't think it was a good idea."

She stressed that the administration always supports student-faculty collaborations on academic matters. "We do want to make sure that more of those opportunities become available."

Part of the problem may also be the plethora of requests received by Dean Baer and President Cater. "I wish we could've supported it but I didn't want to give the appearance of favoritism."

Croot considers herself a "serious student of philosophy" and wanted to attend the conference to "see how real-life philosophy works" in order to apply the information to her own career choices. She was therefore disappointed when the fund request was denied, but not surprised.

Said Croot, "Money is something that I've always had to deal with as an issue. It's indicative of the way society works. I think it's a shame that a learning institution falls prey to that."

Klein is currently planning to attend another conference with students in the Fall, because, she said, this one was so successful.

Look for the administration's response to questions of funding and allocation in part two of this article, next week in Issue 13.

Spong

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ington College and the William James Forum, will be "Rethinking Christian Ethics."

Library

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Endowment involves "putting money in the bank and using the interest."

Tubbs stressed that the Miller Library facilities are more than adequate but that he wanted the NEH grant to "enrich what we already have. It's not that the College administration isn't doing its job. We're just trying to do more." While the College has already allocated funds for renovations in Miller Library, the NEH grant would have supplemented those funds.

Tubbs was officially notified of the denial almost one week ago and unofficially "a few days before that." He has no current plans to search out funding from other sources.

Said Tubbs, "We'll get the comments of the NEH review board in December. Then we'll be able to see exactly how far away we were from being funded. If we were fairly close we may rework our proposal and reapply next year."

Coleman retires

William A. Coleman, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, has announced his intention to retire from his Washington College post. A search committee is being established to select his predecessor.

Coleman was employed at Washington College for 32 years.

He served under four college presidents. He witnessed the growth of the college in the mid-sixties and over the past five years.

Asked what advice he would give his successor, Coleman replied: "Think as a young person. You've got to understand the student's perspective."

MOM'S COOKIE JAR

Smart tips to help keep pounds off during this season of plenty:

- Before going to a party, eat a light snack (such as fresh fruit). This will help keep you from pigging out later.
- Choose crudites (raw vegetables), fruit, shrimp, or small pieces of hard cheese for hors d'oeuvres.
- Choose small portions of your favorite fattening foods. Eat slowly and enjoy every bite.
- No need to indulge in all of the goodies at one time. Many of the same foods will be offered again at other holiday celebrations.
- Plan holiday activities around things other than food and drink - such as skating, skiing, caroling, and tree trimming.
- Don't plan on losing weight during the holidays. Instead, aim to start the new year at the same weight you were in November.

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Administrators answer funding questions

SEX! "Sex inside marriage is not always holy. Sex outside marriage is not always not holy." This was the cry with which Bishop Spong began his lecture on Tuesday night. Hynson Lounge was filled to its capacity with eager as well as hesitant listeners who ranged from students to Board members to townspeople.

(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

by Tracey Connell
Staff writer

Members of the administration and faculty recently addressed issues of funding, as philosophy students paid their own way to an academic conference when money was denied from the President's Discretionary Fund. At the same time Student Government President, Steven Attias, and Secretary, Kevin Kelly were given the means to attend a leadership seminar in Orlando, Florida, the National Conference on Student Services.

President Cater described the two primary uses of this monetary resource, which the president started and he, his brother, friends and other concerned parties replenish.

The first, larger "pocket" has been set up as the Faculty Enhancement Fund. Money from this allows professors, for example, to attend "summer sabbaticals that enrich their value as teachers and professors at Washington College...Well over a majority of the faculty has benefited."

The second "pocket" is to service other projects which may or may not be specifically student related.

Cater stated that he and Provost and Dean Elizabeth Baer review proposals for money twice a year having given the faculty ample notice to apply. "It's timely, so that the faculty member knows that he or she can count on" the support.

The president stressed that the fund is not endowed. (Endowment involves using only the interest generated by money in the bank.) Therefore there is no guarantee that it will even exist after Cater has retired. "I have been able by good luck to keep this fund going so far," he stated.

Professor Robert Anderson, Acting Chair for the Department of Philosophy and Religion, recognized what he called "budgetary constraints." He stated of the Philosophy conference, "I can agree with the administration's judgment that the financing of this excellent opportunity was beyond the means of the college."

President Cater was extremely positive about the SGA trip. "It was a very valuable investment."

Dean Baer, agreeing, assessed the importance of educating students in leadership positions. "Those conferences are directly related to a post which effects other students."

She also commented on the administration's responsibility to leaders. "We are supportive of students taking on the leadership role. We [the institution]

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Students to blame?
Roderick repeats available information

by Cynthia Croot

Security has had little chance or motivation to answer harsh criticisms recently leveled against them, according to Gerald Roderick, Director of Security.

"Charges" range from overzealous ticketing to unreliable reaction time to fire alarms and other emergency situations. Roderick deems such complaints mere "opinions," to which he feels no responsibility to respond. Roderick asserts that with a couple minutes to discuss it, many such complaints can be explained away.

He maintains that no one has taken the time to interview Security in order to understand their system, so observations are merely idle talk. Nevertheless, Roderick was interviewed for The *Elm* in early November about ticketing student vehicles and towing. The article outlined Security's policies on the subject as well as including "common sense" safety tips from Roderick himself.

Probably most prominent in students' minds is the issue of the fire in Middle Hall. While Roderick did not address the situation explicitly, he offered a possible explanation.

Many students leave important messages on the security answering machine. Roderick says that in emergency situations, or instances which call for an "immediate response," the answering machine is not of any use.

On the informational sheet issued to students at the beginning of the year, alternative numbers are listed and proper procedure outlined.

"If students would take the time to familiarize themselves with the information, mix-ups would not occur."

On the sheet, several options are listed. In the case of a student being locked out of the room, or some other minor, non-emergency occurrence, he or she should try 778-2800, ext. 310 first.

If security personnel are not reached, information can be left on the answering machine. From

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Health Center improved

by Jean McCall

Washington College Health Services recently announced that a new addition to the Health Center will be completed by the time students return from winter break.

According to Dawn Nordhoff, Associate Director of Health Services, the new examining room is being built in Queene Annes Dormitory just outside their present facilities, where vending machines used to be located. Money for the addition comes from a proposal submitted by President Cater and accepted by the Wellness Council.

This council is made up of fifteen members of Washington College staff and administration: Provost and Dean Elizabeth Baer, Virginia Collier, Sharon Crew of the Dining Services, Pat Engersaul, Vice President and Deputy Sherry Magill, Dean of Student Affairs Maureen McIntire, Michael Macielag, Associate Dean Ed Maxcy, Counseling Center Director Dr. Bonnie Michaelson Fisher, Director of Athletics Geoff Miller, Associate Director of Health Services Dawn Nordhoff, Dr. Walter Roemer, Associate Dean Sansing, Betty Anne Schauber, and Karen Smith.

"The Health Services has

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New towing ordinance

By Tracey Connell
Staff writer

Chief Stetson recently announced that a new ordinance involving towing and storage of vehicles in Chestertown will go into effect December 10. The ordinance is meant to help local police encourage out of state drivers to settle their unpaid tickets.

Local police can now tow and store out of state vehicles whose owners have failed to pay five or more tickets. Said Stetson, "The car will be towed and stored without prior notice to the owner. We'll send them a notice after we've impounded the vehicle."

The Chief of Police stated that over 200 out of state drivers have unsatisfied citations and "probably three quarters of them are college students". One individual, not specified by Stetson as a student, has twenty two unpaid tickets, another has fifteen.

Students should realize that Chestertown Police intend to offer no significant grace period. "We're not going to go out at 12:01 [a.m. on the 10th], but we are going to start moving on these." Stetson added that unpaid tickets have cost Chestertown over $1,000 a year. "We just have to do something."

Maryland residents are not the primary focus of the new ordinance because police already have the means for dealing with their unsatisfied citations. Stetson simply places a "flag" on their registration, preventing them from getting new tags.

But collecting fines of state drivers has been a problem.

Stetson urges individuals with outstanding fines to pay them before the tenth. If a vehicle is impounded, the owner will not only be forced to settle outstanding fines before the car can be released, but also will be responsible for towing and storage fees. "It can be very expensive," Stetson warned.

When asked if students, unsure about tickets they have acquired, can call or visit the Chestertown Police Department, Stetson stated that they "should already know who they are."

EDITORIAL

The 1980's: a decade long lesson in mortality

The 1980's will be remembered for many things. There is AIDS which has frightened at least part of the nation into changing its sexual habits, and taught the world that humans are not invincible and nature still had a few tricks up her sleeve.

This decade has also shown the United States that we are not indestructible, and that our enemies are not either. Leonid Brezhnev, who ruled the Soviet Union longer than any other man, died, and a new, younger face appeared with a new vocabulary. These last few months of 1989 will be remembered as the time when that evil empire turned out to be a sick bear. There was a summit in Iceland that the American president prepared for by reading a popular novel. There was a nuclear arms treaty.

The eighties will also be remembered as the time of R. Reagan, an actor turned politician who gave more comedians more material than Gerald Ford. Mr Reagan, you taught a generation of young Americans that the Presidency does not have to be a position of respect and authority, especially if you smile better than your opponent.

The eighties will also be remembered as the decade when the Supreme Court decided to attempt to undo Roe v. Wade. They didn't quite do it. Massive rallies and demonstrations brought attention to both points of view, and while the legislatures of some states listened to the pro-choicers, the president ignored them.

There was an arms for hostages scandal that reached the very top of the Administration, a negative campaign for president, the public embarrassment, exposure and later trial of a prominent TV minister. There was a famine in Ethiopia, and a major nuclear accident near Kiev. An earthquake devastated San Francisco, hurricanes ravaged the east coast, and a volcano erupted in Washington State. Miss America lost her crown when nude photographs of her were published. The British heir to the throne married and had a family. America launched and later lost a Space Shuttle, while other space probes photograph distant, yet neighboring planets. And on our own planet, we began to realize how fragile our biosphere is.

The historians will decide what in the eighties was important, and what influenced the world in which they will be writing. But for now, Merry Christmas to all and to all a good vacation.

-by Laura Hopper

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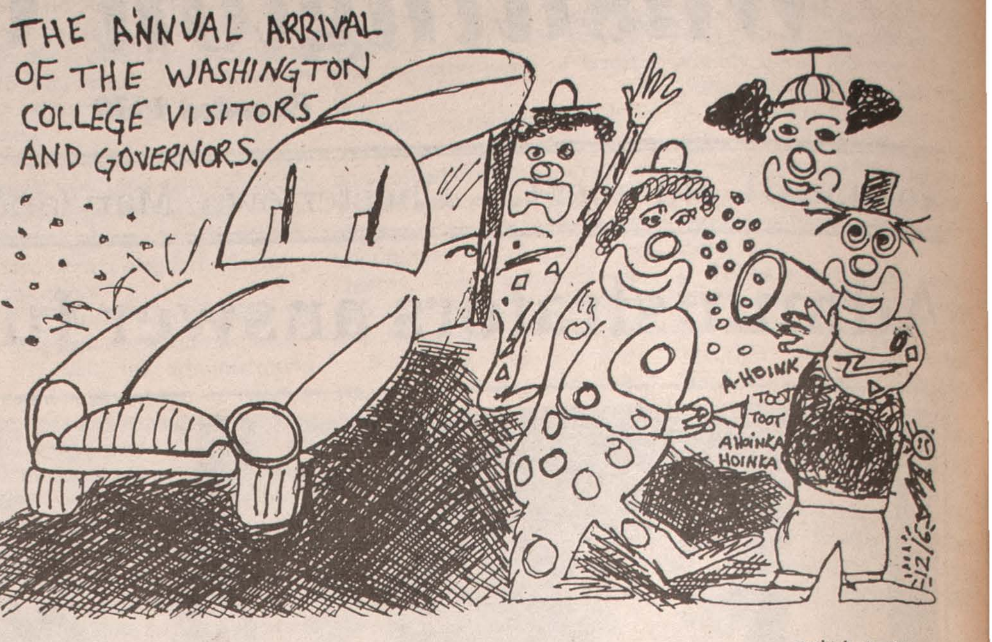
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Letters to the Editor

Wheelan defends Development

To the Editor:

I read with great interest Erin Murphy's and A. J. MacLennan's op-ed pieces on the issue of fundraising and the pressing need for endowment funds at Washington College. While I want to respond to some of the points made regarding the development effort in general, I think it's safe to say that in one important sense they are correct; Washington College does need more endowment, more student scholarships, better faculty salaries. In many ways, it is reassuring to know that these concerns are now the concerns of the entire community, including students. It is essential however for everyone to keep a few facts in mind when discussing the development program and I hope the following will clear up some misunderstandings related to fundraising and the goals of the College.

A bit of history might be helpful. In 1982, when Douglass Cater became President, Cambridge Associates of Boston, Massachusetts was retained to provide an intensive financial review of Washington College's standing. Its analysis was sobering to say the least. In its report to the Board, the firm stated:

The enrollment decline is a costly financial problem which also threatens the very nature of the College. As the community shrinks, rooms go unoccupied, facilities decay and classes are underenrolled...The College rapidly approaches the point where it cannot support a full academic program.

The College was moving to the point where its very existence was in jeopardy. Most of the faculty were still suffering from the 1970's, when the College was maintaining on average 4 percent increases in salaries during the most highly inflationary period since World War II. Deferred maintenance on buildings, particularly dormitories, was estimated at $9 million. If repairs were not made quickly, many would face condemnation. Endowment stood at approximately $8 million and contributed less than $650,000 a year to the College's $10 million annual operating costs. Scholarship assistance could not come close to meeting the financial needs of the students. It was not a pretty picture.

Following the Cambridge Associates' recommendations, the Board approved a five year fundraising campaign, directed almost exclusively to survival. Funds were raised to increase endowment, fortify existing buildings, and make major improvements in the embarassing conditions evident in Dunning Science Hall and McAlpin Art Studio.

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Life beyond the "gates" of Washington

To the Editor:

One of the primary functions of a college is to prepare its students for life beyond its gates. Failing this, college serves as nothing more than a continuation of the HIgh School experience. In this preparation, the school must be very careful to treat all of its students as adults, much in the same way that they can expect to be treated in the outside world. In this respect, Washington College succeeds as it has for the past 207 years.

What is not clear, is why a school that is so concerned with a students growth patronizes them on a daily basis with the attendance policy that is followed by so many professors. While it is true that some students require the threat of punishment to help motivate them into the classroom, there is clearly something wrong with a policy which makes a student more concerned with physically being in the classroom over participating in the subject matter. It would seem as though "three for free" is not only the school's condom policy, but its attendance policy as well. Although professors are encouraged to set their own attendance policy, many subscribe to the famed "three unexcused then half-a-letter grade off for all subsequent absences." Now we all know that there are virtually no professors who are unwilling to make exceptions in special cases, but the official policy still stands.

In the real world, you are not judged on whether you are sitting in a room, but on whether or not you live up to the productivity requirements of the given position. If an individual is unable to keep up with his/her requisites, they simply loose their position. This is the attitude that Washington College should adopt in judging a student's performance in a given class. Not whether or not they idly made every class, but whether they are able to show a cognitive grasp of the subject matter.

Even with this type of attitude, one cannot discount the intrinsic value of class participation and it is not the purpose of this position to do so. Rather, it is believed that presence in a class does not compare with participation in a class. That fact being accepted, let us take the example of two students. One student is careful to make it to all of his/her classes, yet sits quietly by, while a second student, who misses class on the average of five absences a month, makes the most out of each of the classes that they do attend. It is the point of this position that we

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OPINION

ISSUE: Of Santa's reindeer, who is your favorite and why?

Rerun the Reindeer

You know Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen........

Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen........

But do you recaaalll........the most faaamous Reeeindeer of all?

Ah yes; I remember Rerun.

Rerun and I were roommates at Eureka College during the heady days of '67, when he joined the Black Panthers and first started wearing that silly red hat. When he started getting his antlers, I thought it was merely some political statement. I can tell you, no one was more surprised than me when my old chum Rerun ended up as Santa's most notorious grazing quadruped.

It happened one December evening...'79, I think it was. We had been out of college for eleven years and we had yet to get jobs.

Jeffery Vail

It was about 4 AM. Raj, Dwayne and I were sucking down some Billy Beer in Raj's basement and watching "A Gong Show Family Christmas" starring Jamie Farr, Bobbie Vinton and Juicy J.P. Morgône. Mean Gene the Dancin' Machine had just come on, when there was a voice from behind us. There was a reindeer coming down the stairs.

But not your conventional reindeer, mind you. This one had a red beret and suspenders, pants that looked like a tablecloth from Pizza Hut, a huge, ridiculous smile and a gluteus maximus that could stop a bull elephant. It sort of looked like a high-speed collision between Pearl Bailey and a gnu. Anyway, it wasn't pretty, and it got worse when the reindeer flounced across the room and announced that it was Rerun, that it was the victim of a cruel genetic trick, and that it was leaving the next day to seek its destiny at the North Pole. There was consternation among us. Dwayne was so upset that he began leaping around the room, careening off walls and saying, "Hi-HI-hi!" until he passed out.

I was devastated. I had known Rerun all my life. I was there that long day in the hospital when Rerun was born. Rerun weighed thirty-five pounds at birth. His momma screamed so much when he was being born, they had to shoot her up with 300 cc.s of imported rhino tranquilizer. (By the way, there's a logical error in this article, and if you can find it, I'll give you a drawing of your favorite English professor.)

Anyway, you all know the rest of the story. As luck would have it, Rudolf got tanked and was sucked into the engine of a DC-10 the previous week, so the big S. was desperate. He's human like the rest us, he was in a bind, right? So he hired Rerun. I guess he figured, red nose, red hat, what's the difference? Nobody will notice.

Unfortunately, the Soviet Air Defense System did, when Rerun strayed into Soviet airspace on his first Christmas as a reindeer. Poor Rerun. His bulk made him look like a B-1 on their radar screens, and that was it for him.

Well...waitasecond. Okay. You're right, Rerun sucks. Vixen's my favorite reindeer. You wanna hear about Vixen? Wait...stop...what are you doing...NO! Susan Di Leo's editing my article and taking out the ending! No! No! Noooooaaaerrregeghurgle..........

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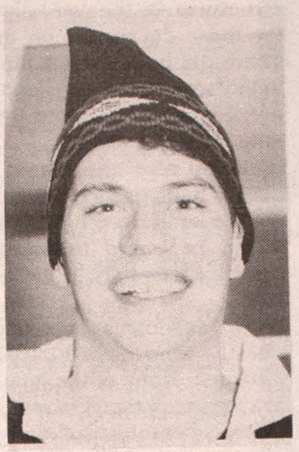
CAMPUS VOICES by Amy L. Undercoffler



Karl Seelhaus
Old Greenwich, CT
Sophomore

Dancer is my favorite because I saw him jumping around outside my window last Christmas.

Renee King
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
Junior

No comment. Busy dreaming of sugarplums.

Rose Jarboe
Pasadena, Maryland
Sophomore

Rudolph. It's just something about his nose! And of course, he's the LEADER of all the reindeer!

Roxanne Seubert
Princeton, New Jersey
Sophomore

Dasher is of course my favorite Reindeer, for not only is he the first of Santa's reindeer's, but he also leads us into the Christmas spirit of dashing about in trying to find presents for our friends and family.

Lisa Blume
Hanover, Pennsylvania
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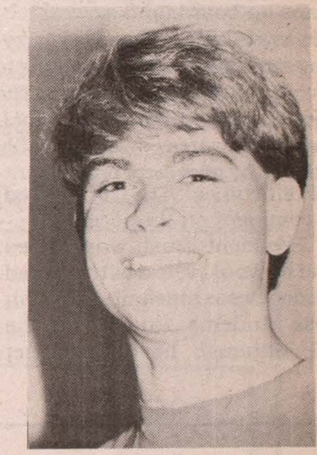
Vixen. She reminds me of some good friends of mine.



R.J. Eldridge
Chevy Chase, Maryland
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I'd have to say Vixen. For some reason I always go for the lesser known and obscure. After all, who has really heard anything about him?

Rudolph: victim of odd jobs and mental disability

Brett Lankford

I must admit that my favorite reindeer used to be Rudolph. The red-nosed reindeer was my hero during my childhood, something for me to look up to and admire. I wanted to be just like Rudy, especially the red nose. I once dipped by nose in hydrochloric acid for three days in hopes of acquiring a crimson hue for my honker. This plan backfired drastically, however, and, well, I just don't like to talk about the rest of this story. Let's just say thank God for cosmetic surgery and leave it at that.

Anyway, my dream was shattered when I finally found out the truth about Rudolph's dark side. Like most gullible little tykes, I believed what I saw on that CBS Christmas special. You mean you still believe that junk? How realistic can a story be when it's told by a talking snowman? That show was just thought up to keep the little kids happy and give Burl Ives something to do. In reality, Yukon Cornelius was a chronic drinker who liked to eat paste. Hermie later lost his dentistry practice after he accidentally removed a fellow elf's tongue during surgery. Clarice was recognized as the most beautiful doe at the North Pole, then blew the whole thing by posing nude for Playelk. No antlers, nothing.

Well, Rudolph was no better. He tried to make the best of his genetic disaster, taking temporary jobs as a night light and a police siren. Neither of these jobs panned out, and Rudy became very depressed. He didn't take the name calling very well, either, and he soon became a recluse. In addition, his father and mother were having marriage problems at the time. Things came to a head when Mrs. Donner ran off with the Charlie-in-the-Box from the Island of Misfit Toys. This sticky situation scarred Rudolph for life, driving him further into hiding and contributing to his mental instability.

The Claus family and the rest of the North Pole did their best to leave Rudolph alone. Santa and Mrs. Claus had their hands full trying to curb the overactive sexual desires of their elves, since it was impossible to find condoms small enough for the horny little dudes. Rudolph was the last of their worries, but this changed quickly when the blizzard of blizzards struck the night before Christmas. Santa had given up hope and was in the process of downing a keg of spiked eggnog when Mrs. C suggested that Rudolph could help. The man in the red suit agreed to the plan and darted out to Rudolph's grotto.

Unfortunately, Rudolph was not going to agree to the trip without negotiating a huge multi-year contract. The lawyers were called together and an impressive pact was hammered out in short notice. Rudolph would have a song written about him, plus have a TV special aired that portrayed him as God's gift to venison. In return, Santa would have Rudy at his service every Christmas Eve.

This agreement worked wonderfully the first year, but it has since caused some problems at the Claus residence. Rudolph spends much of the year living it up on the party circuit, then reports to the sleigh out of shape

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A new program to help the homeless

So far the Bush Administration and Congress have been unresponsive on topics such as day care, and they have reached an impasse on such issues as abortion. It seems the only thing they have agreed on is a pay raise for themselves. It would be nice if they could agree on something that might help a group of people in our society that don't have anything– the homeless.

The homeless are very visible in Washington DC, that same place where Congress and the administration agreed to give themselves more money per year. The homeless stand on grates outside the Smithsonian. They sleep on park benches and at Metro stops. They push their worldly possessions in shopping carts.

During the Reagan Administration, while defense budgets increased, housing budgets decreased. The President has a proposed $728 million package to help the homeless, which Congress says won't go far enough.

The package falls under the jurisdiction of Housing Secretary Jack Kemp. Kemp wants a three year program of federal aid that will be matched with social services of equal value from other federal, state, local or private programs.

Laura Hopper

Of the $728 million, over $450 million will be used to cover or help pay for rental costs, and $108 million will be used for rental subsidies for the handicapped or mentally disturbed. $150 million will be used to construct single-room-occupancy (SRO) structures for the mentally ill or for those dependent on drugs. There will be programs directed at the "severely dysfunctional who are frequently homeless or the long-term homeless."

Kemp also announced that 10% of housing foreclosed on by the Federal Housing Authority would be leased to non-profit organizations to help the homeless.

But as winter approaches, the question remains: is this too little, too late? Many of the homeless are former patients of state and federal mental hospitals which were forced to discharge patients when their funding was cut. The only way to help this type of homeless person, who can be dangerous to himself and others, is to send him back to the hospital, that is, to restore funding to these institutions.

With the president vetoing anything with the word abortion connected to it, the Congress would have to resist the temptation to add an abortion clause or two to this legislation. This is, after all, a proposed plan and will have to pass through the appropriate committees in Congress, and if this program is important to the president, they might just try to tie in funding for abortion.

But even if Congress and the administration don't find some way to obstruct programs to help the homeless, there is always the chance that the court will do it for them. A recent Supreme Court decision left intact a ruling which bars New York City from forcing developers who convert or demolish boarding houses where the elderly or ill live to provide substitute housing. The decision also leaves intact a lower court decision which prevents the City from blocking the development of these properties. This could set a precedent for developers who want to renovate slum areas of Washington.

Whatever Congress and administration decide to do about the homeless, they must do something soon. Although the Weather Service is predicting a warmer than usual winter, it will be cold enough for those who must live outside.

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In the world: Aquino battles Philippine Coup

UNITED STATES:

A Central Intelligence Agency cargo plane carrying arms to US-backed rebels in Angola crashed in Angola, killing all of the Americans on board, and several rebels as well. The plane was carrying arms for the rebels seeking to overthrow the government. The crash, which occurred in a rebel-controlled area, was probably caused by pilot error or mechanical difficulties. The CIA refused to comment on the accident.

President Bush announced that he would veto a bill to extend student visas indefinitely for Chinese students studying in the US, although he did instruct Attorney General Dick Thornburgh to grant students a four year extension on visas approved by Congress. Beijing has been applying diplomatic pressure to the president, urging to veto the bill which would allow Chinese students to stay in the US for up to five years. The students fear recriminations for participating in pro-democracy demonstrations. The Chinese government has also threatened to prohibit college students from studying in the US and to end visits by American students to China. The president defended his decision by saying it would preserve his ability to manage foreign relations while accomplishing the same objectives of the Congress.

200 demonstrators gathered outside the White House to protest what they feel is the government's low level of support for AIDS research and services. 78 people were arrested for blocking traffic by policemen wearing surgical gloves. 600 museums, galleries and other institutions across the US observed "a day without art" to increase public awareness of AIDS.

THE PHILIPPINES:

Last Friday at dawn, 300 rebel troops seized two military bases, Villamov and Sangley, and staged aerial attacks on the Presidential Palace, the government TV station, and armed forces headquarters. President Bush offered to send American military aid. After hesitating for several hours, President Aquino accepted. American planes landed, and government troops were able to regain control of rebel-held military camps and TV stations.

This coup attempt is the fifth and "most serious" since Mrs Aquino took office in February 1986. US intervention came "as a shock" to the rebels and "caused significant disruption" in their operations. Mrs Aquino accepted the president's offer of aid because local troops "lacked ability to contain rebels."

The coup attempt comes at a time of public dissatisfaction over increasing economic hardship, a breakdown of public services, and allegations of increasing corruption in the government. Mrs Aquino's popularity has slipped badly in recent months.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA:

The communist government, headed by Milos Jakes, handed power over to the opposition party, the Civic Forum. Jakes will step down and Ladislav Adamec will become the "caretaker prime minister." Mr Adamec met with the leader of the Civic Forum, Vaclav Havel, and five other leaders and pledged to end the "leading role" of the Communist Party. However, the communist apparatus still remains in factories, schools, courts and the government.

On November 30, the Czech government announced that it would open its borders and begin removing barbed wire and other security fortifications along the border with Austria, and end virtually all restrictions on travel to the west.

Compiled by Cecile Gutscher from the New York Times and Washington Post. Ms Gutscher is junior majoring in Political Science.

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FEATURES

Big Brothers/Sisters at WC

by Jennifer Golden

Today's generation of college students have been labeled the "me" generation because of their supposed apathy towards others. Certain students on this campus may disagree with this generalization. They have a right to argue with this label if they are volunteers in the Big Brother/ Big Sister Organization of the Upper Eastern Shore. This private, non-profit organization matches children from ages 6-16 with responsible, "screened" adults over 18.

It is a perfect chance for a student to make a difference in someone's life, right? Right, except no one said it was going to be easy. With the difficulties involved, these student volunteers are to be admired. A student already volunteers a large sum of time just being a student. Writing papers, studying for exams and just being involved in campus activities is as exhausting as a full time job. The students involved, however, feel that the program is worth the time and effort but stress how difficult it is being a Big Brother/ Big Sister.

Dianna Zaring, a sophomore intern for the organization, explains the process of becoming a Big Brother/Sister. She comments, "There's an application, then some pretty indepth interviews and then fingerprinting for protection." She also explains that when accepted, the Big Brother/Big Sister is "matched" with a "little" sister or brother and "morally" commits for at least one year. In describing the "littles" (of this area), they are generally from single parent homes where the father is either, "absent or just unavailable," quotes Zaring. She also explains the organization's need for Big Brothers, especially because the little boys "need a positive male role model since they spend so much of their time around women."

Junior Steve Bruchey has been a Big Brother since last spring. He brings up one of the main difficulties in becoming a Big Brother, "Time is toughest, I'm a lot busier than I was last semester." Another problem is his "match" lives beyond walking distance and Bruchey does not own a car. He also warns, "Things aren't as easy as most think;" it challenges the big brother's self-discipline. Whatever the hardships, Bruchey still encourages others saying, "Anyone who likes kids and if they're positive they have the time" should apply.

Sophomore Amy Caddle has also commented on the time demand and emphasizes the emotional drain of such a relationship. After knowing her little sister for a year, she is relatively close to her and spends a lot of time with her. Caddle comments, "It's really made me aware of how children look up to older people. I had to deal with not only my emotional needs but hers also." Caddle joined Big Brothers/Big Sisters because of her interest in charitable organizations, such as Amnesty International. She also saw the important need for the continuance of the organization in Chestertown. Her most important reason for becoming involved was that it is "a direct way [to help] instead of just sending money to charity."

As Caddle's "little" began to trust her and then proceeded to reveal painful details of her life; Caddle, at first, "just didn't know what to say." This situation can be a part of the program that can be very jarring to the volunteer. Caddle explains, "It really hits home when you're in this program, and you're confronted with [the harsh realities these children endure]."

Sophomore Pam Feeney has not been matched with her little sister, yet she feels she can handle both the time and emotional demands. As for the time commitment, Feeney will definitely change her schedule to fit the demands of the relationship. As for the emotional needs of her little sister, she is confident: "I would hope I would be able to relate to them. I think I've lived a little, and I'm a very open person." Feeney would also like to take an older child since she plans to teach high school. Mainly, however, Feeney "wants to help the underprivileged."

Partaking in the Christmas spirit, Big Brothers and Sisters throw a party for their little sisters and brothers. *(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)*

Senior Matt Zuech has also applied to be a Big Brother, although he acquired a "little brother" outside of the organization two years ago. He comments, "I just figured I could help and started helping him with his homework." Eventually, Zuech states, "Things kind of grew from there." So why did Zuech join the organization after being involved in a sort of match of his own? He replies, "I felt it was a good organization that offered more than just myself."

Zuech, furthermore, worked with Big Brothers in Denver. He comments, "The big brothers there, after four or five years, still seem to be a part of their little brothers' lives." Perhaps, most important a reason why these student become involved is as Zuech says, "Even if you spend a semester with them you are a part of their lives." Big Brothers/ Big Sisters is a difficult but rewarding experience. If interested, contact Dianna Zaring, extension 336 for information.

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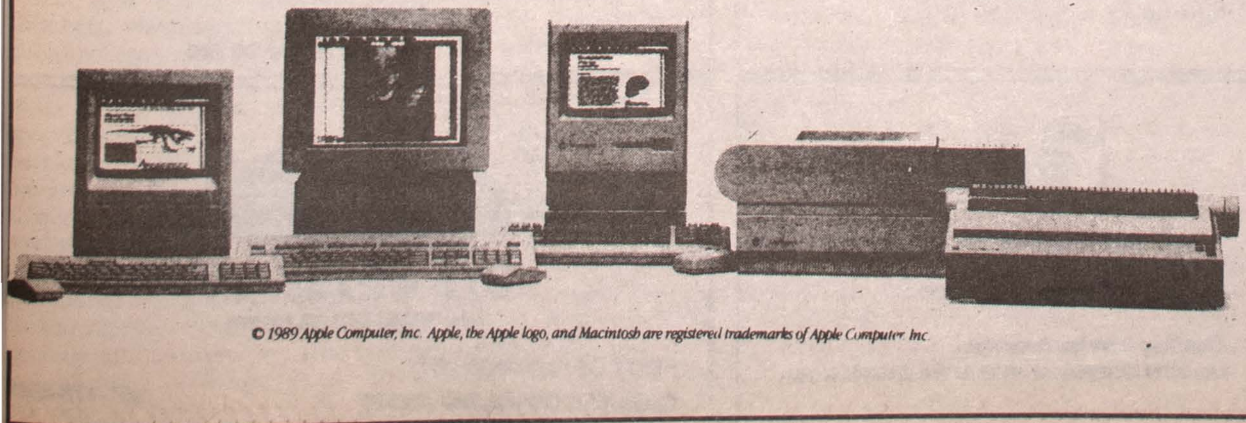

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SPORTS

WC basketball battles inconsistency, Widener

by Matt Giller

Last week's games against Division I foe Delaware and MAC rival Widener highlighted a couple of weaknesses that must be ironed out if they plan to beat the likes of Hopkins and Ursinus. Recently, the Shoremen have fallen victim to a shallow bench and a lack of concentration. This prevented the team from handily defeating a weaker Widener squad.

By virtue of the tape ruler, the University of Delaware appeared to have a significant advantage over the much smaller Shoremen. But Washington College has always played tough and scrappy against the Newarkian netters, and this year proved no different. The large WC contingent that traveled north witnessed a spirited and unawed visiting team. The first half was closer than expected until about midway through the period, when Charles Johnson left the game with a bad ankle that has hampered him all season. The injury has since been diagnosed as pulled ligaments, forcing C.J. to miss the rest of this semester's action. An injury is always unfortunate but with the lack of depth Coach Finnegan has it is even more of a problem. At the time of the injury Delaware had a six point edge, but the lead stretched to ten at the half in C.J.'s absence.

Delaware was up by as many as 16 in the second half before WC made several runs. These spurts were only equalled by thunderous dunks from a bigger and faster home team that held on to prevail 80-64. Tim Keehan and Chris Brandt scored 15 and 20 points respectively, while Charles "Tank" Duckett came off the bench to tally 13 of his own.

The Widener game last Saturday night was a game that should stick in the minds of those who played for a long time. As the near-capacity crowd shuffled into the Cain Gymnasium the underdog Widener team shot out to a 9-0 lead. The Shoremen went almost four minutes before scoring a bucket. Widener opened with a ferocious defense that forced three early uncharacteristic turnovers from team captain Keehan.

The Shoremen took a time out, regrouped, then darted out to a 21-4 run behind strong inside play from senior Chris "Bull" Jamke and sophomore Tim Liddy. Although a Widener box and one prevented Keehan from netting more than one field goal in the first half, the Shoremen were able to dominate the rest of the half. Coach Finnegan took his gladiators into the locker room with a 29-21 lead.

Although guards Tank, Brandt and Keehan were starting to come to life offensively, the inside game fizzled and Widener took advantage. With a little more than six seconds left in the game, Widener tied the score. The two teams traded baskets until a couple of three pointers from the Shore spread the lead to six with under two minutes left. But, in the holiday spirit of giving, the Shoremen got rattled under the Widener pressure and let them back in the game. Bull, who played 38 minutes of his best basketball of the season, played the last two as if he had ten beans on Widener. He turned the ball over twice and brainlessly fouled an opponent 80 feet from the basket, assisting Widener in their comeback.

A turnover by the Shoremen with less than 10 seconds left gave Widener one last opportunity to break a tie score. After a timeout, Widener missed both an outside shot and a tip-in, delaying the post game festivities for five minutes of overtime.

For most of the five-minute overtime period the two teams traded baskets. Tank and Brandt continued to shine, and the excitement came to a feverish pitch when Widener went to the foul line with two seconds left and down by three. Widener made the front end of a one-and-one, then called time out to draw up the "carom off the rim, get the rebound, score and tie up the game" play. In one last ditch effort the man on the line - a career 40% free throw shooter - accidentally sank his free throw to give Washington College the victory.

The Shoremen record now stands at 4-1. The Wild Goose Classic takes place this weekend at Cain Gymnasium, and will hopefully provide some excitement. WC has invited Hunter, Spring Garden and Northeastern Bible to their tournament, which begins this Friday night.

Swimmers stay undefeated

by Greg Coss

They're exactly where they want to be for the Elizabethtown meet: 5-0 and riding on a lot of confidence. The WC swim team won three meets within a six day period, and are suddenly a strong contender in the MAC. A lot of that confidence came in the meet against Widener, where WC was behind at the first intermission but went on win. Widener was the first MAC opponent WC faced this season, but they did not fold when they were down by six at intermission. Assistant coach Kim Lessard had reviewed the meet beforehand, and she had remarkably predicted the team would trail at intermission by six points. Lessard also predicted a close victory, and several swimmers noted Lessard's talk as the key. "Kim told us we were right where she expected we would be," Eliza Cohen said. Freshman phenom Amy Capone added "We knew we could win because Kim said we would."

Capone was surprised, however, when her team was upset in the 200 medley relay. She managed to come back strong in the 100 and 200 yard breaststroke, finishing 1-2 with Leslie Newcomb in each race. Capone also captured the 200 yard IM.

Joan Colton was another big contributor to the win over Widener, shaving an amazing ten seconds off her time in the 200 breaststroke. Colton also remembered Lessard's talk. "None of us were worried. Kim said all we needed was a strong second half of the meet." Sophomore Kerstin Kjellberg also gave credit to the team itself. "This was a gutty win, one where everybody gave it their all in every race. We really got together as a team."

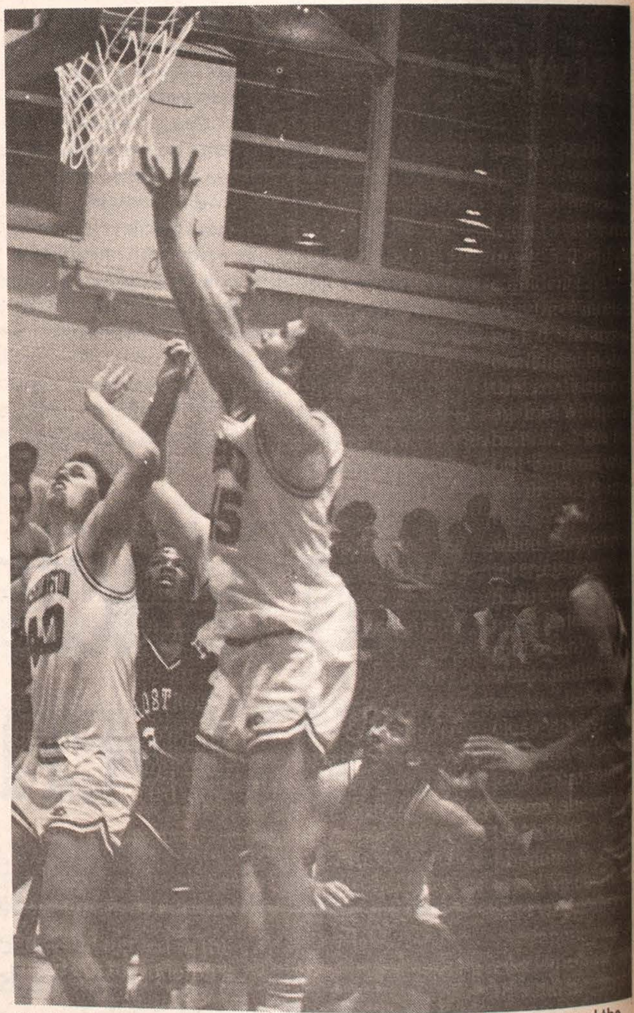
The team did pull things together. After dropping the opening medley, Kasey Carroll easily captured the 1000 freestyle. The meet was close, with Samantha Streamer winning the 50 yard freestyle to cut the lead at intermission. The second half of the meet stayed very even and came down to the last race. Streamer came through again, anchoring the winning relay team that catapulted WC to victory 136-125. This put their mark at 3-0.

Washington took its 3-0 mark into the meet against Marymount, and the Shorewomen quickly assured themselves of a 4-0 record. WC gave a total team effort while crushing Marymount 164-81. Their next victim was Goucher College, who was overmatched early as WC took first and third in the opening 200 relay. Bridgette Ferris, Newcomb, Streamer and Capone made up the winning relay team. The next event was the 1000 freestyle, which Kasey Carroll captured without any difficulty.

WC continued its winning ways as Karen Brady and Cotton finished 1-3 in the 200 meter freestyle, Newcomb won the 100 yard breaststroke, and Kasey Carroll won the 200 yard butterfly. Kjellberg finished third in the butterfly race. WC then steamrolled Goucher in the 50 freestyle, leading 86-45 at intermission. The team performed just as well in the second half, winning 155-107.

The team now prepares for the war Saturday afternoon against Elizabethtown. They look for revenge against a team that beat them by a mere six points last year. This is an important meet for the women, and Monica Wilen summed it up best. "I'm nervous. I see the girls that swam against this team before. There is a lot of respect for this team." Practices should be hard for their toughest opponent yet. "Wednesday and Thursday will be very tough, and hopefully we have a light practice Friday," Pula said. "I also think the fact that we are swimming at home will make a big difference, because we are used to the pool and we have the confidence to win here." Unfortunately Pula and Kerstin Kjellberg will leave the team after this semester, and these could be two damaging losses to the WC squad.

Washington College takes on Elizabethtown this Saturday at 1:00 in the Casey Swim Center.



WC basketball will need solid inside play from Tim Liddy and the rest of the front line to win the Wild Goose Classic. (photo by Gary Brown)

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Letters to the Editor (cont'd)

Editorial distorts honor code?

To the Editor:

After reading your editorial on the honor code, I feel that you lack understanding of our intentions to revise it. Yes, you are correct in pointing out that the honor code is an impotent entity, and that is what we intend to remedy.

Your editorial distorts the true meaning of the honor code. Of course, the honor code should be a deterrent to dishonest academic behavior and be able to punish those implicated; however more importantly, the honor code should instill enough trust and honor in students so they will not act in a dishonorable manner. The honor code should reflect the honor and trust that the majority of the students at Washington College have for themselves and this institution.

In addition, the honor code will never be a cure all for all infractions: social or academic; instead, this revision emphasizes the College's committment [sic] to academic honesty and proper social behavior. Unfortunately laws in our society are broken daily, but these laws are not abolished and so is the case here at Washington College. Even though the majority of students are honest, there are those who do break the rules and there must a safeguard in place to discourage them.

Students are unwilling to turn in their peers for cheating knowing the penalties in the past have not been that strict. Our revisions will insure that students are not just reprimanded, but are punished for their wrongful actions. Also, you seem to imply that every student who reports cheating are [sic] acting out some vendetta or vengeance against the student accused. This is simply not true. Most students report cheating because it is the right thing to do.

Finally, I would like to say that I respect your opinion, but your arguments only state what we already know and provide us with few solutions. Our revisions are not planned to turn the College into a police state; instead, they will help to make this great academic institution even greater. Why don't you wait until our plans are implemented and then comment? If you do have suggestions to improve the honor code I would like to hear them.

Bill Kerbin
Chairman, SGA Honor Code Committee

Steven B. Attias
President, SGA

Editor's reply: While I am not discounting the value of the honor code, I do not believe that these additional rules will guarantee that cheaters will be reprimanded for their actions. I believe I suggested in my editorial that students need guidelines on how to report a case of cheating ***as it occurs;*** *such guidelines can only improve the efficacy of the honor code, while more rules will only add to its impotence.*

Annual Renaissance Christmas Dinner revelers entertained all those who attended the special event December 1 and 2.

(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

WC a college of many, varied needs

Wheelan

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Thanks to the exclusive support of the Eugene B. Casey family, the College has been able to bring together an academic centerpiece. In addition, these contributions afford us the opportunity to link the two sides of the campus, now divided by Gibson Avenue.

Campaign results to date have been rewarding. Endowment gifts have reached $12.8 million, bringing the total endowment to $19 million, with over $6 million committed within the next four years. Annual giving gifts now exceed $1.1 million, dedicated to faculty salaries and scholarship assistance. The Master Plan has included the renovation of O'Neill Literary House, Cullen, Minta Martin, Reid, Caroline, and the Hill Dorms. At the same time the Dunning and Decker Science buildings are in full use. Students will be working in the Larrabee Creative Arts Center by next January, and using the Casey Center by September.

The impact of these improvements on student recruitment and alumni support cannot be underestimated. With the number of high school graduates shrinking, Washington College, like all colleges, must be seen by prospective students as a school with a well-maintained campus and attractive facilities. This is not simply a matter of aesthetics, but vital to recruiting the best students possible and providing a setting conducive to learning.

The state of the College's campus has dramatically affected alumni support. For many, particularly alumni from the 70's and early 80's, Washington College was an institution in decline, often best forgotten. In 1982, only 28% of the alumni were supporting the College, at a level of less than $100,000 a year. This year, we are predicting that over 55% of alumni will support the Washington College Fund, producing $400,000 in income directly for student aid and faculty salaries. The revitalization of the campus and its programs have been the key motivating factors in these substantial increases, and will undoubtedly bring greater increases in gifts and bequests down the road.

I think it's imprtant for the College Community to understand the rationale for the Johnson Lifetime Fitness Center, which at this point is probably the most misunderstood of all the College's fundraising goals. At the very heart of this building is the notion that one cannot be truly educated if one lives merely on a cerebral level. Recognizing the Greek ideal of a sound mind in a sound body, the College wishes to provide a facility encouraging this theme as the central focus of the building. The Lifetime Fitness Center will not only be a home for "jocks" but a central part of student life, where the seeds of lifetime fitness and health maintenance are learned and supported. It would be very difficult to convince a significant number of alumni, who are also devoting considerable resources to the College's annual scholarship needs, that this is not a primary need of the College.

To conclude: when the President or a Board member is on the road raising funds for Washington College, the objective in almost all cases is to stimulate interest in the College, not simply to obtain a gift to a specific project. Remember, Washington College is one of thousands of charitable organizations looking for funding. This is also a fragile institution with many, many needs, all of which cannot be fully funded. We should be proud that we are finally suceeding to the point where, in the next two years, we will have the opportunity of fundraising for furthering endowment and expanded Miller Library. I trust when we reach that point we can count on the college community's support. Meantime I would be glad to meet with any student or faculty member to discuss these important issues in more detail.

Sincerely,
F. David Wheelan

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cannot refer to the first as the better student. The determining factor here is whether or not both students have met the content requirements for the class in question. After all, is this not the primary purpose of classroom instruction?

It is common practice that the larger lecture classes and some of the more difficult courses typically do not require attendance. it is in these classes that a truly enlightened attitude toward attendance may be found. These professors know that the only way to excel in the class is by showing up on some sort of regular basis. Instructors of smaller, less complicated courses might consider concentrating on a students performance in class rather than his/her ability to show up in the first place. The student (or someone else) has paid for the course, obviously they need it for their major, distribution, etc., so it is then up to them to make the conscious decision to show up.

Rather than an attendance policy which limits a student to three unexcused absences, let the professors more clearly define and emphasize classroom participation. Clearly, if a student does not meet this participation requirement, the instructor may surely penalize the student for not keeping up with one of the core requirements of the course. In a sense, this motivates a student to show up; not because they are afraid of the amount of the classes they have missed, but rather because they fear being penalized for missing being involved in the subject matter. as was shown in the above example, there is clearly a difference between presence and participation in a classroom. Only in a class where a student is required to participate in the discussion or lecture, while maintaining passing grades on all required tests and papers, can one become truly educated. This type of format enables a student to become self started rather than reactive to a sophomoric approach to attendance.

In conclusion, it is the stated position of this letter to promote a change in thought when it comes to the subject of attendance. Rather than continue to require a student to physically attend class, let us begin to concern ourselves more with the students actual participation in the subject matter. It may be argued (against this point) that if a student is not in class, how can we concern ourselves with his/her participation? The fact is, the sooner our students become able to make the conscious decision that class attendance is vital to academic success, the sooner they will be able to become truly self-dependant. The practice of having mandatory attendance prolongs the time that students feel that they must attend class rather than having the understanding that they need to attend class.

Sincerely,
Stuart Neiman

Rudolph

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every Christmas Eve. Santa spends most of his time wishing that he had just stuck with the eggnog and ignored the pleas of the children around the world. Rumor has it that Mr. Claus has hired a hitman to bump off the troublemaking reindeer and free himself from the useless burden.

Well, that's the real story of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. Sort of changes your image of him, doesn't it? I don't actually have a favorite reindeer, but I don't like Vixen very much either. Any animal named after a really bad all-female heavy metal band must not be very intelligent. I've always preferred caribou, anyway.

Brett Lankford is a junior majoring in English. He is also Sports Editor for the Elm.

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will not be printed next week, due to final exams.

Happy Holidays

Theft case resolved

by Suzie Mazzullo

Three Washington College students, who were cited for theft of college property on August 25 of this year, have recently been sentenced.

Mark Cavallaro, Nicholas Darcangelo, and Michael Johnson, all charged with theft of property worth over $300, faced trial on November 21 in district court of Kent County Courthouse.

The three were sentenced to one year probation.

During that time they may not be involved in "any further alleged violations of criminal law including motor vehicle violations." Each of them must also serve 50 hours of community service work within three months of the day of the trial.

Cavallaro, Darcangelo and Johnson were arrested after being observed loading some Washington College furniture into the back of a truck on the night of August 25. Lt. John Price made the arrest.

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have to give moral and financial support, otherwise the students may shy away from doing these jobs."

Attias felt that the seminar he attended was "an outstanding experience" and has since applied much of what he's learned. One example of that application is contained in plans for the new Student Union.

"We need a Student Union that is not stereotyped. Right now it is known as a place where people don't go." He added, "We should have an outside coordinator to take pressure off of students working there."

Attias thought the seminar was valuable for "establishing contacts" and he was able to exchange ideas with other student leaders.

Anderson, summarised what to many seems to be the main issue in terms of both conferences. He was reluctant to avoid the financial problems of students.

"There have been several cases recently in which certain educational opportunities have seemed open only to those who can afford them. We should guard against drifting towards a two-track curriculum that discriminates against those with less money."

He added, "On the other hand it would seem foolish to pass up extra-curricular events which benefit those who have the means to participate. The situation of the philosophy conference appears to fall closer to the latter of these two principles."

Stating that this general problem has not been adequately studied by the College. Anderson recommended "that it be put on the agenda of the appropriate college committee."

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8 AM to 12 AM Monday – Saturday and 12 noon – 12 AM Sunday, the switchboard (dial 0 on a campus extension and 778-2800 on an outside phone) has a direct radio link to security, but this option is to be used only when no one can be reached at 310.

Finally, in the event of fire alarms, etc., security can be reached at 911, or 778-1241 (the Kent County Central Alarm dispatch). These numbers are to be used only in the event of a real emergency.

In the past, says Roderick, the 778-1241 number has been "overloaded with misuse," so students are urged to call only in extremely important situations. This system, albeit a bit complicated, "runs smoothly," states Roderick, "when people understand it."

Roderick continues, "a breakdown in communication is frustrating for both us and the student. Our main goal here is to serve the campus community."

Some students have raised the issue of improperly functioning fire extinguishers and alarms. Roderick explains that "all dorms which are required to have alarms and extinguishers, do." He further notes that security contacts a service company which inspects dormitories with installed apparatuses three times a semester in accordance with fire codes. He mentions the continued abuse by students of the extinguishers, which are sometimes "used as toys," are costly to maintain.

Finally, Roderick readdressed the parking issue. To many who use the facilities it seems harder and harder to find parking spots. Parking regulations are aimed at freeing up spots that are being improperly used so that students who need spots can find them. Also emergency access routes must be maintained.

For a while, Roderick admits, "parking enforcement even increased to encourage the registration of vehicles. Also we have towed vehicles, but not without at least one warning and often only following repeated attempts to contact the student, until we have no alternative."

On the whole, Security has a wide array of duties, from safety, parking and party registration, to handling legal disputes and patrolling the campus. Roderick is pleased to note that most shifts have two guards on them who are responsible for all of the enforcement duties as well as patrolling the 34 buildings on campus.

Says Roderick, "the Security Department has expanded over the past few years, and we hope to continue to grow along with the College. There isn't an administrator on campus who wouldn't like to have more money, but the administration has been supportive of our requests for money and the program in general. We have a successful program here, with no serious crime problem. I would say the grounds of WC are even safer than Chestertown."

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approximately 400-500 visits per month...and the extra examining room will make more effective use of the physician's time," according to Nordhoff. While one student is seeing the doctor another student can get ready in the other room. As a result, time will be saved and students will not have to wait as long.

The Health Services is also making plans to renovate. They will paint, get new carpets, new furniture and will make further general improvements which should also be completed by January 15th.

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MOM'S COOKIE JAR

The holiday season is upon us. To start off the festivities, the Washington College Dining Service held its annual Student's Christmas Buffet last Wednesday evening. The dining hall was draped insophisticated Christmas attire. Those who attended the buffet dinner seemed to enjoy their meal, the seasonal piano music, played by Adky Wun and the decorations.

Speaking of decorations, a special "THANK YOU" to the S.G.A. Social Committee for all their hard work last Saturday decorating the Dining Hall and letting the Dining Hall utilize the decorations during the month.

Sunday, December 10th, the W.C.D.S. will again sponsor the "Midnight Breakfast" from 11:30 P.M. to 12:30 A.M. All students are encouraged to take a break from studies and attend.

Starting Monday, December 11th, and running through Friday, coffee and assorted pastries will be served in the Coffee House at 11:00 P.M.

This is a joint venture sponsored by the S.G.A. Food Service Committee and the W.C.D.S. We hope it will prove a pleasant break from sudying for exams.

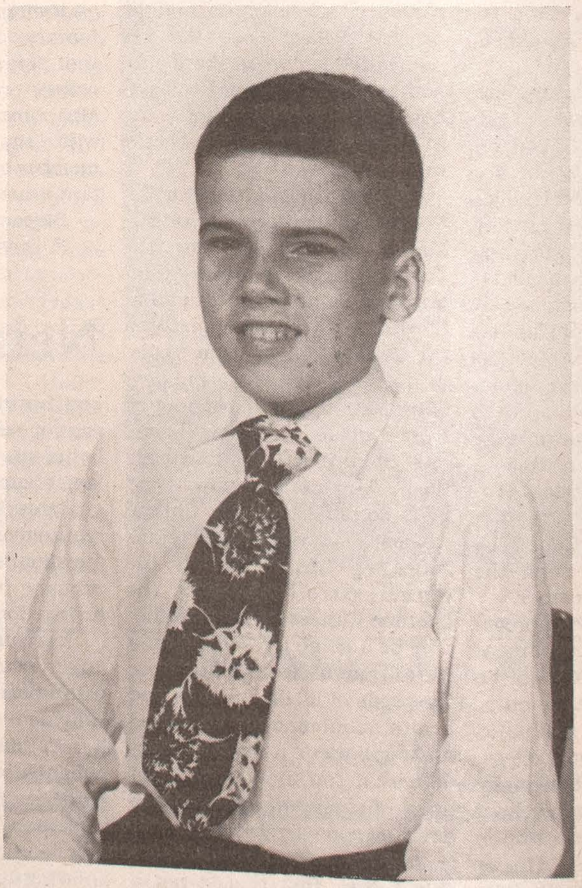
Dining Hall meal hours will remain the same as always during exam week. The only change will be on Saturday, December 16th. On that day, HOT BREAKFAST will be served from 7:30 A.M. to 8:30 A.M. and CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST will be available from 8:30 A.M. to 9:30 A.M.. LUNCH, the last meal of the semester, will run from 11:15 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.. DINNER, January 15th, served from 5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., will be the first meal served for the second semester.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone the best of luck on your finals. I hope everyone has a very THE BEST HOLIDAY SEASON EVER AND A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR. I look forward to seeing you all gain next semester.

Until then..............................MOM

Happy 50th Dr. Creegan !

(Dec. 16th)



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SGA to revise Honor Code

by Amanda Burt

Washington College's Student Government Association has recently begun initiating changes into the Honor Code.

According to Bill Kerbin, Chairman of the SGA Honor Code Committee, a revised Honor Code will reinforce the strong standards that Washington College holds for academic and social conduct. Both Kerbin and SGA President Steve Attias contend that the present Honor Code is not a doctrine which hold students' respect.

According to Attias, the revision, a three step process, will strengthen the document. The first change occurred within the Student Conduct Council. "There is no longer a jury, but a five member hearing panel. This was not easy to pass through the faculty, " said Attias.

In addition to a lengthened outline of the Honor Code philosophy, the committee added the notion of academic dishonesty, "willfully knowing that a student has violated [the Honor Code]."

There is also a Social Code, "a subdivision of the Honor Code." It states that students should conduct themselves in a responsible manner and respect the rights of their peers.

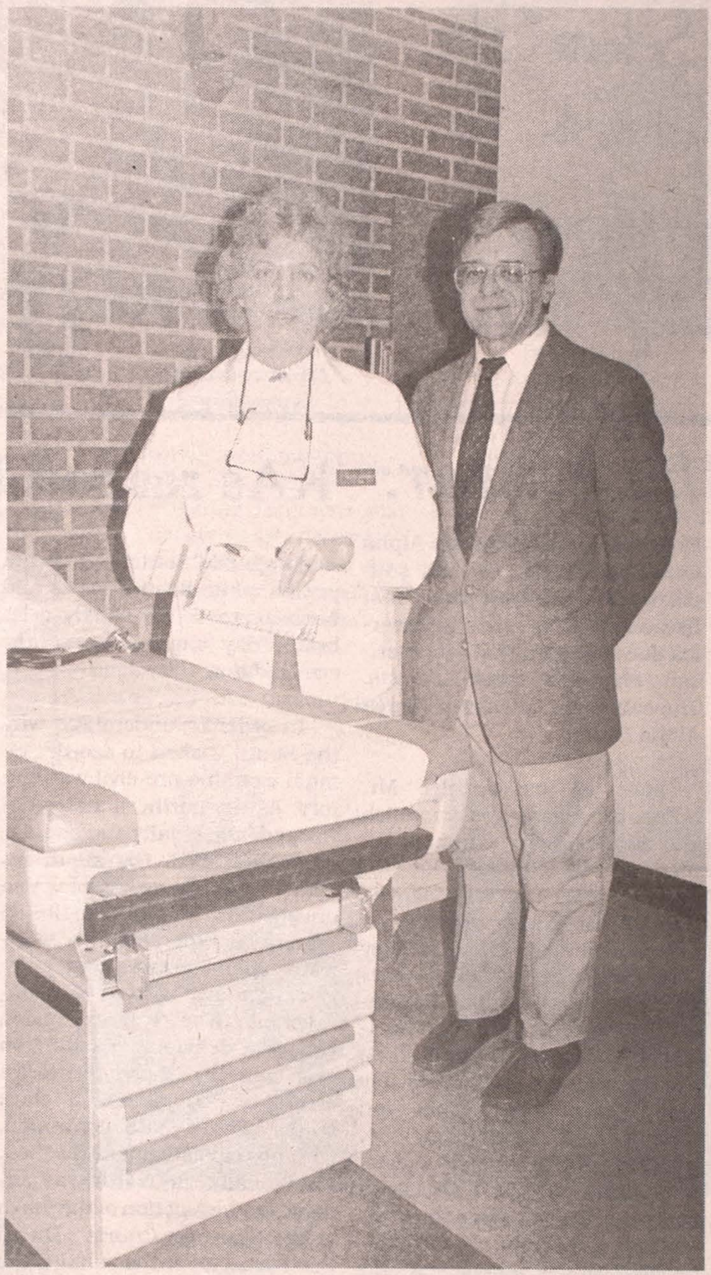
Penalties for violation include "first offense, social probation; second offense, suspension from the College; and third offense, expulsion from the College."

Another change requires students to sign the Honor Code pledge at the beginning of each semester, as opposed to the previous practice of requiring only incoming freshmen to sign the pledge.

Kerbin has ordered Honor Codes from other schools such as Washington and Lee and William and Mary. "We would like to look at what other colleges have done and use it as a basis...This would help to reinforce commitment to the code. The purpose is not to create a police state."

Instituting the new Honor Code will be the final step in the process. "Educating incoming freshmen and reeducating upperclassmen is important," said Attias.

Attias hopes that students may begin to regard the doctrine seriously.



Director of Health Services Gottfried Baumann and Registered Nurse Betty Shauber are pictured in the Health Center's new examining room. Walls were repainted, new furniture and new carpet was also installed. *(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)*

Master Plan update

by Tracey Connell
Staff writer

Clint Baer, Director of Planning and Special Projects, recently outlined work on the Master Plan that was completed over Christmas break. He also updated the cable issue and addressed concerns that the College may retain a professional housecleaning service.

The Constance Stuart Larrabee Creative Arts Center opened the first day of classes after a "less than ten month construction schedule." Baer deemed the center "proof positive that the College is bringing the cycle of the Master Plan Project to completion."

Only minor work remains to be completed; for example, some temporary windows still need to be replaced. Baer stated this would be accomplished within six weeks.

The firelane's conversion into College Lane is almost complete. According to Baer weather over Christmas break "cooperated" allowing workman to do much of the work. "We are aware that it's frustrating to students."

He also asked that students to "walk on the clear walkways. Avoid taking the direct path

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Computer survey near completion

by Ryder Daniels

On Monday, January 15 at Registration students were asked to take a few minutes while they waited to register and fill out a survey for the Academic Computing Committee entitled: "HAVE YOU EVER HAD A COMPUTER PROBLEM?" Almost 500 students filled out a survey between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm.

First of all, members of the committee would like to thank all the students who took the time to complete these surveys as they will be invaluable in helping the committee to make important decisions about campus computing and long range planning that effect all students who use the Macintosh, from writing papers to doing computer class homework.

Some of the popular, and often heated issues on the survey were: Whether or not there should be a Computer Lab Assistant in the Library. Whether or not more hours are needed at the Computer Center. Whether a $5/ Semester Computing Fee that would allow free laser printing and more available hours is worthwhile and whether a required "Computing Component" in the curriculum that would teach students computing skills would be useful.

The Computing Committee will be evaluating student consensus based on the surveys this semester.

The data from the surveys is currently being compiled. The results should be available in two weeks. Anyone interested in

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Security, local police join in campus cocaine bust

On December 12, Freshman Carlos Henriquez was arrested and charged with "Possession of Cocaine" and "Possession with the intent to Distribute Cocaine" by the Chestertown Police Department. He was jailed in lieu of $25,000 bail.

According to Jerry Roderick, Director of Security at WC, campus security received the information "about the cocaine being shipped to campus to Mr. Henriquez and the information checked out."

The Chestertown Police Department was notified along with the Kent County Sheriff's Department.

Officers from the various agencies waited until Henriquez accepted the package from Central Services. They confiscated the package from Henriquez and presented it to a drug-sniffing dog from the K-9 Corps of the Sheriff's Dept.

The dog's reaction gave the officers probable cause to ask for a "Search and Seizure Warrant."

When the warrant was presented and a search was conducted, police found an undisclosed amount of cocaine.

Police have not disclosed further information about the case because a trial is pending. They are apparently trying to avoid jeopardizing the case against Henriquez.

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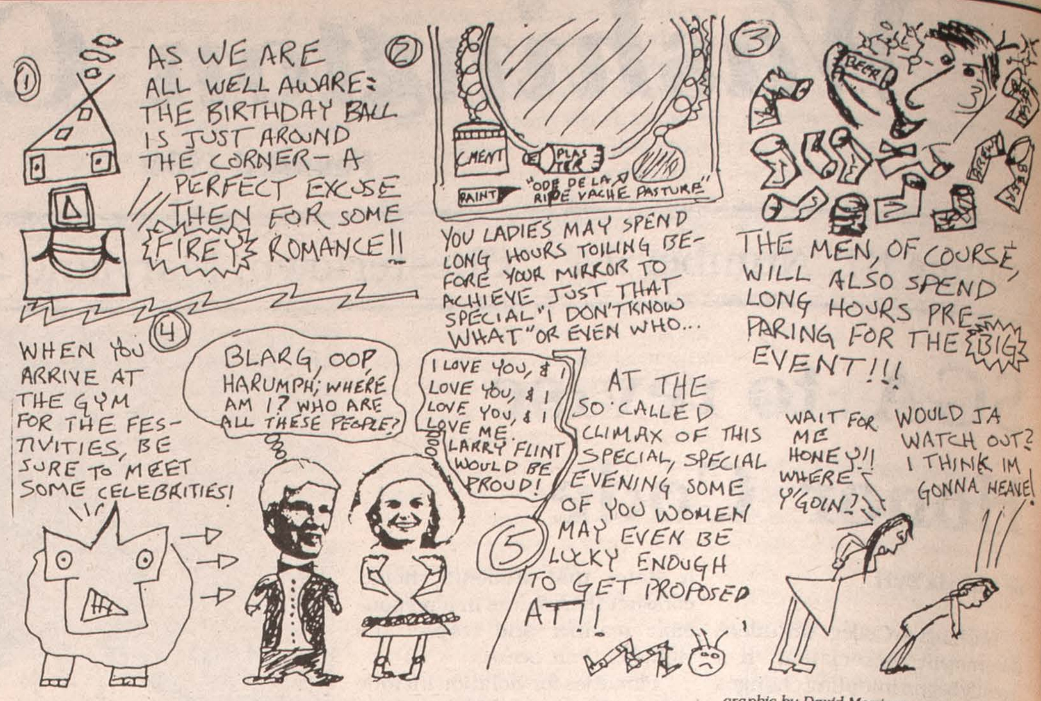
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graphic by David Morrison

Letters to the Editor: KAs respond to charges of racism

To The Editor:

I am writing in response to Jim Sobczaks' article in The Best Paper in The World, entitled " KA W.C.'s RACIST FRATERNITY ", which appeared in the paper's final issue last semester. I would like to congratulate Mr. Sobczack on his timing. By printing the article in his own paper during the last week of class he avoided an immediate response. The Elm was already out, so I was forced to remain silent until this semester. I would like to present the other side of the argument, one that Mr. Sobczak mentioned but failed to address. It is the argument that, and I quote, "These guys aren't racists, that's just their stereotype, I mean, just because they dress up like Confederates doesn't mean that they're racist." Mr. Sobczack is partly wrong and partly right. I am not defending individuals in Kappa Alpha Order. Just as you find racists in society, you find racists in Kappa Alpha Order. However, to label Kappa Alpha Order as founded on and supportive of racism is incorrect. Just because racism exists in America doesn't mean that all Americans should be labeled racists. The same can be said of Kappa Alpha Order.

First let me indulge Mr. Sobczak in a history lesson, which should dispel some common, but incorrect, ideas about the civil war. In 1776 thirteen colonies decided the unfair practices of the British had gone too far. They joined together to declare independence from Britain. Revolutionary war ensued and eventually the colonies triumphed. To this day Americans celebrate July fourth as a national holiday, you can bet that the British don't. So, is it not natural for southerners to celebrate the day of secession from the Union, when they attempted to stand up for their beliefs'? This is why once a year the brothers of Kappa Alpha dress in Confederate uniforms and celebrate Old South. We do not put on white-hooded robes and burn a cross. We simply celebrate a day important to southern tradition.

In order to understand why the South wished to secede, we must examine pre-civil war history. As the northern states developed industrially and populations increased, the south remained mostly agrarian. Also during this period the United States was experiencing a westward expansion into new territories won during the Mexican-American War. This expansion caused a debate in Washington over whether these territories would be free states or slave states. The debate continued, with no real agreement reached. Additionally the south was angered by the reaction of the north to the Supreme Courts' Dread Scott decision. In his ruling Chief Justice Tawney said slaves were property. He went on to say that slaves were not citizens of the United States, and could never become citizens, therefore the case had no right to appear before the Court. Slave owners were delighted, while abolitionists were outraged, so outraged that they refused to obey the ruling. Tensions between the north and south escalated and relations deteriorated. The south declared itself independent, and civil war followed. Most southern states believed in the supreme right of the state. Since the states had existed before the Union, they felt they could leave at any time. The south also argued that slavery was protected by the Constitution. The ruling by Justice Tawney reinforced the belief in the south of the legitimacy of slavery. So the south not only went to war to protect rights it felt were being violated, but to defend against the disappearance of their way of life. Though their beliefs' were misguided, they felt justified in their actions.

The common belief is that the noble abolitionists of the north declared war on the evil men of the south in order to free slaves and make men equal. While many people in the north disliked the idea of slavery, few actively opposed it. Lincoln was no abolitionist, and saw blacks as unequal. When the Union went to war with the Confederates, there was no mention of freeing the blacks, only preserving the Union. Even within the Union there were four slave states. And while blacks fought with the Union, regiments remained segregated. Even after Appomattox blacks were treated badly in both the north and south. In New Jersey, restaurants, housing, and public transportation remained segregated.

Kappa Alpha Order does not so much uphold the ideals of the south, as it does those of Robert E. Lee. While it is true that General Lee was the commander of the Confederate Army, he was personally against slavery and did not own slaves. (However, Grant commander of the Union forces owned slaves). Robert E. Lee was offered command of the Union Army by Lincoln, but after consideration turned it down. Lee could not command an Army that was to destroy his homeland. It is his beliefs, his sense of responsibility, and his strength of character that Kappa Alpha Order holds most important. Since Lee was southern, the tradition inherent in his life is found in the beliefs' of Kappa Alpha's members.

Next I would like to address the activities that Kappa Alpha Order carries out on campus. Kappa Alpha Order has as a philanthropy, the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Throughout the year we are involved in fund raising activities and the money is turned over to the MDA. This money goes to help research efforts and to help those afflicted with Muscular Dystrophy. MDA effects everyone regardless of race. The money we send helps everyone, black or white. Does this resemble the policy of a racist organization? Each year at Christmas our chapter sponsors a party for needy children in Chestertown. We receive donations from businesses, and we provide the food and entertainment, which includes a visit by Santa to distribute gifts. This party is open to all disadvantaged kids, black or white. As Mr. Sobczak mentioned we hold the highest GPA on campus for Fraternities. Members of our Order are visible on campus in a number of areas, from the SGA president to RA's. Three brothers are volunteer firemen and two serve on the rescue squad. Kappa Alpha Order prides itself in beneficial service on and off campus.

To indict an entire culture, and way of life simply because of a blemish in it's past is narrow minded. The United States has perpetrated numerous atrocities in the name of Freedom, yet I am still proud to be an American and I can only assume that Mr. Sobczak is proud to be an American. If this is true I can only conclude that either Mr. Sobczak supports those injustices, or as he put it in his article, "... he must choose to ignore this dark aspect... consequently live the life of self- deception, and therefore he is an idiot." Here's a better answer, perhaps we are all human. Maybe in the future before Mr. Sobczak forms his opinions and makes broad generalizations he should be sure of his information and better aware of the historical background involved. When Mr. Sobczak claims in his article that Kappa Alpha supports racism and when he states that southern ideology is directly linked to racism and bigotry he is grossly incorrect.

Respectfully submitted,
The Brothers of Kappa Alpha Order

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ISSUE: Would the proposed revisions of the Honor Code compel you to report an incident of cheating? Why or why not?

Stricter Honor Code will prevent cheating

Jane Horsefield

It seems that there is a growing controversy over the fairness of the newly revised Washington College Honor Code. This stronger version of the Honor Code is tougher and clearer than the preexisting version and is opposed by those students who feel that it is too stringent. Some students claim that the new Honor Code is unfair in that it stipulates that any student who has knowledge of another student's violation of the Honor Code and does not report that individual is himself guilty of academic dishonesty. This addition to our school's Honor Code is probably the most important component.

There is absolutely no reason any form of cheating should be tolerated by anyone at this college. Cheating is a despicable act of thievery that is completely unacceptable. When one person cheats every single one of us is cheated.

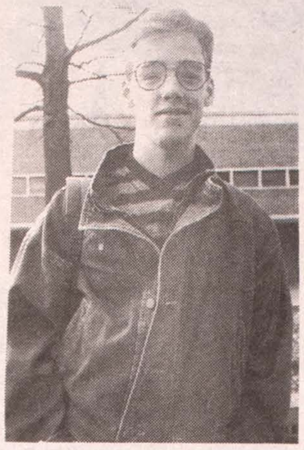
According to some, holding a witness of cheating responsible for reporting the incident is too strict and will only result in that witness coming off as a tattletale. Although it may be true in the past that there were incidents of cheating which went unpunished even though they were reported, with this new Honor Code there are provisions which specify exactly how a case of cheating should be dealt with by the All Campus Judiciary so that the past will not repeat itself. Too often I hear stories from outraged students who were certain their classmates were cheating on an exam, paper, or homework assignment but who refused to report the incident to their professor. Reasons given range from, "It's only my word against their's. No one would believe me." to, "I don't want to say anything because I don't want to have anyone mad at me," or, "I can't turn in a friend of mine." All three are lame excuses and do not have the least bit of substance.

Willfully knowing about an act of academic dishonesty and failing to report it is definitely a sign of weakness. But what befuddles me is that so many people let it happen. The message seems to be it's not acceptable to cheat but it is acceptable to look the other way when someone else is doing it. Doesn't it bother you when you have spent hours, maybe days, preparing for a test or a paper, that someone else could receive the same credit as you without having done any of the work? Well, it happens. It happens here, and it will continue to go on unless we as conscientious students begin to realize the honor code exists to help us and not to hurt us.

My freshman year I attended Randolph-Macon Woman's College where the honor code is an integral part of student life. Because the honor code was so highly respected by the students as well as the faculty there existed an atmosphere of absolute trust which allowed the students certain privileges unheard of at most colleges such as a totally free examination period.

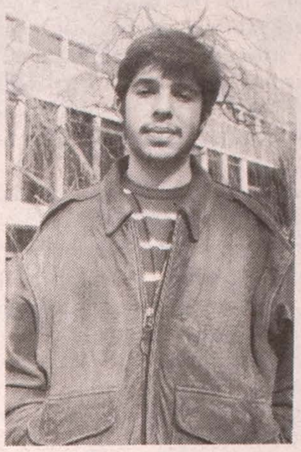
Until students begin to take the Honor Code seriously, and as educated adults every one of us should, instances of cheating will occur and good students will continue to be hurt by those who care about nothing of which this college stands. I believe that the majority of the students at Washington College are honest and responsible people who want what is fair. I think the best way to insure academic fairness for all is to adhere to and advocate a strong Honor Code which punishes those who cheat and those who consciously allow others to cheat. The more people believe in it, the more people will abide by it.

CAMPUS VOICES by Amy L. Undercoffler



Matt Roche
Doylestown, PA
Sophomore

As can be seen in various military schools, such intolerance of cheating and those who cheat I believe is an effective deterrent. Turning a blind eye toward dishonesty is indeed easier but only perpetuates such behavior. Effective punishment to all those involved will I feel discourage others to participate..

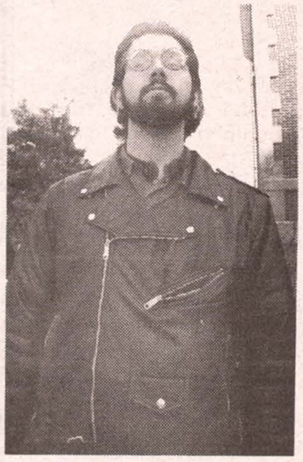


Scott Cagan
Hatboro, PA
Sophomore

While I do not condone cheating, I probably wouldn't report it. I feel that it is the responsibility of each student to study so cheating is not necessary and the responsibility of the professor to insure that cheating does not occur in his or her classroom.

Deborah Boyer
Syracuse, NY
Sophomore

I'd rather stay out of a situation of someone else cheating. I don't think that it's the student's responsibility to be turning in other students. It puts everyone in a bad situation and it's not fair for someone to be punished for not turning in somebody cheating when they are not involved.

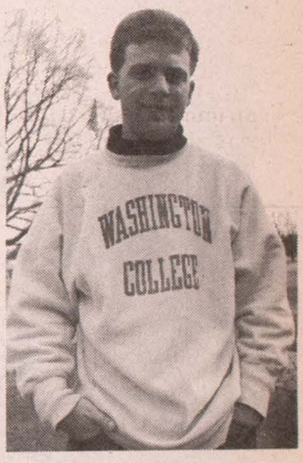


Clay Eichelberger
Salisbury, MD
Junior

I would be just as likely to report cheating now as I would after any revision. In any case, I'm not sure a revision of the Honor Code would make a difference to anyone who doesn't uphold it already.

Samantha Milbredt, Junior
Muttontown, NY
Jennifer McNamara, Senior
Hunt Valley, MD

We think all cheating should be reported but in actuality it is your own responsibility to respect the honor code due to the fact that if you cheat you are only hurting yourself.



Greg Coss
Bethesda, MD
Junior

If not reporting cheating will bring me into the picture of dishonesty, that poses a big problem. But I would have to say I'd report whoever it was that was cheating, because in a situation like that you have to put yourself first.

Revisions to Honor Code need further clarification

Michelle Beattie
Stephanie Tennyson

As students at Washington College, we believe the Honor Code to be and integral part of the college community.

In its present form, the Honor Code plays an important role in the academic lives of the students. Students are required upon admission to the College to sign the Honor Pledge, which demands adherence to the utmost standards of academic achievement. In signing this pledge, students are expected to fulfill several obligations which are currently outlined on page 24 of the student handbook. These include dishonest acts such as plagiarism, resubmitting material, use of crib notes, copying or discussing another student's answers, theft, etc. Punishments for violations of the Honor Code include honor probation, suspension, and even expulsion.

Several revisions of the Honor Code have been proposed by elected representatives of the student government. The first modification is the addition of a social code. This code regulates the behavior of student activities outside the classroom. Specifically, students are expected to conduct themselves in a responsible manner with respect to their peers. Although the College will not infringe upon students' personal rights, it will attempt to ensure the safety of all students. The shortcoming of this proposal is that it lacks explicit examples of prohibited behavior. Perhaps the dimension of practicality could be incorporated into the code by adhering to the concrete standards utilized by the Student Conduct Council.

Upon an initial violation of the social code, your social privileges (pledging a fraternity or sorority, eating in the dining hall, attending social events, etc.) will be revoked. A second offense warrants suspension, and if a third offense is committed, expulsion is mandatory.

The original Honor Code was altered to include a provision to punish those who witness a violation and willfully withhold this information. This person is susceptible to the same punishment as those who *actively* defy the ideals of the Honor Code. The consequences of transgressing the academic code entail failure of the class upon original offense and/ or honor probation. Upon second offense, you are suspended form the college and a third offense warrants expulsion.

This final feature of the Honor Code cannot be realistically enforced as it is nearly impossible to determine the extent of a student's knowledge with respect to a suspected violation. This added principle is a attempt on the part of the authorities to appeal to our consciences and report a violation.

Within the Honor Code it is necessary to include the method of reporting any offenders and to stress the anonymity of the process. The Honor Code needs to clarify what is meant by social probation and to expound upon honor probation. The intentions of the proposed revisions are well meaning, however they are inadequately developed. The Honor Code Committee has provided a general structure, but they need to endeavor upon a more detailed model.

Michelle Beattie and Stephanie Tennyson are sophomores.

PERSPECTIVES

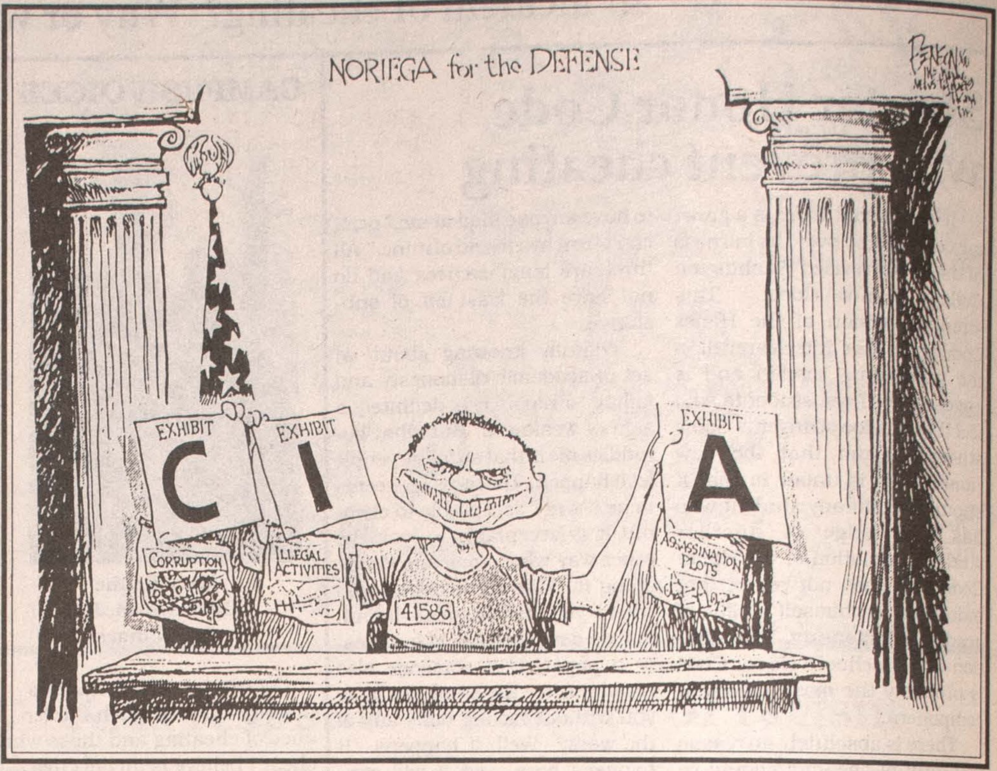
Where is this Panama place anyway?

Laura Hopper

There is a little girl in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan who decided to take an active interest in world affairs. She had watched a news magazine program on TV like *60 Minutes*, and was interested in one of the stories. So she became the pen pal of General Noriega. They wrote to each other, and she even visited Panama, twice. Since Noriega's arrest, this little girl's connection with the general has come out into the open, and she has been subjected to hate mail, telling her what a terrible person she is for taking an interest in world affairs (I had pen pals when I was in Middle School but they were from ordinary places like Germany and Austria.).

Now, she is young, maybe in middle school. So, she probably didn't understand that all the terrible things being said about Noriega were most likely true. Stories about human rights violations and drug trafficking. And she would never have guessed that, like Samantha Smith who visited the Soviet Union when Leonid Brezhnev was in power, she was being used for propaganda purposes.

Next, look at all the stories in the media that tell us that American school children don't know where Panama is located. This little girl not only knew, but she visited there. Twice. Furthermore, she has, since this whole messy thing came out, expressed an interest in going back and learning about the country. While she says this, people in her hometown are telling us, on national TV, what a terrible brat she is and how they would deal with her if she were their child. Thank heavens, she is not. While I am not a great personal fan of Noriega, I am concerned about the polls broadcast on network TV that illustrate how American school children don't have the faintest idea where Saudi Arabia, Libya, and the Soviet Union are located. We all have a responsibility to be informed about our world, lest we accidentally decide to take a pleasure cruise on the Persian Gulf, or drive from Chicago to Buenos Aires by way of Nicaragua and El Salvador (something AAA does not suggest).



As for Noriega, following his trial, he may be traveling to Marion, Illinois, and to the prison that was built to replace Alcatraz. If he is sent to Marion, he will be joining the likes of John Walker, accused and convicted of espionage. One of the convicted members of the Medallin drug cartel is also in residence.

Marion is the highest security prison in the US. Inmates sleep on concrete slab beds, and are allowed out in the yard for two hours a day. They are not permitted to do knitting or oil painting. They are not permitted to have cellophane or aspirin. When walking down corridors, they wear handcuffs and sometimes leg cuffs. Outside, rolls of razor wire and guards with machine guns separate the prison from the rest of southern Illinois. Life will not be easy for the former General in Marion.

In the basement of the prison is a special group of cells. They have carpeting, nice furniture, typewriters, even pool tables. This is where John Walker lives. But like the souls condemned to Limbo, in Dante's *Inferno*, their punishment is just as harsh as anywhere else in the prison, they have no hope of ever leaving, they are threats to national security.

Noriega's hope for avoiding Marion, Illinois lies in being able to embarrass the president with CIA documents. Noriega was, after all, on the CIA payroll from the time he was a cadet at a military academy in Peru. He has met with the president more than once since President Ford appointed George Bush director of the CIA. What comes out in the trial could be very damaging to the president both at home and abroad. The court could decide that releasing confidential government records represents a threat to national security, and that they also have no bearing on the case.

George Bush was appointed Director of the CIA for the purposes of damage control. He knows how to protect himself and how to keep this issue from touching and damaging him. His current problem is patching up relations with Latin America. At least, he knows where that is.

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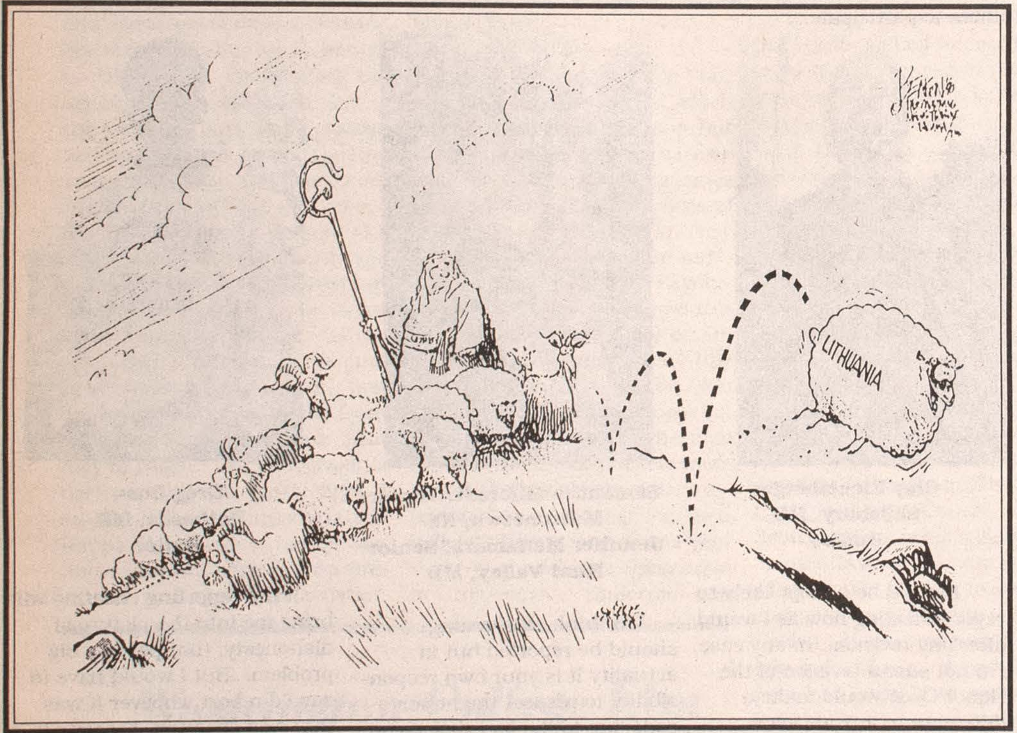

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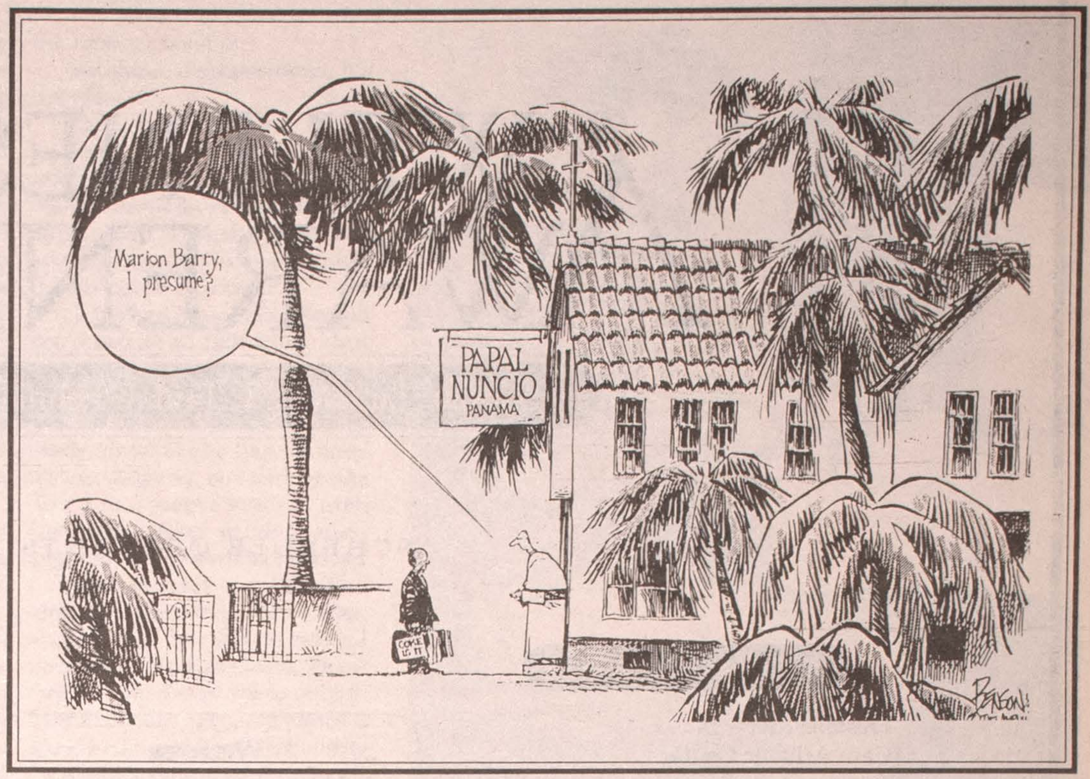
News from around the world: DC Mayor seeks treatment



UNITED STATES:

Washington, DC Mayor Marion Barry announced on Sunday he would seek treatment for his drug and alcohol addictions. Barry was arrested last week by FBI agents after purchasing crack in a sting operation. Barry handed the daily operations of the city over to the city administrator while he seeks drug rehabilitation. There is much speculation as to the possibility of Mayor Barry resigning his office or at least not seeking another term.

But the Mayor's problems may not end with drug treatment. The US attorney for Washington, DC suggested that further charges against the mayor may be forthcoming within the next month. These charges could include perjury, corruption involving city contracts, and drug-related conspiracy.

The arrest of Mayor Barry has brought the Reverend Jesse Jackson back into the news. Reverend Jackson moved to the District last fall from Chicago where he had been instrumental in the election of the late Mayor Harold Washington.

When Jackson first moved to the District, which had been in the news because of its high drug-related crime rate, the general expectation was that he would face Barry in the next mayoral election. But since then his attitude has apparently changed. Although he has not, at this time, commented on the Barry arrest, there is a feeling that he will not want to give up what he terms his "national leverage" and become mayor.

Reverend Jackson is currently working on a TV show. His plans include registering minorities to vote in the US, and travel abroad.

The office of the Vice President announced last week that Vice President Quayle would travel to Honduras and Panama later this month. The Vice President's trip was originally to have included Mexico and Venezuela, but their vocal criticism of the US invasion of Panama led the White House to drop them from the Vice President's itinerary. The White House is trying to arrange a meeting between the Vice President and the President of Venezuela, Carlos André Pérez.

In March, the Vice President will travel to Chile and Brazil to attend Presidential inaugurations in those countries. That trip could be expanded to include stops in Paraguay, Uruguay and Argentina. Quayle does not currently have plans to visit Costa Rica.

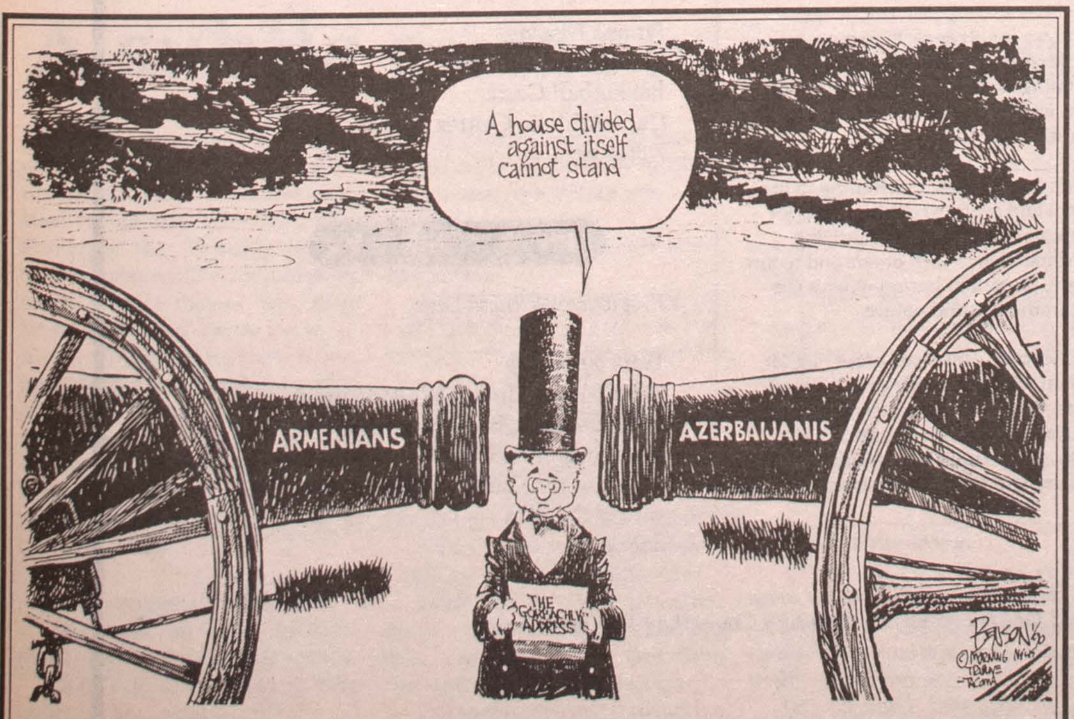
Miami Federal Judge William M. Hoeveler set the week of March 5 as the hopeful starting date for the trial of former Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega.

This week, the court heard arguments for and against the releasing on bail of one of Noriega's co-defendants, Luis del Cid. Noriega's bail hearing is scheduled for next week. If del Cid is released on bail, lawyers for Noriega could use the same arguments. However, a federal judge has already denied bail to Eduardo Pardo, a pilot for the former Panamanian strongman, so it seems unlikely that Noriega will be released on bail.

In the meantime, the defense lawyers for Noreiga have indicated they will file requests for classified documents to use in his defense. Noreiga worked for the CIA for many years, including when President Bush was its director.

The Supreme Court ruled unanimously last week that states may charge sales tax on religious books and articles. The court upheld the decision of a California appeals court that decided the Jimmy Swaggart Ministries had to pay the sales tax on the sale of two million dollars of religious pamphlets, tapes, records, and other items. Swaggart argued before the Supreme Court that the constitutional guarantee of freedom of religion exempts religious organizations from paying sales taxes.

Swaggart also challenged the sales tax placed on his mail order goods. The Supreme Court refused to rule on the challenge since the appeals court had done the same.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SOVIET UNION:

In the southern soviet republic of Azerbaijan, violence continued between the Islamic Azerbaijanis and the Christian Armenians, and now between the Azerbaijanis and the Red Army. In Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan, military cadets clashed with the Soviet forces patrolling the city. The Kremlin has imposed a state of emergency on the republic, and sent the army to try and restore order. The presence of the army is, however, increasing the anti-Soviet feeling in this republic that recently announced it wants to be unified with Iran.

There is concern that Gorbachev will be unable to reestablish Soviet control in the area. Over the past year, Azerbaijan Communist party and republic leaders have become increasingly independent of Moscow, a move supported and encouraged by the nationalist movement called the Popular Front.

Soviet television has broadcast pictures from Azerbaijan of massive gatherings to protest military intervention. The media has also reported the continuing clashes between the army and Azerbaijani nationalists.

In a televised speech, Gorbachev lashed out at the Azerbaijani government and the Popular Front, and suggested that the threat of anarchy was his major concern.

The Popular Front was founded last July along the lines of the nationalist movements in the Baltic States. One of the major goals of the Front is Azerbaijan control of Nagorno-Karabakh, a region claimed by both Azerbaijan and Armenia.

The intervention of the army in Azerbaijan raises concerns about other nationalistic movements within the Soviet Union, including not only the Baltic States, but also the Ukraine, a major agricultural area.

Boris Yeltsin and other Soviet reformers have criticized the use of the army. Yeltsin supposedly told Japanese leaders during a recent visit to Tokyo that not only was it wrong to use the violence to suppress ethnic conflict but also warned that Gorbachev could fall from power shortly.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA:

Czechoslovakian President Vaclav Havel is planning to visit both Washington, DC and Moscow within the next few weeks. He is seeking the withdrawal of Soviet and American troops from eastern Europe. Havel is hoping to cut the Czechoslovakian defense budget by 30 percent, a move that could help the financially strained government.

Havel has also extended an invitation to Pope John Paul II to visit Czechoslovakia. The archbishop of Prague, Cardinal Frantisek Tomasek, announced on Saturday that the invitation had been accepted and the visit might take place at the end of April.

During his visit to Moscow, Havel is expected to insist on the severing of ties between the Czechoslovakian Security Service and the KGB. Havel declined to give dates for his upcoming trips.

IRAN:

A five member team is being sent to Iran by the UN to investigate charges of human rights violations. The team, led by Reynaldo Galindo Pohl, is to conduct the first on-site investigations of alleged human rights violations in Iran since the revolution in 1978.

Pohl received documents from an Iraqi-supported group, the Mujaheddin-e-Khalq, earlier this month that reportedly listed the names of 2000 Iranians executed for anti-government activities, as well as lists of thousands of political prisoners, hundreds of jails and torture centers and 30 mass grave sites.

CHINA:

The Chinese government published a 22 point press code aimed at tightening control of the foreign press in China. The code calls for foreign journalists not to "distort facts, create rumors or obtain interviews or reports through illegal means." The Chinese government blamed the foreign press for the world reaction to the crackdown and massacre of Chinese students last June. Following the massacre, two resident journalists and five correspondents who had been working on tourist visas were expelled. The new press code will allow the government to expel any journalist who breaks these rules and threatens "state interests."

The expelled journalists worked for Voice of America and were accused of violating martial law regulations by spreading rumors and propaganda.

compiled by Laura Hopper from the New York Times and Wall Street Journal.

FEATURES

WELLNESS AWARENESS

Sunday, January 28 - Friday, February 2, 1990

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

Frostbite Run – 3K
Cain Athletic Center
1:30 p.m.

Volleyball Round Robin
for students, faculty and staff
Cain Athletic Center
3:30 p.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

Relationships
Lecture by Dr. Bonnie Michaelson
WC Health Services,
Queen Anne's Dormitory
4:00p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

Wellness Expo
Hynson Lounge
11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Students, Faculty and Staff are encouraged to come for fitness testing and self-administered wellness and nutritional assessments.

Tests people can take:
Body Fat
Hematocrit
Hemocult
Vision
Flexibility, strength and endurance
Life style assessments

Exercises and care for the Lower Back
Lecture by John Ferber
Coffee House
12 Noon

Yoga Class
Stretching with Karen Smith
Dance Studio, Cain Athletic Center
2:30 p.m.

Anabolic Steroids
Lecture by Dr. Steven Horwitz
Norman James Theater
7:30 p.m.

WELLNESS

is the term used to describe your potential for experiencing physical, mental, emotional, occupational, social, and intellectual well-being. Each of these areas affects the others. Viewing the six dimensions of wellness as interdependent emphasizes the importance of creating a balance in the many different areas that make up your being and your lifestyle to achieve an optimum level of health and vitality.

EMOTIONAL: emphasizes an awareness and acceptance of your feelings including the positive and enthusiastic feelings about your self and life, assessment of your limitations, development of autonomy, the ability to cope with stress, and maintaining satisfying relationships with others.

PHYSICAL: emphasizes flexibility, strength, and cardiovascular endurance through regular physical activity. Positive physical development includes knowledge about food and nutrition; encourages recreation, medical self-care, and appropriate use of the medical system; and discourages use of tobacco, alcohol, caffeine, and drugs.

INTELLECTUAL: encourages creative and stimulating mental activities. An intellectually well person uses the resources available to expand knowledge, improve skills, and increase the potential for sharing intellectual and cultural activities with others.

SPIRITUAL: involves seeking meaning and purpose in human existence, appreciating the natural forces in the universe, and developing a strong sense of personal values and ethics.

SOCIAL: encourages contributing to the human and physical environment for the common welfare, emphasizing interdependence with others and nature and the pursuit of harmony with family, community and nature.

OCCUPATIONAL: involves preparing for work in which you will gain personal satisfaction and find enrichment, developing a positive attitude about your work, and creating a pleasant, fulfilling environment in the workplace.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

Substance Free Day
No smoking, alcohol or substance abuse on campus

Mocktails
Alcohol-free Beer Tasting
with Michael Macielag, first student manager of the Coffeehouse
Coffeehouse
9:00 p.m.

Campus Christian Fellowship
Open House
Caroline House
9:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Nutrition Awareness Day
Displays and menus on nutrition in the Dining Hall

Yoga Class
Relaxation techniques with
Karen Smith
Cain Athletic Center
2:30 p.m.

Eating Disorders
Lecture by Maiya Rejman, RN
O'Neill Literary House
4:00 p.m.

Fitness Displays
Set up during Varsity
Basketball Game
Cain Athletic Center
7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Employee Wellness Day

Walk off the Job
A half-hour Health Walk around campus and Chestertown for Washington College Employees
Meet on the Campus Lawn
under the Elm
2:00 p.m.

WELLNESS WEEK is sponsored by the President's Advisory Council on Lifetime Fitness

The underground world of broadcasting

by Raphael Koster

Let us venture into a deep, dark and deadly realm of addiction. Come with me and witness the frightening power of the most psychologically addictive activity on the campus: BroadCast.

It seems so innocent on the face of it—a simple and easy to use method of communication, allowing any computer to talk to any other connected to the network. Well, it's the simple ideas that get abused (sex comes to mind as another example...), and as usual, it is overuse that is the most common type of abuse. Do you know someone who spends inordinate amounts of time at a computer? Does your friend, lover, spouse and/or pet continually talk about acquaintances with names sounding like a cross between *Playboy* and Saturday morning cartoons? Then you may know someone suffering from this awful addiction.

What are the symptoms? How can you save your loved ones from this dread disease? Read on!

Case Study #1: "The Shadow": well known on BroadCast as a trickster, a nefarious person delighting in maintaining absolute secrecy about who and what he was, The Shadow recently told me he has quit BroadCast, going cold turkey over the break. Whether this decision, like most New Year's resolutions, vanishes by February is as yet undetermined (because it isn't February yet). But the prognosis is not good.

As The Shadow described his life with BroadCast, a frightening picture emerged...Calling himself a BroadCast ex-junkie, he decried how "people spend more time on BroadCast than they do on homework, classwork, social life." This is a common symptom of B'Cast junkies. They hole up in their room or in the library, never venturing forth except to eat or maybe go to class. Their lunchtime conversations revolve around who they tricked into saying what.

The secrecy aspect is very important on BroadCast, because each person enters a false name or "handle" (to use CB terminology). One of the preferred games on BroadCast is to figure out exactly whom you are talking to. Misdirection, evasiveness, and a general attitude of sneakiness therefore can characterize the B'Cast junkie, because he or she has a desperate need to remain secret. One of the greatest joys of the junkie is to realize the person one is talking to thinks you are someone else. The Shadow confesses that this has happened to him often. Poor fellow!

BroadCast is ridiculously simple to use. It hides under the apple in the top left corner of your Mac screen. A little list of names appears, and you can talk to any one of them. There is also a list of so-called "zones"—the areas you can talk to. Beware! For some areas are dangerous.

Dormitories, Computing Center, and Miller LIbrary are well-known as dens of addicts. Often poor students who are bravely trying to write a paper in the Library have discovered the prior user of their start-up disk was a junkie, and have been inundated with awful, insulting, invasive messages like "Hi, Aphrodisiac Angel! How was Annapolis? Did you [censored] after all?" Ryder Daniels, senior and Computing Center employee, reports many students have been practically in tears after losing pages of work when a message came in and crashed the machine.

Well, take heart, all of you who are innocent victims of invasive messages! Never again! From now on, when you turn on the computer the first thing you should do is check something called the "receiver." The receiver should be set in the "off" position. Then, you, the "user," will be unavailable to those trying to "reach you." You will find no more "bombs" appearing and destroying your homework. Never again will you be propositioned by a junior in Worcester unless you really want to be, and turn the receiver back on.

Speaking of propositions, it's time for...

Case study #2: "Skip Maxwell": An unrepentant, unreformed junkie, Skip has been on Broadcast since December of 1988. Here is a testimony to the power of the libido when under the influence of B'cast:

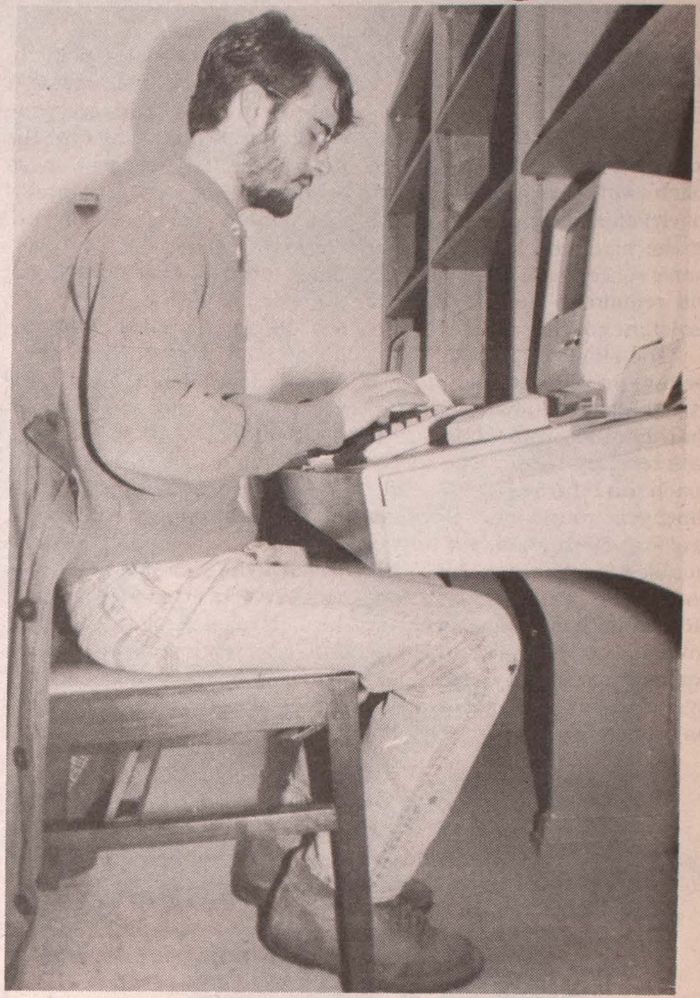
"It took an hour before I could get someone to talk to me, but when I did it was [name withheld] in Minta Martin. I was still a naive freshman, and so I was not ready for what she had planned for me. Anyway, she told me she was a prospective student from Colorado. After sending messages to her for a while, I told her I wanted to meet her. She had already figured out who I was, and told me to come to second floor Minta Martin. Well, like a fool, I rushed over there only to hear about forty giggling voices. I stood in the middle of the hallway for about a minute before I realized what had happened: I had been set up by the entire Alpha Chi hall."

Again, another example of how powerful Broadcast can be—despite this dreadful experience, Skip is till a user and shows no signs of reforming.

Many people refuse to admit how much BroadCast has them in its deadly grip. While gathering research for this article, an open letter was sent to every student who had a computer mailbox. Many of them are known to be junkies. Few replied. Denial is the first stage of addiction! Tales like the above are not uncommon at all, for sting operations are one of the favorite activities of 'Casters. Posing as the opposite sex is also frequent (for purposes of disguise only, hopefully).

The counterculture of Broadcast includes such facets as icon thieves, hackers with tracing programs, pun or quote battles, and one-night stands.

While space precludes my going into all of these here, let me just mention that the last has enjoyed a continuing popularity as the ultimate form of blind date.



Junior Jeff Hopkins types in Miller Library while a broadcast message could pop up at anytime. (photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

What is perhaps worse is when things come out into the open...

Case Study #3: "Anonymous": Anonymous has used zillions of names in the past. Perhaps her biggest problem on B'Cast is that people always seem to know who she is...As she tells the story, she was 'Casting to some guys in the Computing Center that she happened to know would be there. She liked one of them, and hoped to talk to that one. Unfortunately, she fell prey to the most common mistake in B'Casting: getting the wrong person. After confessing her affection to the wrong person while the right person looked over his shoulder, she then had to sit through the embarrassment of realizing that they knew who she was! All through dinner, she reports, they kept "looking at her."

And did this shameful experience cure her? No! She is a victim of BroadCast, just like approximately 20% of this campus. Junkies are all around you. Fear of them is so pervasive that the Literary House voted not to be hooked up to the network this year, worried about pestering messages like "So, are you the next Fitzgerald? (or Hemingway or Frost or Danielle Steel or whomever you choose)" Of course, this was from ignorance of the malaise. They could easily have used the simple trick given above, and freed themselves from B'Cast. Ignorance of the problem. Yes, indeed, that is the key to combating it. Imagine, people know so little about it that a junkie had to write this article.

A subtle guide to tripping the light fantastic

Brett Lankford

It's spring semester already, and once again that means it's time for formal dances and high-class receptions. Whether you're attending the Birthday Ball or some similar cotillion or just going out to a fancy dinner, you must be on your best behavior at all times. Proper etiquette is a very important part of making a good showing. I fully realize Miss Manners has dedicated her entire being to preaching good behavior, but here are a few do's and don'ts she may have missed over the years.

Some suggestions for men:

DO make an effort to comment on your date's appearance.

DON'T do this by saying "Hey babe, do you wear a 36D?"

DO pull out the chair for your date and allow her to sit down.

DON'T pull the chair out from under her just before she takes her seat.

DO offer to pay for the check at dinner.

DON'T look at the check and yell "Thirty-six bucks!! You better at least put out a little if I'm going to spend this much!"

DO attempt to show your date a unique and memorable time.

DON'T do this by putting her in the new wrestling hold you just learned while watching "Saturday Night's Main Event".

DO serenade your date with a wonderfully romantic song.

DON'T break into Rod Stewart's "Do Ya Think I'm Sexy" in an effort to seduce her.

DO act enthusiastic when you are first introduced to her parents.

DON'T give her father a "noogie" when you first meet him.

DO end the night by telling your date how ravishing her hair looks in the moonlight.

DON'T say "You know, when it's this dark out I can hardly see your dandruff."

And for the women:

DO make an effort to comment on your date's appearance.

DON'T do this by saying "Is that a toupee or is your hair just really silly-looking?"

DO mention how nice your date looks in his suit/tuxedo.

DON'T mention the $100 he had to spend to rent the thing for one night.

DO dazzle your date with your knowledge of unique dance steps.

DON'T interrupt a slow song by breaking into "The Hustle".

DO blow in his ear during a nice, romantic moment on the dance floor.

DON'T do this if you have a toothpick in your mouth.

DO ask your date if he's seen any good movies lately.

DON'T ask him if he's seen the film where some woman goes completely crazy at this major social function and kills her date with a Poulan power saw.

DO build up your date's ego by mentioning he looks like a movie star.

DON'T say "You look a lot like Curly!"

DO thank your date for a wonderful evening.

DON'T tell him you haven't had that much fun since your last visit to the gynecologist.

I hope I have been able to clarify any questions you may have about proper etiquette and higher culture. You now have no excuse if you turn a perfectly romantic evening into a complete disaster. I've done all I can - the rest is simply up to you.

Next week:

Birthday Ball

SPORTS

Bowman resigns as soccer coach; Allen takes over

by Brett Lankford
Staff writer

Coach Tom Bowman resigned from his position of men's soccer coach two weeks ago. Assistant coach Peter Allen has been named as the head coach of the 1990 men's soccer team, and Bowman will remain in the program as assistant coach.

"The single biggest factor affecting my decision was the fact that the job required more time than I could provide," Bowman said recently. "Being the soccer coach had turned into a full-time, year-round job." Bowman is also a veterinarian, and he was unable to give coaching his round-the -clock attention. "Recruiting has become especially intense over the years, and I just wasn't in a position where I could spend as much time recruiting as coaches do at other schools."

Bowman made it a point to note that he was not leaving a sinking ship. "I think everyone would admit that right now the program is the strongest it has been in fifteen years. Our level of competition has gone way up. We lost to Greensboro in overtime, and they went on to finish number two in the nation. If a few different wrinkles had unfolded last year and we had received a few different breaks, the team may have had a tremendous season."

Bowman took over the head coaching position from Ed Athey at the beginning of the 1981 season. In his eight years as coach of the Shoremen, Bowman made a concerted effort to give his team a challenging schedule. This was never more evident than this past season, when Washington College faced Division I schools Delaware and Mount St. Mary's as well as Division III powerhouse Greensboro. Although the Shoremen finished the 1989 season with a somewhat disappointing 8-10 season, all but four players remain from that talented team.

Peter Allen is not promising any drastic changes now that he has taken over as the new head coach. All of his coaching experience has come under Bowman, and he and Bowman are very good friends. There will be some differences, however, and Allen says that this is a result of their different perspectives. "Dr. Bowman was a goalkeeper when he played, so as a coach he had a goalkeeper's perspective. I played out in the field, so I think I have a field player's perspective."

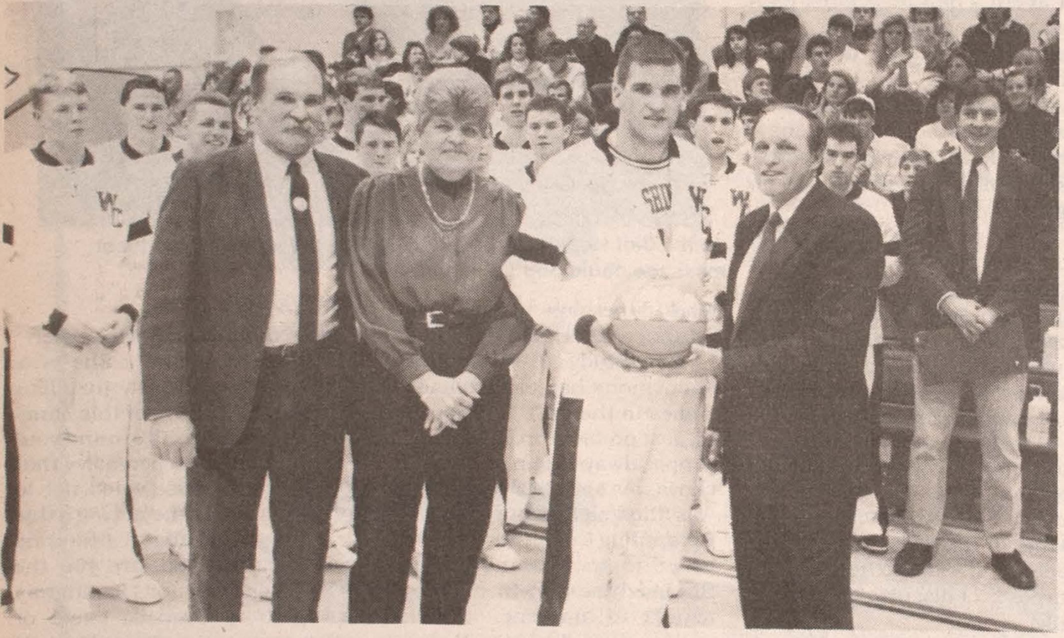
Allen's main philosophy involves the stressing of discipline. "I will stress discipline with the players, but mainly so they will respond as a unit and as a team instead of as individuals. With the type of players who come through the WC program, we have to play a team game."

Recruiting should be a new experience for Allen, who has spend the last eight years watching Bowman handle most of the recruiting. "I've seen Coach Bowman use a number of different strategies over the years, and it always pretty much turns out the same. We aren't recruiting at any particular position - we just need players. The key will be to get as many people interested as possible."

Allen's squad is already filled with a number of proven performers. "It's a plus to start as a coach with a Mike Bishop already in the program," Allen mentioned. "He's possibly the most talented soccer player I've ever encountered." Bishop is just one of many players returned from last year's squad, which many considered to be the most talented team in Washington College history.

The new coach is pleased with the tradition of Washington College soccer. "I like the fact that the program has been handed down from Coach Athey to Tom and now to me. It's almost as if we're keeping it in the family."

Peter Allen will add this head coaching position to his prestigious career in the world of soccer. After earning All-Metro honors at Edgewood High School, Allen came to Washington College in 1973 after spending a year at the University of Virginia. He then spent three years playing for the Shoremen, captaining the squad during his senior year. In 1981 he returned to Washington College as an assistant coach to Dr. Tom Bowman.



Coach Finnegan presents senior Chris Jamke with a ball honoring the center as the 21st player in WC history to reach the 1000 point plateau.
(photo by Gary Brown)

Bull scores 1000th

by Brett Lankford
Staff writer

Chris Jamke joined a select group of Washington College basketball players recently when he became the 21st player in school history to reach the 1000 point plateau. Jamke scored his 1000th point in a recent win over Catholic, and he was honored before last week's game against Johns Hopkins.

Jamke, affectionately nicknamed Bull, has proven to be a major force for Washington College this season. Bull has provided a consistent inside scoring punch to perfectly complement the team's frequent long-range bombs. He is presently averaging a shade under 20 points a game, and in addition averages ten rebounds for the Shoremen. The 6'5" senior has also been an inspiration to the WC basketball team with his feisty and energetic style of play.

Bull has really come into his own during the 1989-1990 season. He teamed with Tom Auvil to form a devastating 1-2 punch in the WC front court for his first three years. Auvil graduated last summer, and Jamke's experience became his key attribute when he was joined up front by a parade of underclassmen this fall. Tim Liddy, Darren Vican and Dan Dutton have all helped underneath, but Bull has clearly become the inside force coach Finnegan was hoping he would be in his final year.

Dr. Jock and the problems caused by steroid abuse

Just say no to steroid substitutes.

Dear Dr. Jock: I've been reading a lot lately about athletes taking steroids. I have been lifting weights for some time now WITHOUT taking steroids, but I'm sick and tired of watching others who haven't lifted as long as I have grow enormously big by taking steroids.

Now I see a flood of ads for products that are "natural alternatives" to steroids (Smilax, Gamma Oryzanol, GH Enhancers, etc.). I think I'm not the only one who would like to know if I should try these natural products, which cost a lot and might not work, or for the same cost go for the sure thing, risking the side effects. What's your opinion? – R.C., Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Dear Readers: In this matter, Dr. Jock's opinion is simple: Stay away from steroids, steroid substitutes, natural alternatives to steroids and all other products that promise to make you bigger and stronger by ingesting a pill, a powder or a special potion. They can be dangerous, addictive and damaging to your system.

Risks and temptation high. Why is it that so many people are still trying to buy enhanced speed, strength and athletic performance in a bottle? Olympic athlete Ben Johnson apparently did run faster after taking steroids. But look what it got him. No gold medal and a lot of attorney's fees. Of course, he's not alone. Many of the nation's (and world's) top athletes boost their performance with black market drugs. If the desire to cheat and risk your health is what you get from sports and fitness, you ought to give it up.

'Natural' alternatives are blind items. The new fad you mention is to market "natural alternatives" to steroids. You can buy these various substances at your favorite gym or health food store. Drugs prescribed by your doctor and sold in pharmacies and hospitals are regulated by the Food and Drug Administration. The FDA tries to make pharmaceutical manufacturers prove that the drugs are both safe and effective before they are allowed to market them to the public. Health food stores and gyms are not selling prescription drugs. There's no reliable way to know if the items they sell are safe or effective.

What are these wonder drugs? It's hard to tell how the product works just from reading the ads. Sometimes you're just buying megadoses of vitamins and minerals. Sometimes they are combinations of amino acids. Both are unnecessary if you're eating a well-balanced diet. Even if you're not, neither product will give you the added strength and power you're looking for.

Another popular combination claims to include small doses of hypothalamus and pituitary – sections of the brain that secrete hormones that regulate some important body functions. If you want to ingest part of some poor animal's brain, be our guest. But don't think it's going to make you stronger any more than eating some animal's heart is going to give you more courage.

Don't be a sucker. Sure, it's frustrating to watch other people take shortcuts to body-building. Too bad. Live with it. Don't be a sucker and waste your money on "natural steroid substitutes." If you want to improve your strength, work out harder, more often, with greater concentration than before. And don't worry so much about how the other guy is doing. The best competition in sports is the race you run against yourself. So be smart and do it WITHOUT steroids.

Dear Dr. Jock: I'm a TV football fan and can't help but notice how some of the guys take oxygen on the sidelines in between plays. My husband says it's a way for them to get some instant energy. Is that true? How does it work? – C.S. Arlington, VA.

Dear Readers: It may look impressive but, according to the most recent research, breathing 100 percent oxygen on the sidelines for a few minutes doesn't do much for a player physiologically. It's biggest benefit, it seems, is psychological. That is, a player believes that breathing the oxygen will help improve his performance on the field, and low and behold, it does.

Bringing the mind into play. There's nothing so unusual about that. All of us know that sports performance is a combination of physical and psychological factors. The more you can bring your mind into play, the better your performance can be. If players believe that breathin supplemental oxygen is helpfu in boosting performance, then may very well be. It certain won't harm them. Indeed, at an stressful point in life, taking few moments to sit quietly a breath deeply is quite helpf We could all benefit greatly fo that.

Basketball leading MAC with 4-0 conference record

y Matt Giller

To recap the last month and a alf of Shoremen basketball, we ave seen some odd things. We itnessed two 100+ games from ie Shoremen, a loss to a team iey beat last season by scoring)3 points, and a not-so-strange ss to UMBC. The team is in the iver's seat with a 4-0 record in ie Middle Atlantic Conference, id the Shoremen raised their erall record to 12-3.

On December 5 the Shore-en traveled to Gallaudet Uni-rsity. Although Gallaudet is sually an easy "W" for WC, the horemen struggled to a 79-78 ctory in D.C. The team then ished the fall semester at the citing Wild Goose Classic. The horemen continued their Ming-ke dynasty in their own tourna-ent. Northeastern Bible Col-ge (who, incidentally, don't actly tear up the "Bible-school ur) came to the eastern shore play WC in the first round and ceived a good old-fashioned atholic school whippin', 104-). Needless to say, the bench t some playing time and made e most of it. In fact, they itscored the opponent 50 to 49, l by freshmen Phillip Carr, Bill eber and Peter Basel. The three shmen scored ten, eight and ven points respectively.

Washington finished off the urney with a solid 90-73 vic-ry over Hunter College from Y.C. This once again earned e Shoremen the championship ophy of their own tournament. these less-than-quality teams ntinue to be invited to the urnament interest will wane id the tourney will have to be named the Lame Duck.

After an abbreviated winter eak the basketball team was lcomed into the new decade th a 77-71 defeat at the hands Gettysburg. The Shoremen id defeated Gettysburg the evious year with a 103 point ort, but they were never able to t untracked in their first game er thelayoff. WC responded to e defeat just two days later in a ad game against Catholic. The am celebrated Chris Jamke's 00th point by producing an -78 victory to end their brief e game losing streak.

Their next game took them up UMBC on January 11th. IBC schedules the Shoremen for the same reason we schedule Hunter - for the "W". That is exactly what WC gave them, losing the game 96-78. Seniors Tim Keehan and Chris "Squirrel" Brandt still managed to shine with 19 and 18 points.

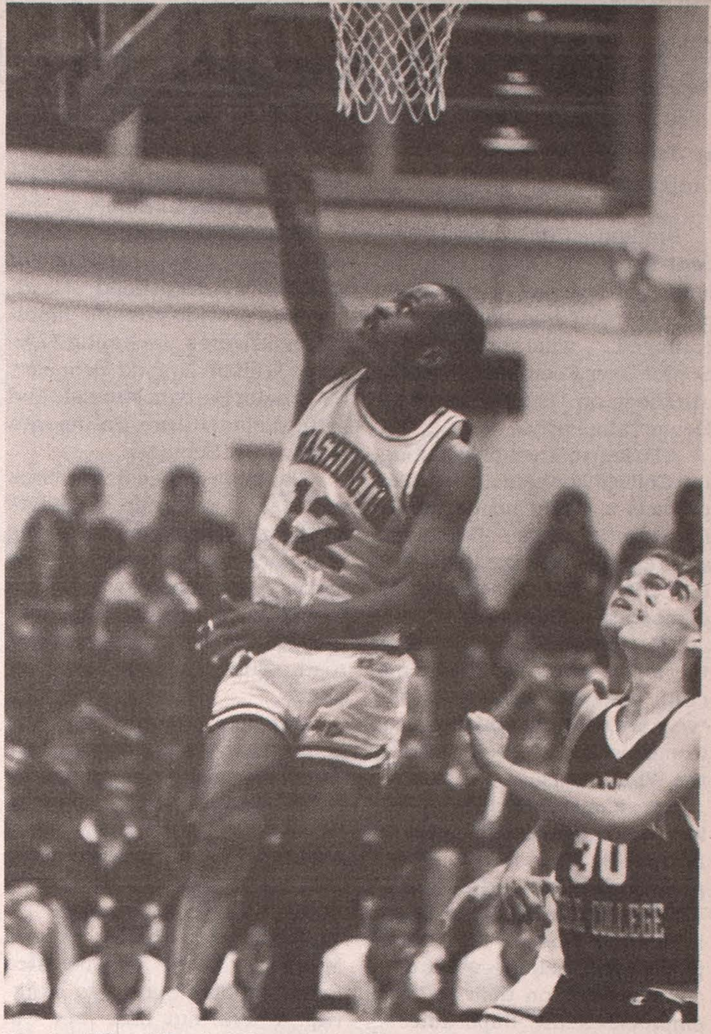
If you arrived back to school early for the Salisbury State game, you were treated to a rare game where the team with 111 points still lost. The Shoremen sloppily sprinted to a 128-111 win over their eastern shore rivals. The WAC was powered by an amazing 67% field goal shooting performance, led by Keehan and Brandt with 34 and 32 respectively.

With school back in session, the Blue Jays of Johns Hopkins flew into Cain Gymnasium only to have their feathers plucked. This rivalry has seen many bizarre events, but few could compare to the strange happenings in this game. The contest was extremely close for 40 minutes, and Brandt tied the score on a free throw with 14 seconds left. After a missed shot by Hopkins, a scramble for the loose ball ensued. Squirrel gained control of the ball at midcourt with only two ticks left on the clock, but for some unexplained reason the opponent senselessly fouled Brandt 40 feet from the basket. The referee called an intentional foul, sending Brandt to the foul line for two shots plus possession of the ball. Brandt hit both free throws and the Shoremen sealed up the most important victory of the season thus far. The WAC managed to win despite shooting a measly 37% in the second half.

The Shoremen tried to carry the momentum into another game at Cain last Saturday against a much improved Swarthmore squad. The WAC seem to enjoy playing in tight games, keeping this game close before managing to eke out a 71-65 win at home. The team was led Brandt and Jamke with 21 and 19 respectively. After two back-to-back conference victories, the Shoremen traveled to Pennsylvania to try to blow out Ursinus. This team presented problems for the WAC last season, defeating the Shoremen in three straight games. This game was close all the way as the Shoremen had to play much of the first half without three of their starters. Squirrel poured in 29 in the game and Tank Duckett added 22 for the team. The Shoremen scored their last 11 points from the foul stripe to defeat Ursinus 85-79. This improved their conference record to four wins without a loss.

The Shoremen's most consistent player over the last ten games has been Chris Jamke. In the last month, Bull not only scored his 1000th point but entered the Ursinus game leading the team in points per game(19.9) and rebounds per game(10.1). Chris Brandt is also closing in on the 1000 point mark, and Squirrel has been one of the keys to the team's success this season.

The team continues their busy schedule with a series of road games over the next week. They play three consecutive games on the road, taking on the likes of Swarthmore, Haverford and St. Mary's. The Shoremen then return to Cain Gymnasium for a game against Western Maryland on Thursday, February 1st.



Charles "Tank" Duckett lays the ball in during the first round victory in the Wild Goose Classic. *(photo by Gary Brown)*

Swim team remains undefeated

by Greg Coss

By the end of last Saturday's tri-meet involving Washington College, Lycoming and Juniata College, the Shorewomen were standing undefeated and were off to their best start in years. The victory over these two teams lifted the WC record to 8-0, and this was an impressive performance following their emotional 132-126 victory over Elizabethtown the Saturday of final exam weekend. The Shorewomen were able to maintain their composure and avoid a letdown despite their long layoff over the holidays.

The victory was another outstanding team effort, with no individual standouts. Samantha Streamer took the 100 and 200 yard freestyle events, putting Washington College off to a good start. The 200 yard medley relay was won by the quartet of Karen Brady, Brigid Ferris, Amy Capone and Vicki Carroll, while the 200 yard free relay was captured by Karen Brady, Leslie Newcombe, Samantha Streamer and Vicki Carroll. The success of the relay teams is extremely good news for WC and could help lead them to an undefeated regular season.

Kasey Carroll pointed out the significance of the solid WC victories. "I think the team has a really good chance to do well at the MAC's. We could move up in the rankings a lot this year. This team has a lot of depth. I'm really looking forward to the MAC's." Kasey Carroll also gave her usual excellent performance in the meet, winning the 200 butterfly, 500 freestyle and the 1000 freestyle events. Carroll is also planning three more attempts at possible qualification times for the NCAA Division III 1650 meter freestyle event.

Amy Capone also continued up her winning ways, capturing the 200 yard breaststroke. Brigid Ferris and Vicki Carroll performed well in the 200 yard backstroke to close the events and solidify an easy Washington College victory at the tri-meet. The meet against York that was scheduled for last Tuesday was canceled, an occurrence that didn't seem to bother the women. "I didn't feel like going that far for a meet anyway," Amy Capone admitted, "we're really tired and we certainly need the rest."

In place of the canceled York meet, the coaches have scheduled an intramural meet to help warm the team up as well as relax them. Coach Kim Lessard likes to give the team a chance to swim in a competition style meet without the pressure. After the tight victories WC has managed against Widener and Elizabethtown, the intramural meet should help the Shorewomen. "We compete against each other while swimming in events that we don't normally swim in," Kasey Carroll explained. "It should be relaxing and a lot of fun."

There are only three meets left in the WC regular season. Lebanon Valley and Western Maryland are the next two meets on the schedule. They close out the year with their most difficult challenge of them all, a dual meet against Ursinus and Franklin & Marshall. After that the Shorewomen move on to the MAC's, where WC looks to be very impressive this year. Regardless of what happens the rest of the year, it's already been a storybook season for the Shorewomen.

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Clarke addresses the future of the Democratic Party

by Jennifer Del Nero
Staff writer

Baltimore City Council President Mary Pat Clarke, who believes that "we have a generation of talent that has not been encouraged " will speak in the Sophie Kerr Room next Tuesday afternoon on "The Future of the Democratic Party."

Clarke, mother of Washington College sophomore Jennifer, predicts a bright future for the Democratic party: "Democrats and republicans take turns having control. Now, it's time for the democrats to take a turn."

"Getting a president elected is the major issue [for the Democratic Party]," explains Clarke, "we have control of the Senate in Congress, but we need control of the White House."

President Clarke believes self-improvement should be stressed in the US: "We need to restore pride in ourselves and our work.".

Not only does Clarke believe in finding jobs for the unemployed and helping welfare recipients back on their feet, she emphasizes the importance of getting youth involved in government.

"Their real job is to go out and run a nation," reasons Clarke. "The ideal for the Democratic Party is to reach out to young people and take the chance of young people joining in the leadership."

Yet there is one particular problem in the party, according to Clarke, which is "at the moment, it does not have a clear leader. We were blessed to have dynamic leaders like Franklin D. Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy who inspired us to believe Americans could do anything, but," she concedes, "we are lacking that type of leadership."

Although that lack of leadership does exist, scrutiny of Maryland's current political leaders does provide possible inspirational figures, including Governor William Donald Schaefer, US Senator Barbara Mikulski and in the distant future, Baltimore's Mayor Kurt Schmoke.

Clarke describes Schaefer as an "ideal democratic candidate for the presidency," emphasizing that fact that although he is conservative money-wise, he is liberal in the advancement of people. "He has a middle-of-the-road political thinking," she explains.

Another people-oriented democrat who has already established herself as an influential politician is Senator Mikulski. Points out Clarke, "She cares about people and knows that the success of the country depends upon giving people a future."

To Clarke, both Schaefer and Mikulski have "demonstrated that they aren't going to bankrupt voters, but that they will help people to become upwardly mobile."

As for Mayor Schmoke, Clarke says in reference to recent publicity on his stance to legalize drugs, "I admire the fact that he wanted to start a national debate....it took a lot of courage. He opened up discussion and people looked at the issue with fresh eyes."

In terms of state politics, Clarke says, "We're still trying to figure how best to make our influence." Currrent party efforts involve generating revenue in order to help democratic candidates preparing for election campaigns.

Serving two terms of four years each on the Baltimore City Council before losing a 1983 election, Clarke worked as a geriatrics administrator for Johns Hopkins School of Medicine until 1987, when she was elected city-wide as president of the city council.

With a BA in English Literature form Emmaculate College in Philadelphia and an MA in the same area from University of Pennsylvania, Clarke taught undergraduate composition at Johns Hopkins University and University of MD Baltimore County between 1983 and 1987. Currently, she is working towards her Ph.D. from Penn's Graduate School of Education.

Clarke's accomplishments as Baltimore City Council President include helping to draft and pass legislation to require tenants' right of first refusal to purchase the homes in which they reside; to create a Baltimore City Women's Commission; to phase out massage parlors, a "blighting influence in downtown neighborhoods," and to provide priority seating for elderly and disabled on public transit vehicles.

Clarke, describing herself as a "parent, educator and elected official who admires Washington College, especially for its emphasis on writing," will begin her lecture "The Future of the Democratic Party" Tuesday at 4PM in the Sophie Kerr Room of Miller Library. Admission is free.

Baltimore City Council President Mary Pat Clarke will speak on the future of the Democratic Party next Tuesday at 4 PM in the Sophie Kerr Room. *(photo courtesy of Mary Pat Clarke)*

Concert review:

Joel storms the Capital Centre

by Clay Eichelberger

Billy Joel's January 10th performance at the Capital Centre in Landover, Maryland, was a delight for both the audience and, clearly, for the performer himself. Joel, touring in support of his Top-Ten album *Storm Front*, performed for two hours and twenty minutes a set that was a mixture of old and new Joel songs, with a few rock oldies thrown in for good measure.

The concert, which had no opening act, opened with the title track of his new album and continued with a few of Joel's early songs such as "Angry Young Man" and the lesser-known "Miami 2017." Throughout the set, Joel seemed to prefer fast-paced rockers like "You May Be Right" to slower songs like "Honesty" or "She's Always a Woman," both classic Joel songs excluded from the set. This kept the show moving, and the audience seemed to appreciate it; when the band kicked off the opening notes to Joel's recent Number One hit, "We Didn't Start the Fire," the crowd's reaction was deafening.

Every so often, though, Joel and the band did a slow song or two to let themselves (and the audience) catch their breath. One of the earliest of these was "Leningrad," a song from *Storm Front* which he composed during his stay in the USSR. Introducing the song from behind his trademark Ray Charles sunglasses, Joel explained that the story the song tells is true; that the Russian clown he met and became friends with gave him a new perspective on US/Soviet relations. "For me," he explained, "the Cold War ended in 1987." The social consciousness present in this song was carried over into another song from the new album, "Downeaster Alexa," about the plight of the struggling commercial fishermen on the Long Island Sound, and into his earlier song "Goodnight Saigon," his ode to the Vietnam veterans.

Joel never allowed the serious subject matter of those songs to interfere with the sheer fun of the concert. At one point, he launched into an impromptu medley of three oldies: "Spanish Harlem," "Stand By Me," and a terrific rendition of Sam Cooke's "Another Saturday Night," before continuing with his 1983 hit "An Innocent Man." He seemed to be in a nostalgic mood that night, bringing the house down with a great performance of the Isley Brothers' "Shout," which he reprised after his singing his own "Uptown Girl."

Whenever he wasn't seated at a keyboard, Joel kept moving; at one point even doing a back flip off the top of his baby grand, and clearly having a great time.

By the end of the show, however, he was just as obviously tired, and many members of the audience were happily surprised when he returned to the stage for his second encore, a show-stopping performance (literally) of what is perhaps his best-known song, "Piano Man." This song was incredible, with Joel remaining silent during the choruses while the crowd sang. When the song was over, he thanked the audience and closed with his usual parting remark: "Don't take any shit from anybody." Certainly none was taken that night, for none was given—just good music by a good musician who still, after all these years, insists that he is just a piano player.

Clay Eichelberger is a life-long fan of Billy Joel majoring in drama.

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3. **The Prehistory of the Far Side,** by Gary Larson. (Andrews & McMeel, $12.95.) Larson's notes and sketches.
4. **The Night of the Mary Kay Commandos,** by Berke Breathed. (Little, Brown, $7.95.) More *Bloom County* cartoons.
5. **The Shell Seekers,** by Rosamunde Pilcher. (Dell, 4.95.) Novel of passion and heartbreak set in London and Cornwall.
6. **Breathing Lessons,** by Anne Tyler. (Berkley, $5.50.) An ordinary married couple discovers how extraordinary their lives really are.
7. **The Sands of Time,** by Sidney Sheldon. (Warner, $5.95.) Four women encounter unexpected destinies after fleeing a convent.
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10. **Stolen Blessings,** by Lawrence Sanders. (Berkley, $4.95.) Scandalous life of a Hollywood superstar.

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NEWS

Coffee House preview: bands & posters

by Ryder Daniels

Welcome back in the New Year! The Coffee House is offering a diverse set of activities in the next several weeks. Check out your Special Events Calendar, the Dining Hall and the Mail Room to see what's happening. If you did not receive a calendar in your dorm, or if you live off-campus and you would like one, stop by the Coffee House any weekday from 9 am to midnight.

This Friday and Saturday, January 26 & 27 we kick-off Double-Header LIVE Weekend at the Coffee House.

On Friday night, starting at 9 o'clock, is the Bill Dicey Blues Band from Annapolis playing electric dance blues, fast and slow. Dicey, who plays harmonica and guitar in the band, is considered one of the foremost harmonica players on the blues scene today. Other members of the band include: Joe Dicey on lead guitar, Brian Bader on bass, Hal Squire on drums and vocals from Denise Dicey. Bill Dicey has been playing for over thirty years and promises to put on a great show.

On Saturday night, starting at 9 o'clock we welcome back Washington College's own Plaid Rabbit playing rock and roll, old and new. Members of that band include: Chris Premo on lead guitar, W.C. Alumni Tom Hopkins on bass, Mark Harfeld on keyboards, Andy Chandler on sax, Dave Harfeld on guitar and dazzling vocals from junior Felicia Shakman.

Looking ahead, Monday, January 29 is Wellness Week at W.C. On Tuesday at 12 noon in the Coffee House John Ferber is giving a lecture on exercises for the lower back. Wednesday is Substance-Free Day, so please try not to eat, drink or breathe anything. Wednesday night, Mike Macielag, President of Chesapeake Bank and Trust and non-alcoholic beer drinker, will be on campus in the Coffee House from 9-10 pm giving free taste tests of every non-alcoholic beer you can think of so you can be the judge.

The Coffee House and the Bookstore get together on Thursday and Friday, February 1 &2 to bring a Super Poster Sale to campus. Trent Graphics Corporation will bring hundreds of posters & prints of every kind to the Coffee House on sale from 11 am until 7 pm and you can charge them on your bookstore bill if you wish. Put something new on your walls this semester!

More live entertainment for Thursday Night, February 1: W.C. favorite Tom Larsen returns starting at 9 pm.

In addition to our upcoming scheduled events, as always we welcome and appreciate any and all suggestions, criticisms and contributions, especially from off-campus students, to make the Coffee House someplace you would like to spend some free time. The Coffee House is your place. Without student support, we don't have a place. So make the effort to come in and see what's going on. Try something new.

Remember, no inflation from last year: Coffee House LIVE entertainment is the cheapest around, $2 at the door, a great way to get together with some friends and some live music. We'll see you this weekend.

Security busy over break

by Tracey Connell
Staff writer

Washington College administration and staff were not alone over semester break, despite the fact that students were absent from campus.

An unidentified black male, who had apparently been staying in the newly christened Constance Stuart Larrabee Creative Arts Center during night hours, was sighted and chased on January 8, according to Jerry Roderick, Director of Security. He escaped.

Initially, Roderick received a report from a contractor working for Arena Construction that they suspected someone was staying in the Creative Arts Center at night.

On the 8th, Sergeant Lenny Thompson observed a black male in the area of the Creative Arts Center. Suspecting that he may have already gained entrance into the building, Thompson contacted Security Officer Sommerville. Sommerville conducted a check of the outside of the building and Thompson of the inside.

According to Roderick, the intruder was inside the Center, he "quickly exited and a chase ensued."

Officer Sommerville was able to "grab ahold of the suspect...they both fell. The suspect got up and continued to run." Sommerville then proceeded to grab the suspect's jacket, which the suspect "managed to get out of and keep running. He ran several blocks."

The Security officers' efforts were fortunately not in vain when on inspection of the jacket several items were discovered which had been stolen from the downtown area.

The Chestertown Police are currently investigating the incident.

Several items were also stolen from a room in Kent House over break.

Security is currently investigating that incident as well.

Said Roderick, "Break is our most vulnerable time so we take extra precautions to make sure the buildings are secure."

Kent House fire

by Tracey Connell
Staff writer

The Chestertown Fire Department responded to an alarm and a fire in Kent House Friday, January 19 at approximately 6:00 pm.

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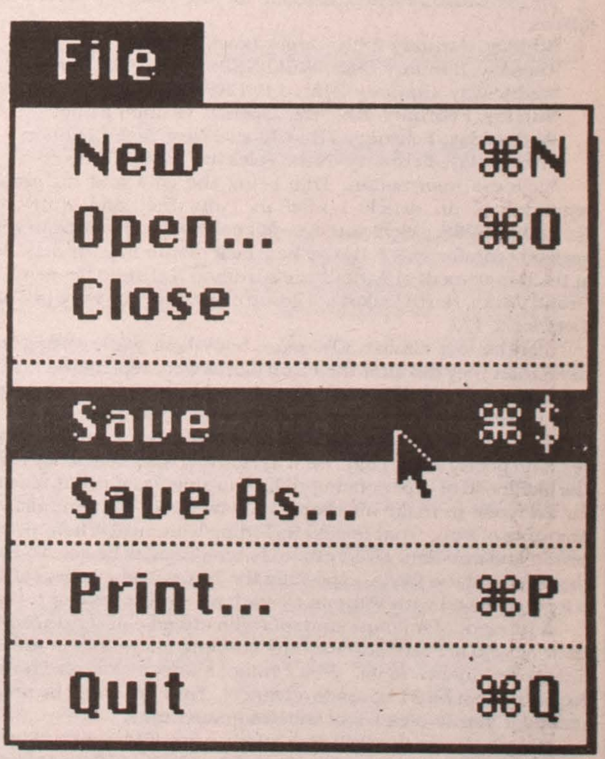

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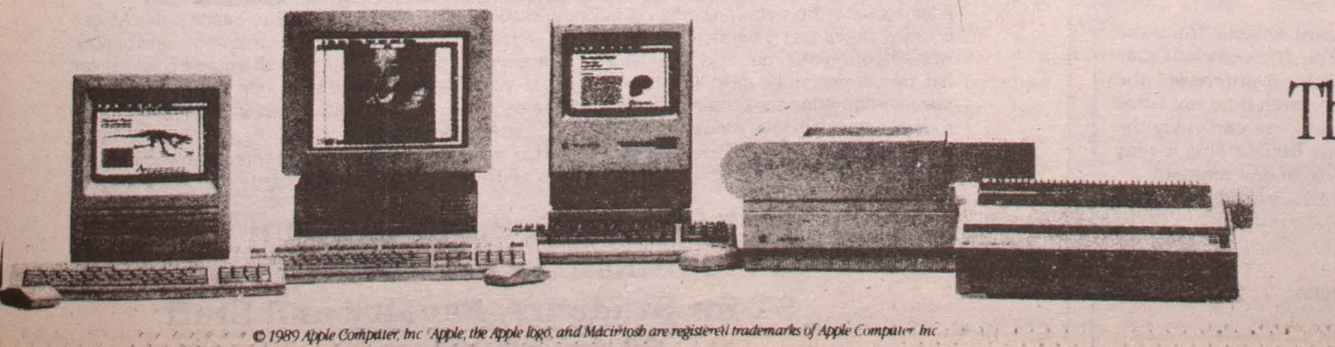

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NEWS

Recycling Plan in action

by Tracey Connell
Staff writer

The Recycling Plan, a joint venture between students and the administration which was proposed last semester, is now underway, according to Clint Baer, Director of Planning and Special Projects.

Maintenance recently placed special containers in most of the dormitories and central dumping facilities outside for recyclable aluminum cans. Eventually, there will be recycling containers on each floor in each dorm.

Paper is also a source for recycling at Washington College. All offices use white paper, which is recyclable, and all offices have bins for its collection.

All students and staff are required to do is deposit the proper material in the proper place. Aluminum should be deposited in specially marked cans and white paper in specially marked boxes. Individuals are asked to be careful not to put other trash in with the recyclable items. The Infinity Recycling Company will collect both the Aluminum and the paper each week.

Baer stated that this only an initial effort. The project may be expanded depending on the success of current efforts.

That success however depends on student and staff cooperation. Steve Attias, Student Government President and one student coordinator of the plan, stated, "This has to be a student effort...We need to get this going as quickly and effectively as possible."

James Finlay, another student coordinator, reiterated the point, citing individual responsibility. He stated that "there is no reason not to do it because the cans are right there."

Finlay also commented on one reason for the Student Government to sponsor such a project: they will collect the generated funds. Said Finlay, "I don't know how much money is involved. The exact figures haven't been nailed down yet."

Accident

by Tracey Connell
Staff writer

On Monday, January 15, a Washington College student was seriously injured in a car accident approximately fifteen minutes away from campus on Route 554. Freshman Francoise Gavigan is currently listed as critical in shock trauma at University Hospital in Baltimore.

Gavigan and her sister, Christian, were driving a Cabriolet convertible on route 554 when they were hit on passenger side. Their car rolled two to three times. The cause of the accident is undetermined.

Gavigan suffered injuries to her head as well as a broken pelvis. Her sister suffered only minor back problems.

Friends and family are hopeful of Gavigan's recovery.

Her parents ask for the College community's support through prayer.

Survey

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those results and how they may affect future campus computing can contact the student members of the committee, John Kelly or Ryder Daniels.

If any of the roughly 350 students who did not fill out a survey at Registration would like to express their opinions about campus computing, they can obtain a survey from Ryder Daniels through campus mail or by calling ext. 343.

Master Plan

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through construction. That will cause less disturbance to the construction. The good news is that it's almost over."

Workmen are preparing to pour the concrete for the plaza in front of the Fine Arts Center. Brickwork,, a new terrace, and new steps will soon be completed.

All of the exterior work on the Academic Resources Center is almost finished. Several departments will move there: Admissions, the Bookstore, and Student Affairs. In addition, the Center will contain a a central forum, seminar rooms, and a multi-media meeting room.

The Heath Center was renovated over break. Walls were repainted, a new examining room was built, and new carpet and furnishings were installed.

Students may also have noticed the small green pedestals along Washington Avenue. According to the administration they mark where underground cable service is to be installed from College Lane to Campus Avenue. In the next few weeks, the executive council will review a proposal for complete restoration of service.

Following the retirement of Bill Coleman, former Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, Marriot and Service Master are both conducting audits of Washington College facilities. The two will submit proposals to provide Housecleaning and Maintenance services for management only. Baer stressed that current employees will remain in their jobs. The administration is considering several other applicants for Coleman's position.

Fire

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According to Jerry Roderick, Director of Security, Resident Assistant Jason Ebrite noticed the odor of smoke in the second floor north hallway of Kent. Upon investigation, Ebrite discovered that the source of the smoke was a couch in Room 219. Student Dave Littleton assisted the RA in his check of the room. The occupants were not present.

The Fire Department was immediately alerted. They responded and extinguished the couch with no apparent damage to the room or building. "The couch itself was obviously destroyed," said Roderick.

According to procedure, the Fire Marshall investigated and ruled the fire accidental, due to careless smoking.

Roderick commended Ebrite. "The RA deserves a lot of credit for his initiative. He saved a lot of property, nobody was displaced, and damage was minimal."

MOM'S COOKIE JAR

The W.C.D.S. events calendar for the next few weeks will be as follows:

Sunday, January 28th, Super Bowl Dinner
Tuesday, January 30th, WELLNESS EXPO - in Hynson Lounge
Wednesday, January 31st, J.P. BROKERAGE FOOD SHOW
Sunday, February 4th, "Eye Opener" Brunch Buffet
Wednesday, February 7th, Chinese New Year's Dinner
Wednesday, February 14th, Valentine's Day Dinner

Wellness information: This being the cold and flu season, I am reminded of an article I read in Tufts Diet and Nutrition Letter, November 1988. Have you ever felt cold while everyone in the room is perfectly comfortable? It may be a lack of iron in your diet. In a study at the Department of Agriculture's Human Nutrition Research Center in Grand Forks, North Dakota, a group of women who were put on low iron diets for 2-1/2 months lost almost 30% more body heat while sitting in a drafty room than they did after their iron stores were replenished. In addition, the women were able to tolerate the cold for slightly longer periods of time when they were given adequate amounts of iron.

You do not have to be suffering from iron-deficiency anemia to respond poorly to the cold. even a relatively mild deficiency can increase the likelihood of experiencing chills and shivers, which is reason enough for everyone to make an effort to follow a diet that supplies adequate amounts of iron. That means including lean meats, fish, poultry, dried beans and enriched grain products on a regular basis. To best absorb the iron in these foods, especially the beans and grains, eat them with a food enriched with Vitamin C, such as orange juice or tomato sauce.

A reminder for board students who attend classes during the lunch hour or who are student teaching or doing internship in Annapolis can order box lunches to go. Just contact a supervisor, give him/her your request (must be 24 hours in advance). Your order will be prepared and ready for you to pick up at the designated time.

Did you know the WCDS is offering five (5) lunch or five (5) dinner meal tickets? The meal tickets have been designed for students who live off campus. These tickets entitle you to select any five (5) lunches or any five (5) dinners from January 15 through May 11, 1990. The cost of the FIVE LUNCH TICKET is $20.00 and the cost of the FIVE DINNER TICKET is $30.00.

You may purchase these money saving meal tickets from the Business Office from now until Friday, May 4, 1990. (These tickets may be charged to your college account.) Once you have purchased the ticket, all you have to do is present it to the cashier each time you come to the dining hall for a meal. It is that simple! And you can enjoy the convenience of an all-you-can-eat meal with your friends plus a wide variety of nutritious foods and fast service in a clean environment.

These are but a couple of the services the W.C.D.S. provides to board students and non-board students.

I guess that is it for another week.
Until next time...MOM

Logo Contest for Wellness Week and Lifetime Fitness

The President's Advisory Council on Lifetime Fitness announces a contest to design a LOGO to kick off Washington College's Wellness Week and the College's focus on Wellness. The LOGO will be used to highlight all activities at the College which are associated with Fitness. The design of the LOGO should incorporate the six elements of Wellness: spiritual, occupational, social, intellectual, physical and emotional.

All members of the Washington College community are eligible to submit an entry. The LOGO can be hand-drawn or computer-enhanced. Prize for the best LOGO is a $25.00 gift certificate at the Washington College Bookstore. Judging will be done by members of the Fitness Council. **Deadline for submission is March 1, 1990.**

Entries should be sent to Dean Edward Maxcy in the Student Affairs Office.

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Mayor announces joint project with College

public sports facilities and tower removal posed

by Tracey Connell
Staff writer

Mayor Elmer E. Horsey recently announced, during the course of his State of the Town Address Monday, January 22, plans to work with Washington College on two major projects in 1990. They include building public basketball and tennis courts and removing the water tower from campus grounds.

When he reviewed the decade, Horsey mentioned Washington College and the success of at least one joint endeavor, the Mayor's Scholarship Program, initiated in 1986.

After addressing the eighties, Horsey looked toward future goals.

One project involves the College and Program Open Space in creating outdoor basketball and tennis courts. They would be open to the public and built on College-owned property.

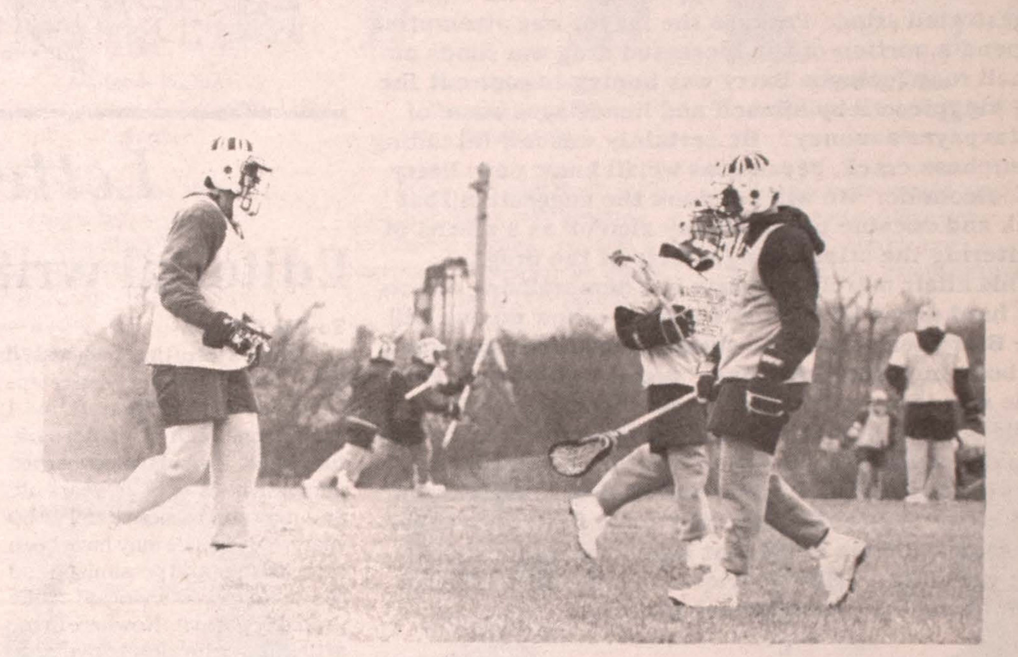
Other plans involve cooperation between the town and College to remove the water tower and to construct a new 100,000 gallon elevated water storage facility at another undisclosed location.

Though the tower appears to be on College property, the town actually owns it. According to Senior Vice President for Management and Finance Gene Hessey, Washington College granted Chestertown an easement in order that they might build the tower.

Therefore, "we do need to negotiate with the town. It's their property."

Washington College President Douglass Cater confirmed the College's cooperation with Chestertown on both projects. He recently stated that a proposal has been submitted and is currently being reviewed by the office of the mayor.

"The Board Executive Committee has considered this and has responded to the mayor's proposals. We are now waiting on the mayor eagerly."



Despite the fact that their first game is almost a month away, Lacrosse practice is already in full swing.

(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

SGA meeting report:

Neiman to run for president

by Kyndra Ponder

Tracey Coleman, SGA Vice President was the first of the officers to speak at last week's student government meeting. She reported on the changes before the Student Academic Board (SAB) on the Senior Thesis. Coleman stated that as of now, the only information to appear on a student's transcript is his degree, the date of completion, honors that the student has received, and the student's SAT verbal and math scores.

Coleman has worked to have an additional piece of information about the senior thesis on the transcript.

If her proposal is accepted by the faculty, seniors will have a place on their transcript informing prospective employers and graduate school admissions offices about their thesis. In addition, the it will tell whether the thesis has recieved any college or departmental honors. In order for this year's seniors to benefit from the proposal, the faculty will have to approve it by February 5.

In addition, Coleman would like to see a more complete explanation of the senior thesis in the Student Handbook.

Kevin Kelly, who is working with the Social Committee, reported that the SGA will attempt to have more big-name bands appear at Washington College this year.

Bill Kerbin, Chairman of the Honor Code Committee reported that the revisions to the Honor Code are still before the Student Affairs Committee. He added that he has received a lot of positive feedback both from the faculty and from students regarding the Honor Code.

Jim Finlay, Chairman of the Recycling Committee then updated the SGA on the recycling efforts. He noted that a letter would be sent to all students reminding them of the recycling drive and asking for student support.

Other committee members noted that there had been some controversy among the students regarding the destination of the proceeds from the drive. The committee wishes to assure all students that the money coming from the recycling effort will go DIRECTLY to the SGA and will not be channelled through another office on campus.

Freshman class President, Gordy Scherer presented the Inter-Club Council Constitution to the SGA for their approval. He stated that the sole purpose of the ICC will be to serve as a liason between clubs on campus and not to control any of the various independent functions of the clubs. The ICC received full support from the SGA.

SGA President Attias announced that Clint Baer will be having an open forum regarding the Hodson Hall Renovations. A date has not been announced.

Senator, Beth-Ann Sheppard proposed an ammendment for the SGA Constitution. Article VI, Section III of the Constitution presently states that no one is eligable to be a candidate for a campus election if they are not a member of the SGA. In order to aviod confusion, Sheppard has proposed that the section be changed to state that no person may be a candidated for an executive SGA position if they are not a full-time student at Washington College. The proposed

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PCB worries almost over

by Tracey Connell
Staff writer

What has been called the Washington College PCB "scandal" is quickly drawing to a close due to conscientious effort on the part of the administration.

According to an attorney for the EPA, fines are often reduced when the offender complies and cooperates with the EPA.

The college was warned to remove all transformers by May of 1990. It is February, 1990, a full three months ahead of time, and every transformer has been removed.

In addition, well over the amount of the fine was spent in removing and replacing transformers. Though no administrator is ready to comment on the amount spent, Gene Hessey anticipated last year that it would cost $300,000.

College officials, President Cater among them, expect the issue to wind down after the Executive Committee meeting on February 8. The EPA attorney stated that they expect to settle with the College in the next thirty days.

It began on June 6, 1988 when the Environmental Protection Agency conducted a polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) inspection. The College was cited at that time for administrative infractions.

PCB is a fire retarding additive which was used in the cooling oil of the old transformers. It poses two main dangers: ingesting PCB directly can cause liver damage and cancer, in the case of a serious fire PCB becomes a lethal dioxin.

Both EPA and College officials were quick to assure students at that time that they were in no immediate danger.

By the following February, a month after the complaint was received by the President's office, students had learned that their college was fined $150,000 and that EPA officials were quoted as saying chances that the environment had been harmed were "pretty good."

Though no one can slight the Washington College administration for their actions in response to the fine, some students have not forgotten the struggle to gain information from the College at the time the scandal was breaking. Most of the information was obtained through the Freedom of Information Act from the EPA by student Ryder Daniels.

EDITORIAL

Continuing the drug war?

Several years ago the supreme leader, President Reagan, declared a "war on drugs." All sub-leaders were to assist in the effort to rid the country of substance abuse...

Presently the Reagan era has ended, and the new ultimate leader, President Bush, has pledged to continue the war. In fact, Bush desires to increase the government's role in the drug war. Basically what Bush is promoting is his wish to allot more of the taxpayer's money toward the purchase of man-power, guns, and ammunition—for wars require well equipped warriors. Thus the sub-leaders—mayors for instance—will follow suit and increase spending on the war. Why does more money need to be spent? Mr. Reagan started a war; have we lost another dispute already?

Apparently so. "DC's Official Coke-head," Mayor Marion Barry, was recently apprehended in an F.B.I. orchestrated sting. Perhaps the mayor was attempting to spend a portion of the increased drug war funds on a small rock? Maybe Barry was hoping to root out the drug kingpins all by himself and hence save some of the taxpayer's money? He certainly was not intending to purchase crack, because as we all know now: Barry is an alcoholic. We will overlook the suggestion that crack and cocaine users employ alcohol as a means of countering the stimulating effects of the drugs.

This affair merely suggests the demoralizing effects that hard drugs have on any society. Now no one will take Barry seriously if he should hypocritically wear a cap boasting something like: "proud to be drug free" while attending a drug awareness meeting at a DC public school (in fact he did). Furthermore sports fans should also begin to question whether a star player is great because of pure talent and desire, or because of pure coke. Dexter Manley sure was a fine pass rusher. The same problem is evident right here: who would have voted for Carlos Henriquez had he been able to run for a student government position?

—David Morrison

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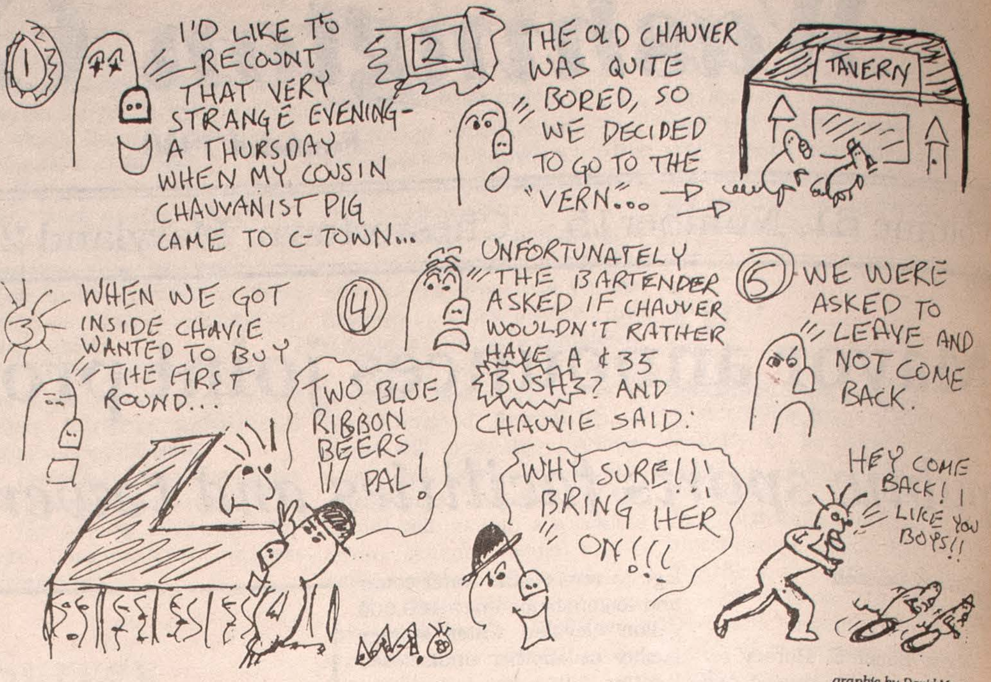
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graphic by David Morrison

Letters to the Editor

Editorial writer responds to letter

To the Editor:

I know a lot of time has passed since Peter De Jong's letter appeared in the Elm (Dec. 1), but I want to answer it. I am not a nature freak, I am just a concerned person who is only 21 years old and may still be here in 50 or 60 years. My article may have been rather strong and pessimistic and the point I was trying to make probably got lost. Nowhere in my article did write: don't drive cars, don't use styrofoam trays, wash your clothes down at the river. Some of the solutions do not require the all or nothing approach. For instance, if everyone would take the time to read the label on their laundry detergent they would find that many are now biodegradable and contain no phosphorous. Chances are your ERA isn't the problem anymore. I was referring to some of the detergents still used in industry. Did you know that it is possible to recycle styrofaom and even plastic? The problem is that it is cheaper to throw those things in the garbage. Maybe our generation should start with mass recycling. As far as leather goes, it is a byproduct of the beef industry. Seems like there is little waste there. We get our hamburgers and shoes from the same herd.

As far as backpacking home goes, no I did not. But I don't have a car on campus. I see nothing wrong with your V6, if it passes an emissions test. There are a lot of things we can do to save gas and clean the air. One example is what happened in São Paulo, Brazil. That city used to have one of the worst pollution problems in the world, almost all caused by car exhaust. Since they began using a mixture of gasoline and alcohol (20%), the air is virtually clean. Here's another fact to ponder: if everybody in the U.S. drove the speed limit all the time we would save 9 million gallons of gas everyday.

Mr. De Jong says we know the problems, well we do know them I suppose, but then he says we know how to solve them. Wow, if you do then why are here at Washington College? You should be working for the EPA or an environmental company. I'm sure they would love to hear your solutions. Where should we put all our trash now that the landfills are filling up? What about nuclear power? Toxic waste? We have many problems without answers.

I cannot change the world, I'm not better than anyone else. Do you at least recycle aluminum cans, glass bottles and newspapers? I do. I just want this world to survive...its the only one we have.

Carolin Leibig
Junior

A challenge to students

To the Editor:

To my fellow students, young and old, I would like to issue a challenge. Last summer, students from China's leading universities were stomped to death in Peking's Tianenman Square. In recent weeks students in Czechoslovakia have seemingly prevailed in a dangerous eye-ball to eye-ball confrontation with their Communist rulers. Even in this jaded era of spin-control, these children of iron will are truly heroes. They recall, with a more sober and enduring mettle, the anti-war idealism of my own undergraduate years.

I mention all this because, to the best of my knowledge, these students on the firing line of democracy and freedom have derived little moral, material or financial support from their fellow students in the U.S. Certainly I can see no written or published plea for support among the students at Washington College. Instead, I read cheap shots about philosophy seminars to which the President did not give rubber-stamp approval etc. There are still societies in this world where students can't even discuss philosophy as we know it, much less travel on a junket to a distant city. In China the administrations at leading Universities are compiling lists of ringleaders, planning the importation of dissident leaders from their American sanctuaries, and torturing some of the unfortunates caught last summer. If I had my own 'discretionary' fund for some truly worthwhile cause I would send it the brave souls in East Germany, Czechoslovakia, and (we all know it's coming), the Soviet Union.

Now to the challenge. Why not put Washington College on the political map with a student fund-raising drive to help the students of Czechoslovakia? I understand they need good quality computers for Information processing and dispersal and some very good ones are made in East Germany (This would help East Germany's hard currency problem too.) If enough money were raised a WC student might even deliver the merchandise and write back, like John Reed, about the history taking place in Prague. It is a matter of your own cultural and moral literacy to take an interest in such things. Organizations like the AFL-CIO (now don't tell Daddy about this) have patiently developed conduits for funds and their responsible dispersal among the freedom fighters in Eastern Europe.

Oh and one last thing, the money. There are some of us here in the Buntagon who know a thing or two about raising money. Come see me. With all of the arguing around this campus about how to spend our small patrimony, I thought I might add that it helps to have a good cause. Washington, who gave us the first fifty guineas, would surely understand.

Sincerely,
Marty Williams
Director of Development

OPINION

ISSUE: Following Washington, DC Mayor Marion Barry's arrest for cocaine, many charged that racial bias was involved. Was it?

Abusive Barry's fall was well deserved

Carolin Leibig

Ah, Washington, DC our nation's capital. The monuments, the museums, the White House, the drug war, and the Mayor. Marion Barry gets my vote for outstanding abuse of his office. He has been mayor for quite awhile now, didn't anyone notice anything odd about him? Probably, but he picked the men who surrounded him well, and his fall was a long time coming because of them.

Granted, most people would not choose to be the Mayor of the District. The city has many problems, but a mayor should try to solve problems, not become a part of them. Although, it's hard not to admire a man who can go to an inner city elementary school and tell the kids to say no to drugs and then meet a model at a motel and do cocaine all in the same day. But hey, when you're the mayor of the nation's capital its all in a day's work.

Since Marion Barry is black, the issue of race certainly is an important part of this case. It seems to me, however, that it contributed more to his ability to stay in office than the fact that he was arrested on drug charges. Barry always denied any wrongdoing and his accusers were often called racists. It is understandable why the overwhelming black population in the District would continue to vote Barry into office, especially when his opponents were white. I guess Barry was able to convince a lot of people that everything was a-okay and he was on the job.

Even now he says he was set up. Set up? So the cops came up to him and said: "Good evening, Mayor. Would you mind doing us a little favor? You see, they are filming an episode of Candid Camera right here and they want you to go over there and buy some drugs from that model. Isn't that funny? You of all people! Don't worry, it's not really coke." Barry, having an acute sense of humor, naturally agreed...and the rest is history.

What I can't understand is how he could face the citizens of DC for such a long time and continue to deny everything. Anybody is capable of deceit for a time, but years? The man either has no conscience or he does a hell of a job ignoring it. He used city revenues to take trips to the islands.

To say nothing of his drug habit. He was hospitalized several times over the years for "undisclosed reasons" or "chest pains." And how about all those questionable friends?

Meanwhile, the health of Washington deteriorated rapidly to the point where we now have the highest murder rate in the country. I'm sure glad we're making a good impression on the rest of the country and the world. Hopefully, the District is rid of Mayor Barry, and the city can get on with the business at hand: finding a decent Mayor, be he black or white, which is something the people of DC clearly need and deserve.

Carolin Leibig is a junior majoring in International Studies.

CAMPUS VOICES by Amy L. Undercoffler

Andrew Walbert
Queenstown, MD
Senior

No, I think the NAACP is creating a bigger problem where one already exists. Hopefully, Marion Barry's actions will not have an adverse effect on other black politicians.

Brendan Casey
Washington DC
Freshman

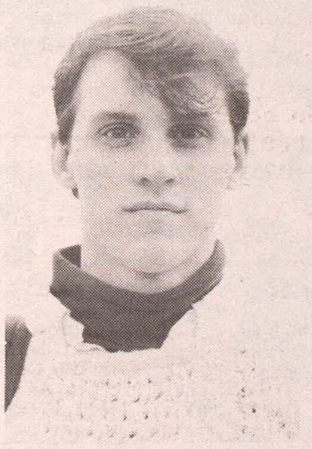
I live in DC and there is no way that Barry was arrested because of racism. He was a horrible and despicable mayor who constantly contradicted his so called war against drugs by being involved with drugs himself. I am glad he is gone.

Drew Elburn
Reisterstown, MD
Senior

No. He's stone cold-busted. And as the great Pharaoh Benjamin T. Hinkle once said, "He who passes gas in church, sits in pew."

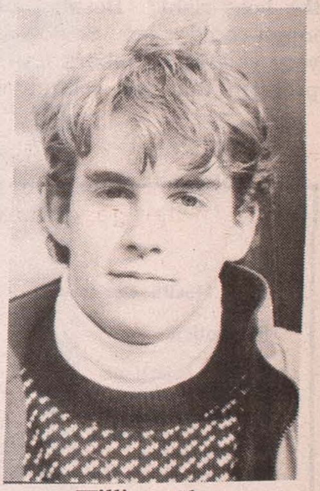
Jacqui Bell
Middletown, DE
Junior

No. I think that just because he got caught doing something illegal, people should not try to look beyond the actual crime for other causes.



Mike Sell
Seattle, WA
Senior

His arrest had nothing to do with his skin color, he was a hypocrite who got caught in an illegal activity. He has to pay the same price as any American citizen.



William Clegg
Sharon, CT
Sophomore

No, I don't believe that there was any racial bias motivating the FBI. Marion Barry has long been a rumored drug-user, so his arrest really shouldn't be a surprise to anyone, especially to Mayor Barry.

Barry was a crack-smoking forefinger of a mayor

Mike Cannon

Is the forefinger a better swab than a Q-tip? Of course not. A cottony soft Q-tip is better than even the moist adroit pinky, but as the package says, a Q-tip can be dangerous if wielded improperly. Residents of Washington DC now face a decision comparable to that of swabbing. Do they want a rough around the edges, crack smoking forefinger of a mayor like Marion Barry or do they want a volatile and potentially a tremendously effective Q-tip like Jesse Jackson? I say neither. They need a pinky in the dark and murky ear canal of such dubious issues as baseball and statehood—one with finesse and cunning but still able to scrape with their nails. He should be skinny, too. No need for a roly-poly overachiever in this situation.

And this gets right to my point. Was there a racial bias involved in the arrest of Mayor Barry? No. The feds have footage of him smoking crack in a hotel room with two women who weren't even his wives! Benjamin Hooks is wrong, and I must add, a bellyacher in his criticisms of the feds singling out black people as the targets of investigations. Especially with so many other famous people smoking crack in a notorious hotel with two women who weren't even their wives. For shame—the FBI has obviously been very picky in this case, eh Randolph.

And that brings me right back to my point. So what if even all the confounding variables were eliminated through intense grilling of the sandwiches, er, rather, the agents involved in the case and there was found to be a racial bias. "Yepper," each agent sez, "we done plugged us another Negro politician a smokin' crack. Har Harr." Neverthemore, he still got caught on tape smoking crack, which is illegal. One should never get caught doing that on tape.

The ramifications of his acts are astounding and so speculative and obvious that I don't need to and would be thoroughly bored if I went into it here. Why you know what—it's even beside the point. Barry got caught smoking crack. Nannee nannee boo boo. He should go to jail or whatever it is they do to criminals nowadays. What an off-the-wall idea. This whole issue is as much of a load of crap as that diplomatic immunity thing. They get the flu too. The rhino virus does not discriminate.

So so what if Benjamin Hooks wants SEC criminals to be denied their Rolls Royces and Barbie Dolls. Change one system at a time dude and be impartial or else the whole shebang turns out to be a big congress of ineptitude that any further wranglings with it would tangle it like a bunched up slinky.

Additionally, I don't see why the people who say Barry's arrest was racially motivated fail to overlook the fact that he hasn't done squat in the last twelve years of his administration. Don't they want some positive change in their hovel? When a prairie dogs den is old and replete of creature comforts he moves on a digs a new one right? Well the people of DC can't just move on like the prairie dogs do but they can take the measures to bring in some new dirt to dig. They need a pinky in charge of things there to sweep house a bit. Perhaps, though, Barry may have whittled himself down into a pinky by virtue of getting busted and is doing the sweeping himself. Yay!

PERSPECTIVES

Good Luck, Gorby, we wish you well

Ever have a feeling that absolutely nothing's going right for you? Well, join the club, and try putting yourself in this man's shoes.

Imagine getting your dream job. Big office, lots of perks like nice vacations in fun places like Washington DC, and London, big black limousines and security guards, not to mention lots of free press.

Sounds great, doesn't it? Well, one day you're driving down the street in your nice car and you look outside through your tinted windows and see...tens and hundreds of people standing in lines waiting for...waiting for...waiting for toilet paper? You think to yourself, "such a shame" and drive on. Later that night your wife berates you about the toilet paper and in an effort to quiet rather loud protestations, you promise, with the aid of your dream job, to try to do something about shops that have nothing to sell, and people that have nothing to eat.

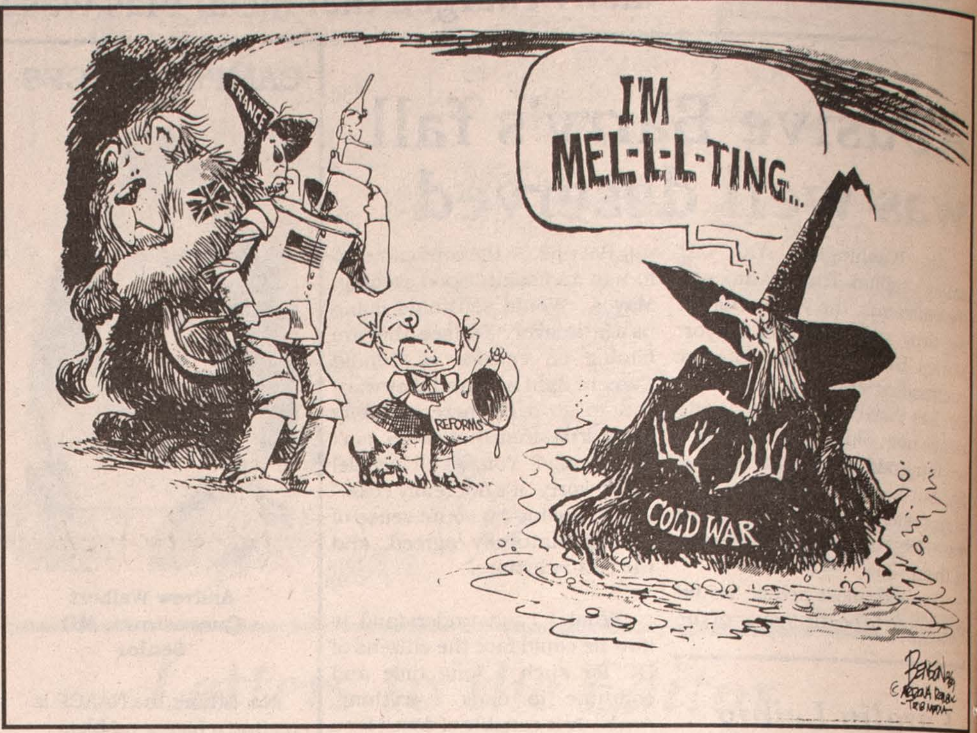
Well, the next morning you get to the office and tell the other guys your plan. They're not so gung ho about it but hey, you're the boss right? Besides, how tough could it be? So you and your comrades embark on this program that will reform and revolutionize the country.

You think this would make these poor people happy, don't you? They can produce whatever they want to in your factories. They can travel around the country. They can tell you what's on their minds? So why are they causing such a fuss? Why are they killing themselves in Azerbaijan? What are they protesting about in Lithuania? What's wrong with these people, don't they appreciate what you're trying to do for them? Don't they know how tough your job is? Don't they appreciate how protected they are? And the Ukrainians, don't they know how important they are to the country?

Laura Hopper

You're in a bind. Every time you open your mouth you seem to annoy some other group. If you're soft with one group, another group will accuse you of being weak.

There are other problems. The currency has no value outside the country. People don't want to work. And when they work they do it so poorly half the stuff falls apart. Alcoholism is becoming more and more of a problem. And your allies, they're in worse shape. They're deserting left and right.



Some joker thinks you're messing things up. Goes off and tells the Japanese how you're in danger of getting sacked. Comrade? Ha! With comrades like these who needs enemies.

Speaking of enemies, not even your biggest former rival has the cash to help you out.

And now, you're in trouble. You're in danger of losing your job. But it's not your fault, it was those bullheaded, paranoid people who had your job before you. You can't undo decades of neglect and mismanagement in one year, or even two. You aren't the one responsible. But you are, it's your job, it's your country.

Good Luck, Gorby.

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Courses, Services and Programs Which Relate to Wellness at Washington College
Fall, 1989

I. Health Services:

Prevention	Promotion	Education	Counselling	Diagnostic/Treatment
Allergy Injections Mumps, Rubella Vaccine Hypertension Screening Contagious Disease Alerts "Three for Free" Condoms Tracking Family Patterns	Health Fair	Health Fair Weight Management Smoking Cessation Student Advising Medical Texts, Tapes, on loan Pamphlets, Bulletin Bd. Aids Program Organ Donor Living Will Personality Profile Journal Journeying Alcohol, Drug Awareness	Weight Management Smoking Cessation Tracking Family Patterns Imaging Personality Profile Relationships Pre, Post HIV Test Sessions Hall Mtgs. w/freshman, Walt Roemer	Health Forms Reviewed Rubella, Rubeola Titers TB Test Sports Physicals Hypertension Screening Throat Cultures Urine Analysis Pap Chlamydia GC STS Pregnancy HIV Testing Herpes X-rays Lab Work Emergency Room Visits Self Help (URI)

II. Dining Services:

Prevention	Promotion	Education
Mom's Cookie Jar	Mom's Cookie Jar Special Diet Menu's Vegetarian Menu Bulletin Board Menus sent to students underlining most healthy choices Box Lunch Program Special order meals Food Service Committee	Mom's Cookie Jar Bulletin Board Menus sent to students underlining most healthy choices Food Service Committee Special Events (dinner w/dietician, cultural, ethnic meals)

III. Curricular:

Prevention	Promotion	Education	Counselling
	All PE 101 Activity Classes: Tennis Golf Aerobic Dance Cycling Sailing Hatha Yoga Modern Dance Fencing Badminton Weight Training	Lifetime Fitness (PE) Adv. First Aid, CPR (PE) Project Cope Ropes Course used by field hockey and lacrosse teams Sociology 416 Seminar on Anthropology (Myth, Ritual & Symbolism) Sociology 335 (Sex, Gender & Kinship) Sociology 330 (Developmental Anthropology) Study Skills Peer Advisors Peer Tutors Faculty Advisors Sociology 205 (Intro to Anthropology) Nutrition (PE) Psychology of Sports (PE) Lifeguarding (PE) Recreational Leadership (PE) Ballet (PE) Writing Lab Math Workshops Study Skills	PA's/Peer Tutors Faculty Advisors

IV. Co-Curricular:

Prevention	Promotion	Education	Counselling	Diagnostic/Treatment
Rec Sports/Intramurals Intercollegiate Athletics Right to Know Workshops	Outdoor Pursuits Club Sailing Club Dance Club Swimming Club Choir Early Musical Vocal Consort Rec Sports/Intramurals Intercollegiate Athletics Cheerleading Echo Hill Ropes Course	Choir Early Musical Vocal Consort Intercollegiate Athletics Right To Know Workshops	Campus Christians RA's Peer Advisors Newman Club	

V. Occupational:

Prevention	Promotion	Education	Counselling	Diagnostic/Treatment
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Birthday Ball Guide

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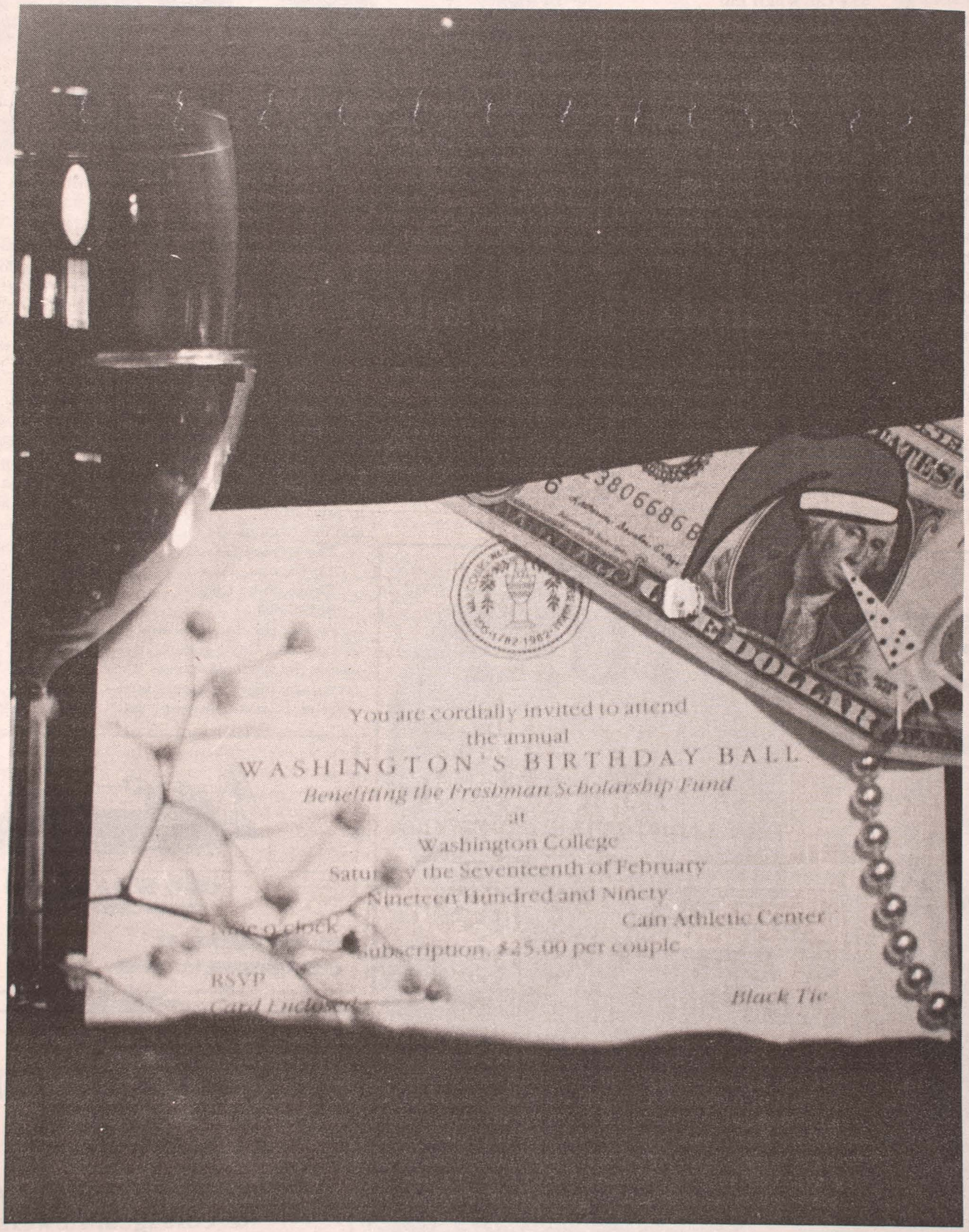

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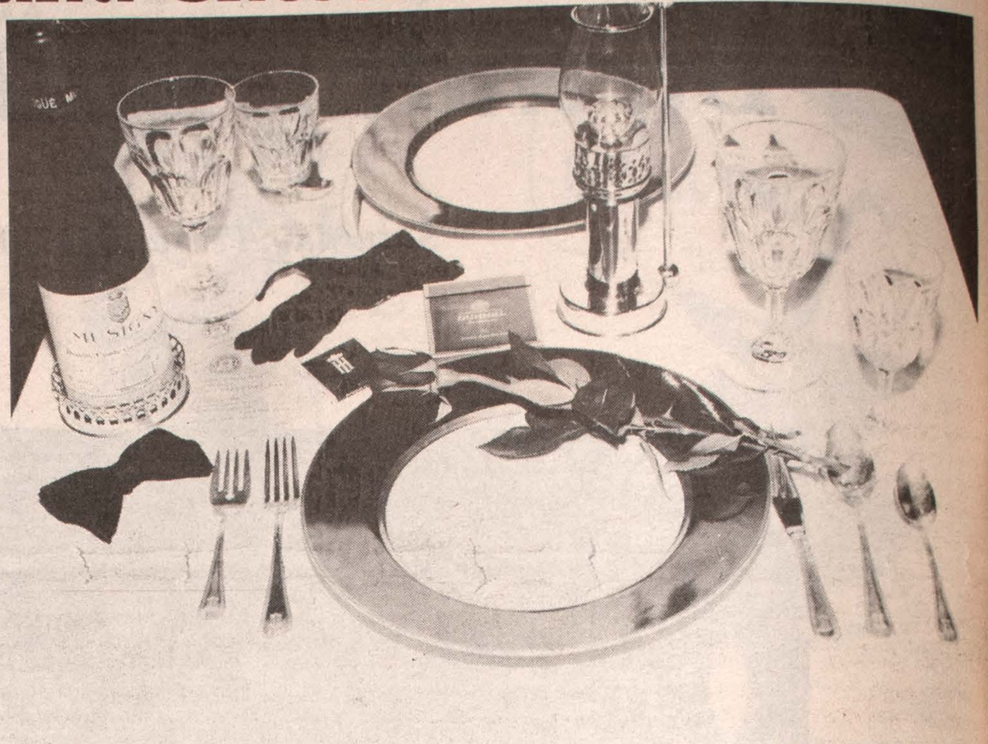
FEATURES

Dining in and around Chestertown



(photo from the Elm files)

What could possibly better opener to a night of dancing than a romantic dinner for two (or more)? Chestertown and the surrounding area offers a wide variety of charming and historic restaurants. For those who don't feel like staying in Chestertown, Annapolis is a mere 45 minutes away. Philadelphia, DC, and Baltimore roughly 2 hours away and Chicago a mere 1.5, by plane.

The Imperial Hotel
208 High Street
Chestertown
778-5000

The Imperial, perhaps Chestertown's premier restaurant, is a real treat. Excellent cuisine, such as filet mignon or Norwegian salmon, is complemented by excellent service and elegant surroundings. The Imperial is within walking distance from the College, making it the perfect option for those without cars who prefer to dine with style. Entrees are priced between $23.00 and $26.00. Reservations are required and should be made as soon as possible. One thing to remember: the Imperial does not accept any credit cards.

The Ironstone Cafe
236 Cannon Street
Chestertown
778-0188

The Ironstone is a small, charming restaurant. It offers a wide variety of entrees priced between $11 and $20. The Ironstone tends to be crowded on the night of the Birthday Ball, so reservations should be made as soon as possible.

Rolph's Wharf
Route 1, Chestertown
778-3227

Located on the Chester River, Rolph's Wharf has a pleasant, informal atmosphere. The menu includes seafood, steak, and pasta, as well as nightly specials. Reservations should be made for large groups.

The Old Wharf Inn
Cannon Street
Chestertown
778-3566

Located on the Chester River, the Old Wharf Inn offers a variety of entrees reasonably priced between $6.95 and $20.00 served in an informal setting. Reservations are required only for large parties.

Roy Rogers
Kent Plaza
Chestertown

For those who feel that a quick, yet intimate dinner is more to their taste, Roy Rogers offers a simple and inexpensive alternative. Fast, friendly service and the Free Fixin's Bar, are the perfect complement to Roy's menu. Entrees are prices between $2 and $5, with drinks and french fries not included. Roy's does not accept credit cards but reservations are not needed.

For those who wish to escape Chestertown, the surrounding area offers a wide selection for your dining pleasure.

The Kitty Knight House
Route 213
Georgetown
648-5305

The Kitty Knight House is off of 213 between Chestertown and Elkton. Situated on the Sassafras River, the restaurant offers seafood and beef entrees ranging from $10.50 to $26.00. Reservations are required and should be made as soon as possible.

Schaefer's Canal House
Chesapeake City
885-2200

Located just across the bridge in Chesapeake City, Schaefer's Canal House offers a panoramic view of the C&D canal. The menu includes prime rib, duck, and shrimp almondine. Entrees range in price from $15.00 to $26.00, and reservations are required.

The Bayard House
11 Bohemia Ave, S
Chesapeake City
885-5040

Across the canal located in Chesapeake City's historic district is the Baynard House. The restaurant offers unique entrees such as braised pheasant with plums, and lobster thermadore. Prices range from $16.95 to $23.95 per entree. Reservations are required. To get to the Baynard House, watch for signs for the Historic District before the bridge.

The Fin, Fur and Feather Inn
424 Bayside Ave
Rock Hall
639-7454

For hunting a fishing enthusiasts, the Fin, Fur and Feather Inn is a must. Located in Rock Hall, its informal setting is relaxing and enjoyable. However, Ballgoers are strongly suggested to leave the formal wear behind. The entrees are priced slightly less than at the Old Wharf Inn.

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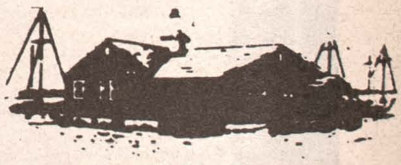

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FEATURES

Helpful hints in shopping for Birthday Ball

by Wendy Snow

Showing up a little bit early for the Birthday Ball in Cain Gymnasium, sophomore India Henson wears a black velvet dress.

(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

Yes, it's that time of year again when romance fills the air! All of the shop windows are filled with tacky heart-shaped boxes, plastic red and pink roses and, of course, Valentine greetings for all of your true loves.

But to all of us in Chestertown, February means much more than just Valentine's day. It also means Birthday Ball. Which consequently means looking in your closet and freaking out because you realize that in that tiny overstuffed dorm room closet you have absolutely nothing to wear.

Well, relax. Here are some quick solutions for every budget.

If you glance through any fashion magazine today you will see all of the big designers pushing short, sassy and sixties for the nineties. Basic black is out, but accent it with a snazzy cape or decorate it with a variety of colorful sequins and beads, and you've got yourself a winner!

It's always wonderful to think of the Birthday Ball as a Cinderella type of affair, but in reality most of us can't afford a new Bill Blass with matching accessories and a limo ride to the gym, nor do we have a fairy godmother who will turn our left-over Halloween pumpkins into horse-drawn carriages. But being realistic doesn't have to mean being boring. Let's divide ourselves into four realistic financial categories and take it from there.

1. You have decided to treat yourself to a new look for the ball this year but have little to no money no spend. For practical purposes, you have budgeted $25.00 for the occasion.

2. You also have a budget, but have been thinking about this year's ball ever since last year's ended, and have decided that you really want to make it special without going into debt. Your budget is $100.

3. It is either your or your date's senior year and you know this will be your last Birthday Ball. You talked to your parents over break and they said they would help you make it the best ever. You not only need a new dress and accessories, but a manicure and makeover to match. Your budget is $500.00

4. You won the lottery last week and money is no object! The Dynasty Look.

For those of you in category number one, you really can give yourself a brand new look for very little money. Go to your closet and get out that basic black cocktail dress that you have worn every year. Come on, I know you have one. Don't forget the black hose and heels.

Okay, so you've got your basic sophisticated look. And it's fine, right? Well, maybe for a mortician's wife, but this is a party we're getting ready for, not a funeral. What you need is a splash of color, a few accessories and you'll have the hottest look around. Why not try a black and red cape with large polka dots or a brocade pattern? Capes are the latest fashion must and will prove much more practical than a traditional winter coat over your dress if this warm weather keeps up; especially when made out of an evening fabric such as moire, taffeta or satin and jazzed up with a few sequins and bugle beads. These fabrics at the yardstick run $4-$7 per yard and a cape requires three yards, which fits perfectly into your budget. If you don't sew or don't have the time you can have your cape custom made by someone. With the spare change you have left over, treat yourself to two new pairs of plain metal or wooden clip-on earrings and cover them in the same fabric that you used for the cape. Use one pair as earrings and clip the other on the toes of your shoes to tie the whole outfit together. You can also use the same principle to make a hairpiece that coordinates perfectly.

Now for category number two. You have a somewhat extended budget over those in group number one so you have several options. First of all, you can revamp an already existing outfit with a new cape, jacket or scarf, but don't forget to add the beads and a full array of matching accessories; earrings, necklace, hairpiece, evening bags and shoe accents for the perfectly complete evening look.

Another choice may be to stroll through a second hand store. The styles of the sixties are making a comeback and thrift stores are full of them. If it's short and shiny, it's IN!

Don't forget the accessories. You can expect to spend between $40-$60 on a dress, even second hand. Don't forget to have it professionally cleaned and pressed before the big night—you don't want to look great and smell musty!

You might want to check into a period hat to top off the whole ensemble. If you decide to take this route, remember to keep it small but smart. Always select evening fabric which either matches or coordinates with your dress. Matching hose and evening shoes are also a must.

Your third choice is to buy a new dress at a fashion outlet or discount store. One of my per-

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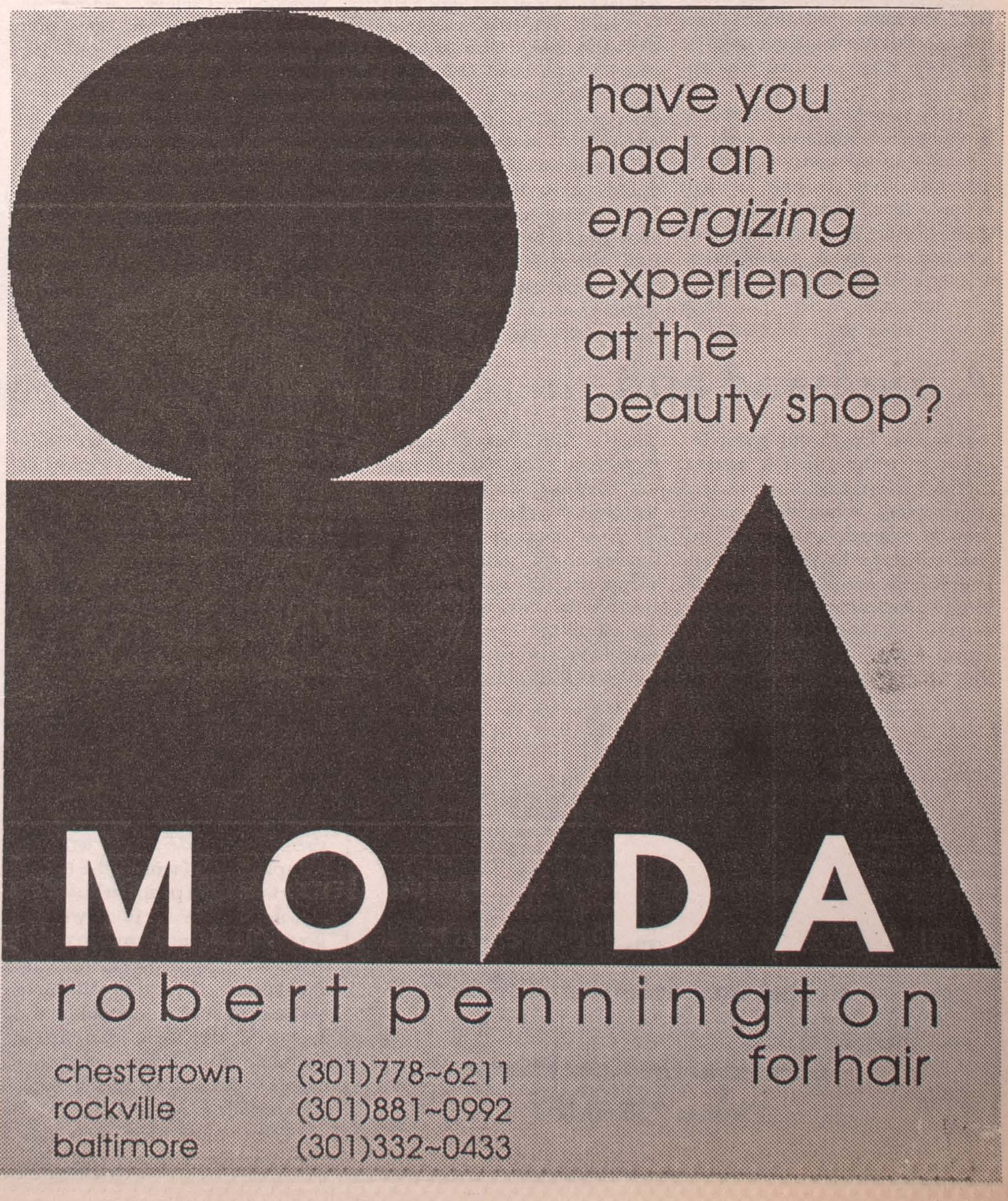

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The Birthday Ball: a ball or a bore?

by Amy R. Caddle

The Birthday Ball season is upon us, bringing thoughts of exaggerated tafetta gowns, tuxedos with chromatically correct cumberbunds and ties. Visions of dollar signs dance in students' heads. Is all of the time, money, and mental anguish that goes into preparing for an appearance at the Birthday Ball actually worth it?

Gordy Scherer, Freshman class president, assures the student body that this year's Birthday Ball is going to be like none before it. Scherer and the other Freshman class officers have been collaborating with the alumni directors and administration since December to ensure a unique experience for all who attend. "The theme of this year's Birthday Ball is 'A Step Back in Time.' We have made a realistic re-creation of Mount Vernon—we're even using live cherry trees, and specialized lighting, " says Scherer. "We have had a lot of help from classmates. Many think the Freshman class is too inexperienced to be in charge of the Ball. But I feel as though the freshmen bring a lot of new ideas with them, and are capable of producing a unique Birthday Ball." The Birthday Ball is traditionally a time for faculty, students and alumni to come together and enjoy themselves. While many attend the Birthday Ball and have a wonderful time, many students think going to the Ball is a waste of time and energy.

Greg Boone, a senior and Birthday Ball alumnus, feels as though "the Birthday Ball is no different than a high school prom." Most high schools hold their proms in restaurants or hotels, not in a gymnasium, where the Birthday Ball is held. "I can hang out in the gym in a formal dress any time I want to without having to pay $25," says senior Elizabeth Rollins.

Sophomore Brian Gimelson suggests holding the Ball in a more formal setting. "I feel as though the Birthday Ball Committee does an excellent job, but making it into a true formal event would be more beneficial for the Alumni Association, and more fun for everyone." Junior Sarah Hamlin agrees, and thinks "it would be nice if dinner were included in the admission price. A lot of the glamour wears off after freshmen year."

Heeding Gimelson's suggestions would make for a more spectacular event, but would undoubtedly raise the price of admission. "$25 for students is not exactly cheap, but charging $100 for alumni is ridiculous," says Clay Eichelberger, a junior. Sophmore Shan Driscoll thinks "it is unfair that non-Washington College students are forced to pay an additional entrance fee, even when accompanied by a Washington College student. They also didn't make the students aware of the extra charge until they arrived that evening." Kevin Knox thinks "paying $25 for admission and then having a cash bar is unfair. All together, it costs about $300 and it's just not worth the money." Sophomore Kristin Lewis, who had never attended a formal event before last year, was looking forward to a fun evening at last year's Birthday Ball, but was "disappointed with the music and the atmosphere in general." Left with bad memories of last year's Birthday Ball, quite a few students are not planning to attend this year.

There are students who thoroughly enjoyed themselves at past Birthday Balls. Sophomore Patty Hawthorne recalls at last year's Ball when Mrs. Libby Cater's dress accidentally ripped. Mrs. Cater continued to tear up the dance floor until someone notified her of the rip. She and President Cater proceeded to make a quick exit.

"Last year the band was really good, and the atmosphere was very relaxed," says sophomore Jen Hannum, who is planning to attend this year also. Recent Washington College alumni Anne Lindenbaum and J.P. Albert had their first date at the Birthday Ball. They were married last September.

Alumnus Bridget McElroy, who presently works in the Development Office, attended the Birthday Ball each of her four years at Washington College. "Everyone really looked forward to the Birthday Ball. Many alumni, parents, professors and people from the community went." McElroy is looking forward to this year's Birthday Ball, despite a disappointing Ball last year. "Last year it was a completely different atmosphere than past Balls. The music wasn't big band, which was disappointing. It seemed more like a fraternity party than a formal Ball," says Mc Elroy.

Erika Del Priori, who graduated Washington College in 1989, also an employee of the Development office feels as though "without the big band music, the Ball is definitely less formal. It seems ridiculous to bop around the gym in formal attire to blues music." Many students and alumni will be relieved to know that big band music will return to the Birthday Ball this year.

Both the lacrosse team and the basketball team will be out of town the weekend of the Birthday Ball. Sophomore India Henson, who is also a manager of the basketball team, feels as though "it takes away from the Birthday Ball when sporting events are scheduled the weekend of the event, but it's very difficult to change the schedules." Mike Johnson, a member of the lacrosse team, has never gone to the Birthday Ball. "Honestly, I'm not disappointed I can't go," says Johnson.

So, the question still remains: should we heed the words of Scherer and prepare ourselves for the best Birthday Ball yet, or take into consideration the faults of past Balls? Whatever the decision Birthday Ball is an established tradition at W.C. and will continue to be so.

Will Birthday Ball 1990 be a success, or is the ball a time honored tradition, growing more like a spruced up prom every year? (photo from the Elm files)

A big band and cherry trees...makings for a wonderful evening

Brett Lankford

Hooray, boys and girls! It's once again time for the annual Birthday Ball, this college's version of a high-school prom. There are two schools of thought related to this yearly WC gala. Some people believe that the Ball is the most important event of the year, even bigger than the Panhel Tea. These people also believe that they will suffer a fate worse than death if they are not seen in the gym in a tuxedo and/or gown, and they usually wind up asking the Numbers Lady™ for a date.

The other group takes an opposing view on the subject. These people are of the opinion that the Birthday Ball is just an excuse to get even more money out of the alumni and is a trick to make WC students appear dignified to patrons. This faction then refuses to spend their money or their time at this function, instead choosing to stay at home and play drinking games to *The Golden Girls*. For the sake of this article, however, I'm choosing to ignore this second faction, no matter how large a group it is. My theory is that they're all just upset because the Numbers Lady™ turned them down.

This particular article is addressed to those people who are completely in favor of the Birthday Ball, those people who would absolutely die if they weren't granted the opportunity to watch President Cater jitterbug on the gymnasium floor. I'm talking to those people who get weak at the knees at the mere thought of dressing up in formal wear and going to Buzz's with your date. This article is for you.

There have been some improvements in the Birthday Ball format this year. The most notable change comes with the arrival of Big Band music. This should add a substantial air of refinement to the gym. This new air of refinement will also cost each couple an extra five dollars, as the cost of crepe paper has apparently skyrocketed.

Despite the excitement caused by the Big Band and the additional crepe paper, there may be some moments during the night where there will be a lull in the activities. Please don't start tugging at Clint Baer's beard in an effort to cure your boredom. There are plenty of alternatives that should provide hours of entertainment.

-You could spend much of the night doing your impersonation of ol' George himself. You can travel uncharted territory if you try to go to the gym by following the directions that the construction workers have left you. Remember George crossing the Delaware? You can make an effort at crossing the vast oceans of mud that inhabit this campus. Watch out for the undertow.

-LOOK AT ALL THOSE CHERRY TREES!! My God, aren't they impressive? And they're alive!! And look!! There's an exact replica of Mount Vernon! These amazing additions should add a certain touch of class to the gymnasium, or at least until an alumnus has one too many bottles of wine and attempts to scale the tree.

-Watch Dr. Gillin dance. If you start to get bored, just watch this snappy professor go to town out on the dance floor. Dr. Gillin will dance for hours on end, so he'll be out there to entertain you throughout the evening. Don't worry, though, he'll soon be making the most of his amazing talent. He's been named the substitute for the pink rabbit on the Energizer commercials.

-Mix up all the jackets on the hangers outside the gymnasium. This should be good for a few laughs. Watch rich alumnis who are far more successful than you

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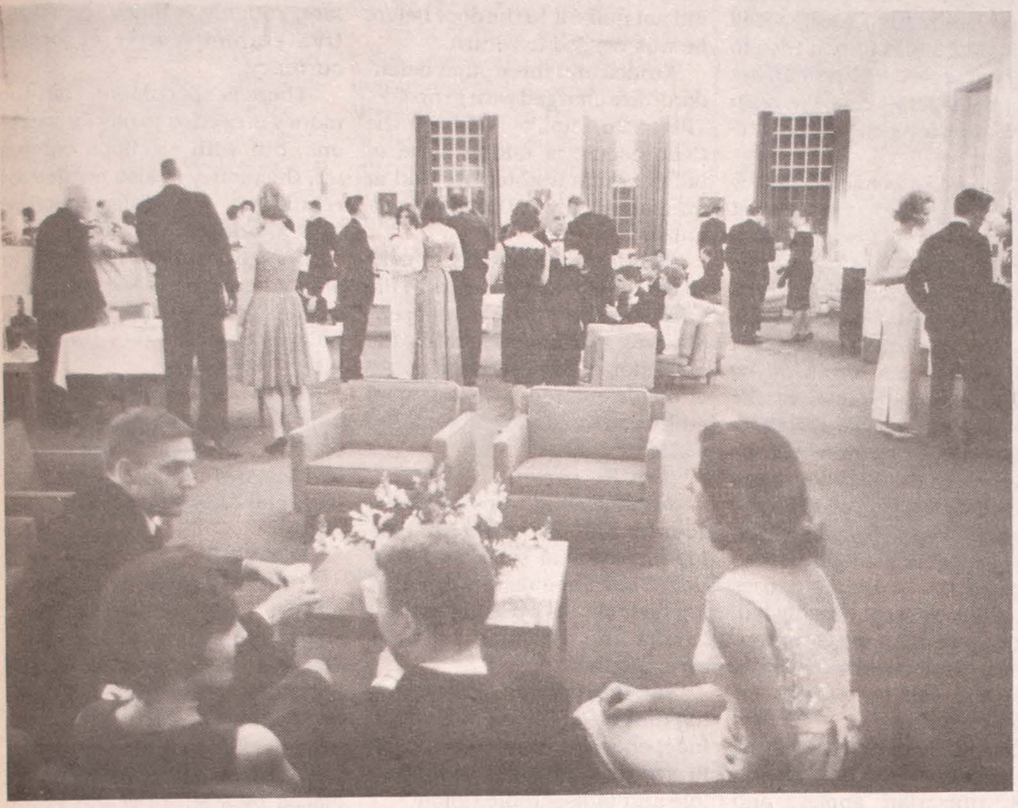

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PERSPECTIVES

News from around the world; budget goes to Congress

UNITED STATES:

President Bush sent his budget proposal to Congress on Monday. It includes 36.5 billion dollars in deficit reduction measures. These are cuts in spending programs. Roughly half of the proposed cuts will come out of domestic programs such as housing, transportation, and Medicare payments to doctors and hospitals. $6 billion will come out of cuts in defense spending, primarily from the army. The budget is likely to meet with considerable resistance from the Democrat-controlled Congress, who are in favor of a greater cut in defense spending.

The President is required by the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings budget balancing act to cut the budget so that the deficit will be reduced. The size of the deficit in the coming fiscal year, which begins in October, will depend on how the economy performs. If this coming year is a good one for the economy, then revenues will be higher and the deficit lower. The administration is predicting a better year than either private or congressional economists.

Given the recent events in eastern Europe, the Congress is likely to press for much greater cuts in the defense budget. Since 1985, the Congress has cut the defense budget by 2% annually, despite the protests of both Presidents Reagan and Bush.

The budget does include increases for the Education Department. The money is targeted for Head Start programs. There are also increases in funding for veteran's hospitals, and for the modernization of the air traffic control system by the FAA. The budget includes research and developments allocations for NASA, the super collider (a giant atom smasher), and two billion dollars for an environmental effort including reforestation, hazardous waste clean up, and more land for national parks.

In his upcoming State of the Union Address, President Bush is expected to announce a plan to combat global warming by planting trees. The plan calls for planting a billion trees a year over the next ten years in national forests, privately owned rural property and urban areas. Aides to the president say he is genuinely fond of trees. They also say that the program is intended to enhance the beauty of the countryside and cities as well as help conserve energy, and protect soil and water quality.

The president is hoping to enlist the Boy Scouts and Garden Clubs of America and other groups in this largely volunteer effort. Scientists estimate that the average global temperatures will rise by 3.5 degrees Fahrenheit by the middle of the next century. Conservationists note that trees alone will not significantly reduce global warming; a reduction in the use of oil and gas is needed.

While Marion Barry undergoes alcohol treatment in Florida, the Federal grand jury investigation in Washington DC expands to examine corruption and drug use. The investigation is looking at how Barry obtained drugs and at the possibility that he exchanged official favors or government contracts for drugs.

Meanwhile Barry supporters continue to assert that he was targeted because he is black. The US attorney supervising the case, Jay Stephens, denies it. So far Barry has only been charged with possessing drugs. Aides said that decisions on seeking reelection have been postponed.

SOVIET UNION:

In Moscow, a new face. The first McDonald's restaurant in the Soviet Union will open on Wednesday. The restaurant, located in Pushkin Square will sell Big Macs and french fries to hungry muscovites. The staff are Soviet teenagers who have been trained to be unrelentingly cheerful.

McDonald's is one of the few foreign companies whose Soviet venture has progressed to opening. The largest obstacle is the ruble, the Soviet currency, which has little exchange value in the west. Companies such as Pepsi have solved this problem by purchasing scrap metal in the Soviet Union and selling it abroad. The Moscow McDonalds will be the largest in the world, and will be capable of serving up to 15000 customers a day. But the prices, in rubles, will be high. It is estimated that a Big Mac, fries and a Coke will cost roughly half a day's pay for the average worker. A second McDonald's on Gorky Street will sell to tourists for dollars only.

The two restaurants will be supplied with Portuguese tomato paste, Bulgarian apples, and Canadian mustard since the Soviets were unable to supply these. The potatoes needed for the french fries will, however, be grown locally. McDonald's has imported special seed potatoes from the Netherlands, and taught the Soviets how to grow them.

ROMANIA:

The former deputy prime minister Ion Dunca admitted during his trial that he was afraid to challenge former dictator Nicolae Ceausescu. According to testimony released on Monday, the former dictator threatened to execute two of his top ministers because the army would not fire on demonstrators. He apparently threatened to resign, but did not make it to the door before he was begged to return.

Dunca and three other defendants are charged with genocide. This trial, unlike that of the Ceausescus, is taking place in public, in an auditorium and in front of roughly 100 foreign journalists.

The four defendants, if convicted, could face 20 years to life imprisonment. The death penalty was abolished following the execution of the Ceausescus. All of the defendants are presumed guilty and must prove their innocence.

SPAIN:

Nationalists groups in Basque country and Catalonia are calling for regional self-determination. The nationalists are justifying their claims by using eastern Europe and the Soviet Union as an example.

But the government, suspecting the goal of the nationalists is independence from Spain, reaffirmed that "Spain is an indivisible and indissoluble union."

The largest problem is posed by the ETA, a Basque separatist guerrilla group which has been fighting for independence since Franco. But support for the ETA has waned since a high level of autonomy is guaranteed by the new Constitution. The Constitution allows Basque country to raise its won taxes, create its own police force, have its own language and elect its own parliament.

MYANMER:

(formerly Burma)

In an effort to raise scarce foreign currency, the Myanmese government has sold part of its Tokyo embassy. The sale gave the government 234 million dollars, roughly 3 times the country's current reserve of foreign currency.

There is speculation that the money is needed to pay for weapons, but with elections coming up, the money is also needed for rebuilding the infrastructure (roads, bridges, railroads).

The government has been in shaky financial shape since foreign aid was cut off following a military crackdown in 1988 that killed thousands.

Sales of embassy land in Japan are becoming increasingly common. Australia sold its garden for 400 million dollars and other embassies have sold smaller parcels.

POLAND:

1600 delegates at the Communist Party congress in Warsaw are meeting to decide to dissolve the Polish Communist Party. Party leaders are acknowledging that the party is too weak to run in a free election. The Communist party would be replaced by a left-of-center group that would not be a continuation of the Communist party.

The Party won only one seat in the June legislative elections and received less than 5% of the vote in many districts.

The delegates are scheduled to meet again on Sunday to create a new party along the lines of the French, Spanish, and Italian Socialist parties. But ideological differences between delegates could lead to the formation of several parties.

compiled from the New York Times

From Annapolis:

On January 10th, the Maryland General Assembly began its 1990 session.

The first order of business was to elect the leaders of both houses. The President of the Senate is Thomas "Mike" Miller, Jr. from the 27th district and the President Pro-Tem is Frederick Malkus from the 37th district. The leadership in the House of Delegates is Clayton Mitchell, Jr. from the 36th district and the Speaker Pro Tem is Dennis Donaldson of the 25th district.

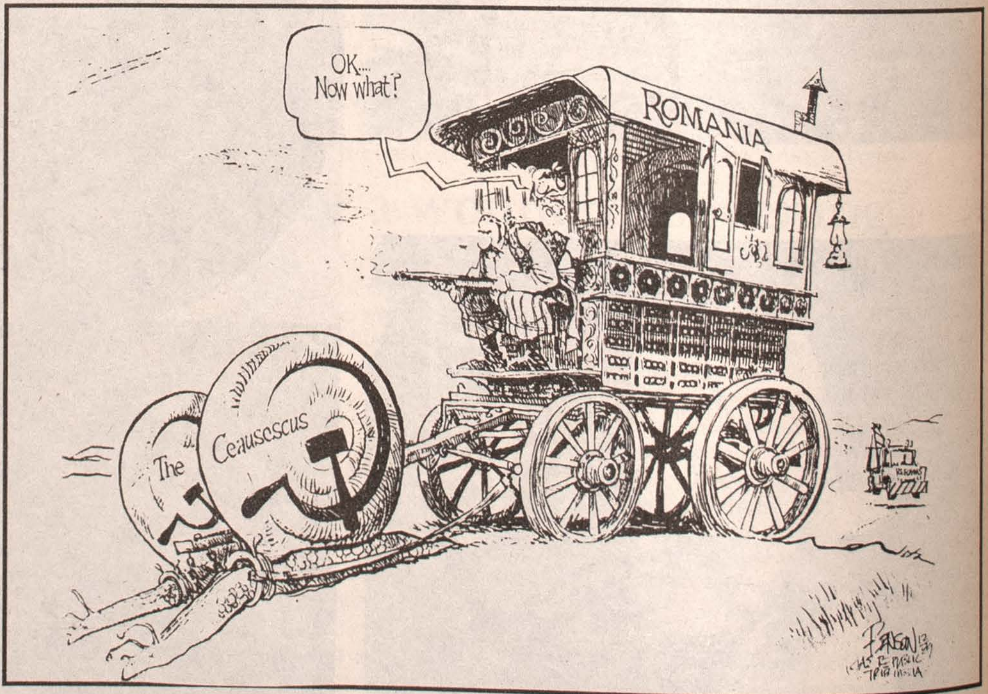
On the following day, Governor William Donald Schaeffer gave the State of the State Address to a joint session of the General Assembly. He then outlined his agenda including the controversial "Snack Tax" designed to raise revenue for the state by taxing snack foods as merchandise instead of considering them food items. This bill appears to have already been killed in committee. At the beginning of this week, Governor Schaeffer introduced his budget to the Assembly for its review and approval.

The main issues for this semester seem to be cleaning up the environment, moving the date of Presidential Primaries from "Super Tuesday" to a date in May, and of course, abortion.

Two bills were introduced into both houses on abortion in an attempt to compromise pro-life and pro-choice groups who have been petitioning the legislators during their Monday night sessions. These bills will be dealt with by Joint Legislative Committees who will hopefully give it special consideration and to ease its course through both houses. Committee hearings on these bills will probably be held much later in the session because this is an election year and legislators fear this topic because of its potential political repercussions. Also, by waiting to bring this topic up in committee, the Senate and House can get other, less emotional and controversial issues out of the way and give these bills the consideration that they deserve.

Things will definitely begin to heat-up as soon as bills begin to leave committee and go to the floors of both houses for approval.

by Steven Bruchey, a poli sci major.



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Sports in the 1980's: a decade in review

by Brett Lankford
Staff writer

The 1980's brought the sports world a wide assortment of headlines, ranging from the U.S. hockey team's "Miracle on Ice" to the tragic cocaine-induced death of Maryland basketball star Len Bias. The world of sports has rarely been shaken by such drastic ups and downs in a span of ten years. Pete Rose lived a life of extremes during the decade. Rose was on top of the baseball world after breaking Ty Cobb's hit record, then gambled his way out of the sport he loved just five years later. Rose's rise and fall typified the decade in sports.

The eighties were prosperous for most sports. The National Basketball Association was at an all-time low at the beginning of the decade as Larry O'Brien ended a disappointing reign as commissioner. David Stern replaced O'Brien, and the league's prospects quickly turned around. The arrival of Bird, Magic and Jordan also helped, and the league is presently setting all-time attendance records. The NCAA has reaped the benefits of college basketball's "March Madness", as well as the hundreds of bowls that are held on New Year's Day. Major league baseball has been able to survive two strikes and an earthquake-ridden World Series, and they recently signed a billion-dollar television contract with CBS that solidified baseball as the #! sport in America.

Most of these sports also fell victim to many hard times. Drugs dominated the sports scene in the eighties. The NBA, reacting to the death of Len Bias and the ever-increasing substance abuse around the league, took a tough stand on the drug problem. Baseball was destroyed during the mid-eighties at the drug trials in Pittsburgh, where star player after star player entered the courtroom and shocked the nation with tales of rampant substance abuse in the sport. Football fell victim to a sharp increase in steroid abuse, and Cleveland defensive back Don Rogers also died of a cocaine overdose. College athletics also fell victim to a variety of drug problems. The most notable fall from grace came from Gary McLean. The Villanova point guard admitted to taking drugs before a Final Four game and prior to their victory visit with President Reagan.

The Olympics also followed this pattern of ups and downs. The US hockey team captured everyone's heart in the '80 Winter Olympics, but the United States boycotted that year's Summer Olympics. The United States dominated the medal count at the '84 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, but mostly because most of the dominant Communist countries were boycotting the games. The '88 Olympics were predominantly boycott-free, but the Summer Games will always be remembered for Ben Johnson's positive steroids test. Poor behavior by American athletes and Korean spectators also marred the Summer Games.

The eighties was a decade of contrast in the sports world. For every uplifting success story there was a story of dismal failure to contradict it. For every fairytale about one-handed pitcher Jim Abbott there was the story of a Bias or Chris Washburn, who let drugs destroy their lives. Classy individuals like Julius Erving and Walter Payton played on the same field as people like Dennis Rodman and Jim McMahon. Just when the '89 Orioles suggest that money isn't everything to these athletes, pitcher Mark Langston calls a contract offer worth two million dollars a year "an insult". This decade proved to be a roller-coaster ride for sports fans. Sports always claimed to include the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat, and this was never more evident than in the 1980's.

The Washington College women's swim team remains undefeated with only three meets remaining in their season. Their record stands at an impressive 9-0 and they will compete against Ursinus and Franklin & Marshall this week in their biggest meet of the year. *(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)*

Gewer, Read prepare for Rolex tourney

by Brett Lankford
Staff writer

Next week is a big week for two members of the Washington College tennis team. Coach Fred Wyman, Larry Gewer and Scott Read leave on an all-expense paid trip to Minneapolis next Monday to play in the Rolex National Small College Collegiate Tennis Championships. The duo are the #2 ranked team in the Division III rankings, and they qualified for the tournament in a regional meet last semester.

The Rolex tournament is made up of teams sent from NAIA, Division II, Division III and Junior College Schools. The tournament has events in both singles and doubles, and it is considered one of the most prestigious tournaments in the country. This year, over 3000 students from over 500 colleges competed in this huge event.

Wyman was impressed last year by the quality of the tournament. "This is a very big tourney, and it was very well-done when we went last year," Wyman noted. The coach was also quick to mention the difficulty of the field in this tournament. "The doubles bracket is very challenging. It's especially tough playing against doubles teams from junior colleges. The guys from JuCos are guys who will go on to play Division I tennis."

This is the second trip to Minnesota that Gewer and Read have made together, as well as their second regional victory in three years. The doubles team won the eastern regional two years ago, but they did not play in the Rolex nationals. Gewer and Read were runners-up in last year's regionals, but they received an at-large invitation from the tournament committee. They lost both of their matches last year, but they did play competitive tennis in both matches.

Wyman realizes the difficulty of the field, and he is not expecting miracles from his prize tandem. "I'd really like to get one win," Wyman said. Gewer and Read play Amine Kadiri and Mohammad Ridaoui from Midland Junior College in the first round. Kadiri and Ridaoui have stepped in to replace a duo from Tyler Junior College that withdrew from the tournament. Gewer and Read suffered a defeat to Midland Junior College at last year's tourney, making revenge an added incentive for this year's play.

The Rolex tournament is the first match of the spring semester for men's or women's tennis. Both teams will compete in a couple of tournaments in the month of February, preparing for their spring season. The men officially begin their spring regular season on March 10 in an away match against The Citadel, while the women open the season the following day at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington.

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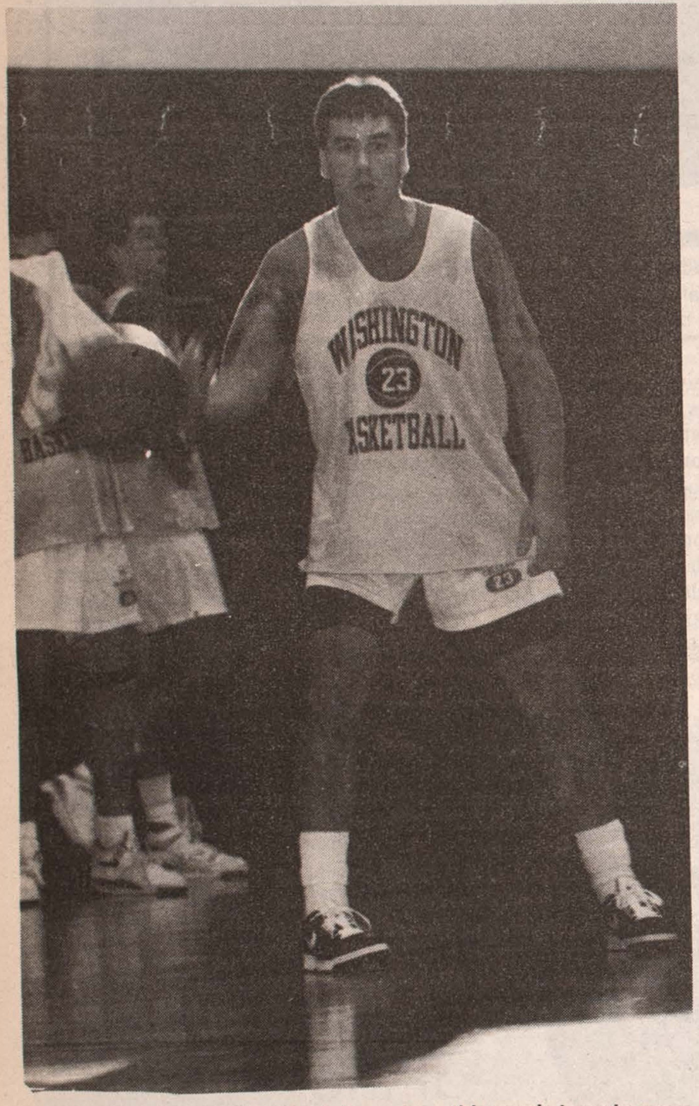
SPORTS

Basketball ready to claim MAC championship

by Matt Giller

When the season began, so-called experts predicted a mediocre season for the Shoremen basketball team. On paper it would have appeared that way. It is rare that a team rebuilding a program that lost six players to graduation is able to have the season the WAC(15-3) basketball is having. The much touted class of 1990 that has grown and developed together for four years has now seized the day.

Their leadership has made overachievers out of the rest of the team and directed this team with as much confidence as any Shoremen team in recent history. After shaking off a couple of early season heartbreakers, the Shoremen have won 8 straight, including all six Middle Atlantic Conference games. The WAC won at Swarthmore 88-76 in 2 overtimes, notched an 85-66 victory over Haverford, and scored an impressive 87-81 overtime win at St. Mary's.



Chris Brandt became the third player from this year's team to pass the 1000 point mark for his career. *(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)*

In the true spirit of MAC basketball, the Swarthmore game was a battle. The much improved Swarthmore squad played the WAC equal for two halves and one overtime period. The Shoremen were led by Charles "Tank" Duckett, playing his best collegiate game ever. Tank took over in the second overtime, pouring in 3 3-pointers to help the Shoremen pull away. WC outscored Swarthmore 20-8 in the second overtime to gain the "W". Duckett finished the game with 25 points, 7 assists, 6 rebounds, and 3 steals. Other leaders for the team were Jamke(20 pts, 11 rebs), Keehan (19 pts, 9 rebs), and Brandt, who added 15 points.

Last Saturday the Shoremen netters took to the road again to play at Haverford. In the past they might be better called the Havenots, but this year proved different. Washington went into the locker room at halftime with a precarious 39-34 lead. The Shoremen managed to hold Haverford to 24% shooting from the field in the second half (31% for the game) to rout the home team 85-66. Brandt had 23 to lead the WAC, while Keehan and Jamke scored 23 and 16 points respectively. Sharpshooters Duckett and C.J. Johnson added 14 apiece.

The road trip continued as WC went to play a talented St. Mary's team that previously handed the #4 team in the country their first defeat. Playing one of their best games of the year, the WAC took the game into OT, where they scored eight of the last nine points to win 87-82. Brandt again led all scorers with 25 points, while Jamke received the Windex award for a game-high 17 rebounds to go along with his 18 points. Duckett added 11 and Johnson scored a key 8 points that were needed in important parts of the game.

Congratulations go out to Duckett, who received player of the week honors for his 50 points, 16 assists, and 8 steals in his last three games. Chris Brandt has also played spectacular basketball lately, and he recently joined two team members in the WC 1000 point club. Squirrel scored his 1000th point in the game against St. Mary's, joining teammates Keehan and Brandt in the select club.

The team is presently in the driver's seat for the MAC championship with their undefeated conference record. After a road contest against York this Saturday, the WAC could capture the conference title with a home victory over Haverford on Wednesday, February 7th. A conference championship would be an amazing accomplishment for a WC team that was supposed to spend this season rebuilding for their future.

Dr. Jock and the joys of skating

Dear Dr. Jock: My boyfriend is really into ice-skating. I'm not very good at it but I'm willing to try. What can you tell me about the sport? Is it good for fitness? What sort of a warm-up do I do?

Dear Readers: Ice-skating is a fun and challenging sport. Watching the pros on Tv makes it look fantastically easy but, actually, active ice-skating (as opposed to just gliding around in circles) requires a good deal of strength, agility and balance. That's not to discourage you, just to let you know it takes time and dedication to be a really fine skater. That's why it's so important to enjoy the process as you go. And skating is easy to love, once you get the hang of it.

To help you get started, here are some things to think about:

Skating is not a fitness sport. Ice skating may relax you and give you hours of joy and satisfaction, but it won't make you fit. Indeed, you should be doing some other aerobic activity – walking, running, swimming, cycling, etc. – to get you in shape for skating. Naturally, if you skate often enough and hard enough, it can improve your cardiovascular condition but for most of us, skating is a sometime thing. If you come to it strong and flexible with plenty of endurance built up from other sports you'll enjoy it much more.

Stretch and strengthen your ankles. Newcomers to skating frequently complain about sore ankles. That's because skating correctly requires you to keep each foot balanced over the blade. And that means you're asking the muscles and tendons of your lower legs and ankles to do more work than they're used to doing. That extra strain can cause problems and pain but you can help prevent that by taking time, every day, to fully flex and rotate your ankles. We're not talking anything fancy here. Simply extend your leg straight out and down so your ankle is about a foot off the ground. Then, gently rotate your ankle clockwise, then counterclockwise, 10-25 times or more. While you're rotating, flex your foot upward and downward as far as you can, so you can really feel the pull. Relax and enjoy the stretch.

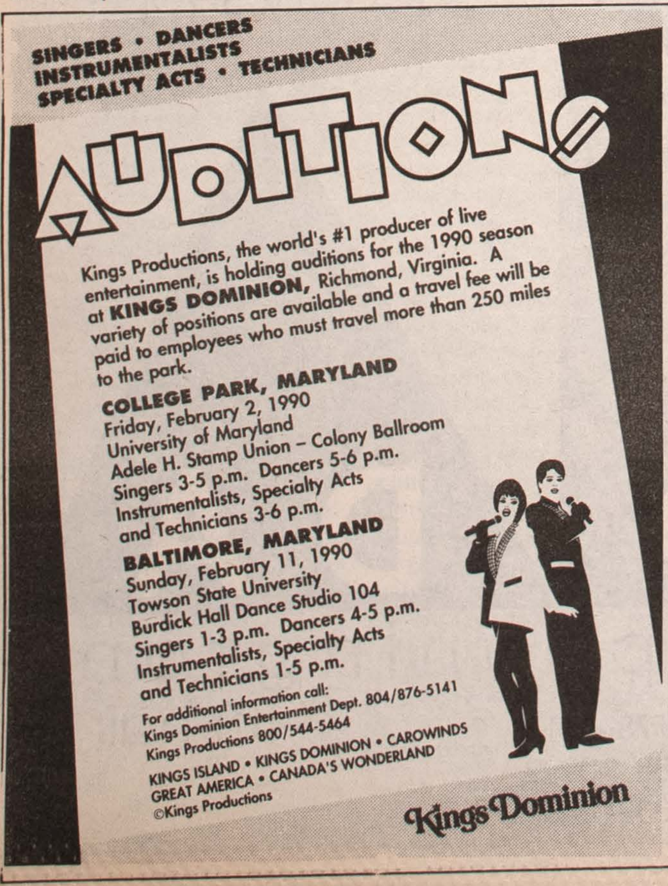
Be sure your skates fit correctly. Good skates that fit properly will give your ankle the support it needs. Try not to borrow skates. Instead, find a pair (even a used pair) that fit, not color. Wear the socks you'll skate in. The experts advise you lace skates tightly at the instep and a little looser at the top. There should be room to give, but not enough that you wobble.

Strengthen you quadriceps. Skaters need strong quadriceps, those big muscles on the front of your thigh. They help you control your skates and stay in balance. The stronger they are, the more skating you'll be able to do without getting tired and losing control. There are many good quad strengtheners you can do.

Warm-ups are important. By all means, take a few minutes to stretch your major muscle groups before you start skating. Stretch your quads and calves, do some torso twisting, release tension with some gentle toe-touching, move your arms and shoulders through their full range of motion. Be sure and stretch gently; no bouncing. Breathe deeply and naturally throughout. And when you're done skating, don't suddenly quit and come in. Slow down gradually. A proper cool-down period can help keep your muscles from feeling sore the next day.

Dress properly. Dress in layers so you can peel down as you build up your body heat. Make the bottom layer polypropylene or an equivalent synthetic material that wicks away the moisture. Cotton long underwear isn't a good idea because it holds water when it's wet, so you feel cold and miserable. Wear or carry a hat. Mittens are warmer than gloves.

Drink plenty of water. Every time you see your breath in cold weather, it's a reminder that you're losing water. So be sure to drink a few glasses of water before, during and after you skate. It'll help keep you warm and energetic. Don't wait until you're thirsty to drink. Also, don't think that hot liquids will warm you up. They may make you feel better but they don't do much for your body temperature. If you think a hot toddy is the answer to staying warm, think again. Alcohol causes blood vessels near the skin surface to open, so it only increases heat loss.



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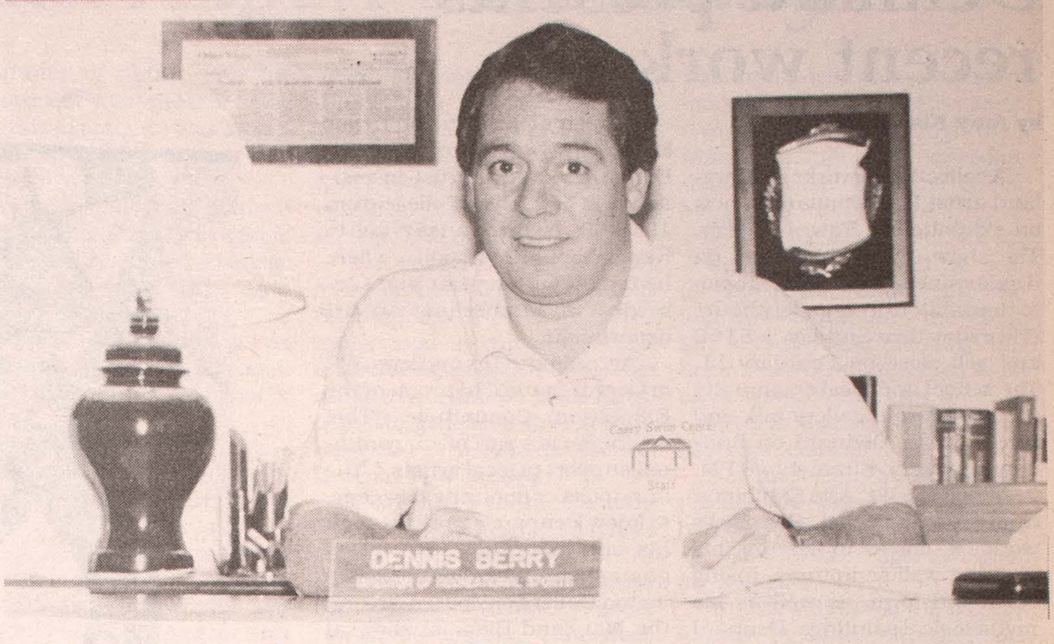
SPORTS

Dennis Berry brings the best to WC athletics

by Matt Giller



As both coach of the women's swim team and REC Sports organizer, Dennis Berry is one of the keys to the resounding success of Washington College athletics. *(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)*

When you walk into Dennis Berry's office in the swim center you instantly get the feeling this is not your typical "coach/former jock" office. It has the look of an office for a PhD or V.P. of a Fortune 500 company (minus, of course, a beautiful secretary named Inga). One is struck by his organization and the numerous plaques and memorabilia that decorate his walls as would mooseheads a hunter's den.

Those are just symbols of his success as a motivator and coach, as well as a human being with a keen business sense. His confident gait matched with his ability to make one feel comfortable with his slick and honest approach has made him into a real live Midas. Good fortune has followed this man wherever he has gone, and he brought his touch with him to W.C. in 1984. Since his arrival, Berry has formed a dominant swim team as well as the REC league, both of which seem to be growing every year. His aquatic experience, though, is what brought him to Washington College.

Berry began his sports career when he wrestled for 4 years at Division I power Loch Haven St. This led him to his first job as head wrestling coach and head aquatics director for Northwest Pennsylvania High School in Bradford ("the coldest spot in PA"). In his four years there, his teams compiled a 72% winning percentage in one of the best wrestling areas in the country.

From there, Berry's focus centered solely on aquatics and brought him to nearby Felton, DE and Lake Forest H.S. At Lake Forest he helped open the first indoor pool in Delaware south of Newark. He built the tremendously successful community access program from scratch, and he initiated swim teams for age groups as well as for the high school that were enthusiastically welcomed by the community.

In 1984 Dennis came to WC and watched the final bricks laid on the natatorium and envisioned a competitive women's swim team. Despite lacking many experienced swimmers, the inaugural season produced a respectable 2 wins and 3 losses. The swim team has seen incredible progress, and in the last two years the women have compiled an 18-3 record. This impressive record includes nine wins without a defeat this year against formidable Division III opponents, and in the process WC has become a feared team itself.

He modestly attributes the swim team's success to good assistants, being blessed by quality students who have athletic potential, and the fun environment created by team spirit. He feels the environment of the swim center represents the relaxed yet competitive attitude Division III swimming wants to express. Dennis supports the idea that goes along with this level of competition that one can compete without jeopardizing academics. This Division III attitude "maximizes the experience for the student athlete". Dennis doesn't deny that the aesthetically appealing swim center (98 Rock likened it to a country club) aids a great deal in recruiting.

At this moment he is working at organizing a men's varsity swim team. A men's club team was formed this year and he feels the "natural progression" would be for a varsity next year. Dennis maximizes the capabilities of the swim center by adding community and campus recreational facilities to the pool. While Dennis is juggling the fine line between community and campus activities at the pool, he seems to be equally proud of his duties and accomplishments as REC sports organizer(no, it's not Tim Keehan).

Due to a revealing survey administered by the athletic department two years ago, Dennis set up the REC league, which he calls a much needed "student service". At the time of the survey the intramurals had dropped to 6 events and the general interest was lost. The survey revealed that only 6% of the women participated because of a lack of events geared toward the female. The students also desired a "whole wide range" of activities; hence, the REC league was born. Created during August 1988, REC is built upon "3 tier leisure activities": Recreation - access for self-structured activities; Education - non-credit courses offered to all (i.e. aerobic dancing, sailing, scuba diving); and Competition - the intramurals, leagues and tournaments.

Dennis feels as a student service the REC league would be most successful if run by students with an enthusiasm similar to his. Students Deeann Pinczok, Charles "Tank" Duckett, Kristen Hilgartner, Chris Jamke and Tim Keehan take time away from their busy student/athletic duties to help make REC sports excel. Students responded with lively interest to the service perspective - as many as 1121 students participated in all of the events combined. This total is an incredible 500% increase from the year before.

The popularity of the REC league, Dennis feels, may be attributed to his marketing of the product. Dennis felt he was just a couple of "clicks on a combination lock" away from a successful program. His student staff in charge of publicity formed stat sheets and basketball programs that fueled an added competitiveness to the intramural league. This contributed to one of those "lock clicks" Berry wanted. There are now 36 events (up from 6 two years ago) and on any given Tuesday or Thursday night during the basketball season 25% of the student body will participate in intramurals.

Berry's influence has been spread abroad and overseas as well, playing the role as ambassador to Washington College. He was recently involved in a combined effort with the OAS and the Trinidad, Tobago Ministry of Youth Sport. Dennis worked with teachers and taught them basketball skill, as well as how to successfully operate a physical education class and pool facilities. Furthermore, Dennis spoke of his REC league accomplishments, among other things, at a conference in South Carolina that showcased speakers such as Pete Rozelle.

What generates Dennis Berry is not the rewards of plaques and commendations from governors and invitations to lectures and foreign countries. Instead it is the constant challenge of taking a new idea or "product" and making it as successful as it possibly can be. His spirit has seemingly disseminated to those around him and to much of the campus.

The overwhelming popularity of last semester's intramural basketball league is an indication of the activity REC Sports generates on this campus. *(photo courtesy of Dennis Berry)*

Sportswriter defends controversial remark

Matt Giller

One of my literary idols, Art Buchwald, once remarked that a writer has a unique occupation; a writer's raison d'etre oddly enough is criticism, good or bad, constructive or not. I am no Art Buchwald, of course, but I too welcome criticism. Therefore, in the wake of recent excoriation of my latest article on the basketball team and on some specific comments I made, I have been prompted to pen this article.

My comment regarding the lack of interest in the Wild Goose Classic this past December was chastised by team members and some concerned fans. For those who aren't aware of this, I titled the yearly tourney the "Lame Duck". I do not misuse The Elm as a device to blow flip comments at the basketball team like poison darts - this was not a flip comment. On the contrary, it was evidence based on the small turnout by the fans to all tournament games. The fans were expecting blowouts and seemed disinterested in the teams scheduled to play. Hence, I am not the only one who regarded last December's gala less than that.

I am a fan of Shoremen basketball and I also have friends on the team. My intention was not to sandblast my peers but to enlighten them and their coaches about the school's apparent view of the tournament. In the larger scope of things it is fine and dandy that we win our own tournament with as much ease as possible, especially when looking forward to a tough MAC schedule looming on the horizon. But to the fans and the alumni, who sometimes come cross country to see the tournament that left so many fond memories, let the trip be worthwhile. That is my point.

My meanings are not always as clear as I would like them to be. But writing for the school paper I must report as a reporter, a fan, and sometimes as a voice for the school community if I feel need for it. While I don't think the school paper's duty is to unduly praise a team's performance, I do think mention should be made about this year's team's outstanding progress that has them atop the division.

Dennard presents recent works

by Amy Klamberg

A collection of works by Maryland artist Eric Dennard is now on exhibition in Tawes Gallery. The show, which has been on display since January 17, is open to the public during gallery hours (Thursday thru Sunday, 1-5 PM) and will close on February 11. The school and local community are invited to a gallery talk and reception for Dennard on Sunday, February 4 from 4 to 6 PM.

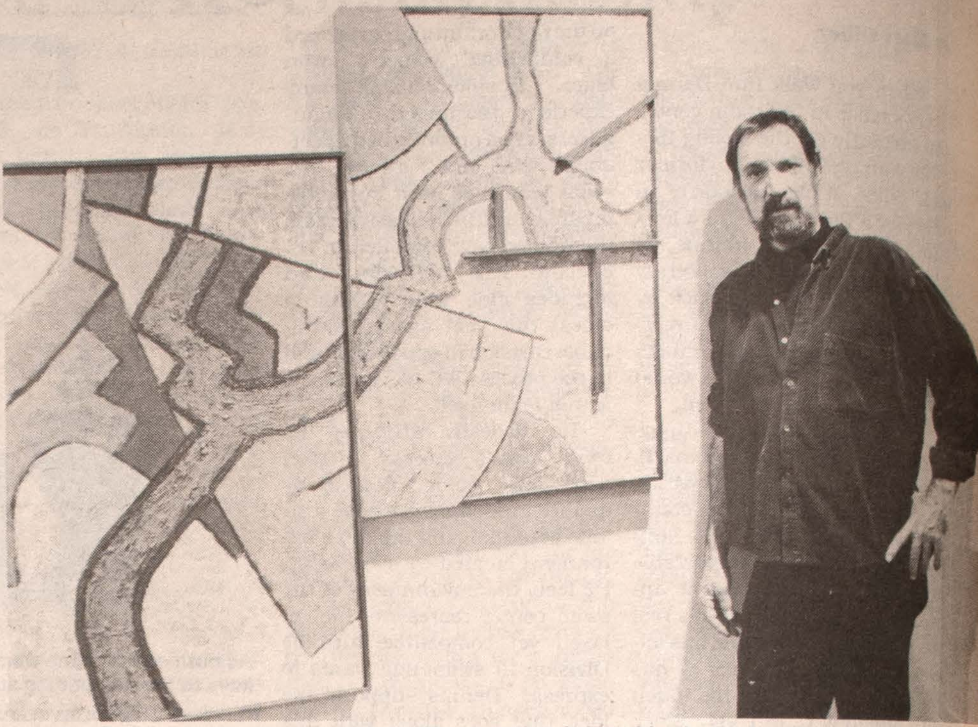
When the WC Arts Exhibition Committee selected Dennard's work, it chose to feature his abstract wall sculptures, fusing color and form, as well as his mythological paintings. Dennard utilizes vivid colors and patterns in his creations and explores innovative mediums, such as a combination of flat painting with three-dimensional wooden and canvas constructions.

Dennard explains that his paintings " deal with reassessment, change and growth," and describes the psychology of this " transition" theme in the context of his native Bayou country in East Texas. The 47 year-old artist began painting as a child and continued his art studies in

A current resident of Taylor Island in Dorchester County, Dennard served as artist-in-residence at St. Johns College from 1968-69, before transferring to Key School in Annapolis, where he taught for ten years and succeeded in establishing an art department.

According to Tex Andrews, WC art lecturer and Chairman of the Exhibition Committee, "This exhibition is a part of our continual support of local artists." The Annapolis community has come to know Dennard's work through his one man show as well as group shows, including the Washington Gallery of Modern Art and the Maryland Biennial show at the Baltimore Museum of Art.

Recent Works by Eric Dennard kicks off a busy semester for the Washington College Exhibition Committee. With the close of Dennard's show, the gallery, in celebration of Afro-American History Month, will present an exhibit of Eric Hammond's photography, commemorating the 1964 Civil Rights Movement. The show will include photographs of such prominent civil rights leaders as Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Ralph Abernathy.



Eric Dennard, a Dorchester County resident and Texas native, brings his abstract wall sculptures and mythological paintings to Tawes Lobby of the Gibson Fine Arts Center. Dennard will hold a gallery talk in Tawes on Sunday, February 4, at 4 PM , with a reception to follow. The show, on display through February 14, is sponsored by the WC Arts Exhibit Committee. *(photo by Bob Willis)*

The Exhibition Committee, comprised of students and faculty, is planning to keep the exhibit on campus as a permanent part of a civil rights archive.

February's presentation will be followed by the Chestertown Arts League show, a World War II photography show by Constance Stuart Larrabee in April and the annual Student Art Show, which will be held in the recently completed Constance Stuart Larrabee Creative Arts Center. Planning is also in the works for an exhibit in commemoration of the quincentennial of Columbus' discovery of America.

The Committee plans to meet later this semester to begin scheduling shows for next year.

Musician Shawn Colvin: diamond in the rough

by Bruce Hamilton

Shawn Colvin—has anyone heard of her? Every once in a while, an artist comes along that no one seems to have heard of before. Usually this is because he or she is relatively new and has just released a debut album. The record companies put forth little effort towards its promotion, and therefore the artist gets very little exposure. Because of this, critically acclaimed performers often record several albums without expanding their audience or receiving any real recognition. I enjoy listening to music that either no one has heard of or no one likes because this gives the music a certain novelty; it makes it unique.

I first heard Shawn Colvin on WHFS (99.1 FM) as I was driving. Weasel was interviewing her and playing songs from her album *Steady On*, which had just been released on Columbia Records. She was asked to play a song and performed the sixth track on the album *Cry Like an Angel*. There are few musicians who can perform a song live and give it the same intensity and concentration as when they were in the recording studio. With only an acoustic guitar and her voice, Shawn Colvin was not only impressive, she was excellent.

In the middle and late eighties there were many female vocalists appearing on the charts and on the radio. While Shawn Colvin belongs to the same genre the includes Suzanne Vega, Tracy Chapman, the Indigo Girls and even Edie Brickell, she is quite original and any comparisons made certainly fall short of her unique style. There is nothing political in her album—most of the songs revolve around the theme of individual experience. It could be considered part of a neo-folk movement that has been part of the progressive scene recently, with bands like Innocence Mission or Poi-Dog Pondering. Shawn Colvin is in this sense, reminiscent of a tradition that began in the sixties with singers like Judy Collins or Joan Baez.

The album opens with the title track "Steady On." It explores the aspects of a failed relationship and exemplifies the beautiful, melodic and dynamic qualities of Colvin's voice. The lyrics on the album range from fantastic to average. Colvin illustrates her ability to write lyrics that are brilliant and insightful. "Now I'm pulling out splinters/ And I'm off to hibernate somewhere/ For the nuclear winter/ Of another love affair." The production creates an ethereal atmosphere that emphasizes the mellow nature of the music.

Colvin is supported by several musicians on the album, including Bruce Hornsby and Suzanne Vega, who sings on the second track, "Diamond in the Rough." This and the third track, "Shotgun Down the Avalanche," are both memorable and haunting efforts, while "Stranded" is almost boring. "Another Long One" is a kinetic dance tune that might well be the best track on the album. Lyrically and musically, the track makes the listener sit up and take notice. It has the energy and fire that makes the whole album worthwhile.

The second half of the album is much like the first. Songs like "Ricochet in Time" and "The Story" are very poetic, but fall just short of being really good. Lyrics like "Sometimes I feel like a motherless child/ I gave nobody life, I am nobody's wife/ And I seem to be nobody's daughter" echo the somber mood of the second half and further define Colvin stylistically.

I found that while at first a few of the songs may seem only average, they have a tendency to grow on you. I recommend this album highly.

While it may only be found under "Developing Artist" in record stores, it is worth looking for. I predict great things from this singer/songwriter. While most music today is highly polished and overproduced with too many instruments and too much hype, it is refreshing to hear a solo artist like Shawn Colvin. She is definitely a diamond in the rough. You may not remember her name, but you will remember her voice.

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Morgan gambles with *Rupert's Birthday*

by Stephanie Hess

A career in theater demands, among many qualities, the guts to take chances with one's creativity. Drama major Jennifer Morgan admits that her senior project is a bit weird, but it is Morgan's bravery that has the potential to make *Rupert's Birthday* a creative success.

Morgan has taken a five page monologue by Ken Jenkins and, by adding five performers, music, choreography and a womb, has turned the narrative into a dramatic representation.

The original script called for a single character, Louisa May, played by Jeanette Smith, to sit on stage and tell how her life has become "a constant regurgitation of a childhood event," says cast member Cynthia Croot. Croot continues to explain that though the woman has given up a normal life in preservation of the memory, the mood of the production is celebratory.

Summarizing the plot, Croot says Louisa May celebrates only one holiday, Rupert's Birthday. Rupert is a cow, born on a significant day in Louisa May's life. She helps birth Rupert, and she sees life enter his body. Later, she accompanies her father to the slaughter house where Rupert is killed, and she sees his life end. The play, Croot adds, is about the universality of life and death.

Morgan agrees with Croot's analysis, and says the universality is one reason she liked the play. She believes all people have events in their lives that have changed them, and all people have dealt with life and death on some level.

She thinks it is interesting that Louisa May's experience was a peaceful event that reflects the importance of nature and the environment, and yet at the same time, this experience was as significant as any other she could have had.

Originally, Morgan planned to produce her show in a night of one-acts with Ryder Daniels. With that in mind, she began searching for a one-act play that she liked. *Rupert's Birthday* was her favorite of the plays she read. She felt she "could bring a lot of myself to the play."

By designing the set, adding her own choreography and pulling Kate Bennet in to write original music for the production, Morgan makes the production very much her own. She adds that although playwright Ken Jenkins would not disagree with her production, he would perhaps wonder for a moment if it were his play.

The changes first came about when Morgan imagined, with difficulty, the staging of the calf's birth. She tells of consistently imagining the scene with music. Enter, Kate Bennet and three vocalists: Cynthia Croot, Kyndra Ponder, and John McDanolds.

She saw religious undertones in the play, in Louisa May's daily celebration of Rupert's birth. The music aids in conveying these undertones, as does the choreography in celebration of the birthday. Morgan views the choreography as a physical expression of Louisa May's change.

Morgan feels the music, additional movement and actresses Carey Smith and Emily Lott as the two cows, are necessary for the audience to truly remember Louisa May's story. Otherwise, she says, "if [Louisa May] just sat there, [the story] would pass over them too quickly."

In designing the set, Morgan was reminded of a statement made by Georgia O'Keefe's lover: "Women feel first through their womb." Laughingly conceding that her cast hates the quote, Morgan admits she likes it, and it seems to have inspired her set design. The play will be performed in the round, with the audience surrounding the stage. The audience and the stage will be enclosed in nine feet high walls of a "womb" that can only be entered through a "birthing canal" that leads off stage.

On the technical side of the production, Morgan is assisted by Deidre Reigle as Stage Manager and Alistair Paget as Lighting Designer.

Rupert's Birthday will be performed in Tawes Theater on February 8, 9, 10. Seating is limited; reservations can be made by calling extension 268 or 269.

Newell argues in support of active euthanasia

WC Philosophy Department Chairman J. David Newell, who is currently a visiting professor at West Point Academy, lectures on the right of the incurable, terminally ill to end their lives with the aid of a professional in his lecture, "An Argument for Active Euthanasia." The Wednesday talk will begin at 3:30 in the Sophie Kerr Room and is sponsored by Phi Sigma Tau, the national philosophy honor society. *(photo courtesy of Kent County News)*

by Jennifer Del Nero
Staff writer

J. David Newell, WC's philosophy department chairman who is currently a visiting professor at West Point Academy in New York, returns to campus Wednesday to present "An Argument for Active Euthanasia" in the Sophie Kerr Room.

The lecture is sponsored by Phi Sigma Tau, the national philosophy honor society. Says society president and junior Erika Dickson, "Everyone in the club is excited to have him come back."

Dr. Newell's talk will focus on the thesis he is presently working on for publication this summer: "If one has an incurable, terminal illness and does not want to experience a painful and/or undignified dying, one ought to have a legal right to a professionally assisted suicide."

Explains Newell, "I'm going to develop a concept of rational suicide acts." The argument is comprised of 12 steps in three parts: the morality of some rational suicides, the obligation to provide assistance, and the legal right to active euthanasia.

Passive euthanasia is legal in the US, but active euthanasia is still prohibited. [An act such as removing life support would be considered passive euthanasia whereas a physician or family member administering a lethal dose of drugs would be active euthanasia.] There have been attempts to pass assisted suicide legislation, particularly in California.

Two proposals are currently under discussion among California legislators, including one initiated by the state bar association which would legalize active euthanasia for those under the supervision of two physicians. Such proposals to the state government have been partly in a response to meet the AIDS crisis in California, according to Dr. Newell.

Teaching such courses as Medical Ethics and leading seminars on justice, Newell has been a integral part of Washington College's philosophy department since 1968, becoming department chairman in 1987.

As a visiting professor at West Point, Dr. Newell teaches one class, Medical Ethics. It is the first time the material has ever been presented at the academy, and West Point has offered him to stay on for a second year. It is the first time such an extension has ever been made to a visiting professor.

"An Argument for Active Euthanasia" will begin Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 in the Sophie Kerr Room.

Campus events February 2-8

Friday, February 2

The WC Film Series presents Little Vera, a Soviet movie starring Natalya Negoda in the title role, at 7:30 PM in the Norman James Theater. Also showing Feb. 4 and 5. Admission is $1 for students and faculty and $2 for the community.

Trent Graphics Corporation brings a poster and print sale to the Coffee House from 9:30 to 3 PM. Prices start at $3.00, and sales can be charged to bookstore accounts.

Wolfgang Siebeck, Special Adviser to the Vice President for Developmental Economics, speaks on "Multi-Lateral Negotiations in G.A.T.T. and the Developing Countries" in the International House at 8 PM.

Sunday, February 4

Artist Eric Dennard will hold a gallery talk on his recent works displayed in Tawes Lobby at 4 PM, to be followed by a reception. Admission is free.

The Washington College Chemists presents "The Role of the Human Mast Cells in Asthma and other Hypersensitivity Disorders" by Edward Schulman, M.D., of Hahnemann University at 7:30 PM in Dunning Lecture Hall.

Wednesday, February 7

Dr. J. David Newell, a WC professor currently teaching at West Point Academy, presents "An Argument for Active Euthanasia" in the Sophie Kerr Room at 3:30 PM.

Thursday, February 8

WC Drama Department presents Rupert's Birthday by Ken Jenkins at 8 PM in Tawes Theater. Admission is free. Other performance dates are Feb. 9 and 10.

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ammendment was discussed and will be voted on at the next SGA meeting.

WC Coffee House Manager, Ryder Daniels, appeared before the SGA to request funds for two upcoming performances at the C-House. Daniels stated that he has tried to offer live entertainment every weekend but because of the lack of student support, the Coffee House lost a lot of money last semester. In fact, Daniels said, the C-House has no more money to fund entertainment for this semester. For this reason, the SGA approved $950 to pay for the two bands Daniels has already booked to play the Coffee House.

Gordy Scherer also announced his attempts to start a radio station on campus. He stated that a local station which goes off the air at 11 PM may be willing to rent air time to the College. If this works, then Scherer stated that the school may look into reserving a place for a radio station in one of the buildings on campus. If students are interested in starting a radio station on campus, they should contact Scherer at 778-0997.

Finally, sophomore Stuart Neiman announced his intentions to run for Student Government President 1990-91.

Said Neiman, "Given the fact that this legislative body in which I have done most of my work, I would like to officially declare my intention to seek out the SGA presidency for the 90-91 academic year. I do this in hopes that I will be able to continue and exceede the precedents set by past administrations."

Attias noted that SGA elections will be held on February 26 and that class elections will be held in late April.

Property vandalized

by Tracey Connell
Staff writer

What Jerry Roderick, Director of Security, called a "small disturbance" this week, many students are calling major damage.

Several pieces of furniture were broken, personal property destroyed and the main lounge of the Cecil dorm trashed this weekend by unidentified students.

According to Roderick, an assessment of the damage is currently being conducted and "certain people involved have come forth with their stories."

Names have been turned over to Student Affairs and the Student Conduct Council, but are as yet unavailable to the college community due to the Buckley Amendment, which restricts information contained in students' personal records. Both Roderick and Dean McIntire, of Student Affairs, thus refused to release their identities.

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panic when they realize their new mink has been fiendishly replaced with a flourescent pink poncho.

Hopefully you won't need to resort to these tactics to enjoy the Birthday Ball. The freshman class has spent a great deal of time and effort on this shindig, and it would be a shame if you didn't enjoy yourself. Try and get a date soon, though, because time is running out. And don't bother to ask the Numbers Lady™ - she's already got a date. I think I'm taking her to the Kitty Knight House.

Gowns

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sonal favorites is called C-Mart located in Bel Air, MD. If you don't see what you want on the floor ask one of the sales people to take you in the back. They have hundreds of overstocked designer gowns at drastically reduced prices, as well as a great selection of unique evening shoes, a necessary accent to the perfect dress.

For everyone in category three you have already decided to go all out for this evening so you want to do it right. Start with the basics. Treat yourself to some new silk lingerie. Even if you're only one who sees it, it will make you feel really special!

The perfect way to pick the wrong dress is to buy the first thing in the first store you see without even trying it on. Think of this dress as an investment. You want to do a little research. Go to several stores and JUST LOOK. Write down the styles you like, and talk to the sales people about what styles will best flatter your figure, not their's or your best friend's. You may even want to check out pattern books in fabric stores. This is an especially good idea if you want a custom made gown. But don't rule it out just because you are buying off-the-rack.

Often times bridal and dress shops will have extra styles or colors in the back, but not on display.

It is no secret that Chestertown is not a shopping metropolis. It only takes a walk down HIgh Street to find everything available.

A road trip to Baltimore, Annapolis, or Christiana may be in order, but DON'T GO UNPREPARED.

Get phone books from the area where you plan to shop, and call all of the shops. Tell them exactly what you want and ask if they have it or something similar. If they don't, there is no need to waste your time going there.

Don't limit yourself to department stores and bridal shops. It is not a crime to check out the bargain places, too.

Once you have the perfect dress, it is time to work on the rest of your appearance. How about treating yourself to a manicure, a facial, and a makeover? By the time February 17th rolls around there will be a brand new, beautiful you!

And last, but not least, our Dynasty Look! Bob Mackie's most recent show in Las Vegas highlighted the fashions and glitz of the city. To be the belle of the ball you can show up in nothing less than a solid sequin, bead, and rhinestone "Wheel of Fortune" cape lined with ostrich feather marabue with a silver rhinestone studded hood to match. But there is a catch. This particular gown is sold with a health warning.

Due to the excessive weight of its jewels this Mackie masterpiece left large welts on the model's shoulder at his Vegas show. So if you're into pain and just happen to have several thousand dollars, you can bring this Las Vegas sensation to Chestertown.

Whichever category you fall into with a few dollars set aside and a little creative thinking you can make this the best Birthday Ball ever!

MOM'S COOKIE JAR

Hope those of you who attended dinner Wednesday enjoyed the J.P. Brokerage Food Show. The keylime pie and the pretzels were two very popular items as were the health muffins.

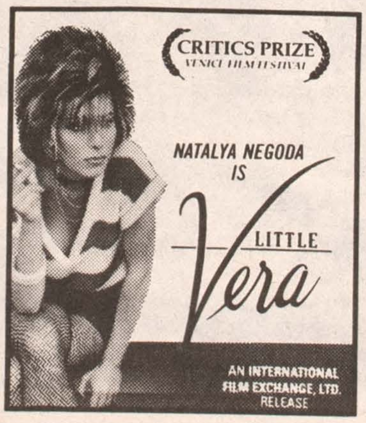
On behalf of the Wellness Council, I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to all those who helped with all the programs, this past week, and hope those of you who attended all the special functions enjoyed them. Don't forget, you still have time to enter the Logo contest. Deadline for entries is March 1, 1990.

Sunday, the WCDS will feature an 'EYE OPENER' BRUNCH BUFFET from 11:00am to 12:30pm. The menu will include fresh fruit bar, cheese blintzes with toppings, deep dish cheese omlet, bacon, French toast strips, assorted Danishes and apple turnovers. With offerings like that, who could resist?

The WCDS is again taking orders for Valentine cakes. The cakes are heart shaped, come in your choice of devils food or yellow cake, festively decorated. The cost is $9.50 plus tax for each cake. Orders will be accepted through February 12th and can be placed by calling the Dining Hall at ext. 252. You may pick up you cake on either Tuesday, February 13th, of Wednesday, February 14th, from 1:00 - 4:00p.m. only.

Next Wednesday's dinner will celebrate Chinese New Year's - The Year of the Horse. Don't miss it.

Until next week.................................MOM.



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This breakthrough Soviet work (there are scenes of almost explicit sex and much drunken unhappiness), is a protrait of a boozing working-class family in which the daughter, Vera, a coarse girl just out of high school, streaks her hair and sleeps around; a Russian rebel without a cause. When she falls in love with a hamdsome student, she brings him into the apartment, and the movie becomes a vodka-soaked *All in the Family*. Shot in the exotic port city of Zhdanov, the movie seems to be saying that there is no way out, not even for the young and sensually arrogant. It is, finally, the first "realistic" look at contemporary Soviet life and that alone makes the film a fascinating document of our times. (*In Russian with English subtitles*)

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The Constance Stuart Larrabee Creative Arts Center opened the first day of classes this semester after months of construction. The final work is almost complete, thanks to the generous donations of its patron.

(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

Security faces concerns from officer assault to fire alarm

by Tracey Connell
Staff writer

On Tuesday evening at approximately 8:00 PM, Washington College Security received a call from a concerned student concerning a "suspicious individual in the crosswalk area," said Director Jerry Roderick.

The individual in the crosswalk had apparently fallen and was "lying halfway in the road."

According to Roderick, Seargent Lenny Thompson responded to the call. When he approached the suspect "he was eventually assaulted."

Seargent Thompson was struck about the head before the suspect escaped, but was not seriously injured.

A chase ensued, which lead off campus.

According to Roderick, the Chestertown police intervened and the suspect was subsequently apprehended. He is a resident of the nearby town of Saint Michaels and has several warrants issued on him by the state of Maryland.

He has been charged in this incident with assault and resisting arrest and is currently incarcerated.

Security truck windows smashed

by Tracey Connell
Staff writer

Windows of a Washington College Security truck parked behind Hodson Hall were smashed in Sunday morning, January 28.

According to Jerry Roderick, Director of Security, the truck was parked behind the building at approximately 12:50 AM. Security officer Jake Williams, upon returning to the vehicle, discovered that the windshield was severely damaged, and both the passenger window and rear window were broken out.

Two bricks were used in the crime. They are currently in the Security office.

Roderick dispelled rumors that the perpetrators were actually disgruntled students who were kicked out of the Coffee House on Saturday night during the performance of the band Plaid Rabbit. According to Roderick, "Security made frequent checks and no students were asked to leave by officers or Coffee House personnel." He added that they discovered "no problems that required any response."

The incident is still under investigation and there were no suspects at the time of this writing.

Students cited for fire extinguisher incident

by Tracey Connell
Staff writer

Three students have been "apprehended" for spraying fire extinguishers which set off fire alarms in three dorms this Tuesday, February 6, according to Jerry Roderick, Director of Security. The unidentified students also caused damage to students' possessions in one dorm room.

On Tuesday, February 6, at 2:50 AM Washington College Security was notified that building alarms were activated in the Caroline and Queen Anne dormitories. The alarms were acti-

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Computer survey results revealed

By Ryder Daniels

The preliminary results of the Student Computing Survey administered on January 15 at Registration have been compiled. Members of the Student Survey Sub-Committee of the ACC, Dr. Emily Amt, John Kelly and Ryder Daniels, compiled the results of nine questions that are relevant to potential improvements that can be made to campus computing this semester.

Those questions include: What workshop formats would students like? When should workshops be given and on what topics? Are more hours needed at the Computing Center? Would students be in favor of a $5/semester computing fee to allow free laser printing and what should be Washington College's top priority in the area of computing in the immediate future?

The additional 79 questions will be compiled by computer and will be available to the committee for review later in the semester when the ACC will develop long-range planning.

As a result of the survey, the Academic Computing Committee responded to overwhelming student interest in the placement of a Computer Lab Assistant in Miller library, similar to the Lab Assistant position in the Computing Center. Over ninety-one percent of students who answered the question thought that a Lab Assistant in the library would be a good idea.

Freshman Tom Shepherd and Sophomore Brian Gimelson will fill the new library position which will be operational early next week. The new Lab Assistant will work from 8-11 pm, Sundays through Thursdays to assist students with the Macintosh.

Committee member Bill Tubbs, Director of Miller Library, has worked with the library staff in developing a workstation for the Lab Assistant in the fish bowl. The library Lab Assistant will check out computer disks and help students with problems they may encounter while using the machines. In addition to answering questions, the Lab Assistant will be able to show students how to use new software, for example how to convert their MacWrite files and use Microsoft Word 4.0, the new campus word processor that eliminates all the problems of the old MacWrite as well as offering many new features such as automatic footnoting and a built-in spell checker. Word 4.0 is the word processor recommended by the ACC as the best one to use, and also the safest and least likely to produce a "system error." Seniors writing a thesis are advised to convert to Word 4.0 if they have not done so.

The Lab Assistant will also help with showing students how to back up their work so that it is not lost in the event of a disk failure.

In addition to the computer and record keeping facilities, the new Lab Assistant's desk will have a "Hotline" phone that automatically dials the Lab Assistant at the Computing Center. This will be particularly useful to easily call for help during the hours when the Library Lab Assistant is not there. There is a Lab Assistant in the Computing Center during all their hours of operation.

Finally, the committee is considering implementing a $5/semester computing fee beginning in the Fall of 1990 to allow laser printing at no charge, and possibly extending the hours that computers are available for student use. Sixty-four percent of

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Student attends rally

by Karen Iacangelo

On January 22, 1990, one member of the Washington College Newman Club attended the 16th annual pro-life rally in Washington, DC. The annual rally marked the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision of Roe vs. Wade. This decision made the right to have an abortion a federal law. Although the Newman Club sponsored a culture van ride to the rally, no Washington College students signed up for the trip, possibly due to the fact that little notice was given prior to the event, which was held on a Monday.

Also attending the rally were many religious and political leaders including President Bush, who was not there in person, but

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EDITORIAL

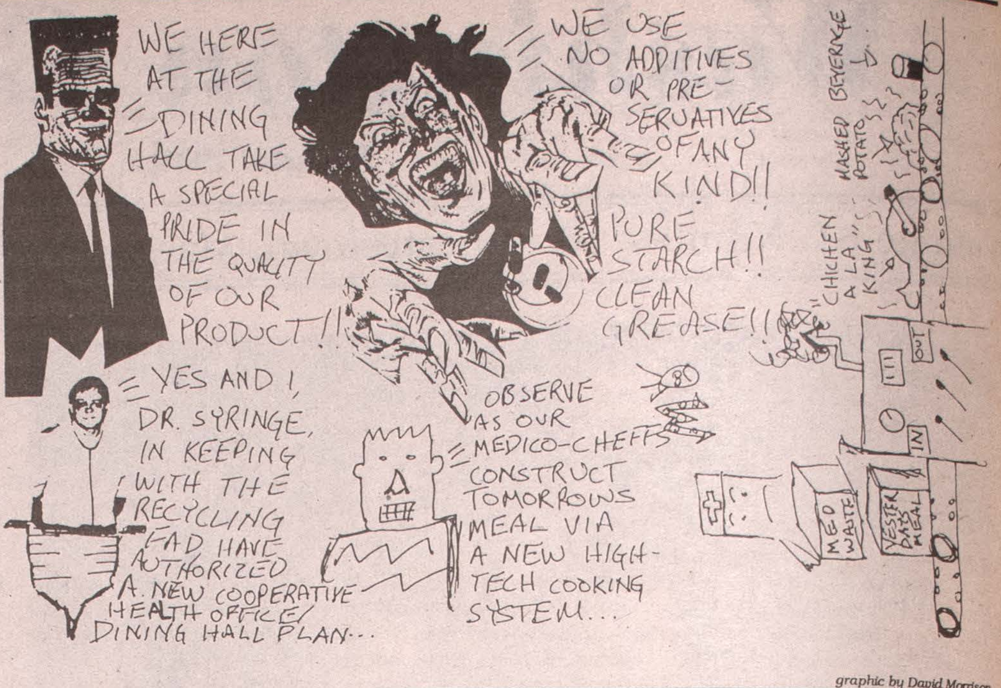
Fire extinguishers and personal responsibility

Although the perpetrators of the incident involving a fire extinguisher gone out of control are no doubt repentant, the occurrence raises some disturbing questions about students' responsibility for their actions; not just in terms of the SCC, but also in terms of responsibility to the College community, and to themselves.

When we arrive at Washington College, we're presumed to be well on our way to achieving the maturity that accompanies adulthood. Childish pranks such as this one don't fit into that mold. What's more, this wasn't than just a "childish prank"; this prank frightened dorm residents, and damaged the possessions of a couple of students. It can't be dismissed, no matter how well-intentioned the spree was, nor how drunk the perpetrators supposedly were.

Unfortunately, incidents such as this always affect the community negatively. There shouldn't be much noise about lowering the drinking age for awhile—and rightly so, because of a couple of lugheads who couldn't think clearly enough to know that spraying a fire extinguisher and setting fire alarms inside dorms isn't funny!

The proposed addition of a social code to the Honor Code is almost—almost—beginning to look like a good idea in the face of occurrences like this one. After all, it may be effective on students who can't make up their own minds to act responsibly.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Campus events this week

Friday, February 9

Ken Jenkins' Rupert's Birthday will be presented in Tawes Theater at 8 PM. Admission is free. The final performance date is Saturday, Feb. 10.

Wednesday, February 14

Evan Kingsley speaks on Historic Preservation, a talk sponsored by the Lecture Series, in Hynson Lounge at 8 PM.

Thursday, February 15

The Lecture Series and the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics present Face Value: The Examination and Preservation of a Pair of American Portraits, a talk by Richard Wolbers of the University of Delaware, via satellite from Carnegie Mellon University.

Also to be presented is the film the Infinite Voyage: The Future of the Past. Both will be shown in the Norman James Theater beginning at 3 PM.

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Letters to the Editor

Klein challenges Williams' criticism of philosophy

To the Editor:

In a recent letter Mr. Williams "challenged" students to "put Washington College on the political map with a student fund-raising drive to help the students of Czechoslovakia." This is a worthy "challenge."

Unfortunately, Williams also chose to criticize a group of philosophy students who requested (and were denied) funds for a conference. Because of this, the strength of his "challenge" was lost. The connection between general student apathy and specific philosophy students' interest in attending an academic conference was left unclear, and the reader may have missed the main point of his article.

The reader may have been led to believe that requesting monies for academic conferences, specifically philosophy conferences, is politically irresponsible and therefore immoral.

Such an implication, though, presupposes that fund-raising is the only important contribution someone committed to a political cause can make. This is not true. Almost every day, academics (from all disciplines) make important contributions— in their classrooms, through publications and by *attending academic conferences*.

Furthermore, one is naive not to recognize that underlying every great political movement is ideology. and ideology, if it is to be more than empty jargon, must be supported by sound argument. Developing such arguments requires philosophical skill. and, tuning one's philosophical skills requires, among other things, attending conferences where experts concerned with supporting such ideologies are attendance.

Parenthetically, the philosophy conference in question was such a conference. the students who attended (unfunded) learned a great deal about philosophy in general and about arguments against oppression in particular.

The importance of Williams' plea for political responsibility may have been undermined by his criticism of some very committed students. I know the students will survive this attack unscathed (for they are philosophers); I do not know that the college will. It is important to note that societies have always viewed philosophy and philosophers as worthless, dangerous or evil. Plato discusses this in The Republic. He cautions us that this misguided view is ultimately harmful to the society (or institution) which holds it. Surely George Washington would have understood this as well.

Ellen Klein
Philosophy

Nonsmokers speak out against smoking in public

To the Editor:

We would like to bring up a matter of obvious injustice which is occurring here at the college. The world around us is moving into the 21st century, but here at Washington College we are still living in the Middle Ages. We are referring to the barbarous, backward, uncivilized, offensive, foul, and rude habit of smoking in public places. More specifically we are referring to the halls of Bill Smith prior to, and after classes. Why is it that the minority, who wishes to slowly commit suicide, must force the majority, who does not smoke, to enter a dense toxic cloud of noxious smoke while walking to class? Why is it that the majority must be dragged along by the minority in the mindless pursuit of death? Why is it that while the world progresses, Washington College remains firmly entrenched by unattractive and foolish ways of the past? An educated and truly concerned administration should not allow the senseless minority to jeopardize the health of the nonsmoker. If the College Administration does not have a minimal amount of concern to suggest that students smoke outside, the smokers themselves should have enough moral rectitude to go outside and let the rest of us breath. We understand that this letter is a bit harsh, but its pretty harsh to be forced to breathe the stuff. Inhale . . . exhale.

Julianne Michael
Senior, English

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OPINION

ISSUE: WC has begun to show environmental conscientiousness with its aluminum recycling program. What other measures might the College take in order to expand the recycling program?

Recycling effort needs active support from WC

Kyndra Ponder

Recently, a lot of attention has been paid to recycling on the Washington College Campus. In my humble opinion, that is very good.

Now, when you say that Washington College is participating in the recycling effort, most people will think of the plastic bins that are put in many of the dorms on campus for aluminum cans. I wonder, however, if very many students (and faculty alike) would consider the bin that has been in the Coffee House for eons that is marked "clear glass," "brown glass," "green glass," etc. Yes, you guessed it, that bin is for recyclable glass! Unfortunately, until this week, I have NEVER seen anything in that wooden crate and I have never seen anyone PUT ANYTHING into it! Yet that lonely box sat there for week after week just waiting for someone to want to recycle.

Not only does the Coffee House participate in the recycling effort, but so do the Computing Center and many of the Academic Departments on campus. Have you ever noticed the box of paper sitting in front of the Computing Center lab assistant's desk that is usually full of paper? That paper, along with the waste paper from the departments is recycled.

Now that students and faculty are aware of the recycling efforts, the next natural question would be, "Is Washington College doing all that it can to recycle?" I would say, NO! It is fairly easy to see where the school could improve.

Take for example, the glass bin in the Coffee House. Students should be made more aware of its existence and be encouraged to use it. Not only did that big bin in the C-house go virtually unnoticed by students, but so has a smaller, much less noticeable box in the mailroom. When students get mail that they don't read (and gee, how many times a week does that happen?) that mail goes either into the garbage can or it goes onto the floor, leaving that poor little "I'm a Recycler" box empty. Part of the problem could be the "little" part. The box sits on the table and it is about 8 inches by 11 inches and is less deep than an average book. It certainly doesn't attract much student attention—obviously!

In order to alleviate the problems of the lonely recycling bins, I challenge the administration of Washington College to take action. Because the SGA could not afford to place bins for cans in all of the dorms, administration should pitch-in for the rest of the money. Secondly, paper recycling bins should be made larger and more available to students and to faculty— after all, this is a college and a lot of waste paper is produced daily. Thirdly, bins for bottles should be added to the can bins in many dorms. (After all, beer— and soda— does come in both cans and bottles)

Finally, I would like to see the Dining Hall staff become as conscious about our environment as they are about making money. By that I mean when the dining services feels that it is necessary to serve us meals on paper plates, I would like to know that those plates are being recycled. The napkins and refuse form the kitchen are perfect candidates for the recycling bins and above all, I would like to see the styrofoam carry-out trays changed to recyclable paper trays.

I know that I am probably just an overly-concerned student who cares about recycling. Maybe that is true! I just don't want to come back to Washington College to find that the school has buried itself in its own garbage!

Kyndra Ponder is a junior.

CAMPUS VOICES by Amy L. Undercoffler

Frank Cabreja
Dominican Repulic
Junior

Many students have many more boxes than they need. Since it is hard and costly to provide a storage room for these, WC should get these boxes recycled.

Chris Spezio
Rockville Centre, NY
Freshman

...what my high school did...was have a compost heap for kitchen refuse. It saved space, money,...and it gave the earth helpful nutrients. With recycling newspapers and aluminum cans WC can help students [become] aware that we are an environmentally conscious campus.

Andy Carrigan
Philadelphia, PA
Junior

Maybe if the school sponsored some kind of recycling program where students could volunteer for a recycling drive, and a person like Bob Svec could be in charge.

Carolin Leibig
Riva, MD
Junior

They should make it easier for people to recycle. Perhaps put bins for paper, cans, glass bottles in every dorm. As long as it is still more convenient to throw things in trash cans, that will continue.

Anne Bottorf
Hollywood, MD
Freshman

They should make plastic containers available to all dorm floors in order to make it easier for students to recycle cans, tabs, and boxes.

Tamy B. Hickman
Chestertown, MD
Sophomore

WC should also consider other measures of recycling such as the recycling of glass and paper in the dorms (not just aluminum).

Despite the inconvenience factor, recycling is worth the effort

Stuart Neiman

One of the greatest problems associated with declaring one's intent to seek out political office, is that once you have done it, everyone you meet is convinced that everything that you do and say is going to be politically motivated. So, not wanting to disappoint anyone, let me tell you that my interest in recycling is most definitely politically motivated. In real life, I do not want to be bothered any more than the next guy by having to make sure that I choose the right garbage (oh excuse me,"recycling") can in which to place my empty coke can. This is about as political as you can get, recognizing convenience as being more important than the long term gains that can be achieved by recycling.

The real world though, dictates that we must take under consideration the fact that a majority of what is typically disregarded as trash, has a very real value. This value is not perhaps realized when looking at it from the prospective of the per unit gain (5 cents per can).

If you want to get a better idea of just how much of a valuable commodity used beer and soda cans can be, just visualize every can used in a seven day period on campus sitting in Clint Baer's office. As I am sure that you can see, even an office of that magnitude would scarcely hold even a quarter of the cans which could be collected in that period of time. My God, if we were to only collect aluminum cans from the area around the quad dorms (for those of you who do not get out much like myself I am referring to Dorchester, Talbot and the ever-popular Cecil House), we should be able to decrease the per student tuition by at least $5,000.00.

In spite of this seemingly sarcastic tone, it should be clear to all that there is a real source of money to be obtained through a properly organized recycling effort. Student government has dedicated time and energy to seeing that the implementation of this program will run smoothly.

The involvement of Clint Baer's office, though a nice gesture on his part, was a mistake. Through his involvement, the responsibility for the maintenance of these cans has fallen into the hands of the dorms' cleaning ladies. As a resident of Kent House, I can say that Ethel has enough to do without having to worry about making sure that there are no aluminum cans in the trash receptacles before she takes them out. This is something that I do not expect Mr. Baer to agree with since having read his mindless attack (in writing on February 1st) on the way the eight cleanest dorms on campus are maintained.

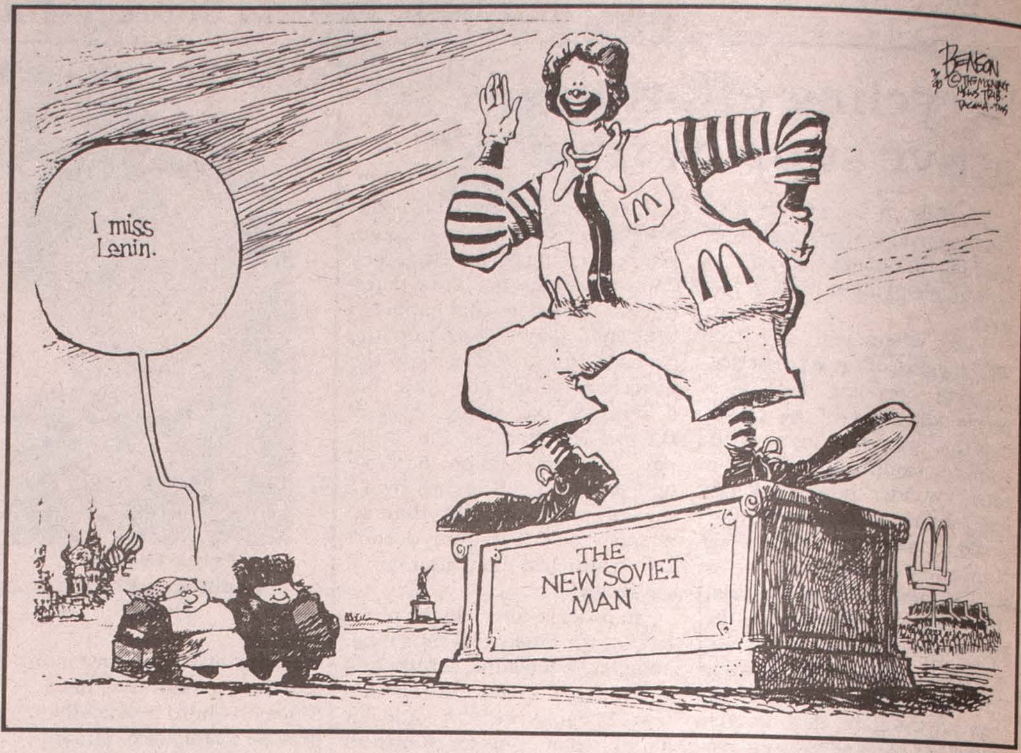
All in all, the recycling effort is something which can benefit all the students of Washington College. Students, such as Jim Finlay and his SGA recycling committee, have put a lot of work into the implementation of this program and their efforts should be applauded. The concept of this program is just fine, it is within the plan of execution that the problems begin to arise.

Regardless of these problems, I would urge every student to at least give this program a chance. Take the extra few steps; it is all of us who will benefit in the end.

Stuart Neiman is the Sophomore Class President.

PERSPECTIVES

News from around the world: ANC legalized



UNITED STATES:

US District Judge Harold H. Greene ordered former president Ronald Reagan to give videotaped testimony in the trial of his former national security advisor John Poindexter. This follows an order by given by Judge Greene for Reagan to turn over his personal diaries to Poindexter's lawyers. In a 54 page opinion, Judge Greene stated he felt that Poindexter had shown that the former president's testimony was needed to ensure a fair trial for Poindexter.

Lawyers for the former president have suggested that the privacy of the diaries is protected by the Constitution. But Judge Greene has rejected a request by the Justice Department that reproduction of excerpts from the diaries be postponed. Greene feels there is no reasonable cause.

The former president was asked to testify because a large part of Poindexter's defense is that the president authorized some of the activities he was involved in. Poindexter is charged with five felony counts of conspiracy, lying to Congress, and obstructing the Iran-Contra inquiry.

In the opening statements in his defense of Exxon Valdez Captain Joseph J. Hazelwood, attorney Dick Madson told jurors that it is not uncommon for oil tankers to be guided through the straits in Prince William Sound by junior officers.

Hazelwood faces up to seven years in prison and $61,000 in fines if convicted. Madson hopes to prove, using a computer mode,l that if Hazelwood's commands that night had been carried out the tanker would not have hit Bligh Reef. The prosecution hopes to show how Hazelwood's supposed drinking and his absence from the bridge caused the accident.

In the budget war, the chairman of the Senate Budget Committee warned Secretary of Defense Richard Cheney that the Pentagon budget for 1991 is a minimum of 10 billion dollars too high. The Senate wants bigger cuts in weapon programs and fewer American troops in Europe.

Republicans on the committee said they were ready to fight for defense programs, citing the growing instability in the Soviet Union as a reason not to cut too heavily into the defense budget.

SOVIET UNION:

Mikhail Gorbachev told the leaders of the Communist party that they should end the constitutional monopoly the party holds on power. In a speech to the Central Committee, he said that while the party would continue to strive to be the ruling party, it would do so only in within a democratic framework. Such a change would not immediately affect Gorbachev's position, since he is both the leader of the Communist party and Head of Government. It would, however, hopefully lessen some of the tension between the party and the nationalist groups that have been formed in some of the republics.

A multi-party system has been illegal since 1917 when the Bolsheviks lost a legislative election shortly after the revolution. Gorbachev is breaking with 70 years of tradition. But in some of the non-Russian Soviet republics, the Communist party is already on the defensive.

At a meeting of the central committee, two of the speakers urged greater discipline and a return to a more authoritarian rule. Yet, the feeling among Gorbachev's supporters was that while the conservatives may not like the changes he has proposed, they would have no real alternative to them. The Central Committee voted late Tuesday to end the Communist Party's monopoly on power.

SOUTH AFRICA:

Last Friday, South African President F.W. de Klerk announced he was lifting the ban on the African National Congress (ANC) and other black political movements. Black nationalist leaders see this as a chance to begin to mobilize the black community, while white leaders and businessmen are focusing on improved foreign relations and sanctions being lifted.

de Klerk is urging black nationalists to give up violence and try obtain their goals through negotiation.

President Bush announced he would invite President de Klerk and Nelson Mandela separately to the United States. Mandela is a member of the formerly outlawed ANC, and is currently still in prison. As one of the terms of his release, he wants the government of South Africa to lift the state of emergency in the country.

COSTA RICA:

Voters in Costa Rica elected Rafael Calderón Jr president. Calderón, a member of the Socialist Christian Unity Party, won 51% of the vote, defeating Carlos Manuel Castillo of the National Liberation Party.

Calderón will succeed President Oscar Arias Sanchez. Calderón has been a critic of Arias' Central American peace plan, which called for the dismantling of the US backed Contras in Nicaragua. Calderón's father was once President of Costa Rica. He fled to Nicaragua after a bid for reelection caused a civil war. (In many Latin American countries, a president is constitutionally barred from reelection.) His son, the president-elect, was born in Nicaragua. This was Calderón's third bid for the presidency.

Complied from the Washington Post and the New York Times

From the General Assembly:

Steven Bruchey

As the Maryland General Assembly closes its first month in session, the issue of abortion is now officially a topic before the legislature. House Bill 432 and Senate Bill 356, both titled Abortion-Omnibus Bill, have been introduced in their respective houses. The following is a synopsis of the bill:

Revising statutory abortion provisions; authorizing licensed physicians to perform abortions on minors without parental notice if the minor is mature and capable of informed consent or parental notice may lead to physical or emotional abuse; requiring counseling and informed consent of minors prior to abortion; prohibiting State interference with the decision of a woman and her physician to perform an abortion if specified conditions exist; setting penalties; making provisions severable; and relating thereto.

In its present form, Maryland law requires parental notification in the case of minors and the meeting of at least one of the following conditions: 1) the pregnancy could bring about the death of the mother; 2) the pregnancy could impair the mother's physical/mental health; 3) there exists a considerable danger of the child being unhealthy; 4) the pregnancy is the result of a rape. All abortions must also be passed by a hospital abortion review authority, which will keep a record of all abortions.

If these bills can make their way into law, then the existing laws will be loosened considerably which will give women a greater right to privacy.

On a more general scale, bills have been coming out of committee at a steady pace and things in Annapolis are moving faster. The budget is still in the Senate's Budget and Taxation Committee. This year's budget is proposed at $11.8 billion dollars, an increase of about $600 million over last year's budget.

Steven Bruchey is a junior majoring in Political Science. He is participating in an internship at the Maryland General Assembly.

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FEATURES

Another fun-filled Chestertown weekend

Another fabulous weekend has shown up at Washington College's doorstep. A time for relaxation and recreation, but among all the cries of "T.G.I.F." I hear the dreadful echo of, "there's nothing to do." Contrary to popular belief, Chestertown is not the bellweather of major societal activity as the school's admission brochures claim. The social life available to the students at this "fine institution" is rather limited both on and off campus.

Students have one or two possibilities for fun when they venture off campus in search of quality entertainment. There is, on the one hand, Chestertown's state-of-the-art movie theater. This modern cinematic showcase gives students the glorious option of seeing one movie. Although this "option" does not appeal to too many people, one must admit that it cuts down on arguments over which movie to see.

For the truly daring, bold enough to journey over the bridge, Chestertown presents its indispensable "Bowl-A-Rama." Yes, nestled in the fertile lowlands of Maryland's Eastern Shore, the bowling alley is an underrated source for student amusement. In all honesty, I have gone to the bowling alley once—during my trip here for my freshman interview I stopped in to use the bathroom.

However, there does seem to be some future hope for off campus thrill seekers. A report from a "secret" source claims that Chestertown is about to construct a brand new combination restaurant and car wash, appropriately titled: "The Stuff 'n' Buff."

Students desiring to remain on campus do not fare much better in their quests for juvenile fun. C-House parties are used as a very last resort and fraternity parties are few and far between. In the face of such boredom students tend to hang out in small groups in their dorm rooms.

This "hanging out" implies that students will be drinking the "eternal roommate for all lonely collegians," alcohol. The worthy activities pursued by these small groups, to a large degree, revolve around beer and playing drinking games. Some play an engaging game of "Caps," some play a rousing game of "Mexican," and others play a meaningful game of "Quarters."

Obviously, it would be wrong to stereotype all college students as work-avoiding, sleep-hungry booze hounds. There are a few, a very few, who actually drink responsibly. Yet the activities these students choose to engage in are a little "strange." I have heard undocumented rumors that small groups of sober people stay up very late trying to memorize all the lyrics to the "Morton Downey Jr. Sings" album. As an alternative, these very same people play Menudo records backwards in search of satanic messages. These activities, while appearing a bit "out of the mainstream," do promote healthy, responsible drinking patterns. Furthermore, these types of activities should be encouraged in the future and its present participants, you know who you are, should be commended.

"For the truly daring, bold enough to journey over the bridge, Chestertown presents its indispensable *Bowl-A-Roma* " (photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

In conclusion, there is no doubt that the social life at this school revolves around alcohol. However, if the present activities of the students continue into the future, they will die of boredom before they die of alcohol poisoning. In the future I will be revealing my findings on a new underground movement at the school: people who do not wear underwear to class, and are damn proud of it.

Philip Macek is a junior who rates cheerleading performances and majors in sociology in his spare time.

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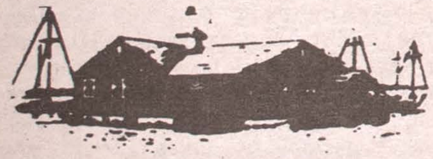
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SPORTS

Basketball continues win streak

by Matt Giller

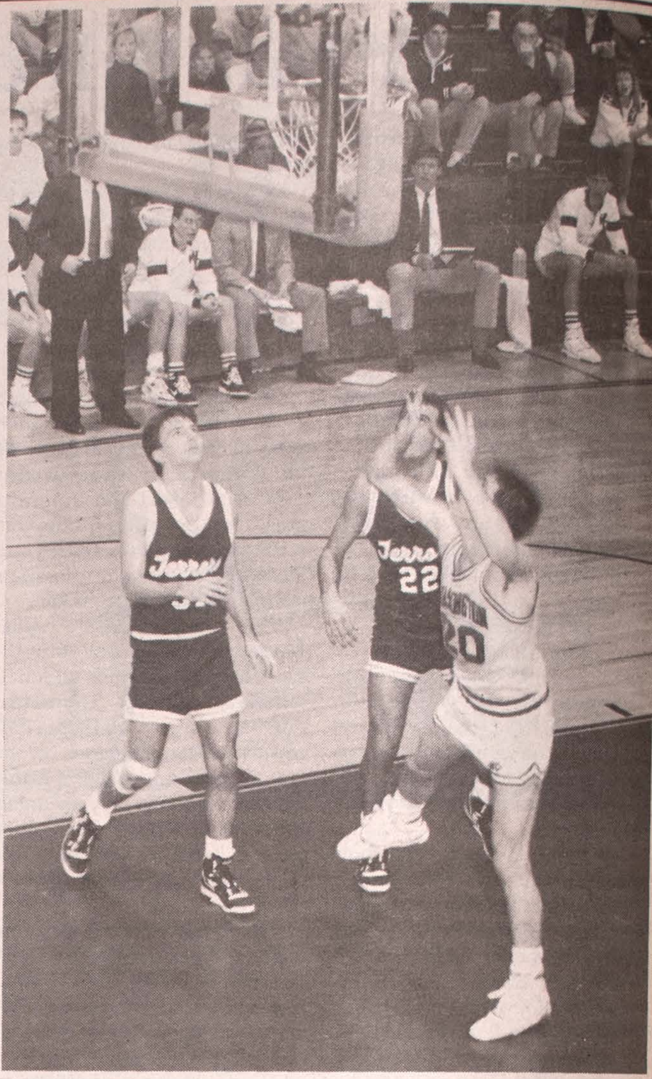
After playing in several overtime games and other close wars of attrition, the Shoremen took an out of conference blow to catch their breath. By beating Western Maryland 85-65 and York 85-73, the WAC bring the winning streak to a superlative nine games and appear primed for the tough conference final stretch.

Road warriors for two weeks, the Shoremen came home to face Western Maryland and showed these Jethros how to put the pumpkin through the peach basket. Things looked bright for the Shoremen going into the game, as they had defeated the Green Terrors for five straight years. This statistic coupled with WC's momentum to make things promising before the opening tipoff. Senior guard Chris Brandt was cold on the night and scored only five points, but Tank Duckett took the leadership role once again. Duckett poured in a career-high 27 points, including 4 3-pointers. The Shoremen controlled the flow of the game throughout the first half and went into the locker room with a commanding 41-29 padding.

The less than mean Green Terrors never got any closer while sending the Shoremen to the foul line 27 times in the second half (the WAC hit 20). The Shoremen's tenacious defense dazed and confused the opposing juggernauts into a 43% shooting night. Sophomore Tim Liddy had the hot hand in the paint with 12 points, matching Tim Keehan's 12. Freshman Peter "Razzle-dazzle" Basel followed with 10 points, while C.J. Johnson and Chris "Bull" Jamke tallied 6 and 5 points respectively. Senior Jerry "Hoosiers" Peden was also in the scoring column for the Shoremen.

The WAC's next challenge was up in Pennsylvania against a tough York squad that had plagued them in the past. Brandt came back from his poor shooting night to lead the men of shore with 25 points. 15 of Squirrel's points came in the first half of the game, but the game remained tight at the midway point. The second half, however, the Shoremen took over. Keehan scored 15 of his 20 points in the last twenty minutes, and Duckett scored all 15 of his points in the second half. Windex man of the year Chris Jamke tore down 15 rebounds and added 19 points from the floor. Liddy added 6 points as the WAC kept their winning streak alive.

WC returns home this weekend for a conference game against Ursinus this Saturday. The WAC may have already clinched their MAC title in their February 7 game against Haverford.



Senior Tim Keehan lays in two points in a recent Shoremen home victory against Western Maryland. (photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

Spring lockout: strike three?

by Brett Lankford
Staff writer

In the 1980's, the sports world was frequently marred by substance abuse problems as well as greed from both owners and players. All professional sports were overwhelmed by drug and alcohol problems during the decade. Both football and baseball had to deal with constant power struggles between the players and management. The baseball disputes caused two strikes, while football gave us the less than memorable "scab games".

Sports fans hoped that these problems would disappear with the end of the decade. Unfortunately, substance abuse and labor disputes are already dominating the sports scene in 1990.

Darryl Strawberry became the first sports figure to admit to substance abuse this year. The Mets outfielder admitted his problems with alcohol last weekend, and he admitted himself to the same clinic visited by Dwight Gooden a few years ago. One can only hope that Strawberry's thirty-day treatment will be able to help him, but his problem is just another case of a star athlete succumbing to the pressure put on him by media and fans.

Still, there is the distinct possibility that Darryl's stay in the rehab clinic won't cause him to miss any of spring training. This is because the Major League Players Association and the owners are in the middle of another labor dispute. This year's battle is different from the past problems. The owners are scheduling a lockout to delay the beginning of spring training. With a lockout, the owners avoid having to pay the players any part of their salary before the season starts and the dispute is settled.

The disputes are also slightly different this time around. The owners are attempting to institute the controversial Pay-For-Performance salary structure, a system that would base a player's income on their offensive and defensive statistics. The owners say that this system would benefit both the players and the management, while the union prefers the pay structure they presently have.

This year's lockout may be one of the most blatant displays of greed in recent memory. Bad blood still exists between the groups as a result of the collusion hearings that took place a few years ago. Those hearings proved that the owners had conspired to avoid signing free agents in an effort to control salaries.

The players can't complain about collusion this season. Pascual Perez, a man who once missed a game because he couldn't get off the Atlanta Freeway, was signed to a 3-year, 4.6 million dollar contract by the Yankees. John Shelby batted .150 for the Dodgers last season, but this winter they team gave him a 200,000 dollar pay raise. A numbers of players have recently signed contracts that will give them over 3 million dollars a year. Why should they want to change the pay structure?

This brings us to the owners. What made them think the players would want to change from a salary structure that has brought them monstrous salaries throughout the offseason? As far as the players are concerned, there is no problem with the present system. If the owners ever had any hopes of instituting a new salary system, they did an extremely poor job of setting the players up for the changes. The owners seem to have defeated themselves. While earlier disputes have been caused by player demands, this year's lockout is the fault of the management.

This brings us to the main problem with the lockout. Management is making money hand over foot, and the players' salaries are at an all-time high. The fact that the season may still be delayed is further evidence to the greed that currently exists in pro sports. Darryl Strawberry may control his drinking in thirty days, but it seems there are bigger problems in baseball this winter.

Rec Sports Update

by Deeann Pinczok

Two male and two female intramural basketball teams from Washington College will compete with up to 50 other area colleges and universities during the Schick Super Hoops Regional Tournament. The tournament takes place at George Washington University this Saturday.

The on campus preliminary round crowned the Young Guns as the champs and the Racqueteers as the runners-up. Leather and Lace captured the championship in the women's league with the BSers coming in as the runners-up. All of these teams have advanced to the intercollegiate tournament which is being held this weekend.

From the regional tournament, the top two teams will advance to play the championship game at the NBA arena during half-time of an NBA game. In addition to participating in the double-elimination regional tournament, each player will also participate in the "K-Swiss Shootout". Prizes include K-Swiss basketball shoes, T-shirts, sweatshirts, Schick Slim Twin Disposable Razors and plaques.

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Hollander documents Civil Rights Movement

by Amy Klamberg

As part of Washington College's semester-long celebration of African- American history and culture, the WC Art Exhibits Committee presents an exhibit of photographs by Ed Hollander. The show, entitled "The Civil Rights Movement: Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama 1964-1966," includes over 50 photographs documenting various aspects of the Civil Rights Movement, and will be on display from February 14 to March 4.

Ed Hollander, born and raised in Baltimore, left college early, choosing instead to travel around the South and participate in the growing movement for civil rights.

According to Special Events Coordinator and exhibit curator Marshall Williams, Hollander was "an amateur photographer who found himself recruited to take pictures as documentation of rallies and speeches."

The artist continued to travel throughout the South, passing through Louisiana, Alabama, North Carolina and Florida for the next three years, practicing his newfound love of photography and aiding the cause of civil rights activists. He firmly held that the main barriers to racial equality could be broken down through education and work.

During this time, between 1964-1966, Hollander became the Field Secretary for the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) and took on an even more active role in the drive for civil rights.

The photographs in this exhibit document such facets of the Civil Rights Movement as, marches and protests, such as the famous 1965 march to Montgomery from Selma, Alabama, led by Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr, voter registration drives, and especially the 1964 slaying of three civil rights workers in Mississippi.

The dark side of the era is particularly captured in pictures of the Klu Klux Klan burning effigies and holding rallies. Even so, Hollander also captures the sense of selflessness and volunteerism that was growing during this time in his pictures of CORE activities and civil rights rallies.

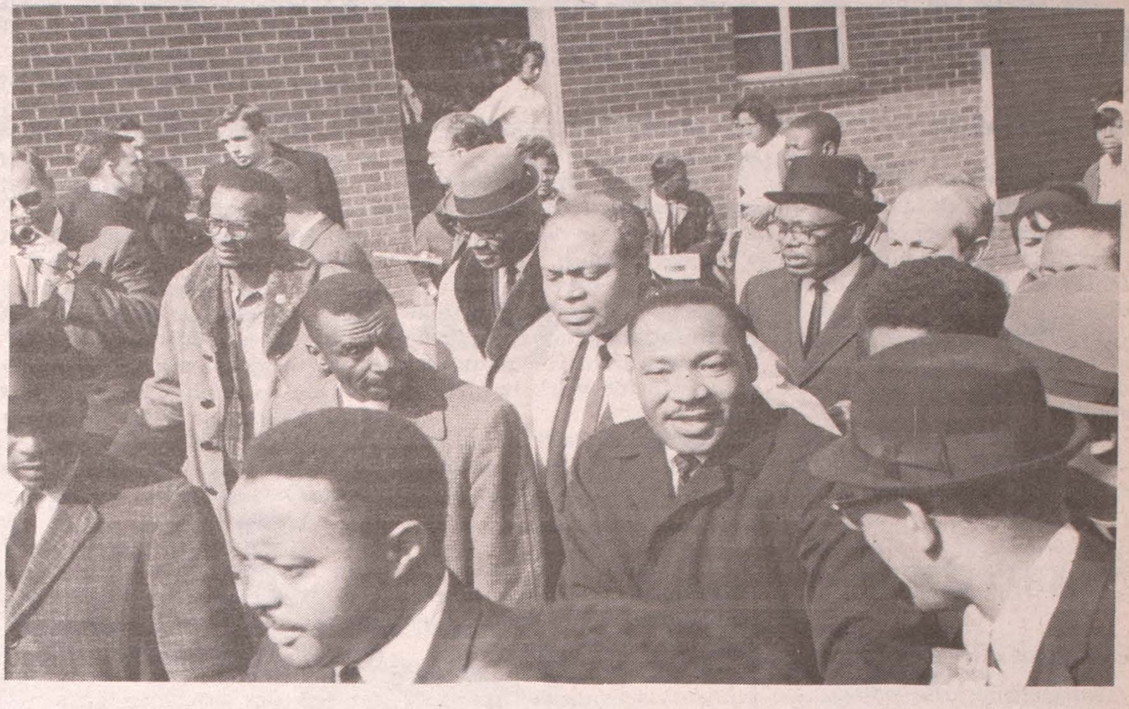
In addition, the show covers CORE's volunteer work, from forming groups during the Civil Rights Movement, to encouraging small farmers to earn more money through share-cropping, to capturing the spirit of movement activists during the 1964 Democratic Convention.

All of the works, illustrating Hollander's deep commitment to his cause, have been researched and summarized in brief historical narratives by a group of WC students. These written histories of the era will be included with the photographs as part of the exhibit.

After the exhibit has finished its run on March 4, the collection of pictures will stay on campus as part of what exhibit committee chairman and art lecturer Tex Andrews called "an important archive to the Civil Rights Movement and Afro-American culture." The photos, which belong to the Art Department, will be displayed again sometime after the exhibit's initial showing.

As part of WC's semester long tribute, lectures, exhibits and various other presentations are scheduled for students and the local community later in the spring. Reflects Williams, "It is wonderful to learn more about all this and see the major breakthroughs that were made"

Hollander's documentary photographs will be on display in Tawes Gallery of Gibson Fine Arts Center from Wednesday, February 14 until March 4. An opening reception and talk will be held early Wednesday evening at 5 PM in the Gallery.



As part of its semester-long series of events celebrating African-American history and culture, WC will present the photography exhibit "The Civil Rights Movement: Mississippi, Louisiana & Alabama, 1964-1966." There will be an opening reception for the exhibit Wednesday, February 14 at 5PM in Tawes Lobby of the Gibson Fine Arts Center, and the exhibit will be on display through March 4.
(photo by Ed Hollander)

Ensemble to perform chamber music

by Jennifer Del Nero
Staff writer

The WC Concert Series, in its 38th season, presents Bowdoin Trio, an ensemble of accomplished solo artists, Tuesday evening in Tawes Theater as the first performance of the series' spring semester.

The New York-based Bowdoin Trio, whose members include pianist Jon Klibonoff, cellist Semyon Fridman and violinist Alexander Simionescu, were award-winning soloists before organizing as a trio six years ago at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine.

Brahms, Schubert, Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Schoenberg and Shostakovich ["brought to life with terrifying vividness"– *New York Times*] are included in the ensemble's repertoire of chamber music.

Writes one *Baltimore Evening Sun* critic of the musicians, "This young chamber group has definitely go it– personality, warmth, power, ensemble, and startling maturity."

Bowdoin Trio made its New York debut at Carnegie Recital Hall in 1983 after claiming First Prize in the Concert Artists Guild International Competition.

Special recognitions among trio members include Klibonoff's silver medal at the 7th Gina Bachauer International Piano Competition and his Maurice Hinson Award at the 1988 William Kepell Piano Competition, Simionescu's silver medal at the 1987 Montreal Competition and Fridman's winning the 1987 Concert Artists Guild Competition.

Sherman Spencer, critic for *The Stockton Record*, praised Klibonoff as a "pianist of rare technique and musicianship. His runs were seamless, and every phrase he played was as finely wrought as a golden artifact by Cellini." In the review Spencer also cited Fridman's "glowing cello tone and immaculate phrasing."

Performing in such major US cities as San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia, and Baltimore, Bowdoin Trio was also invited to participate in the 1988 Library of Congress Chamber Series, premiering American composer Robert Starer's work commissioned for the ensemble by the Library.

During the summer, the trio is in residence at the Bowdoin Summer Music Festival at Bowdoin College and is available for various workshops and residencies.

The concert begins at 8 PM Tuesday, February 13 in Tawes Theater. Students and faculty are reminded that they may use the tickets issued by the Concert Series last semester for free admission.

Tickets for adults are $8 at the box office on performance night; children will be admitted free. No reservations will be taken, and early arrival is recommended.

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Newell to return in '91-'92

Westpoint leave extended

by Susie Mazzullo

Dr. David Newell, Chairman of Philosophy, who is currently on a leave of absence, will not return to Washington College as scheduled for the 1990 fall semester.

Dr. Newell has been teaching at Westpoint for the past year and was offered the position for another year.

Although his leave was originally intended for the 1989-90 spring and fall academic terms, the extension has just recently been approved.

Provost and Dean of the College Elizabeth Baer stated that this extension in no way reflects a change in policy.

"There has never been a strict formal policy on the length of leave of absences and the offer to Dr. Newell from Westpoint is a tribute to the work he's doing there."

During his leave, Newell will teach and will help in the shaping of their new curriculum.

Security

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vated by chemical fire extinguishers which had been removed from fourth floor Minta Martin and sprayed in the hallways.

When Security responded they also discovered that the Reid Hall first floor alarm had been set off.

According to Roderick, the fire extinguisher chemicals appeared to be actual smoke and a Resident Assistant therefore phoned the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Department. The firemen quickly responded, only to find that the alarm was a false one.

By approximately 3:45 AM students were allowed to reenter their dorms after waiting almost an hour in the cold.

Upon returning to their room, two residents of Reid Hall, freshmen Jane Kennedy and Rachel Kuzmeskus, discovered that virtually all of their possessions were covered with chemicals from the extinguisher. Though the two were in the room when the unidentified students sprayed it, both were asleep and in the rush to exit the building during the alarm, they did not realize that any real harm was done.

According to Kuzmeskus, so far the cost of cleanup is approximately $150 "from dry cleaning down to throwing out cotton balls...Everything in the room had to be cleaned or thrown out."

Kuzmeskus also suffered minor irritation due to the chemicals, but stressed that she was not seriously harmed. She stated, "It's a shame that a silly joke turned into an accident...."

The three students involved in the incident have been cited and are currently dealing with college officials and the Student Conduct Council. They readily agreed to pay Kennedy and Kuzmeskus for all the damages they caused.

Both students mentioned the help they received from the College. "Thank you to Security and the Health Services. Also Betty and the cleaning people were awesome."

Said Kennedy, "I want to say that Security did their job."

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the students said they would be in favor of such a charge.

The ACC will be asking for additional input, criticisms and questions from the SGA at their next meeting. Students who have questions should contact their dorm Senator.

The Academic Computing Committee would again like to thank all the students who took the time to fill out a survey. Anyone still interested in expressing their opinion should contact their dorm Senator or Ryder Daniels.

With the additional student input provided on the surveys, the ACC will be setting up workshops and demonstrations on many aspects of computing in the next several weeks on a wide variety of topics. Students should look for notices of when and where these workshops will be given or check the latest issue of Compute!.

Anyone interested in a copy of the Preliminary responses should contact Ryder Daniels through student mail or ext. 343.

Rally

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did speak by way of telephone. Another predominant group that attended the rally were high school and college students, which made the crowd one of the biggest ever.

"When I call myself a pro-lifer, I don't just mean that I am against abortion. I also mean that I support increased federal funding for medical care for low income women and I support increased state funding for adoption agencies," said Cathy Smithmyer, senior English major and Newman Club member here at Washington College.

The rally was a chance for people to voice their views to Capitol Hill through lobbying. Following the rally, many people took advantage of the opportunity to march for the "right to life." The main focus of the rally was to listen to talks given by influential and political leaders. There were talks on the "Unity on the 'Life Principles'," "The Profile Job is Still Ours," and talks on the recent Webster decision passed by the Supreme Court.

"I feel that every human being that is conceived has a right to live, and that that right should never be denied," said Smithmyer.

The Newman Club of Washington College sponsored the trip to Washington. A fairly new organization, the Newman Club is a group of Catholic students on campus whose main concern is to give Catholics a chance to practice their religion away from home.

Students Cathy Smithmyer and Karyn Iacangelo share the job of Peer Minister, a job entailing making contact with the Catholic student body as well as contact with the local Diocese.

MOM'S COOKIE JAR

For those of you who missed dinner Wednesday night, you missed a really delicious meal. Representatives from Hunt-Wesson assisted our kitchen staff in the preparation of the entire meal. Thanks to Bill and Frank for all their assistance.

One question posed at Wednesday's dinner, that I'd like to address was "What is the difference in having a dinner featuring a certain brand or brands and having a food show?" The biggest difference is that a food show features samplings of new products the WCDS and/or the food broker want to acquaint the board students with, in the hope of incorporating them into our menu cycle. The items featured at food shows are not alternatives to the served meal, that is why only small portions are served. At a meal like Wednesday evening's, all of the items were a part of the menu and were paid for by the WCDS. The items served at a food show are paid for, primarily, by the sponsoring broker.

Many items from food shows have found their way into our menus because of board students input (through surveys, the napkin board and the SGA Food Service Committee recommendations). Examples are: Abuelito Tortilla Chips, Abuelito Flour Tortillas, LaChoy Mini Egg Rolls and Pace Territorial Salsa.

Don't forget, Monday, February 12th, is the last day to order you Valentine cake for the WCDS. The cost is $9.50, plus tax. To place an order or to obtain more information call ext. 252.

Here is a handy "food for thought", Confucius would most likely have said: "He who eats breakfast stays awake in class and thereby gets better grades."

That's it for this week. Until later..MOM

February 12, 1990
(1 hr. 28 min.)

A hilarious romp over the cliches of Spanish romantic fatalism, written and directed by Pedro Almodovar, who has inherited the kinky humor and audacity of Luis Bunuel and adapted it to post-Franco Spain. The movie is a sensual and glittering celebration of women. Pepa (the great Carmen Maura) is abandoned by her boyfriend Ivan (they both do voice-overs for TV commercials; his voice is enough to make women swoon). Pepa doesn't want the lout back; she merely wants to say goodby in person, without being dominated by his crooning tones on the telephone. Magic, madness and romantic obsession come together as people of all shapes and sizes gather in her apartment. *(In Spanish with English Subtitles)*

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Student input sought on Hodson renovation

by Tracey Connell
Staff writer

Washington College students will have a valuable opportunity to voice their opinions while making a positive difference in campus life this February 21 and 27.

Both nights at 7 PM in Hynson Lounge, any interested individuals may attend the Hodson Hall Student Center Project Open Campus Meeting.

According to Clint Baer, Director of Planning and Special Projects, members of the Hodson Hall Planning Committee will attend the meetings. Architects of Brawer & Hauptman Associates, the company which will actually form final plans for the building, will be at the February 21 meeting.

Members of the Hodson Hall Planning Committee are students Steve Attias, Jen Del Nero, Suzanne Hewes, Kevin Kelly, Doug Ross and Gordy Scherer, administrator Dean Ed Maxcy (Chairperson), David Knowles, and Jeff DeMoss of the Dining Hall and staffperson Sharon Herd.

Maxcy encouraged students to approach committee members with ideas as well as to attend the meetings.

Said Baer, "I am really interested in getting student input. I hope the students will turn out for this. It's a real opportunity to voice what students want."

Dean Maureen McIntyre announced intentions to renovate Hodson at the last faculty meeting Monday, February 12. She reiterated Baer's point by saying that it will be a once in a lifetime chance to really affect a change by creating a new Student Center.

The Academic Resources Center is at the end of a long, and now lamplit, brick walk that just opened for students to walk on in lieu of the mud.
(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

Cable vs. Satellite

by Tracey Connell
Staff writer

The Washington College Executive Council of the Board of Directors is currently considering a proposal from Simmon's Cable which may bring cable hook up to all dorms on campus.

According to Gene Hessey , Senior Vice President for Management and Finance, preliminary reviews of the proposal will be conducted within the next two or three weeks.

"We also developed the alternative of the satellite," said Hessey, referring to a proposal made last year by Paul Bishop, Director of Computing, and Jay Meranchik, Audio Visual Director.

The satellite station plans resurfaced in September, 1989 in an effort to please students who wanted cable especially after it was cut off some time before with some still paying bills for a nonexistent service.

A dish would provide WC with educational stations, financial networks, international programming, teleconferences at various universities, and entertainment channels.

In September it was also proposed that students may also obtain other entertainment and educational channels from Simmons cable in addition to satellite stations.

Some problems were envisioned with this, primarily that the College would have no control over how much students would be charged. With only satellite channels, the College can negotiate with Simmons for channels requested by residents. No additional adapter box would be necessary.

According to Hessey, a meeting with students to review possibilities will occur before any final decision will be made and decisions should be made quickly.

"We certainly owe the cable company a fairly prompt response."

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Jackson to pay back college

by Tracey Connell
Staff writer

Washington College recently settled its case against alleged SGA embezzler Phil Tom Jackson, according to Gene Hessey, Senior Vice President for Management and Finance.

Jackson will pay restitution as part of his plea bargaining agreement. He will make payments to the College on a monthly basis in amounts as yet unknown, which will eventually total

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SGA allocates funds at meeting

by Kyndra Ponder

At Tuesday's SGA meeting, President Steven Attias noted that it would be the last time that this year's officers met. The next time the SGA meets, the new officers for the 1990-1991 school year will have been elected.

The meeting started with remarks by Sean Murphy. He noted that the changes to the transcript for the senior obligation have been approved and that they will go into effect for this year's seniors. He also noted that next school year, the format of the transcript will be changed and that all honors that a student receives while at WC will be noted, not just academic honors like cum laude.

Kevin Kelly then reported that two bands will be appearing here in March. The first band, a reggae group called Black Sheep, will appear in the cafeteria on March 3 as part of African Week. Admission to Black Sheep will be $2. The second group will play here on March 30. More information will be available as the dates for both events near.

Kelly went on to report that the Hodson Hall Committee has met with Dean Maxcy, Clint Baer and the architects who have designed the changes to Hodson Hall. The changes that Kelly reports that are being planned for now include putting a lounge where the Bookstore is now; combining the Coffee House and Mrs. D's into one Bar/Snack Bar and expanding the area that the C-House currently occupies and making it into a larger dance area with a terrace that will open and can be used for overflow crowds and even for a bar area when large parties are held there.

SGA Treasurer, Joe Van Name, presented the Club Funding Committee's recomendations for funding to the full SGA for approval. The committee's recomendations were all approved as follows:

Newman Club	$ 250
German Club	$ 400
Amnesty International	$ 350
French Club	$ 400
Campus Christian Fellowship	$ 150
Phi Sigma Tau (Philosophy Honor Society)	$ 900
Paychology Club	$ 200
Margaret Horsley Society	$ 400
Soapbox	$ 200
Washington College Republicans	$ 500

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EDITORIAL

This is club funding?

Perhaps, judging from the manner in which the funding meetings with clubs were conducted, next year's Student Government Association president should pay some mind to the criteria—or lack thereof—which determine how much money a club is awarded.

Certainly I can only speak of my own experience with the Club Funding Committee as a part of the Margaret Horsley Society, but there's no reason to assume that meetings with other organizations were conducted differently.

First of all, the walk from Reid to William Smith Hall took longer than the interview itself. Tracey Connell and I, having no experience with these meetings, were armed with ideas and cost estimates, neither of which the Committee seemed interested in. After outlining our plans for utilizing the funds, we were asked if we planned to advertise these events. We did.

End of interview. No questions about how we arrived at our budget estimate. No questions about how much each event would cost.

Unless I'm mistaken, the Club Funding Committee is supposed to be rather concerned about these monetary issues. Concerned enough to ask about them. How does this committee make its recommendations for club funding with anything but arbitrary means?

The Margaret Horsley Society took a one-third cut in funding this semester. I wouldn't be bitter about this if I thought that the committee had asked the right questions and researched the Society's spending records. From the accounts I received of the last SGA meeting, I know that the latter was not accomplished.

Apparently, the Club Funding Committee decided to cut the Society's budget because 1. the Society didn't advertise the planned events; 2. last semester's funds weren't used; 3. the Committee said that too few activities were planned to justify allocating the funds.

The Committee's reasoning is both flawed and untrue, because 1. advertisements—paid for by the SGA—were placed in The Elm and in campus mailboxes, and posters—also paid for by the SGA—were placed in William Smith and Hodson Hall alerting students to upcoming events; 2. the Society overspent last semester, bills which were covered by the SGA; 3. since the Committee never asked for cost estimates, nor did they research last semester's expenses, they had no idea how much money they could "justly" recommend the Society be awarded.

Unless the Club Funding Committee takes its responsibilities more seriously, the only message that comes across is that bands and beer are more important than human rights issues.

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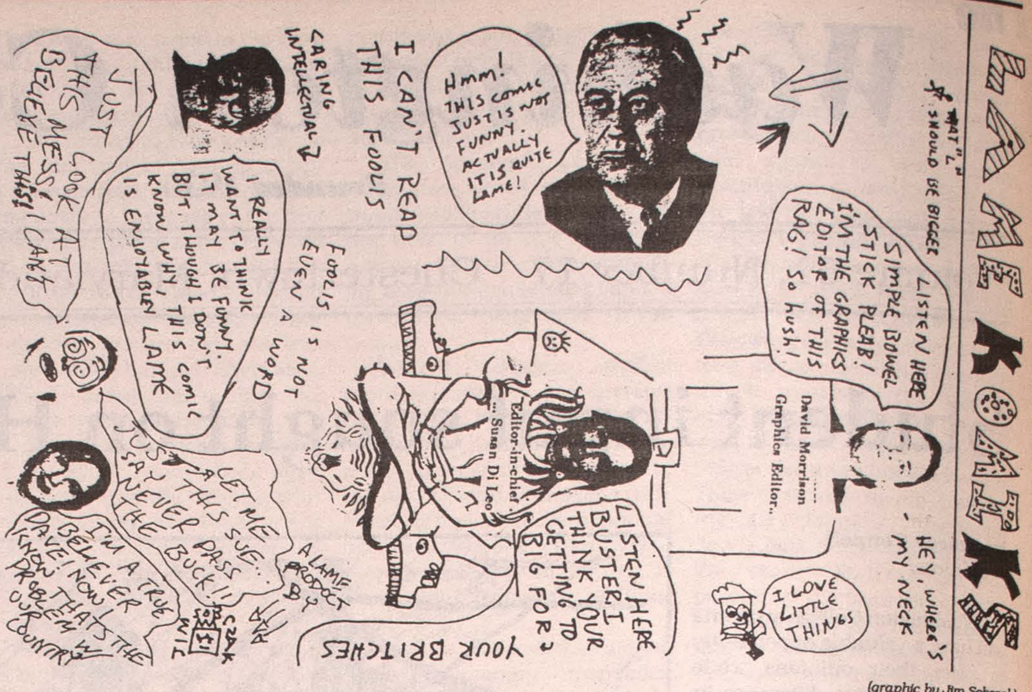
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A LAME PRODUCT BY SOBCZAK WILL

(graphic by Jim Sobczak)

Letters to the Editor

Some students need lessons in the art of civility

To the Editor:

Recently, two incidents have been shared with me, which I hope will be of concern to all of us in the college community; however, I fear that they may not. Therefore, I am taking the opportunity to share my personal concern with you through the ELM.

In order to advertise a party, one campus organization had someone of its members create posters which were placed in various residence halls and on other campus buildings. The ones I saw on the door of Hodson Hall were in questionable taste; however, the one brought to me from Minta Martin was, quite simply, offensive. To be offensive may not have been the intention of its creator; however, the poster was clearly promoting sexism, female exploitation and a level of bad taste that has no place within this community.

I received a telephone call from a member of the faculty informing me that a late night (early morning) party at a student's off campus residence had greatly disturbed the neighbors. Deciding not to call the police, one neighbor went to the front door of the property from which the offending noise emanated, and she was greeted with verbal abuse which left her devastated.

It is a sad fact that some members of the Washington College community have little comprehension of the elements of civility which allow us to live together in peace. However, it is equally sad that those who have some understanding do little or nothing to pressure these others to raise the level of civility or to keep them in check when they act out. Where are the other members of the community – the friends, the fraternity, the team, the residents of the floor? Must it always be a parent, an administrator or a policeman who tells the offenders that their abusive words or actions are unacceptable? What do the women of the campus think about the manner in which they are portrayed on such posters? Where are the responsible students whose welcome by the townspeople of Chestertown is being jeopardized by those who selfishly disturb the peace of our neighbors? You are there, I know, and some of you speak out against those who offend, but there need to be more of you. You need to be active rather than passive in establishing and maintaining the standards of civility which will allow us to live well together within our community.

Sincerely,
Edward E. Maxcy
Associate Dean of Students

Rebuttal against nonsmokers

To the Editor:

I was very upset to see two supposedly mature, educated people revert to the level of junior high school aged adolescents in last weeks attack on smokers!

While I, myself, am not a smoker, I cannot in fact, I refuse - to condemn others because they are!

I'm not saying that I enjoy walking through the hallowed halls of Bill Smith when they are smoke filled. I am very allergic to, cigarette smoke and I fully realize the discomfort that nonsmokers feel when they are exposed to too much of it.

However, I'm not upset about the letter because the two students were championing for the health of WC students. In fact, I respect them for their concern for my health!

What I cannot respect is the manner in which they presented their argument.

I presume that these students have come to college in the hopes of being educated. I realize that skills such as tact and respect cannot be taught, however, the education that they have receive would, I hope, help them to understand the fact that other people have rights. While those rights may not be ones that we agree with fully, we should still accept and respect them.

When Miss Michael and Mr. Davis attacked smokers in the manner that they did, they completely went against all of the liberating qualities which are supposedly intrinsic to education.

Perhaps it would be a good idea for the administration to designate smoking areas in buildings on campus. I know it would make a lot more students much more comfortable. But I certainly don't have all the answers!

The one answer that I do have (and it seems to work pretty well) is that politeness and respect of others will get you much further than will rudeness! Thank you and have a really nice day!

Kyndra Ponder
Junior
English

SGA Elections are Imminent!

If you're running for office, consider writing a 500-word essay explaining your campaign platform to be published in next week's Elm. Essays are due on Monday at 7 PM in the Elm office (Reid basement). At that time, your photo will be taken. Questions? Call 778-5028.

ISSUE: What issues should be of primary importance to next year's Student Government Association president?

President should set realistic goals

Colleen Moran

As the SGA presidential election draws closer, candidates for the position will soon be producing platforms full of promises, delivering speeches, and passing out campaign literature. However, the ideas expressed in the propaganda may in some cases be unrealistic, ridiculous, and irrelevant to the Washington College student. Issues that should be of primary importance to next year's SGA president are as follows:

Strengthening student unity, parking, alcohol policy, campus beautification and clean-up, and individual room phones.

Unity among the students on a college campus is very important. However, this past year more and more students moved off campus, and the scial life on campus died down to an all time low. Rumor has it that next year, all freshmen and sophomores are going to be required to live on campus. Something must be done to bring the students back on campus by choice, not just because it is a requirement. In order to do so, certain issues will have to be addressed.

A major concern of students is the alcohol policy in the Coffee House and elsewhere. It is a given that college students are going to party whether or not the policy allows them to do so. Therefore, it would be more beneficial to have a policy allows them to do so; it would be more beneficial to have a policy that reasonably restricts alcohol use, and at the same time encourages students to remain on campus rather than attend off-campus parties. Not only would this make social life at WC, more exciting, it would also lessen the chance of students driving drunk.

Another problem that must be dealt with is the inadequate parking facilities. The College permits all students, regardless of class, to have a registered vehicle on campus. It is understood that a new parking lot will soon replace where Foxwell once stood. However, it does not provide enoug parking in reasonable distance from the dorms. Maybe it is time to do as other school do, and prohibit freshmen to have vehicles?

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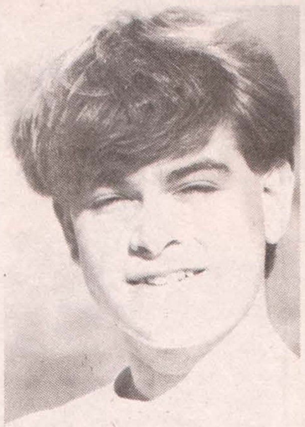
When the time comes to cast your vote, keep these issues in mind! Some of you may still have three more years to go here!

Colleen Moran is a sophomore history major who is a member of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority and the sailing team.

CAMPUS VOICES by Amy L. Undercoffler

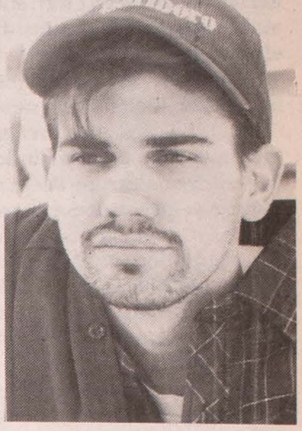


R. J. Eldridge
Chevy Chase, MD
Sophomore

Two things; first try and do something about the apathy, an empty campus is so depressing. Second, try and get this place cleaned up. Good luck!

Troy Petenbrink
Oldtown, MD
Sophomore

It always seems that the most obvious concerns of the students are the last to be addresed. It would be great to see the new president getting to reality.



Brian Simpson
Bethesda, MD
Sophomore

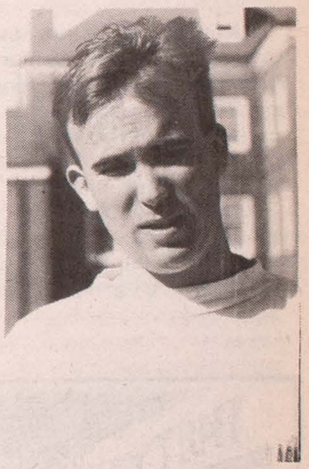
I think the new SGA President should do something about integrating more minority students and Professors into WC. Colleges need diversity—Ignorance is Homogeneous.

Carolyn Athey
Chestertown, MD
Freshman

The sneaky ticketman! Parking slots are scarce and students are becoming poor because of all the ridiculous ticketing.

Gordy Scherer
Westerville, OH
Freshman

I feel that next years SGA President will be instrumental in forming better relations and communications between and students. Especially with a new President.



Marc Brewen
Peoria, IL
Freshman

I think they should relax on the alcohol policy, especially on having to register parties on campus.

Next president should learn from Attias' example

Suzanne Hewes

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Suzanne Hewes is the Junior Class President.

PERSPECTIVES

News from around the world: California oil spill

UNITED STATES:

Daniel P. Kearney, top administrator of the agency in charge of government's Savings and Loan bailout, resigned, claiming he had not been given enough authority to carry out his duties effectively.

Congress passed the 159 billion dollar bailout program last August. It is designed to clean up the Savings and Loans industry by selling or shutting down more than 500 insolvent Savings and Loans. Congress also changed the regulation of the industry and created the Oversight Board and the Resolution Trust Corporation to oversee the bailout.

According to regulators and banking specialists, the program has many problems; including fighting between the Treasury and the agency in charge of the bailout, a lack of buyers, and a weak real estate market in the Northeast. Kearney's resignation is seen as a sign the bailout might not work.

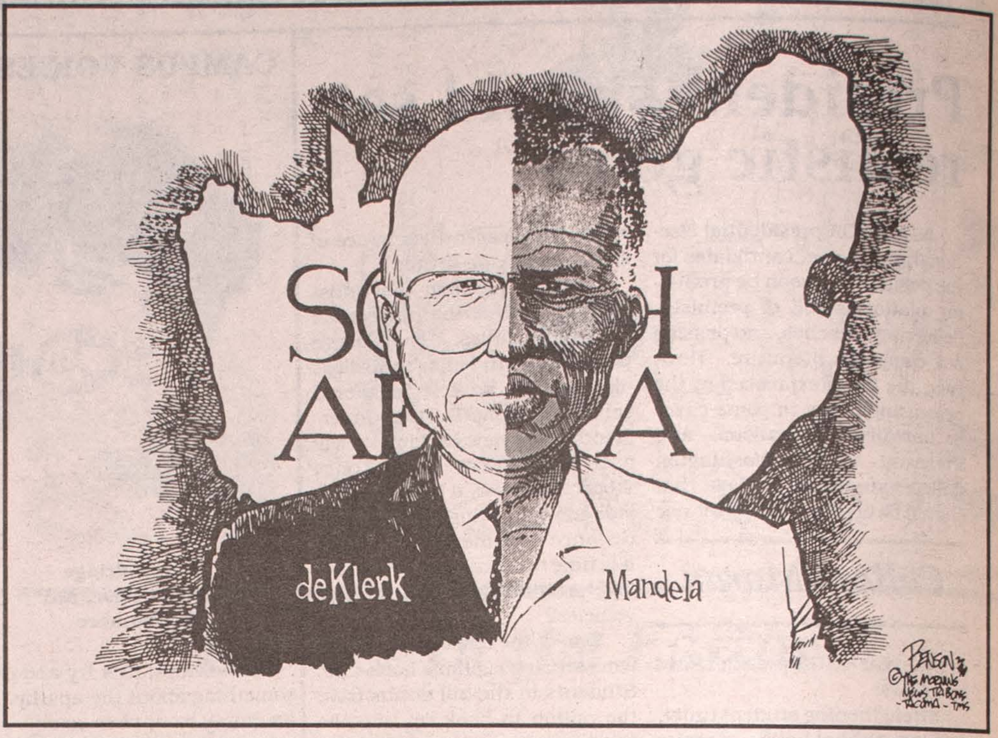
In the meantime, these Savings and Loans are still operating at estimated losses of 6 million dollars per day. Many had granted risky loans to Latin American countries.

Clean up efforts are underway in southern California. Workers picked up globs of oil on beaches using paper towels. At sea, two miles off the coast, barges emptied the ruptured tank of the damaged American Trader.

Admiral J. William Kline, the regional Coast Guard commander, said the tanker apparently struck her own anchor while maneuvering towards an offshore pipeline. An investigation into this and other possible causes of the accident is underway. So far 300,000 gallons of light Alaskan crude oil have spilled, compared to the nearly 11 million gallons of oil spilled from the Exxon Valdez.

Officials of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OHSA) have been declining many offers of help from concerned residents. OHSA is concerned about the effect benzene in the oil might have on the health of untrained volunteers.

In the trial of the captain of the Exxon Valdez, Judge Karl Johnstone decided to allow the cross-examination by the defense of two Coast Guard traffic monitors. The defense hopes to prove Coast Guard negligence by showing that one of the monitors was drinking on the job the night of the accident. The monitor, Bruce Blandford, had a blood alcohol level of .203 a few hours after the accident. That is twice the legal limit for driving in Alaska. The judge has not yet decided whether to admit the results of the breathalizer test as evidence. The other monitor was arrested for possesion of marajuana two days after the accident, but the judge refused to allow that as evidence for the defense.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Mandela
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SOVIET UNION:

A shortage of feed grain for cattle will cause a cutback in beef production within the Soviet Union. According to Vladilen V. Nikitin, chairman of the State Commission for Food and Procurement, the country has run out of grain to feed the cattle. The state has reduced feed allocations to the Republics and the country cannot afford to purchase grain from abroad. An official in Latvia reported that the grain allocation had been cut by 40%. He felt the cut was so big because the government is trying to curb Latvia's pro-independence movement.

Meat producing regions are refusing to ship to the Central Government. Instead they are hoping to prevent consumer revolts locally by hoarding food.

Food shortages are causing friction between local government officials and consumers, as resentment of the special privileges granted to party officials rises. Many local officials have resigned.

SOUTH AFRICA:

Nelson Mandela, on his first day of freedom, praised the actions of President F W de Klerk who freed Mandela unconditionally and lifted the ban of the African National Congress (ANC). Mandela also called for blacks to intensify their struggle for equality, and did not denounce the use of violence to obtain it.

Mandela was freed on Sunday. He was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1964 for sabotage and attempting to overthrow the white government. The government had offered Mandela his freedom before in exchange for renouncing the use of violence.

In Washington, President Bush praised the actions of the South African government but made it clear that US sanctions against South Africa would not be lifted yet. Included among the conditions for lifting economic sanctions are an end to the 44 month old state of emergency, and the legalization of all political parties. Sanctions were imposed on South Africa by the Reagan Administration in 1986. Included in the sanctions is a ban on imports of South African gold coins, steel, and coal.

While Mandela has indicated he would be willing to negotiate an end to apartheid with de Klerk, the ANC has announced it will not enter into any formal negotiations with the government until the state of emergency s lifted. Both sides agree it could be years before all the racial segregation laws are abolished and a new constitution incorporating blacks into the political system is written.

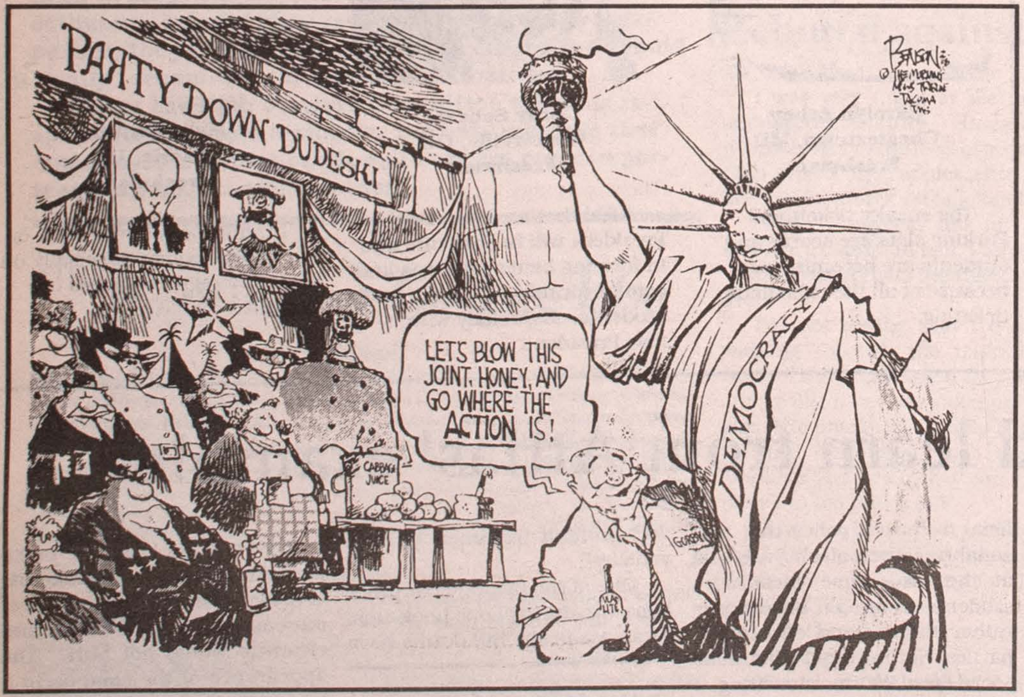
WEST GERMANY:

A major obstacle to German reunification has been removed. Following talks with West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Secretary of State James Baker, Mikhail Gorbachev agreed to drop the Soviet demand that a united Germany be neutral and demilitarized.

The Soviet Union will now attempt to protect itself and the Warsaw Pact through a series of agreements with the US, Britain, France and the Germanys. In exchange, Kohl vaguely promised economic assistance and assurance that a unified German would not be a threat to the Soviets.

Gorbachev's decision will clear the way for a united Germany to be a member of NATO.

Compiled from the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal.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Antique press in lit house still cranks it out

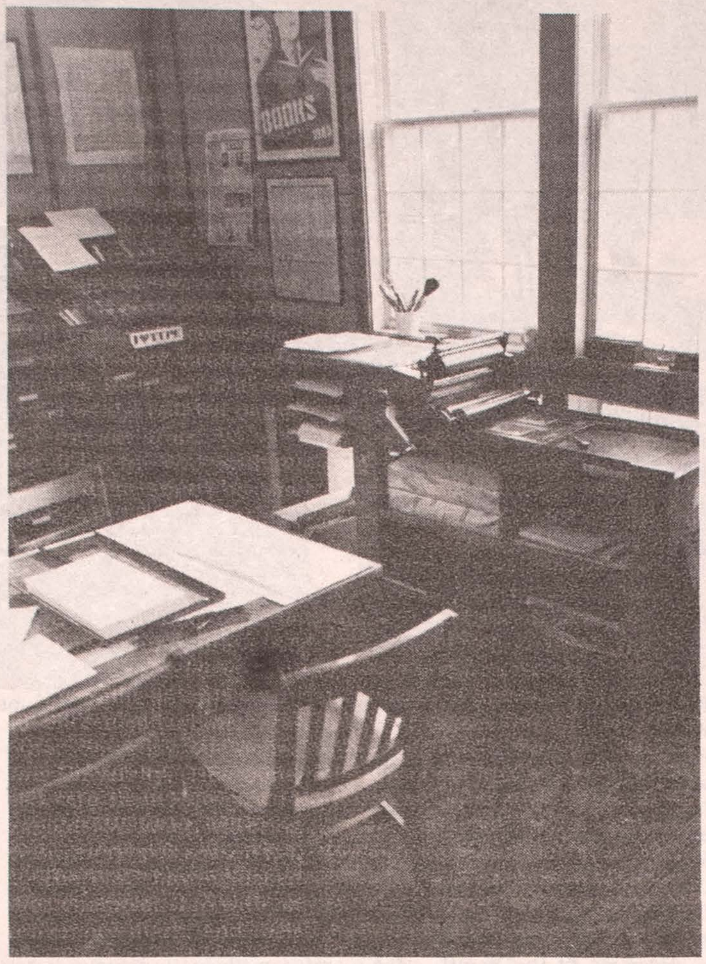
by Kathleen Fenney and Jennifer Griffin

For the past four years a small group of Washington College students have met at the O'Neill Literary House learning to use the antique letterpress, and in the process have helped to preserve the heritage of books, writing, and literature.

In 1986, the college received a donation of letterpress equipment, leading to the construction of a one-room addition at the back of the house. The architects in charge of housing the equipment were acquainted with local printer, Mike Kaylor, one of the few people in the area familiar with antique letterpress operation. Kaylor was therefore consulted in the planning of the addition. Later, Robert Day and Kathy Wagner, Director and Assistant Director of the Literary House respectively, hired Kaylor to instruct them on the use of the equipment.

The original seminar for Day and Wagner grew into the present non-credit workshop for students on Monday evenings. Approximately twelve students have taken the workshop each semester since it opened to students. Kaylor begins each semester with a discussion of the history of books and printing. Following several lecture seminars, students begin hands-on experience with the presses and type.

Then, students are able to do independent work using their newly acquired skills. They begin with simple projects, such as producing stationery for themselves and friends, but most go on to sharpen their skills and create more ambitious projects. For example, writers have printed their own works, artists have created posters for various college events, and other students have printed bookmarks and postcards. Those who spend sufficient time working on both private and house projects receive a key to the press which allows them to work freely in the press room.



This room in the O'Neill Literary House is home to an antique letterpress used by students in relearning the fading art of printing.
(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

Current students have been drawn to the workshop through different means, but all share a common interest in books. Raphael Koster has found the workshop a unique way to combine his interest in art and books, adding, "I like being able to work on my own projects and it is a challenge to work on new things." History professor Dr. Emilie Amt began attending the workshop after hearing a lecture Kaylor delivered on the history of printing, and her enjoyment of books has kept her coming back. The letterpress seminar allows Cynthia Fields-Bélanger to continue building her experience in book arts and typography which began when she was a high school student. Students this semester will work on house projects such as a chapbook of poetry by senior Erin Murphy, a literary house postcard, and a poetry postcard series.

In recent semesters, the workshop has expanded to include other aspects of book arts. Linoleum block printing, bookbinding and papermaking are techniques taught by Kaylor during Saturday seminars linked to the workshop. Also, students have recently taken field trips to Philadelphia's University of the Arts, meetings of the American Printing History Association and the site of the Rittenhouse paper mill on the outskirts of Philadelphia.

The letterpress workshop is expected to grow further with the addition of another room to provide space for recently acquired equipment. The new room will house antique and rare books collected by Mike Kaylor as well as his office.

Also, a small bookbindery will be constructed in the basement of the Literary House. These physical additions will allow Kaylor and his students to further the goals of the workshop. Future plans entail creating more projects for sale and further involvement in the production of books. The workshop has already received attention from the Folger Shakespeare Library, the Metropolitan Museum of Art and various companies which deal in fine books.

Kaylor, an native of Boston, was trained as a machinist, but returned to school to study philosophy and religion. He later spent several years as a professor of literature. Eventually, he purchased an offset printing business in Chestertown. This led to his involvement with Washington College.

Currently, Kaylor is enrolled in a University of the Arts MFA program in book arts. Kaylor says that he has been fascinated by books and printing since childhood. Through the workshop, he wishes to share with students the historical perspective and sense of critical judgment that comes from the preservation of a dying craft. Kaylor says that the history of printing is integral to the history of language and ideas, linking the present with tradition and the past.

Student Claudia Heimbach, who has participated in the workshop for three semesters, expresses a view common to many of Kaylor's students, "Mike's....ever expanding knowledge, true love for what he is doing , and eagerness to teach keep me intrigued and keep me coming back." Kaylor believes that a part of carrying on tradition is sharing his skills with others, stating that , "It is the duty of a craftsman to teach anyone who would learn".

Ethics of deer hunting on the Eastern Shore

Jennifer Grindle

I was very young the first time I saw a dead deer. The big, seven or eight point buck was strung up by his hind legs in a tree in my grandmother's backyard. I remember watching his glassy eyes stare at me, blood dripping from his protruding tongue and forming a small puddle on the ground below. It seemed as if any moment he would kick free of the rope and run into the cornfield. Yet, the sight of the stark signs of death failed to horrify my eight year old conscience. I accepted without question that this was the natural order of things.

Lately, many people have begun to argue in my Eastern Shore hometown that the annual deer season has become a blood fest perpetrated by cruel rednecks seeking revenge for crop damage. This year's harvest of over 34,000 deer was the largest in twenty-five years, and the total kill was 10,000 more than last year.

For the first time, I have begun to wonder if hunters are going too far. I had always held the opinion that the only real villains during deer season were the "weekend" hunters, suburbanites who think a trip to the backwoods on the Eastern Shore to don camouflage and get up before dawn might produce them a nice trophy to hang on their living room wall. They are the ones who hunt for the sport of it, luring a deer into their sights and killing it, only to discard the meat and save the head. While hunters I know insist that "city folk" are probably most often guilty of this, they pointed out that head hunters exist on both sides of the Chesapeake Bay.

There are many ways to look at this issue. You could argue the rightness of hunters' motives indefinitely. A particularly angry "vegetarian" contended in my local paper that hunters get an adrenaline high in killing wildlife and that hunting is an evil passed from generation to generation like prejudices and biases. That could be true, but isn't that missing the point? The ultimate concern should be the welfare of the deer, forget why a hunter hunts. Anybody's gun can kill.

The fact is that the deer on the Eastern Shore are thriving, not suffering. Human population has taken away their habitat and forced them to coexist with man, but they feed very well in farmers' fields, causing thousands of dollars in crop damage each year.

Their environment, for now at least, contains an abundance of trees and unpolluted water. Eastern Shore deer are also uniquely blessed, or perhaps cursed, with no natural predators. Mild winters have also contributed to the forty percent increase in the deer population within the last five years.

Once I was driving down a back road during hunting season and saw a deer running headlong across an empty field, fleeing from a man with a shotgun, fleeing for its life. I admired its amazing speed and grace, its beauty even as it was about to die. As it crossed a ditch the deer lost its footing and fell to the ground, its legs scrambling wildly as it tried to get up.

There was no beauty in its desperate struggle. I felt a sense of horror for the first time. The fall disrupted the hunter's aim though. In a moment, the deer was up again and it disappeared into the woods on the other side of the road, safe.

I am not a hunter. I am not an animal rights activist. I am an animal lover. And I still believe in the necessity of the annual deer season. When I think of the deer that I saw running for its life, I mostly remember its dignity. But just as there was no dignity as the animal fell and seemed sure to die, there is no dignity in a slow, agonizing death by starvation.

I am not suggesting that the ordinary hunter kills for the sake of the deer, but I do argue that the deer hunting season is the most humane way to prevent nature form thinning out an overgrown herd through starvation. Unfortunately many noble, beautiful creatures will die to prevent the decline of the herd, but death, whether we like it or not, is part of the natural order of things.

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Are steroids a problem at Washington?

by Katherine Absher
Staff writer

Anorexia nervosa has littered the headlines as one of the main diseases affecting young women in the last decade. There are many factors causing anorexia, but one of the main reasons given for its predominance in first world countries is the preoccupation of the media with the image of the perfect body. Competing with the latest cover of *Cosmopolitan*, women mentally and physically destroy themselves.

Anorexia nervosa in men, however, is rare. Yet, there is a male equivalent to anorexia. It is the use of and addiction to anabolic steroids. Anabolic steroids are synthetic variants of the strongest male hormone, testosterone. One of the primary reasons for using these drugs is to create the media's concept of the perfect body as well as increasing athletic ability. Jon Ferber, Washington College athletic trainer, says,"It is the ability to have control over your body just like anorexia. It is a way to control your weight."

And like anorexia, steroids are mentally and physically harmful. The list of side effects of steroids is never ending. The most obvious mental side effect of steroid use is increased aggression. In fact, steroids were first developed for that sole purpose. During World War II German commanders gave their troops steroids to make them more hostile toward the enemy.

Dr. Steven Horwitz, lecturing on steroids for Wellness Awareness week, commented that, "the scariest effects are, I think, the psychological effects."

As an example of mental effects from "'roids," he addressed the *60 Minutes* program about police officers who took steroids: "I would rather get caught by a police officer doing cocaine than an officer doing steroids."

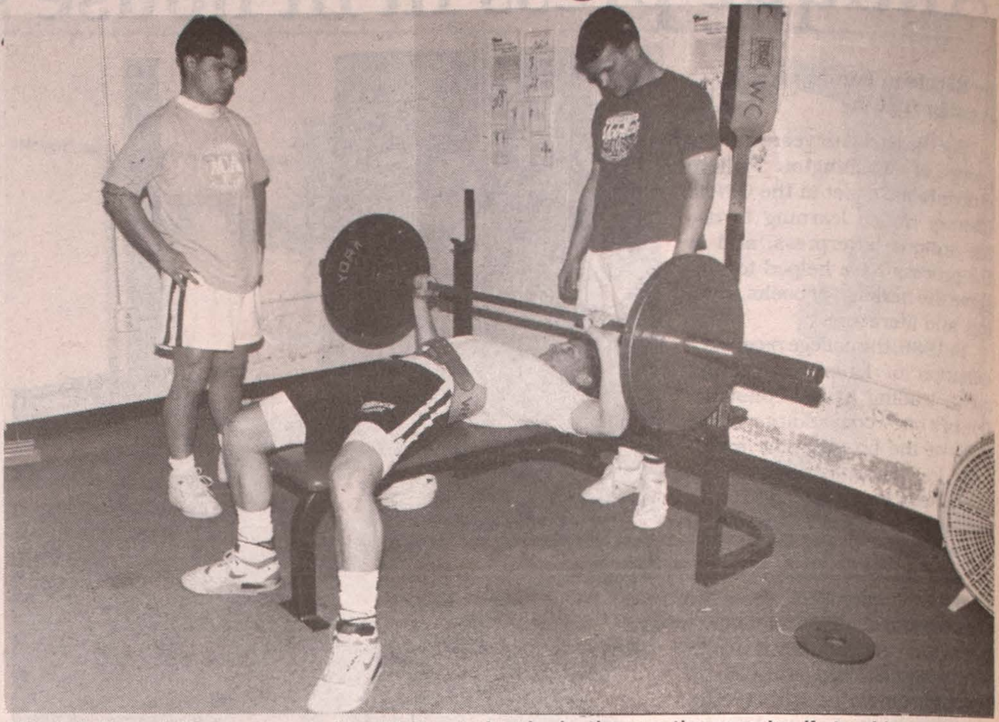
Disturbingly, many steroid addicts want to increase their aggression. Steroids stimulate competitiveness, giving users an extra edge in sports.

Anabolic steroids increase muscle mass, and they allow the steroid user to recover quickly from exercise, thereby letting him do more repetitions of weights. Furthermore, they increase the efficiency of the neuromuscular system, making it possible for the steroid user to lift heavier weights. These are all the benefits of anabolic steroids, but the long range side effects negate all the possible pluses of steroid use.

In the June 9 issue of the *Medical Tribune*, US Olympic Committee sports medicine and science director Dr. Robert Voy described steroid use as "a very complicated attack on a normal hormonal balance...When we take in a lot of hormone from the outside, the body becomes confused. It turns off its own system, so a lot of peculiar side effects occur...There have been instances of liver malfunction, because the liver is responsible for detoxifying those particular drugs."

Other side effects of steroids are acne, growth of breasts, prostate cancer, and sterility in men. "In females irreversible masculine traits can develop along with menstrual irregularities...Some side effects may not show up for years, such as heart attacks and strokes, and some might not even be recognized as side effects, such as failure to achieve full height potential because of arrested bone development during adolescence," according to an National Collegiate Athletic Association poster.

In addition, as the steroid user increases in size, the strength of his tendons and ligaments stays the same. This disproportion may result in long lasting injuries. The NCAA has recorded seventy side effects from steroid use, but further information on side effects is lacking, since there is no ethical way to test the side effects on human beings, and the long term effects are hard to determine because of other factors that may have caused those same medical problems.



Although the weight room is popular with the student body, the question remains if steroids are widely used. *(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)*

Because of the health risks linked with steroids, the NCAA is cracking down on steroid abuse in college athletics. They are now randomly testing in Division Three championship games "twenty minutes after the game is over so you can't cycle off," explains Ferber.

Therefore, Division three schools like Washington College who have never been subjected to drug testing are now being exposed to it. But does the athletic department need to worry? Are there steroids on this campus?

Geoffrey Miller, Director of Athletics, responds, "I don't think we have a problem. The fact that we don't have a football team minimizes the problem."

Ferber backs up this statement: "I don't think we have a problem here. We have more fitness and endurance athletes than weight and strength ones...I haven't seen those secondary characteristics: the oily skin, the acne, the aggression."

The most aggressive, strength sport WC has is lacrosse. Is there steroid use in lacrosse? Coach Terry Corcoran says no: "If you said steroids to the athletes here, they would laugh. It's another world...I don't think there is any steroid use in lacrosse, even on the whole national level. Strength conditioning in lacrosse is relatively new. Weight lifting hasn't been pushed in lacrosse. A lot of kids are not into strength conditioning until they get here."

Crew coach Mickey Dulin, however, did have a rower several years ago on anabolic steroids: "He got a little obsessed with weight lifting and began taking steroids. [He suffered from] cramps, severe mood swings, was very short tempered, very erratic." Dulin suspected that the crew team member was on steroids, but "I didn't confirm it until much later." This, however, was Dulin's only direct contact with steroid use on his team.

Although rampant nationwide, steroids are so far not prevalent on this campus. Physical size is not a major factor in athletics here, and the temptation of doing whatever it takes to make it to the pros is not there. Yet once an athlete has taken steroids, he usually becomes psychologically addicted to them. Therefore, the NCAA and the Athletic Department are educating the student body on the effects of steroids so its use will never become a problem at WC.

Indicators of Steroid Use

- Growth in breast in males.
- Large gains in lean mass over a short period of time.
- Increased time in the gym.
- Increased acne on back, chest and face.
- Abnormally aggressive behavior or moodiness.
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- Needle marks in the thighs or buttocks.
- Increased body consciousness.
- Increased discussion about a need to gain weight or strength.
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SPORTS

Swimming streak stopped at ten

by Greg Coss

The Washington College Shorewomen put their 10-0 mark on the line in a tri-meet at Ursinus last Saturday. Despite suffering their first defeat of this season, the women should have been very pleased with their performance. Several team and personal records were shattered in the Shorewomen's 51-44 defeat at the hands of Ursinus and their 60-35 loss to Franklin & Marshall. It was easily the most difficult challenge of Washington College's season. Franklin & Marshall was ranked as high as 14th in Division III polls. Ursinus was swimming in their home pool, and they had more strength at the top of their lineup.

WC didn't lose from lack of effort, however, as everyone seemed to be in top form. Kasey Carroll posted season-best times in the 1650 and 500 freestyles as well as the 200 butterfly. Vicky Vahos swam her best time of the year in the 100 backstroke. Brigid Ferris notched her best performances in the 200 freestyle and backstroke events, and Leslie Newcombe competed in the 1000 freestyle for the first time this season.

The Shorewomen's best event of the tri-meet was the 200 breaststroke, where Amy Capone and Leslie Newcombe finished 1-2. Coach Kim Lessard was very impressed with Newcombe's performance in the 1000 freestyle, saying she performed "exceptionally well". Captain Vicky Carroll, Karen Brady and Eliza Cohen were key role players in the WC relay performances. Samantha Streamer pulled off a major feat, posting the team record in the 100 freestyle event. This put Streamer in a position to earn a high seeding in the event when the MAC's roll around later this month at Franklin & Marshall.

The undefeated mark WC brought into the Ursinus tri-meet was made possible by victories over York and Lebanon Valley 118-85 on February 3. In the Lebanon Valley meet, Karen Brady won the 200 individual relay and Brigid Ferris took the 100 butterfly. Samantha Streamer took the 200 and 400 freestyle events, and Deeann Pinczok posted her first collegiate triumph. Pinczok captured the 200 breaststroke with Joan Colton also performing well. Amy Capone finished second in the 50 freestyle to a swimmer who will be seeded in the top six in that event at the MAC's. Washington College was 10-0 and flying high going into the tri-meet, where they performed extremely well and concluded the best season in Shorewomen swimming history.

Coach Dennis Berry mentioned he was "tickled with this season" and was very proud of this strong team. Still, according to Berry, the regular season was not as difficult as the MAC's will be for the swimmers. "We're through phase one, now it's on to the next phase," Berry said. "We will condense three dual meets into three days. It will take another level of concentration from our girls." After their meet against Western Maryland, the team will start preparing for the MAC's that begin next week. The Western Maryland meet should result in a Shorewomen victory, ending their season at 11-2. With the arrival of the MAC's, Washington College swimming will be ready to prove that their 11-2 record-breaking season was no fluke.

Are these people left over from Hands Across America? No, it's the women's lacrosse team getting ready for their season opener in early March.

(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

Dr. Jock and the Tale of the Killer Avalanche

If you're a back-country skier – downhill or cross country – or a winter wilderness hiker or snowshoe enthusiast, then you better stop a moment and consider the White Death.

That's what Killer Avalanches will do to you if you're not careful, and sometimes, even if you are careful. Avalanches are fast and are deadly. You can't outrun them and you cannot stand up to them. Avalanches have been clocked at speeds of 50-170 miles an hour, or more. The forces generated by a running avalanche are enough to take your breath away. Permanently. The impact pressure ranges between five and fifty tons per square meter. To bring that home, an impact of just three tons per square meter will totally demolish a wood frame building.

As deep powder areas have opened up more and more to thrill-seeking enthusiasts, the number of people killed by avalanches has climbed steadily. Your chances of being swept up are still pretty slim (especially if you never ski out of bounds or back country), but the more you know, the better your chances of survival. For instance:

Survival rates are grim. It isn't pretty but it's true and you might as well know it: For victims of avalanches buried 30 minutes, the survival rate is only 50 percent. Burial for 3 hours reduces the chances to 10 percent or less. Victims buried in unfavorable positions – head down, with snow packed around face, mouth and nose – can't survive more than 15 minutes.

Read the slope. Avalanches occur most frequently on slopes between 30 and 45 degrees. Avoid north-facing slopes in the winter and south-facing slopes in the spring. Leeward slopes are more dangerous than windward slopes because snow on the lee sides has been deep-seated by wind, making snow depths greater and less stable. Rocks, trees and large bushes help anchor snow on slopes. Open slopes where the skiing is easier will be less stable.

Read the weather. About 80 percent to 90 percent of all avalanches occur just before, during or soon after major winter storms occur. Snowfalls of an inch or more per hour increase danger of an avalanche dramatically. Sustained winds of fifteen miles an hour or more can increase avalanche danger even during clear weather.

Select routes with care. The smartest way to ski the back country is with someone who knows the area and knows the dangers of avalanches. If you're ignorant of both, stick to the groomed slopes. If you go, pick routes that allow you to ski on the windward side of ridges or across valleys well out from dangerous slopes. Avoid open slopes (though they look most seductive)! The reason they have no trees or shrubs is very likely because prior slides have cleared the area. If you're out skiing and sense danger, listen to that feeling. Stop and observe.

One at a time. If you must cross an open slope, do so only one skier at a time. Watch the one crossing carefully. If a slide buries him, you'll know where to look.

If you're caught, swim for your life. If you're unlucky enough to get caught up in an avalanche, discard all equipment – poles, packs, etc. – and swim for your life, keeping your arms and legs in constant motion. The idea is to keep your body as close to the surface as possible. If there's a tree nearby, grab it and hold on for dear life. The tree probably will stand the assault, and if you do, you have a chance to work your way up the tree, through the snow. Once you feel yourself stopping, get one hand in front of your face to create an air pocket. Try and stick your other hand up. If you're lucky it'll stick out of the snow and you can signal your rescuers.

Stay calm once you've stopped. Take a few breaths and try to calm yourself. Look for signs that you might be near the surface. Trying to scream and flailing about will waste energy and oxygen. Wait until you hear the rescue party, and then begin to yell.

Wear a beeper. Don't go out without wearing an avalanche beeper – a device that emits a signal that can be picked up on a universal frequency by a rescue squad. It could cost $150 or more but it very well could save your life.

Help others right away. If your ski buddy is swept under, you must help. If you go for help, chances are slim your friend will be alive when you return. Start from the last point you saw your friend and search down the slope. Look for discarded equipment and clothing. The victim will be under it or below that point. Search around objects like trees or rocks that can stop a body. If there are no clues, look in the tail of the avalanche. That's where most victims are found. It's grim work, but someone has to do it.

Remember: Back-country skiing is thrilling but it can be dangerous. Go with a qualified guide, in a group. The more you know about avalanches and how to avoid them, the better your chance of survival.

Correction by writer

I recently wrote an article on the women's swim team, and in it I made a reference to the cancelled meet against York. In it I quoted Amy Capone as saying "I didn't feel like going that far for a meet anyway." She did not say this; I misunderstood what she said. Amy simply said that this cancelled meet could be beneficial for resting purposes, and for the error I am deeply sorry.

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SPORTS

Shoremen capture MAC championship

by Matt Giller

Last weekend, the Shoremen sent out a message to the rest of the MAC and certainly loud enough for those dips in Lancaster, PA to hear - "we're for real."

You mean you haven't heard? What have you been doing - hiding under a rock, dog-sledding in the International Trans-Antarctica Expedition, hangin' out in the coffee house? Did you think the multitude of automobiles in the parking lot last Saturday night were there because of the lecture series's "Frieden, Steinem - babes: a discussion"? No, it was the WAC nailing themselves into first place of the MAC and sealing their second straight NCAA tournament appearence, as well as stretch their conference record to 8 wins without a defeat.

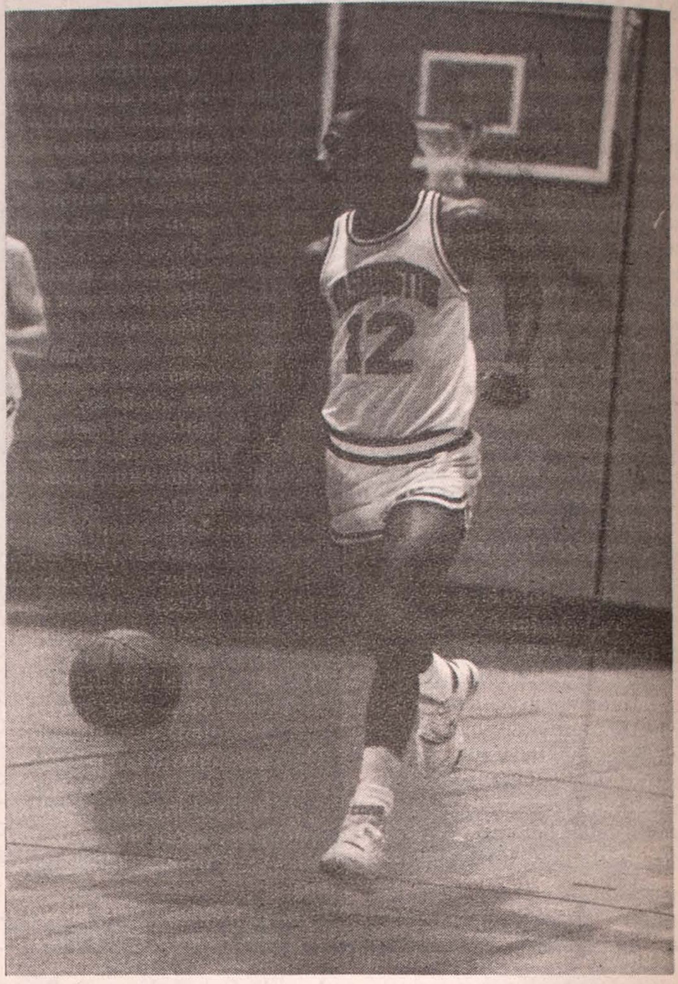
Last Saturday night the Shoremen clinched first place with a 90-88 victory over Ursinus. This victory followed an 87-63 thrashing of the hapless Haverford netters. After losing to the Shoremen earlier this season Haverford entered the Cain Gymnasium last Wednesday night hoping to stage a roundball version of "Revenge of the Nerds". Before the Ogre could bellow "Nerds!", the Shoremen had the game well in hand and took a commanding 54-33 halftime lead. Chris Jamke led all scorers with 18 points and 12 rebounds. Chris Brandt and Tim Keehan followed with 15 and 14 points respectively. Charles "Tank" Duckett matched Keehan's 14 points and added a team-high 5 assists. The bench, which has improved tremendously and has peaked at the right time of the year, added 22 points to seal the victory.

Last Saturday night's game was important to a few people for several different reasons. For one it was a chance to sweep the season from the school that had snatched 3 from the Shoremen last year. In addition, a win for the WAC would also clinch first place in the MAC conference. Furthermore, sentimentally speaking, the game against Ursinus meant the last regular season home game for the highly touted class of '91. Fired up for the occasion, Chris "Bull" Jamke played the first half like a, uh, bull possessed. The senior center scored 17 of his points in the opening 20 minutes to keep the game close. The WAC was still trailing 41-39 going into the locker room.

The Ursinus Bears came out into the second half and shot out to a 10 point lead. Coach Finnegan regrouped his team, who retaliated with 9 straight points. For the next 5 minutes it was neck and neck, until the Shoremen stretched the lead to 12 aided by 7 3-point bombs. Inspired senior C.J. Johnson, bomb squad leader, had 3 tres in his 15 points. This was matched by Keehan's three bombs(18 points) and Tank Duckett's 2(11 points, 7 assists). But the Bears came back via the 3-point stripe as well, slicing into the Shoremen's lead. Still, clutch free throws at the end of the game enabled the WAC to keep the Bears at arm's length. Ursinus, however, kept it close and had possession of the ball with under 10 seconds left and down by only two points. Fortunately, their last ditch effort failed as the ball fell off the rim into friendly arms.

Brandt led the WAC with 22 points and dished out 7 assists. Jamke ended the game with 19 points and 12 rebounds and freshman Peter Basel added 5 points from the bench. The team shot a scorching 62% from the field in the second half to push them over the top and keep their 11 game winning streak alive.

The Shoremen end their season this Saturday at Johns Hopkins University. This game, coupled with their February 14 game against Widener, will bring the team's storybook season to a close. The WAC have clinched the MAC championship with an 8-0 conference mark, and their regular season record stands at 19-3. The team should return home on Thursday, February 22 for an important MAC playoff game.



Charles "Tank" Duckett brings the ball upcourt in a recent WC victory over Ursinus. *(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)*

Read and Gewer give strong showing in Rolex

by Brett Lankford
Staff writer

The Washington College tennis duo of Scott Read and Larry Gewer returned from the Rolex National Indoor Small College Tennis Championships this weekend with a fifth place finish under their belt. The tournament, held on February 6 and 7, is possibly the top national competition for small college tennis programs. This was the second year the tandem of Read and Gewer had advanced to the Rolex tournament, and this year the duo produced their first win in this prestigious event.

Read and Gewer were one of eight doubles teams in the competition. The field was made up of the best doubles teams from Division II, Division III and junior college programs. The WC duo had qualified for the tournament in the fall, and this was their first match of the spring semester.

Their first match came against the top seed in the doubles tournament and the #1 duo in the junior college rankings. Read and Gewer were playing a doubles team from Midland Junior College. Midland captured the first set 6-3, but Read and Gewer bounced back to take the next set 6-3 and even the match at one set apiece. The WC duo was down 2-1 in the third set, but the partners from Midland managed to break Gewer's serve. Midland went on to take the third set 6-2 and win the match.

Despite the loss, coach Fred Wyman was very pleased with the duo's performance. "I was really proud of the guys. I thought they did a great job, not only in the first match, but throughout the tournament."

Read and Gewer played their next match against Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. The duo playing from ABAC were originally from New Zealand, and they were the #3 ranked doubles team in junior college. They were alsoJuCoall-Americans, and they played well in their match against WC. The match was very close, with Read and Gewer winning 7-5,7-5. "This was a really satisfying victory," Wyman said. "The win will add credibility to the school and our program."

WC then moved on to their third match of the tournament, playing a tandem from Southwestern Baptist. The duo finished last year ranked #14 in the country in the Division II rankings. WC went up a break in the first set, but Southwestern Baptist roared back to take four straight games. Read and Gewer then won two straight games to pull within 5-4, but then dropped the next game and the first set by a score of 6-4. Southwestern Baptist then captured the second set by the same score, and WC returned home with a 1-2 record and a fifth place finish.

Fred Wyman was still extremely pleased with the showing of Gewer and Read. "It was a nice experience, as usual," Wyman commented. "The people involved in the tournament were as nice as can be." He was especially satisfied with the banquet, where coach Allan Fox of Pepperdine was the speaker. "I was really glad to get a chance to hear him," the WC coach said.

The men's tennis team continued their tournament play last weekend in the Lee Short Memorial Tournament. WC made a very strong showing in this open tournament. Larry Gewer lost in the finals to the #1 seed from the University of Richmond. The match lasted three sets before Gewer bowed 2-6, 6-2, 6-4. Peter Maller lost in the quarterfinals to the eventual tournament champion, and Allon Rock played very well in his matches.

This weekend Scott Read and Scott Shepherd head north to play in the Trenton State Invitational Tournament. WC has a history of strong showings in this tournament. Two years ago Gewer beat Read in the finals, and last year Andy Bohutinsky was consolation champion. This year Read is the top seed in the tournament, and he should also combine with Shepherd for a strong showing in doubles. Shepherd will also compete for the singles championship.

Wyman is very happy with the way the fall season and this semester's tournaments have progressed. Their schedule is busy, and their spring trip begins in less than a month. The WC coach feels that Gewer and Read's showing in the Rolex tournament is a good indication of the team's chances for a successful spring semester. "We played great competition in the Rolex, and all three matches were tight," Wyman said. "Scott and Larry played a great tournament and represented the school very well."

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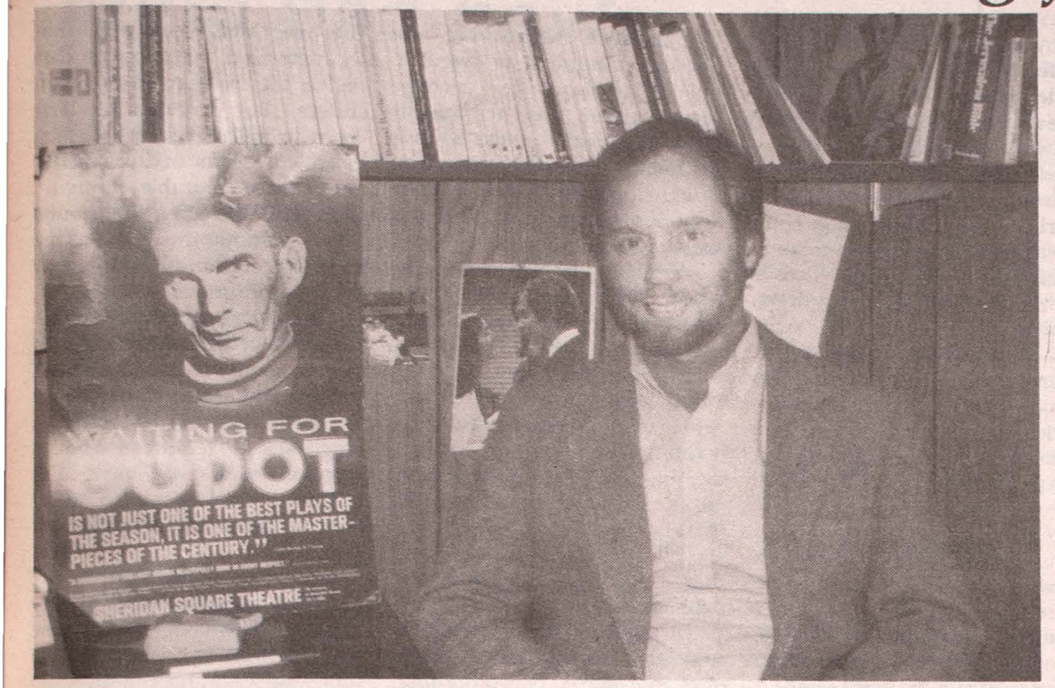
Cousineau warns of pitfalls in interpretting Samuel Beckett's *Waiting for Godot*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IS NOT JUST ONE OF THE BEST PLAYS OF THE SEASON, IT IS ONE OF THE MASTERPIECES OF THE CENTURY."
SHERIDAN SQUARE THEATRE

WC Associate Professor of English Thomas Cousineau recently published a critical analysis of Beckett's famous play, *Waiting for Godot*. Cousineau spent two years completing research in Paris.
photo courtesy of public relations

by Claire Capuzzi

Sometime during the first American production of Waiting for Godot, director Alan Schneider turned to author Samuel Beckett with the query that has stumped scholars and critics since the work's publication. "Who or what does Godot mean?" In response to this burning question, Beckett replied simply, "If I knew, I would have said so in the play."

So much for critical analysis, or so it would seem. Like his work, Beckett's comment has a air of mystery about it—a kind of intellectual Rubik's Cube for the literary minded.

In his recent publication Waiting for Godot: Form in Movement (A Reader Companion to the Play) from which the above anecdote is taken, WC Associate Professor of English Thomas Cousineau guides the reader away from the idea that Godot is a problem that must be solved. Instead he offers the reader a non-restrictive and highly accessible analysis of Beckett's play, stressing the relationship between the text and the action that takes place on stage.

Through his discussion of critical reception of Godot, Cousineau points out that the pitfalls of interpretation lie in believing that the play conveniently serves as an allegory for the critic's own system of beliefs. Too often, the end result of such interpretations is either facile or hopelessly complicated, and in most cases, fails to encompass the wholeness of the work. Cousineau avoids projecting meaning on to the text that doesn't belong there—he urges the reader to understand that Godot resists interpretation as strongly as the drama invites it.

In his own analysis of the play, Cousineau begins by examining Beckett's motivations for writing. He describes the author's fascination with Descartes and suggests that Beckett's work reflects an extension of that philosopher's theories—namely, that even thought becomes an uncertain foundation for existence in Godot. Other Western traditions of logic are also discarded, among them, the distinction between truth and falsehood, the law of causality, the demoting of language and the upgrading of physical action, as well as the role of family and friendship. Cousineau discusses all these at length, implicating that their loss clears the way for a new evaluation of the human condition. While Beckett takes away our intellectual foundations, by doing so he liberates us from the confines of a certain way of thinking. In his introduction to the play, Cousineau writes, ". . . we intuitively recognize that the beliefs and foundations undermined by Godot exact a heavy price in terms of instinctual renunciation for the stability that they provide; they are more a burden than a foundation."

Cousineau's sensitivity to the work is made clear by his carefully structured approach to analyzing the play. His discussions of the role of language versus the action that takes place on stage are particularly interesting. He emphasizes that action in Godot is not subordinate to the text, as in more traditional forms of theater, but a language entirely its own—a more prominent vehicle of expression than the text itself.

The final chapters of the book deal with the issues of Metaphor and Metonymy, and Repetition and Difference, two structural devices whose explanation reveals the reason behind the circular logic and often frustrating dialogue in Godot.

Cousineau never fails to bring out the humor in the play—humor that may have escaped first-time readers. Most importantly, he encourages the reader to evaluate Godot as he does—carefully and thoroughly, without forgetting the beauty and permanence of the whole work.

Campus events

Friday, February 16

The French film *Chocolat*, directed by Claire Denis, will be presented by the Film Series at 7:30 PM in the Norman James Theater. Also showing Sunday, February 18 and Monday, February 19. Admission is $1 for students and faculty, $2 for all others.

Saturday, February 17

George Washington's Birthday Convocation will be held in Tawes Theater at 2 PM. The keynote speaker is John Hope Frankin, Professor of History Emeritus at Duke University, and honored guests include W. James Price and Charles B. Clarke.

Continuing the celebration of Washington's birthday is the Birthday Ball, featuring the Big Band sound of the Serenaders, to be held in Cain Gymnasium at 9 PM. The black tie affair will cost $40 per couple at the door.

Tuesday, February 20

The Lecture Series and the committee on African- American Culture presents "The African-American Presence in the Nation's Capitol from Past to Present," a talk by Edward Smith, assistant professor of education at American University, 7:30 PM in the Norman James Theater.

In celebration of African-American culture, the film *Eyes on the Prize*, a PBS television series on the Civil Rights Movement, Parts I & II, will be presented in the Lit House at 7 PM.

Thursday, February 22

"Free Blacks in Kent County," a talk by Dr. Davy McCall, WC Department of Economics Chairman, and Wade Catts, a graduate student in anthropology at the University of Delaware, will be held in the Norman James Theater at 7:30 PM.

Candidates for executive SGA offices will present speeches at 8 PM in the Coffee House.

Spring birthday convocation

Historian Franklin addresses WC campus

by Jennifer Del Nero
Staff Writer

As part of the celebration of George Washington's birthday, historian and educator Dr. John Hope Franklin will be the keynote speaker at the Birthday Convocation, scheduled for tomorrow afternoon in Tawes Theater.

Franklin, Professor Emeritus of History and Professor of Legal History in the Law School at Duke University, has authored over nine books, of which *From Slavery to Freedom: A History of Negro Americans* is probably best known.

An Oklahoma native, Franklin has taught at Fisk University, North Carolina Central University and Howard University, while also serving as History Department Chairman for both Brooklyn College and the University of Chicago.

Race and History: Selected Essays, 1938-1988 is this historian's most recent book, a collection of essays spanning a five decade teaching and writing career. Franklin's current research focuses on " Dissidents on the Plantation: Runaway Slaves."

Not only has Franklin served as a writer, but he has been active in such groups as the American Studies Association , the Southern Historical Association and the American Historical Association.

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Female neo-folk generation on the rise

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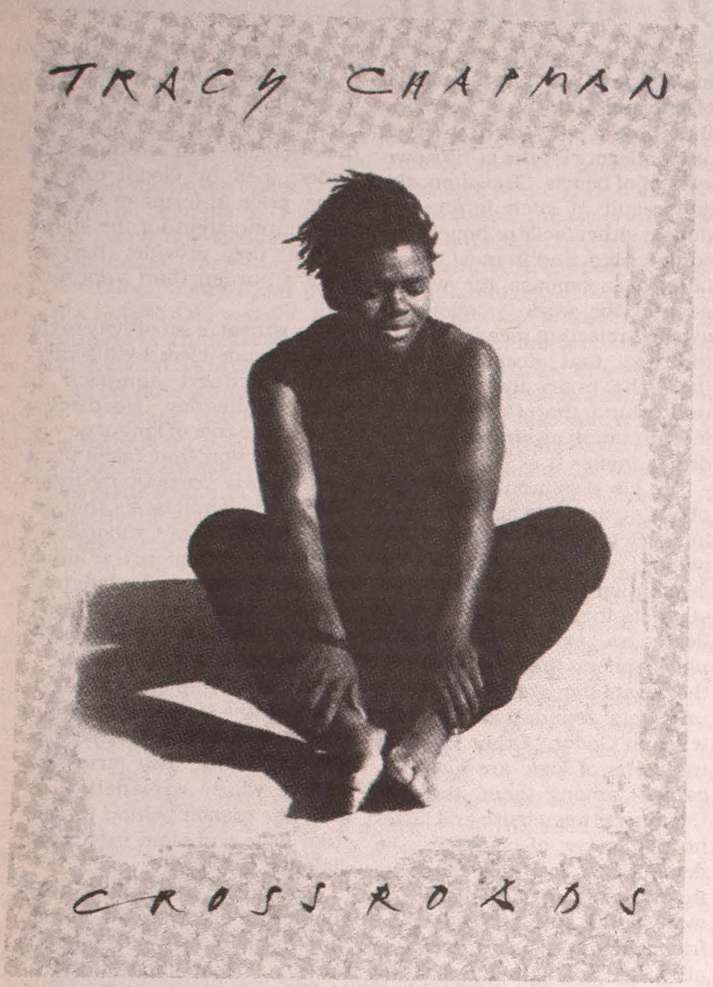

Let's talk about neo-folk... Let's talk about women singer-songwriters... Doesn't it seem that every time you turn around a new one has popped up?

The floodgates were opened by Suzanne Vega's self-titled album a few years back, and since then several so-called "neo-folk" women artists have appeared, with Tracy Chapman, the most successful, among them. While not all neo-folk singers are actually from the folk tradition, they are being lumped together in what can be called a renaissance of the folk mentality.

The artists and their music do vary: Vega considers herself to have risen from the punk tradition, specifically Lou Reed while Natalie Merchant's lyrics for 10,000 Maniacs sometimes read like beat poetry, not like Peter, Paul and Mary, and Edie Brickell doesn't even sound like a folk singer at all.

But for every musical crossbreed, we get an Indigo Girls or a Chapman, singing her socially relevant tunes accompanied by her guitar. All these performers, and others as disparate as Michelle Shocked, Melissa Etheridge and Tanita Tikaram, seem to convey a feel of folk music, if not the actual substance. Some call it "neo-folk," others call it the women singer/songwriters' revenge. Whatever it is, everyone agrees that it is good.

So, what is going on, then? All these women are writing lyrics like "shooting up junk in the bathroom/ making it with punks on the floor/ ... you got a lot of living to do without life..." (Brickell) or "Here in Subcity life is hard/ We can't receive any government relief/ I'd like to give Mr. President my honest regards/ ... for disregarding me..." (Chapman). While bluntness is perhaps ruining some of the appeal that characterized the complex, poetic lyrics of Paul Simon and Bob Dylan, the social relevance is pervasive.

And the music is not all mournful guitar tunes. On the self-titled album *Indigo Girls*, Emily Saliers and Amy Ray recruited Paulinho DaCosta for percussion and Michael Stipe for vocals. Chapman has DaCosta and Neil Young's guitar and piano on her latest, and The New Bohemians, a fairly high-tech band, back up Brickell's lyrics with their own music. The music of the neo-folk women is active, engaging, frequently memorable and often haunting.

Two albums that have recently appeared on the market demonstrate the musical range found among these performers. Tracy Chapman's follow-up to her smash hit debut is entitled *Crossroads*; and the Indigo Girls have re-released their 1987 album *Strange Fire* in the wake of the success of the single "Closer to Fine" from Indigo Girls, perhaps hoping to remove their earlier work from its obscurity.

Strange Fire is not what one would expect as a follow-up to last year's album. For one thing, it's entirely acoustic. Gone is the electric twelve-string guitar, gone are the piano and the drums. Six-string guitars and a flute or two, and th-th-that's all, folks. Once you adjust to the different sound of the music, however, there is much to reward you.

For one thing, although the lyrics are clearly an earlier stage of development for Saliers and Ray, many of them are still as effective and poetic as on the later album. Ray is characterized by a more obscure, literary style, while Saliers is more direct and often more touching; on *Strange Fire* Saliers manages to write one of the best songs I have heard about a person's relationship with God, and she does so without sounding preachy or sentimental.

The track "Hey Jesus" is structured in three parts, each one from a different day as Saliers tries to ask Jesus for a favor, discovers that religion doesn't work that way and eventually recognizes that fact but chooses to abandon faith. The song is made even more interesting by the fact that both Ray and Saliers are obviously deeply religious; biblical (and literary) allusions pepper the lyrics of most of their songs. Thus the song seems inconclusive, leaving the individual listener to decide the fate of the issue.

The title track shows where the harmonies of later songs came from, and some songs, like "Crazy Game," are evidence that they enjoy experimenting with different musical styles. An acoustic version of "Land of Canaan" ends the album, and again, it is interesting to compare the treatment of the song at different times. The electric version is more energetic, although the elimination of the harmonica is probably a bad idea. The vocals are rougher, the harmonies not as clean.

In fact, the same holds true for most of the songs on the album— there are many that would have benefited from the more modern touches that run throughout Indigo Girls— at the very least, some variety of instrumentation would have been nice.

Wide appeal is one of the keys to the neo-folk movement, and in 1987 Saliers and Ray had not yet discovered that. In spite of the typical deficiencies of a first album, the promise is also there, and this album is worth buying for anyone who enjoys acoustic guitar music.

Tracy Chapman's new release is entitled *Crossroads*, and indeed the artist herself is at a crossroads of sorts; she has to follow up her enormously successful debut while maintaining her ideals.

Chapman chose to forego a tour in spite of her success in order to travel with Youssou N'Dour, Sting, Peter Gabriel and Bruce Springsteen on the Amnesty International Tour. Unlike Chapman, all the other stars were well-established artists, in no danger of losing their audiences because of a year-long hiatus.

During the tour, Chapman peeled down the polished performances from her album into their presumably original acoustic form, providing quiet interludes in between the musically complex sets of N'Dour and Sting and the raw and energetic ones of Springsteen and Gabriel.

This style carries over onto her new album; it is overall a quieter performance, perhaps more assured. It is rhythmically more complex, but the sounds are not as bright and clear as on *Tracy Chapman*. It is a more subdued album in all but one respect: the lyrics.

Strident is the word to describe songs like "Subcity" and "Material World"— perhaps too strident. Lyrics like "You've been sold down the river/ Just another form of slavery/ And the whole man-made white world/ Is your master..." are sure to alienate some. After all, the themes on her debut were mostly things that few could disagree with: Alcoholism, wife-beating, apartheid— usually simple black-and-white issues.

In several songs on *Crossroads*, Chapman addresses the fact that she is becoming more overtly political and uncompromising. "All you folks think you run my life/ Say I should be willing to compromise/ I say all you demons go back to hell/ I'll save my soul save myself," sings Chapman.

In spite of, or perhaps because of, the controversial nature of many of the songs, *Crossroads* has plenty of appealing qualities. The bluesy "Born to Fight" sticks out, as does her homage to Nelson Mandela, "Freedom Now."

However, the gem of the album is definitely "All That You Have is Your Soul," a touching story about innocence and conscience which seems to sum up all of Chapman's motives for writing and performing music.

This is not to say that the album is flawless. Far from it. The interesting vocal style that characterized the debut is carried a bit too far: enunciation suffers. For instance, the lyric "born to fight" sounds like "I'm mortified." Some of the songs do not seem memorable enough— such as "This Time"— although this is perhaps the result of the high expectations generated by the first album.

All in all, *Crossroads* strikes me, at least, like a typical second album: some of the promise of the first is carried through, but the performer needs to take a step back to re-assess what is going on and come back after regaining confidence to really blow us away with the third album.

So, what is the state of the neo-folk women songwriting world? Promising, to say the least. Given the wide range of topics tackled and the diversity of styles, there seems to be a strange sort of cohesiveness. While the male songwriters have had years to establish themselves and are now household names, women songwriters have had to rely essentially on artists like Joni Mitchell and Carole King for inspiration. What we can hope for in the nineties is some music from these "neo-folkies" that can equal the best of Dylan, Springsteen, Simon, Mellencamp, Young and all the others who arose from the original folk movement and went on to develop personal variations on the guitar-and-rusty-voice tradition of Woody Guthrie. And that's certainly not a bad goal to aspire to.

Raphael Koster is a sophomore who spends entirely too much time listening to music.

indigo girls

Hall inspections yield bad news

by Tracey Connell
Staff writer

Recent dormitory inspections yielded negative reports for some dorm hallways. As a result in the next few weeks some students will be forced to remove wall decorations and dismantle phone cabling.

According to Clint Baer, Director of Planning and Special Projects, the inspections are conducted "from time to time" to examine "cleanliness and the overall conditions of the facilities."

One particular concern at this review was telephone cabling that some students use when sharing phone lines. In some cases the wiring is taped to the walls of the hallway. Baer's worry is that "when these wires come down we'll find damages to newly renovated dorms."

He added, "I don't like imposing dorm damage fees."

Reid Hall was cited as one dorm which now needs to be repainted ahead of schedule because of such infractions. According to Baer, dorms are usually repainted every three years, but Reid now requires it after only two.

Paul Bishop, Director of the Computing Center, outlined proper procedure for students who wish to share a phone line.

Students must contact Ian Gilellan of campus telecommunications. It is similar to when campus extensions are installed in dorm rooms. There is a $25 installation charge, which, Bishop stated, "is a lot less than the $60 the phone company will charge you."

"You also don't need to buy two thousand feet of phone line from Radio Shack."

Interested students also need the permission of the person with the C&P phone, before extensions can be installed from the phone number.

Said Bishop of damages caused by unauthorized lines, "Everywhere tape gets pulled down, paint comes off."

He also stated, "I think it would be to the students' advantage to live in a dorm without wires strung in every direction."

Phone lines are not the only thing under fire from the inspections. Some students who live in Wicomico, for example, are supposed to remove wall decorations, which, they are told, pose a fire hazard.

Baer stressed, "I'm not opposed to decorations, but the fire Marshall has regulations about what can and cannot be done."

According to Security's Life Safety Code Book there are only two regulations concerning decorations.

Section 31 - 1.2.2.1 states, "no decorations or other obstructions shall be placed as to obstruct exits, access thereto, egress therefrom, or visibility thereof."

Apparently none of the decorations targeted were in any way an obstruction.

Section 31 - 1.4.2. states that no decorations of "an explosive or highly flammable nature" are allowed. If strictly observed, one might posit that all of the paper decorations almost every student has on his door would have to be removed as well as hallway bulletin boards with any paper on them.

While Baer commended the "excellent custodial staff, a group of people who frequently get no thanks for what they do and they do a very difficult job" he also called attention to some "particular areas that aren't as clean as they ought to be."

Part of the problem is definitely related to campus construction. Baer conceded that much mud and dirt is tracked inside the dormitories. He also stated that construction should soon come to an end.

A list of "problem areas" which Baer has compiled will be relayed to Student Affairs, and any action which may be taken will be taken in conjunction with that office.

SGA fields criticisms

by Susie Mazzullo

Does the Student Government Association here at Washington College really represent the students? Do they have sufficient power to get the issues at hand passed by the administration? Freshman Curtis Campbell answers a definite no to both of these questions.

Curtis is the Senator for Kent House. He has recently been up for impeachment by the Student Government because of a number of missed meetings and rowdiness at the ones he attended.

He states however that he has missed the meetings for a number of reasons. The most important reason to him is that he feels that the Student Government only "serves, for the most part, as a rubber stamp and doesn't have a purpose except for as a figurehead."

He also stated that the Student Government and the administration, in his opinion, do not work together as a team and, most importantly, they don't respect each other.

Other reasons include the time and content of the meetings. The meetings are held at 9:45 on Tuesdays. Because they are started so late, Curtis says they are generally rushed. The issues themselves he feels are either unimportant or never get passed.

An example of this is that the SGA has been trying to change the transcript form for seniors. Curtis' point is that even though this isn't a very detailed or lengthy project, it has yet to be completed.

In his opinion, more initiative needs to be taken in order to push issues through the administration quickly and efficiently.

Because of all of this, Curtis feels that his homework and studying are definitely more important than attending the meeting. These feelings have resulted in his lack of attendance at SGA meetings.

Curtis gave a number of examples to back up his allegations that what the Student Government does accomplish is for the most part ineffectual and unimportant. The Recycling Program and the bands hired for the Coffee House providing weekend entertainment are two such examples.

The Recycling Program was recently started here at WC. Special bins and trash containers have been placed in many areas around the school so that trash and recyclable material can be separated.

The problem, Curtis feels, is in the execution of this program. Bins were first placed in areas such as the Coffee House and then the girls dorms; Reid Hall, Queen Anne, and Minta Martin. Only recently were containers placed in Kent House, Somerset, and Cecil. Curtis argues that males will undoubtedly drink more than females throughout the week and therefore the containers should have logically been placed in those areas first.

Now that all of the dorms have been equipped with containers the problem is emptying them. Curtis describes overflowing containers on many floors that are repeatedly ignored. "Whose responsibility is it?" he asks when it comes time to carry out the last part of this project.

The bands at the Coffee House on weekends and the lack of attendance by WC students is a problem that Curtis feels needs immediate attention.

"The Student Government loses money on every band. Why

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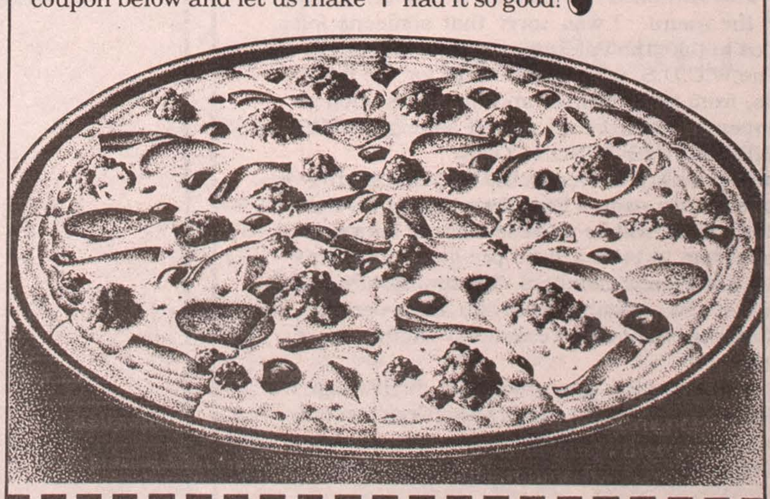

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WC graduate to work with super conductors at ORNL

April Baugher, who graduated from Washington College last fall with a degree in physics, is one of 30 participants in this spring's Oak Ridge Science and Engineering Research Semester (ORSERS) Program at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL).

ORNL, one of the nation's largest federal multipurpose production, research, and development centers, is among five major facilities managed by Martin Marietta Energy Systems, Inc., for the Department of Energy.

Supported by DOE's Office of Energy Research through its Science Centers Program, ORSERS was initiated in the fall of 1987 to strengthen laboratory and academic research and training at the six participating national laboratories. The program enables college students to perform ongoing scientific research; to learn to operate sophisticated, state-of-the-art equipment; and to supplement their laboratory experiences with seminars, workshops, and courses.

The 18-week science semester provides opportunities for student research and advanced study in energy related areas of science and technology, including the biomedical, environmental, and physical sciences; nuclear and engineering technologies; applied mathematics; and advanced energy systems.

Baugher is assigned to ORNL's Solid State Division where she is conducting where she is conducting research on superconductors.

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Spanish Club...............$ 400
Washington College Track Club...............................$ 350
Sailing Club...............$1400
Inter-Club Council........$ 50
Roto Gravure.............$ 700
Resolve Magazine........$ 200

Van Name added that if clubs do run out of money, they can always request additional funds from the SGA.

President Attias added that Spring Convocation is Saturday at 2 PM. He requested that all SGA Executive officers and Senators be present at the convocation because President Cater will recognize the SGA as a body, adding that "Convocation really isn't that bad!"

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$3,990.

The payments will be based on a review of Jackson's ability to make them and, according to Hessey, they are reinforced by a mortgage on a piece of property which the College will claim if he fails to meet the agreement.

The former Student Government Treasurer was impeached this time last year, February 10, 1989 for allegedly embezzling SGA funds.

At that time the amount stolen was inestimable because unpaid bills were still surfacing, but some sources ventured to estimate that it was at least $10,000. In addition to missing funds, the SGA lost control over its bank account. While student officers could previously sign and cash checks, the SGA now runs on a "voucher system," with no absolute personal student access to funds.

While making monthly payments to the College, Jackson will also perform community service.

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waste all of that money on bands that no one goes to see?"

He feels the solution lies in the Student Government's backing of the fraternities and sororities on campus. Since most of the weekend entertainment is centered around these organizations, he suggests that the SGA only get tow or three big bands a year, such as New Potato Caboose, and then give money to the fraternities and sororities to sponsor more weekend events.

Curtis says his complaints are in no way against the people holding office but more about the institution itself. He says that from what he's seen the Student Government can't do anything without administrative approval while the administration may pass policies regardless of the opinion of the SGA. This results in the Student Government having a lack of power when implementing and executing programs.

Steve Attias, the current President of the Student Government Association, disagrees with the opinions of Curtis Campbell.

"His claims are unfounded and the SGA this year has accomplished a number of very important programs." These programs include the Miss Dee Dollars or coupon books which "were only completed after a lot of very hard work and effort," says Steve and the recycling programs which the SGA developed with Clint Baer.

Other programs very important to the school include: getting a new location for the SGA office as well as a computer and a printer, improving student administration communication by way of open forums, and organizing the first student faculty dinner.

"The administrators sent two students from the SGA to a national leadership conference this year to show their appreciation. They have never done that in the history of the SGA."

Attias concluded, "Curtis has a number of good suggestions. I'm only sorry he didn't attend more meetings and participated instead of hindering the process. It was not an easy task but we have accomplished a lot and left the organization in good shape for the new officers."

Police Report

Washington College student Andrew Jay Walbert, appeared in court recently to face charges of driving while intoxicated under the influence of "alcohol, drugs, alcohol and drugs and a controlled dangerous substance," according to the Kent County News. He received supervised probation for 18 months and was ordered to undergo alcohol and drug therapy. He paid a $160 fine.

MOM'S COOKIE JAR

From many of the comments I received, those of you who attended Wednesday's dinner, really enjoyed the menu. I was sorry that someone felt compelled to take the Valentine cake we had on display. The W.C.D.S. tries to do things for the board students, from time to time, and incidents such as this happen. Again, I find myself asking, "WHAT HAPPENED TO THE HONOR CODE?"

Next Wednesday, at dinner, the W.C.D.S. and J.P. Brokerage will sponsor a Stouffer's Night. On February 28th, there will be a Cross Culture Dinner.

I would like to pass a little pre-game meal tips onto our sports team members. The timing, size and composition of a pre-game meal can affect performance. Such meals should be eaten 3 to 4 hours before the event.

Avoid eating spicy, gas-producing, high-roughage or unfamiliar food. Eat a high starch lowfat meal, consisting of about 500 calories, and drink plain, cold water (no ice) or unsweetened fruit juices.

That is all for this week. Until the next time...................................MOM

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In this beautifully made memory piece, first-time director Claire Denis demonstrates an art of understatement and suggestion. She builds a dramatic method based on what people don't say—or do—to one another. Many scenes lead toward an explosion but then stop before they detonate. Set in the former French colony of Cameroon, we are in a beautiful but sinister country, baking and still; the movie establishes the thin line between security and fear, contentment and unease. (*In French with English Subtitles*)

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Forum meets, debates future plans for the Student Center

by Tracey Connell
Staff writer

Thirteen members of the Washington College community attended the Hodson Hall Student Center Project Open Campus Meeting this Wednesday evening to discuss renovations to the building's basement.

The architects, Brawer & Hauptman, were present at this meeting specifically to hear student input concerning the renovations.

The project currently involves a complete restoration of the Hodson Hall basement; combining the present snack bar and Coffee House facilities; creating a student study lounge; moving the Bookstore into the Academic Resources Center; and creating handicapped access to the basement, as well as a number of other improvements.

According to Clint Baer, Director of Planning and Special Projects, funding has come from state funding and the Hodson Trust Fund.

"Theoretically, we have $700,000 at this point, with only one third of the way to go in raising money."

The student study lounge will be an alternative study area to Miller Library, and will be open at times when the library is closed. It will also serve as an informal gathering place, possibly furnished with a television, a VCR, and a functioning fireplace.

The state should provide approximately $300,000 to $350,000, given the fact that the study room complies with funding guidelines, with the Hodson trust matching it.

However, Baer says that state funding is not yet confirmed, and higher education funding "is under fire right now."

Nevertheless, planning and the schematic stages are well under way: the primary focus of the Wednesday meeting was "ambiance."

The main concern of the evening was the proposed combination of Miss Dee's snack bar and the Coffee House facilities. The biggest proposed change is the removal of the wall between the two existing areas in order to create a new snack bar with tables and a large multi-purpose room, also with tables and a stage for bands who come to play at Washington College.

It was also posed at the meeting that a portable bar be stored to alleviate traffic at the snack facilities when big events are going on.

This new service would involve the cooperative efforts of the Miss Dee staff, College food services, and possibly other student employees. According to Baer, a Student Center director may also be hired to program the facility, supervise, make suggestions, and be actively involved with the student body.

One student who attended the meeting worried that the Miss Dee operation would be overpowered and absorbed by the new student center.

"To bring in the bureaucracy of the food service would only cause harm," he stated.

The student apparently approves of Miss Dee's as it exists. He said, "If the organization works well, why change it?"

Another student in attendance, sophomore Kevin Kelly, was concerned that quality of food would not be maintained. "When students go there will they get a Miss Dee's cheese-steak or a CYSCO cheese-steak? To students that's important."

Dave Knowles of the Dining Services assures students that quality will not be compromised, and they should be able to get anything they request He added that the Dining Hall will be able to get supplies more regularly.

Knowles also assured that the effort to combine would be handled in "the most ethical and morally upright way as possible."

The last time the Coffee House was renovated was nearly a decade ago, and the snack bar has not been renovated since approximately 1965.

Students may contribute their ideas on any issue from decor to menu and are invited to the next meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, February 27 at 7 PM in Hynson Lounge.

Any questions may be directed to Clint Baer.

Recycling effort extends from WC to community

Tracey Connell
Staff writer

While Washington College's Recycling program has "gotten off to a good start," according to Clint Baer, Director of Planning and Special Projects, it is not the only local effort to stem harmful accumulations of trash.

All of the public and private schools in Kent County recycle, and county commissioners recently allocated over $5,000 to research a county wide effort.

A plan has already been submitted to the state of Maryland which would require residents to purchase special bags for their recyclable waste. It is hoped that the personal cost of the bags will inspire individuals to avoid simply throwing items away with unrecyclable materials.

Washington College students did not seem to need this kind of prompting.

Said Baer, "The only problem we've had is that the containers are too small. They've been filling up rather quickly."

He added, "We anticipate obtaining larger containers and better facilities."

Baer also tried to allay concerns that the recycling effort has caused unnecessary work for the custodial staff. He stressed that "absolutely no custodian has ever been asked to recycle by going through the trash" and their only responsibility is "transporting the materials to the central recycling system."

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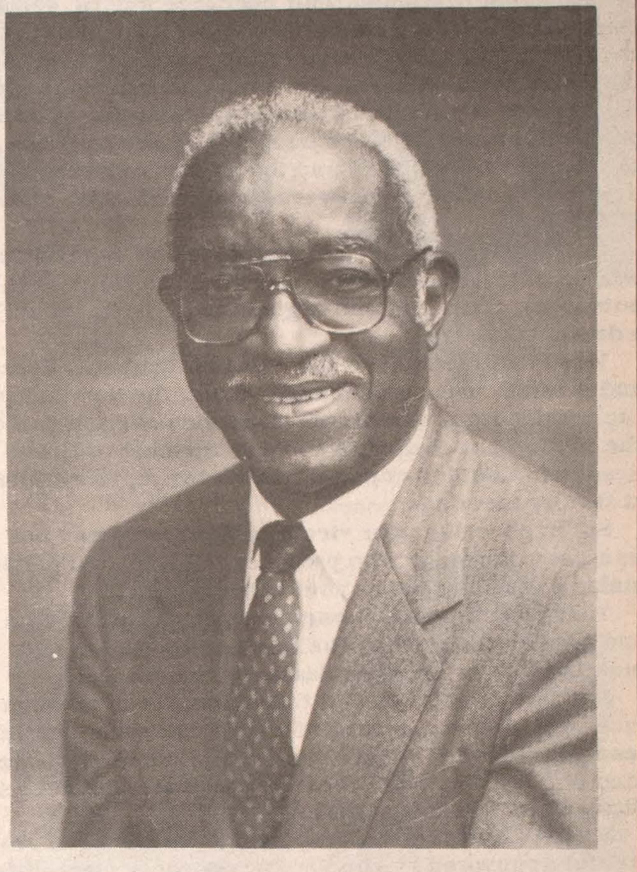

John Hope Franklin, a James B. Duke Professor of History, Emeritus and Professor of Legal History at Duke University, spoke at Spring Convocation last Saturday. The subject of Franklin's talk was the always controversial topc of athletics versus academics. Franklin commended Washington College for avoiding the pitfalls placing importance on athletics over academics. "...that is why I think institutions such as Washington College mean more today to the future of higher education than they ever did."

(photo courtesy of Marshall Williams)

SCC hears first cases of the academic year

by Kyndra Ponder

The Student Conduct Council (SCC) heard three cases at its first meeting of the 1989-1990 academic year.

The first case that the SCC heard concerned Tim Albinson, Security reported that on January 28 at about 3 AM, Officer Bryant was almost hit by a car that he attempted to flag down. The car was parked on the grass outside of the quad dorms. Security later determined that the car was driven by Albinson.

Albinson was charged with "Disturbance, Vandalism and Endangering the well-being of a member of the Washington College Community."

After deliberation, the SCC found Albinson responsible for "Endangering the well-being of a member of the Washington College community." He was given "disciplinary probation" and ordered to perform twenty-five hours of community service.

The SCC's second case of the evening involved students Adam Brown and Bridgette Ferris. They were charged with "Disturbance and Vandallism" against Michelle Sadtler. Security charged that on January 27 they responded to a call and found Ferris and Brown standing on top of a car yelling at each other. Both students agreed that there was "no malicious intent" involved in the incident and Ferris stated it was, on her part, "a whim because [I] was upset."

Brown and Ferris were held responsible for both charges and were given an "Official College Warning" which will stay on their records for the duration of the

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EDITORIAL

A friendly guide to your local SGA

With SGA elections looming on the horizon, this is a perfect time to brush up on the duties of those we elect to office. What follows is (for the most part) straight out of your trusty student handbook. On Monday, be sure to match the best candidate with each job.

President: **presides over Senate meetings; appoints Senate committees and their chairmen and fill vacancies in those Senate committees with the approval of the Senate; serves as a non-voting representative to the Board of Visitors and Governors, at faculty meetings, and to the Alumni Council; votes during Senate proceedings only to break ties; gives greetings from the student body at Fall and Spring Convocations; and oversees cooperation between the Senate, SAB, and SCC.**

Obviously, an ideal president would be ingratiating, well-groomed, and well-spoken. Come to think of it, an outspoken president who is given to activism would be a dream-come-true.

Vice-President: **chairs the Student Academic Board and presides over its meetings; chairs the Senate when the presidents is absent; serves as vice chairperson of the All-Campus Judiciary and as a member of the Academic Counicil and as a non-voting representative at faculty meetings.**

So, in choosing your vice-president, you may not want, say, someone who preaches "BEER!" and parties making decisions about your academic life.

Treasurer: **handles monetary business of the SGA and reports the state of the finances at each Senate meeting; chairs the Organizations Committee.**

Secretary: **calls roll and takes minutes of all Senate meetings; prepares a current agenda for each meeting; reads minutes for Senate approval at the start of each meeting; handles all SGA correspondence; maintains files; chairs Publicity Committee.**

Social Chairpersons: **responsible for all social activities sponsored by the Senate; coordinate activities on campus; chair the Social Committee.**

Let's elect an SGA based on candidates' ideas, not popularity.

Happy voting!

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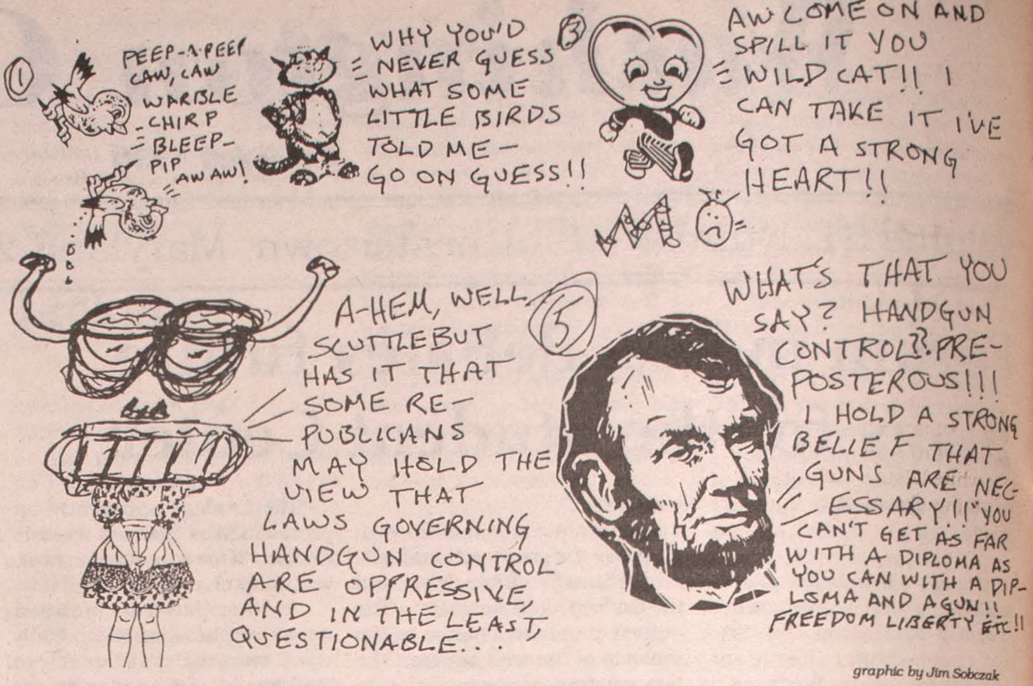
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graphic by Jim Sobczak

Letters to the Editor

And now, here's the *real* Hewes op-ed

Editor's Note: In last week's Elm, the same op-ed was inadvertently printed twice. What follows is Suzanne Hewes' essay discussing which issues the next SGA president should place particular emphasis on:

Everyone has ideas as to what they want their President to be, but very few voice their opinions. So this is my chance to voice my views and to hopefully get the rest of the student body to start thinking of what they want their student body president to do for them.

In my opinion, the student government association is running the smoothest I have ever seen it run. Being here for now two and a half years I have had the experience of dealing with Richard McKnight and Perry Finney, (for the Freshman, the two previous S.G.A. Presidents).

Suzanne Hewes

Steve Attias has brought something to this job that the other two did not, and that is personability and concern for the student body. This is the way the president should be. The president should be well rounded, not only in academics and culture, but also in the college community.

The next president should have the feel for the diversity of this student community so that not only can he or she make important decisions concerning all of us, but also to convey this diversity to the administration.

Obviously the president should try to meet the student needs of today. But the upcoming president, whoever she or he might be, should also look to the needs of tomorrow.

This is another area in which Steve Attias has done an excellent job. He has made a strong appearance in the search for our upcoming president of the college and in the renovation of Hodson Hall. These are definitely two areas that not only benefit present students but also the future ones.

Additionally, the new S.G.A. President should also work in order to mold a good relationship with the incoming president of the college. This is crucial for the voices of the student body to be heard in Bunting Hall.

Other issue the upcoming president should be concerned with are adequate space for parking, the recycling of student waste, the continuation of student unity. Finally, the president should maintain good campus events. Especially those that bring the entire campus together such as the Tamara Alexander benefit did. There is a definite feeling of comradery among the students during such events.

There are closer relations not only between the clubs, but especially between the fraternities and sororities. It is good not to see men from different fraternities squabbling at parties. There is support for one another, and that is the way the campus should be. This campus is very personable, and not only does that make the student body look good, but also the president.

KAs & racism controversy: "one last stab" at the issue

To the Editor:

I'd like to take one last stab at the "All KA's are Racist" issue, and focus on the confederate flag as a symbol of the organization and the South in general.

I know the argument for the flag is centered around Southern Pride. Southern Pride is fine. The KA's have merely chose the wrong symbol to attach themselves to, and worship.

There's a photography show at Tawes which has photos from the civil rights movement of the 1960's. One of the photos is of a KKK rally; and alongside the burning cross and white hoods, there's a confederate flag. Images like this one are what stigmatize the flag, and influence people when they go to form an opinion of this symbol and those who flaunt it. Consequently, no matter what rationales you give, or how much community service you do, people have already formed an opinion of you.

Chris Deri
Junior

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

Elections for Student Government officers 1990-1991 will be held this Monday, February 26.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

ISSUE: What was the highlight or downfall of your Birthday Ball experience this year?

Leisure suits, studs, and cherry twigs

Stephanie Ward

Did this year's Birthday Ball live up to my expectations? Well, first of all, let me say that the high point of my evening was seeing Jim Sobczak at the Ball in his white leisure suit. After that anything else is anticlimactic, I assure you.

How could the evening be anything less than dazzling? I had the most coveted date on campus, Brett Maverick. (Little did I know that the Numbers LadyTM would come after me with a machete. Thank goodness Cletis set up a diversion, or I would have never gotten away.) We had a modest little cocktail party with forty or fifty of our closest friends, drank fluorescent punch and danced on the furniture. Then we decided it was time to move on.

The big band was good, when they stuck to their genre, but as soon as they started belting out "Proud Mary," I knew it was time to go off and socialize. The next thing I knew, the band was taking a break—a really, really long break. Without the express written consent of Major League Baseball.

I was better off, however, because the longer I stayed on the dance floor, the more I ran the risk of losing an eye to one of Charlie Brown's four Christmas trees. Oh wait, those were Gordy's four cherry trees—I almost didn't notice the difference. Both versions were of twig proportion, both were overridden with Christmas lights, both had really weird people dancing around them and shaking their big heads back and forth. Oh, never mind...

So I socialized and promised dances to just about everyone there until I had to excuse myself for the bathroom. Well, I realize that the line was long, but by the time I got back into that well-lit gymnasium, not only had the band finished their break, they had gone on another one. I spent this portion of the ball talking to my alumni friends who had paid $100 a couple and looking for a stick so I could get the women and autograph hounds away from my date (That was my own fault for going with Hot Stud #1 Brett Maverick).

By the time I had finally dragged my date away from all those wild women and onto the dance floor, the band had been playing for a whole fifteen to twenty minutes. Then, just when I was getting down to "In the Mood," the band announced that they were now playing the last two songs of the night. The last two songs! I had promised half the visiting alumni and maintenance men in attendance a dance! But I wasn't leaving Brett Maverick's side, for fear he'd go berserk with a fire extinguisher.

As I danced, I thought, "How nice it would be if there were some ornaments on those trees!" But, alas, I forgot that one ornament could make the whole tree fall over. I still wish I'd thought to bring a hatchet so I could keep with the theme of the occasion and get a really cool souvenir in the process.

And then, it was all over. The momentous occasion that I had so long anticipated was finished. I left thinking, "I bought new lingerie for this?" I could have gone to the Bowl-a-rama with Phil Macek.

Stephanie Ward is a senior who has since reconciled her differences with the Numbers Lady.

CAMPUS VOICES by Amy L. Undercoffler

Renee N. King
Bethlehem, PA
Junior

The definite highlight was seeing Tom Pabon dance the twist with Dean McIntire.

Karl Seelaus
Old Greenwich, CT
Junior

The highlight was seeing everyone dance to the music. Besides weddings, I don't really get a chance to dance in a tux.

Megan Metcalfe
Virginia Beach, VA
Junior

The highlight was the wine at the Ball. The downfall was the steak falling in my lap at dinner.

Suzanne Hewes
Manchester, MD
Junior

The highlight of the Birthday Ball was definitely the dancing. It was a welcome change from Rock 'n Roll. However, a downfall was the decrease in the attendance compared to the two previous years.

Deeann Pinczok
Bethlehem, PA
Sophomore

I thought that the Birthday Ball was set up very nicely, the decorations were great. The only downfall for me was that I didn't talk to everyone that I wanted to. Other than that it was a great night.

Sandy Cassidy
Annapolis, MD
Freshman

There were more people there than I expected and the downfall of the whole night was that I wasn't there long enough to really have fun, but I did have a good time.

The Birthday Ball: a dual point of view

Mike Cannon & Laura Hopper

Hers:

Regardless of whether you went or not, the B-Ball was on many people's minds last week. I heard the usual "Are you going?" "Did you get your gown yet?" "Where do you get tickets from anyway?" "Where are you going to eat?" and a personal favorite, "Who are you going with?"

Now I myself am a three time Birthday Ball veteran, so I remembered most of the usual hoopla: Gown, shoes, date, ticket etc. But I also learned some interesting new things.

Three out of six diners at the Old Wharf Inn prefer the filet mignon, and those same three out of six were disappointed by the size of the filet mignon. There was no consensus on the vegetable of choice.

Last year, when my beloved date and I turned into the parking lot of the Fin, Fur, and Feather Inn in Rock Hall, all I could say was, "Oh, honey, look at all those pickup trucks." This year, I did not wear my full length gown to dinner, and was happily able to avoid the potential tragedy of a stewed tomato on the skirt.

And there was the Ball itself. I must admit the cherry trees were very cute, standing there on the dance floor wearing white lights. But did anyone else notice that the silhouette of George's profile was wearing Abe's nose? Maybe next year they should change the name to the Washington/Lincoln Birthday Ball, or just the President's Day ball to economize on printing costs.

The band was in their element playing "In the Mood" and other Glenn Miller favorites. I must have been out of the room when they attempted CCR, but I've heard the stories. It was also rather disappointing that they quit at 1 AM, when I'm sure I could have danced for another two or three hours.

It seemed to be over so quickly. After weeks of preparation: fittings, shopping trips, an aqua aerobics class and eating sick tray after sick tray of lettuce and cucumber slices so I wouldn't feel or look like a cow in blue taffeta, everything ended so fast. One moment I was getting dressed for the ball, the next I was dancing to one of the last songs while my partner tried to hum it in my ear.

But I love the Birthday Ball, and I had a wonderful time. Can hardly wait until next year.

His

I tell ya. I'm a cherry tree fanatic. Especially when there's little white lights all over them. The shimmering brilliance made me harken back to many a concussion and the blissful glee taken in frolicking about the playground after slamming into a basketball pole during a layup. The rapturous daze of my spritely youth made the filet mignon/spud/gin and tonic mix loll ever so gently in its digestive egress. In other words, when tipsy and happy, the Birthday Ball can be downright bitchen'.

Did it live up to my expectations? Heck it even exceeded 'em. I figured I would get dressed up, have a good meal, dance for a while with my date and hobnob with the bigwigs. Libby didn't split her skirt but Doug did touch me on the shoulder in a passing greeting. I mingled like all get out—a new experience for me.

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PERSPECTIVES

News from around the world: Vaclav Havel visits US

UNITED STATES:

The head of Toxicology for the Food and Drug Administration, Dr. Robert J. Scheuplein revealed to a panel of the American Association for the Advancement of Science that the greater risk of cancer in food comes from natural elements contained in the food than from pesticide contamination or from additives.

Speaking in New Orleans, Scheuplein stressed the need for consumers to be concerned about their whole diet. Scheuplein stated that 35% of all cancers are caused by or related to the diet.

Some naturally occurring carcinogens are aflatoxin, found in cereals, corn and nuts, and N-methyl-N-fromyl hydrazine found in mushrooms. Scheuplein said the overall risk of diet related cancer is 7-8%.

SOVIET UNION:

In Moscow, 2000 Russian nationalists staged a demonstration near the transmission tower for Soviet television. The group was protesting the growth of nationalism in the non-Russian republics, Gorbachev's political and economic reforms, and the warming of relations between the Soviet Union and the United States.

In the republic of Latvia, the legislature passed a resolution to work towards independence from the Soviet Union. The legislatures of Estonia and Lithuania have already passed similar resolutions.

There are rumors around Moscow that the Kremlin and the KGB both had prior knowledge of the anti-Armenian attacks in Baku, Azerbaijan and did little to prevent them. There is also circumstantial evidence that Communist Party officials encouraged the growth of nationalist movements such as the Popular Front, and sanctioned the creation of an Azerbaijani paramilitary group in an unsuccessful effort to discredit the Popular Front.

NICARAGUA:

With free presidential elections approaching, neither Daniel Ortega nor his opponent Violeta Chamorro has a clear lead. Economic problems in Nicaragua, largely caused by US sanctions against the country, and the overthrow of Communist governments in eastern Europe have put Ortega's political future in doubt.

Chamorro is the candidate of the National Opposition Union, a collection of anti-Sandinista groups. She has little political experience, but great public appeal. It was the assassination of Chamorro's husband, a newspaper editor, that touched off the 1978 revolution and the overthrow of the Somoza government.

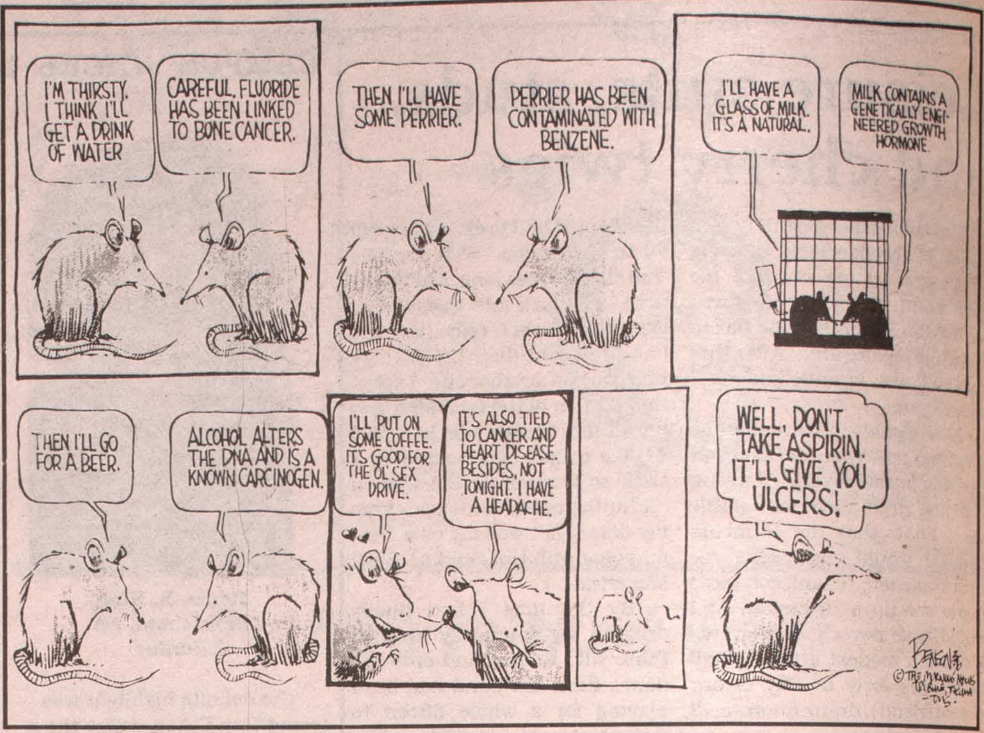
The Bush administration is considering establishing diplomatic contact with the Sandinista regime should they win in a fair and free election.

JAPAN:

Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic party won a comfortable majority in Sunday's elections for the lower chamber of the Japanese parliament, the Diet. The Liberal Democratic victory follows two years of scandals and upheaval within the party.

The Japanese Socialist party won 24.35% of the vote, and will have 136 seats in the lower chamber. The Socialists, led by Tokako Doi, one of the few female politicians, tried to unite with three other small parties to defeat the LDP.

The LDP suffered a major defeat in July's elections for the upper chamber, after their Prime Minister Sousuke Uno was involved in a sex scandal. The July defeat was the first time the LDP had lost its majority in the upper chamber. However, since political power is centered in the lower house, the defeat has no real meaning.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THEN I'LL HAVE SOME PERRIER.
PERRIER HAS BEEN CONTAMINATED WITH BENZENE.
I'LL HAVE A GLASS OF MILK. IT'S A NATURAL.
MILK CONTAINS A GENETICALLY ENGINEERED GROWTH HORMONE.
THEN I'LL GO FOR A BEER.
ALCOHOL ALTERS THE DNA AND IS A KNOWN CARCINOGEN.
I'LL PUT ON SOME COFFEE. IT'S GOOD FOR THE OL' SEX DRIVE.
IT'S ALSO TIED TO CANCER AND HEART DISEASE. BESIDES, NOT TONIGHT. I HAVE A HEADACHE.
WELL, DON'T TAKE ASPIRIN. IT'LL GIVE YOU ULCERS!
BENSON

CZECHOSLOVAKIA:

Czechoslovakian President Vaclav Havel is in Washington to meet with President Bush. Havel will also address a joint session of Congress. He is the first of eastern Europe's new leaders to do so.

Next week, Havel will travel to Moscow to meet with Gorbachev. He is expected to request the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Czechoslovakia.

ROMANIA:

Over the weekend in Bucharest, angry protesters took control of the headquarters of the provisional government. The protesters were demanding the removal of President Ion Iliescu. The crowd waved banners proclaiming the current government is no more than a holdover from the now discredited Communist regime. There were chants of starting another revolution.

The provisional government has been the target of an increasing number of protests. Last week a four day protest by army officers resulted in the dismissal of General Nicolae Militaru from his post of Defense Minister.

compiled from the New York Times, Baltimore Sun, and Wall Street Journal.

News from Annapolis: Abortion bills in committee

Steven Bruchey

Five more bills have been introduced on that wonderfully hot topic: abortion. They are: House Bill 1004- Interference with Access to or Egress from a Medical Facility- Maximum Fine; Senate Bill 834- Abortion for Birth Control or Sex Selection- Prohibition; Senate Bill 835- Abortion- Parental Consent; Senate Bill 836- Elective Termination of Pregnancy- Reporting; Senate Bill 837- Physicians- Performing Abortions- Guidelines. A special joint committee will deal with all of the abortion bills on the 28th of this month in the Joint Hearing Room of the Legislative References Building. Testimony will be strictly monitored and heavily regulated. Some of the rules pertaining to testimony will be that no electronic devices, visual aides or reading written testimony verbatim will be allowed. Testimony will be limited to 5 minutes per witness.

Another important issue facing the Maryland General Assembly is giving local governments more power in enforcing and regulating the clean-up and other activities concerning the Chesapeake Bay. There are four bills concerning the bay that will be brought up in front of the Joint Committee on the Chesapeake Bay-Critical Areas on Thursday, the 22nd at 1 PM.

There will also be a special hearing of the Baltimore County Delegation which could affect many Washington College students. The topic of the hearing will be a "piggy-back" tax in Baltimore County which will lower property taxes and raise income tax by the percent decrease in property taxes. This is being introduced and supported on behalf of Baltimore County Executive Dennis Rasmussen in an attempt keep taxes low while generating more revenues for the government. The hearings on this bill will also be held on Thursday.

Last week, Senior Citizens stormed Annapolis to meet with their respective legislators on the MOM bill, which stands for Medicare Overcharge Measures. What the seniors want is a Medicare system in which they can go to any doctor in the state and have to pay nothing over the Medicare settlement; currently they must pay the difference of the bill and the settlement. If this legislation passes, Medicare costs will rise all over the state.

A bill was stopped in committee in the Senate which would have made colleges "Drug-Free School Zones." This bill would have increased fines and penalties for any drug violations on and in the vicinity of college campuses. Other bills coming up concerning college students are: changing scholarships awarded by Senators and Delegates; funding for renovations to William Smith Hall; and applying unused political campaign money toward scholarships.

Steven Bruchey is a junior majoring in Political Science. He is participating in an internship at the General Assembly in Annapolis.

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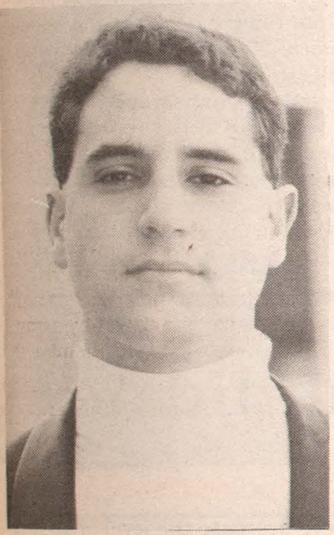
Student Government Association Election Supplement

Candidates for President of the SGA state their platforms



by Seth Engel
SGA Presidential Cadidate

I believe that the student population at Washington College, through the representative means of the SGA, must achieve greater independence from the Administration. It is time to go beyond the "rubber-stamping" of the current SGA; it is time to forge a new direction dictated by the demands and needs of the student body. We must have an open forum where dissatisfaction among students can be discussed and acted upon. We must form a body that is powerful enough to make our cries heard, and if need be, to make our presence felt.

A strong SGA should be able to fulfill both roles easily; the way to a strong SGA is to strengthen the bonds that hold us together as a community. These bonds include the desire to achieve the best possible education as well as the need for a comfortable, non-hostile environment in which to live. I believe that my platform contains programs that can help achieve these goals.

We must understand that a good education is more than a goal; it is a right. It is a right that most of us pay $14,500 for. Each student has the right to choose from a wide range of both classes and teachers, the diversity of which must be broad. Unfortunately, this is not possible at the present time. Our faculty contains hardly any diversity in terms of race, creed and color, and does not contain nearly enough variety in terms of viewpoint. We have only three Oriental professors and one part-time Black professor (who will be leaving after this semester). Yet his African Literature class is always among the first to closed out and overbooked. The desire for classes that reflect a minority viewpoint is high while the availability is low. I understand that segments of our population do not find the situation unreasonable, and some even like the idea of a faculty that has no minority members. However I believe that the majority of the student population are not brainless morons. I think that most people would agree with the student who said that "Homogeneity breeds Ignorance."

The issue of a diversified faculty (and consequently a wider variety of classes) is the most important educational challenge that faces WC today. A successful restructuring of the faculty will have many benefits, some immediate, and some more visible as time goes on. A more diverse faculty will help to attract a more diversified student body. Here again we are sadly suffering from homogeny.

Our student body is approximately 92% Caucasian, a situation that drastically reduces the opportunity for the "well-rounded" education that a liberal arts college is supposed to provide. A more diverse student body would provide this opportunity, offering a larger pool of opinions from which we draw our education.

I mentioned the need for a comfortable, non-hostile environment in which to live. The fact is that while the people of Chestertown tolerate college students, we are not a well-liked bunch. At the beginning of this year, the chief of police came right out and

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by Stuart Neiman
SGA Presidential Candidate

"The Time to Listen, the Strength to Act." Above all else, this statement acts as my preeminent philosophy about politics here at Washington College. Above and beyond the political platforms, there must be an attitude and an understanding about how all levels of our community operate. The SGA presidency establishes the attitude on which the interrelations of students, faculty and administration will be based in the coming year. At no time in the last eight years has this factor been more keenly important. The coming of the new President, brings with it new challenges and responsibilities to the entire community. It is therefore essential that the person elected to the highest office a student can hold, be of a nature conducive to this understanding. Though considered a student leader, they must be ever mindful of the reality that they are nothing more than a representative of the student body and thus are responsible to the same.

My two terms as a class president have given me an opportunity to witness the function of this responsibility first hand. I have learned that while physical, observable accomplishments are good for ones political career, it is within the nature of the type of representation one gives to his class, that true success may be measured. As the parliamentarian of the SGA, I have seen and participated in the inner-workings of the system. Though a part of the current administration, I have been able to objectively view student government's strengths and weaknesses. We have made great strides over past administrations, yet there is still work to be done.

As WC's representative to the Maryland Higher Education Commission's Student advisory, I have seen how our community is viewed by other institutions and have participated in promoting us as being more than "the quaint school on the eastern shore." As the College's Student Ombudsman, I have tried to make sure that students are treated fairly by the student judiciary system when they transcend the limits of college rules and regulations. In all, I have tried to live up to high standards of representation regardless of who my audience has been. Whether it be the Student Conduct Counsel, the Presidents or deans office, fund raisers, IFC meetings or sessions of Student Government, I have represented the students of Washington College to the best of my ability.

I am now seeking out the Presidency of the Student Government Association. By now, if you've gotten this far, you are wondering where I stand on the issues. To this I reply; the issues are known to all of us. Whether we are discussing, minority student enrollment, the "master plan," mud, cable television, Hodson Hall or even the ever lovable alcohol policy, it should be clear to all that I will not make any promises in any of these areas. Why? Because no one person can do anything more than motivate change.

In short I make only two promises. Firstly, I will try my best to motivate all of us into organizing efforts aimed at correcting what we believe to be wrong with our

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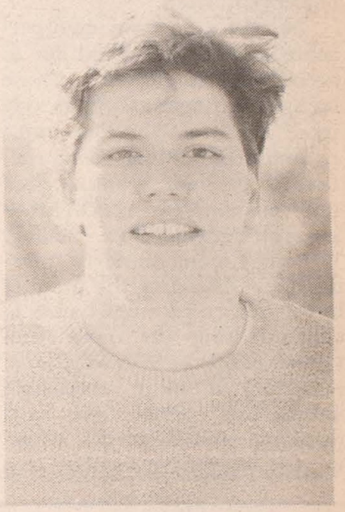

by Karl Seelaus
SGA Presidential Candidate

1990 is already here, and so are the new elections of the Student Government Association. As you may know I want to be your SGA president. This job entails massive responsibility which I will handle well if elected. You are not only electing a president, you are endorsing someone whose past experience will ensure successful years to come at Washington College. As a dorm senator for the 89-90 school year I worked with Steve Attias as a representative of West Hall. I was a representative to the facilities and on the honor code comitees. Working on the psychology newspaper has enabled me to get the hands-on experience and practical application to enhance my psychology major. I have a calling to be your president, and feel strongly about issues that I will change as president.

This school year the campus atmosphere has changed drastically, culminating in a mass exodus to off-campus housing, as well as inconvenience due to construction problems on campus. The spirit that has helped make Washington College the fine institution that it is must be

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SGA Vice Presidential Candidates

Brooke Frank

In running for vice-president of the Student Government Association, my reasons fall into roughly two categories: continuing the success of the present administration, and implementing new programs.

First, I hope to carry on with the many policies that the SGA has implemented this year. I feel that programs like increased SGA activity utilizing the Coffee-House, the Miss Dee food coupons, and the recycling program have all contributed to create a more admired and influential association.

The Attias Administration has been the most prominent and resourceful government that I have witnessed in my two and a half years at Washington College, and I feel that carrying on the example that it has set is an objective in itself.

Second, I have my own personal goals that I would like to accomplish if elected. These include: getting the student body more input in WC's lone-range planning committee for construction (to get more parking, less mud, etc.), increasing SGA funding of student clubs (i.e.- Sailing, Writers' Union, Amnesty International), changing the trend of hiring numerous small bands to concentrating on more well known bands at SGA functions, providing a more accessible shuttle-bus service from local drinking establishments, utilizing the Waterfront Pavilion to a greater degree for social activities, making Washington's Birthday a holiday for this institution, have the SGA organize more benefits for needy people (such as the successful Tamara Alexander fund-raiser), promote activities that emphasize college unity, provide more opportunities to participate in cultural events, and creating an area that would remain open twenty-four hours a day for quiet study which would include computer facilities.

Frank hopes to maintain the example of the current SGA.

If elected I hope to work closely with the new president and his administration. Also, I will keep the student body opinion and interest foremost while I chair the Student Academic Board, and participate in the Senate and All-Campus Judiciary.

Kevin Kelly

In the fall of my freshman year I was elected to represent the students of Kent House in the SGA as a senator. I participated on the Social and Dining Hall Committees where I listened to and helped enact students' opinions and ideas. However the SGA I participated in my freshman year, while good, was filled with turmoil.

After I had been elected to the position of secretary on the SGA I found myself on an executive committee, headed by Steve Attias, that was solid, steady and worked hard to get things done. Miss Dee Dollars, recycling programs, open forums with administrators and better relations with the students and faculty have established that this year's SGA Executive Board and Senate are a success. I am very proud to a part of this SGA.

As a secretary I can tell you that I was not the best typist or note-taker in the world. However I worked to represent the student body in various ways. Back in November I accompanied President Steve Attias down to Florida for the National Leadership Conference where I learned of different ways in dealing with administration and faculty. This experienced will help me serve the student body better on the SAB, Academic Council and at faculty meetings as Vice-President. I am also a member of the Hodson Hall Planning Committee which is concerning itself with the renovations of Hodson Hall and the Planning of the new Student Center. I will continue to be on this committee and to represent students' ideas about the student center through the next year. I believe the new Student Activities Center will be important in bringing the student population back as as community.

As vice-president of the SGA I will have a large load of duties to perform. First I must chair the Senate in the event of the absence of the president. After having spent two years in the SGA, and one of those as an executive officer, I feel I will be able to rely on my experience to preside over these meetings fairly. My primary duty will be the Chairman of the Student Academic Board. As chairman I will act as a liaison between the student body, faculty and administration. I have well-established relationships with all three. I will be able to use these relationships to express and act on students' concerns about college policy. I will also make sure that all of Tracey Coleman's hard work on the new transcripts will be carried through. I believe that these transcripts are important because they represent the students' effort at Washington College.

As stated before I believe the new Student Activities Center will be instrumental in bringing the students back together. On a campus this small we cannot survive segregation of campus and off-campus groups. I hope that by working hard on the Hodson Hall Committee I will be able to institute plans to bring the campus back together again. As VP I hope to see this through.

I also want to start a program where the students can get together before the start of the spring semester and swap and sell books to each other. A Book Swap has been successful at many different schools. It will save students money and time from buying books at the bookstore. It will also promote campus unity.

With your help and your ideas I feel I can better represent the student body to the SGA, faculty and administration. So remember experience and representation during election time when you vote for Kevin "Sparky" Kelly.

William Hall

Hey there. My name is Will Hall and I want your vote and support for the office of SGA vice president. I feel that I can successfully execute the duties and responsibilities for the office of vice president. The only way I can do this is with your vote. Some background - right now I am the dorm senator of the Cecil House. This year I learned how this particular SGA is run and frankly I did not like what I saw.

It is no secret that student unity is at best pretty pathetic. There is a very screwed up alcohol policy and when it comes to dealing with the faculty for the most part we get ignored. And there is no excuse for the poor conditions on campus! Why in the hell do we pay 15,000+ to break our damn necks on the walkways? I feel that the main reason that there is poor student unity is the alcohol policy. It is a fact that college students are going to drink and the college should take full advantage of that situation rather than the Vern or Newts. A new policy would greatly improve campus life and cut down on DWI arrests for us. Hell it makes good sense!

And somebody please tell me why in the hell the SGA spent thousands of dollars on pissant bands that did not do a damn thing! As vice president I would like to see four big bands like New Potato Caboose play rather than a bunch of second hand bands play.

I strongly feel that the SGA should back the fraternities and sororities on campus, because the know how to throw a party! I think this would greatly add to student involvement on campus and improve the social scene on campus. And there is a rumor that the administration is considering a plan to force all freshman and sophomores to live on campus. Well as long as I am around here it will not happen without a hell of a good fight.

Friends, these are the problems that I see and want to correct. You need to vote for a vice president that will fight for you the students. The only way I can do this is with your vote and support. Vote for somebody that cares about the most important thing here - you the students.

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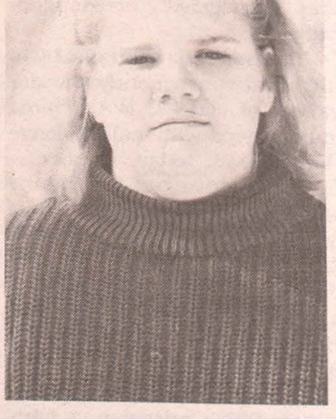
SGA Secretarial Candidate

Kyndra Ponder

I am perhaps an idealist when I look at government in any form - from student government at Washington College to our national government. I truly believe that those people whom we elect should represent our voices and should act in our best interest and not in the interest of their own personal gain. That is why I am running for the office of student government secretary.

During the time I have been at Washington College, I have been involved in many aspects of life here. My activities are as diverse as the student body, ranging from serving as a senator in this year's SGA to being involved in three Drama Department productions to writing for the ELM and the PEGASUS. Because of my involvements in different aspects of life here, I truly feel that I will be able to represent a wide range of student interests and concerns. I know that I will do my best to represent YOU - because YOU are who count!

Many students have expressed concern over an issue that has deeply troubled me since I have been here, and that is student unity and the apparent lack of concern for the general well-being of the school and the other students! I know that this year's SGA has worked very hard to sponsor fun events here for you this year, hoping that we could generate some student excitement. As you can probably tell, we didn't succeed. As high as the ambitions and goals were, without student help, its impossible to bring the students together!! If I am elected, I will do all that I can to work with the SGA to promote student unity and decrease the level of apathy among you, although nothing that I do or that the other SGA Officers do will work without your help and support!!!


Ponder pledges to work for the students' interests.

Some of the other issues that many of you seem to want addressed are the lack of parking/abundance and the issue of parking tickets, the presence of cable TV on campus, less hassle with private phones/phone jacks in rooms and, last but not least, the alcohol policy. If I am elected SGA secretary, I will do all that I can personally and I will work closely with the other SGA officers to see that your concerns are addressed by the administration. I can't promise that we will get results all the time, let's face it, the odds are not always in our favor, but I know for my part, I'll either get results for you, or I'll die (or come moderately close to death) trying!!!!

If you want to see the student body stronger and united during the next school year, and if you want to chip away at the general notion of student apathy at WC, begin by voting Monday. Like I said, YOU have to help if you want to make WC better! When you vote, please remember, I will do my very best to work for the students of Washington College - TAKE NOTE! VOTE FOR KYNDRA PONDER SGA SECRETARY!!!!

Your Candidates for the office of Treasurer

Brian Gimelson

Hello Everyone!!! For those of you who know me, greetings. Anyone else, please get in touch with me somehow, so I can find out where you have been hiding. I am currently running for treasurer of the SGA, and I would like to take this opportunity to explain my qualifications for the job.

I am double-majoring in Business and Art History, and I am currently a senator on the SGA. I am the newly elected vice-president of the Herman Crown Investment Club, and I work in the Audio-Visual booth, as a tour guide in Admissions, and as a Computer Lab assistant in the Library. The business aspect of my majors explains my interest in the monetary part of the job of treasurer, but my role in many of the activities which take place on campus has shown shown me a real need for many organizations to receive funding, much like starving artists. Having served on the SGA for two semesters now, it is quite obvious to me and many of my fellow senators, that the SGA is, for the most part, similar in operation to a very basic business. We meet on a regular basis in order to achieve our goals and come to decisions based upon what we think would be best for the corporation as a whole. In this case, the corporation we are talking about is the student body of Washington College.

The beauty of the Student Government is that we are in business for the college community as a whole, not just ourselves. WE ARE NOT HERE TO MAKE A PROFIT! Quite contrary to it; one of the main functions of the SGA is to allocate funds to needy organizations or causes which strongly affect the student body. If elected, I WILL MAKE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THAT FUNDING IS AWARDED TO ANY CAUSE IN WHICH THERE IS DEMAND ON CAMPUS BY THE STUDENT BODY.

This campus has some very socially active people. There are as well a lot of people who have been inhibited or intimidated by some aspects of the social life on this campus. Next semester will see quite a bit of change in this administration. We will have a new president of the college, a new SGA executive committee, as well as a completely revamped campus. IT WOULD BE MY GOAL AS TREASURER OF THE SGA TO SEE TO IT, THAT EVERY MEMBER OF THE WASHINGTON COLLEGE COMMUNITY HAS ACCESS TO WHATEVER FUNDING THEY MAY NEED FOR ANY EVENTS OR ACTIVITIES, WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY, AND IN THE PROCESS MAKE THEIR STAY AT WASHINGTON COLLEGE THE BEST IT CAN POSSIBLY BE!

Vote for me, and you'll see it happen... Thanks, Brian.

Suzanne Hewes

The time for a change in command has approached and it is time for you, the student body, to make a choice of who you want to represent you in the SGA Executive Committee. My name is Suzanne Hewes and I am running for the office of treasurer. I am a junior biology major enrolled in the premedical program here at Washington College. Some of you might think that since I am a science major that I wouldn't have an adequate amount of time to devote to the SGA. You are mistaken. I MAKE time. My duty is to work for you, not for myself, but for you, the students; and that is what I intend to do. My prior involvements with the student government include serving as a juror on the Student Conduct Council and as an SGA representative. Currently, I am the Junior Class President, an SGA senator, a member of the Funding Committee for the SGA, a member of the Subcommittee for the Renovation of Hodson Hall, and a member of the recycling committee. Outside of the Student Government Association, I hold the positions of tour guide for the Admissions Office and Campus Liaison for the Dutch Dumschott Society. In addition to the many campus positions I hold, I have also had the experience of being treasurer. I was the treasurer for my senior class in high school. But now I want to give something to the college and it's students by making sure their voices are heard in the SGA.

In the upcoming year, I would like to see to the continuation of fair distribution of funds among the clubs and student organizations. I agree with the Editor-in-chief that "... the Club Funding Committee [should] take its responsibilities more seriously. ..." I cannot comment on the conduct of the last meeting of the Funding Committee when the Editor-in chief attended, but her points are very well taken and the screening for funds should be better defined. "... Bands and beer [should not be] more important than human rights issues." However, I am not saying that those organizations who request aid for receptions, such as language clubs, or the parties that the SGA sponsors with large bands and the serving of alcohol, will not be banned from funds.

I am here to work for you. Not many people take advantage of talking to their SGA representatives and letting them know what needs to be done. But, I want you to know that my door is always open to all of you. You have that right!

Beth Ann Shepherd

One of the questions most often asked at Senate meetings when an event is proposed is "Do we have enough money?" The person who answers this question needs to be confident in her answer and have previously comprised a semester budget to insure the presence of the needed money. I believe that I would be the most competent and confident person for the position of treasurer of the Student Government.

My qualifications show me to be a sound candidate for this position. I have served on the Senate funding committee under the present treasurer. This has given me first-hand experience of the process that clubs undertake in receiving SGA funding. I have also applied, myself, as a club representative so I can fully understand the other side of the issue.

Recently the funding provided by the SGA has been under attack. Criticisms have been made regarding the funding process, i.e., interviews, standards for providing funds and the amounts being awarded. Through my past experience I can understand and sympathize with student's concerns and will be able to formulate a stricter and more formal type of interview with these standards being applied to every case coming before us. After all, the money the SGA has is provided by the students and is there for us, the students, to use. There must be guidelines on how this money is spent though because it must be used in a way to benefit the whole school and not just select groups. The support of bands in the Coffee House also came under attack because of lack of attendance and the choice of entertainment. Entertainment is very important at school of this size with few alternatives and improvement rests on two factors: funding and student input. As treasurer I will review the current SGA budget and the allocation of funds in each area. After that I will take the criticisms that have already been voiced along with other student input that I hope will come to me and revise the budget to fit student needs.

I have a lot of pride in Washington College and would like to see more students staying here on the weekends and making use of the facilities we have. This year's SGA has done more than any in previous years with the implementation of new programs such as the Dee Dollars and more communication and success with the administration. Next year the Coffee House and Miss Dee's will be renovated to allow for larger bands and more entertainment. To parallel this the SGA must also "renovate" itself to keep in step with the growth of the school and student needs. Your input is very important for the success of the Student Government and I urge everyone to put any criticisms or suggestions in the SGA mailbox in Central Services. Through this input I will be able to see how you want funds distributed and by working with the new executives bring life back to campus!

Joint Candidates for Social Chair

Steve Huettner and Katherine Simms

We are joint candidates for the position of social chairpersons of the Student Government Association. We feel that we are both qualified for this position. Steve served on the Theta Chi Social Committee and Katie served as a dorm senator of the SGA. We also have the support of Chris Warren who currently holds the position of social chairperson.

If elected our main objective is to increase student unity through campus social events. We plan to accomplish this by working in conjunction with the Greek organizations. We want to bring back student interest in SGA social functions. We will attempt to hire more well-known bands and stage bigger events upon the completion of the Student Activity Center.

One concern of the SGA is the increase of students moving off campus. It will be main priority of the social chair to reestablish relations with these students. To accomplish this we will seek input from this group to find out how to gain their support and participation. We want SGA social events to appeal to all students of Washington College.

With the support of students we can recreate student unity. We look forward to the challenge of attaining these goals towards a better social year at Washington College. We hope you will support our efforts with your enthusiasm and participation in all of our events on campus.

See page eight for a complete list of candidates running for Studenr Government offices.

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said that the Chestertown police would keep an especially close watch on W.C. students. This negative attitude does not foster a productive environment, either for the student or for the Chestertown resident. I feel that improved community relations should be one of the main focal points of the SGA. The first step towards better relations is to recognize and help the community members who work at the College.

We employ a sizable number of local high school students, as well as a number of adult residents. Why can't we offer educational help as well as monetary gain? I believe that the college should offer basic educational classes to our employees. These could include literacy classes as well as basic math comprehension. How about a student tutor pool? This would offer new educational opportunities to these people, and would do wonders for our image, showing that we, as responsible members of this community, care about our neighbors. This is just one of my ideas for community outreach programs to help improve our standing in Chestertown.

At this point I would like to say that the current SGA is very good at what it does. Unfortunately it doesn't do nearly enough. While the honor code and the changes in the transcript for the senior obligation are important, matters such as these should not be the main focus of the SGA. I think that it is important to reiterate the idea that the student population has certain rights and expectations. We must begin to recognize these rights and demand the best education possible from Washington College. This should be the primary goal of the SGA, and if elected president, I intend to make it the number one priority.

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recaptured. As your president I will strive to achieve unity among students. For such a small college, there are a surprising number of diverse groups which would learn from each other through better communication. We have many fraternities and sororities, and we are awaiting the arrival of yet another fraternity. The numbers of people moving off campus clearly reflects that people are turning elsewhere for what they should be reaping from the on campus residential experience. There is something wrong when there are 12 people at the Coffee House on a Friday or Saturday night. Where are all of the students? Many may travel elsewhere for entertainment. Larger bands, and more of a relaxed alchohol policy may entice more students to attend on campus social activities. An example of this was the successful New Potato Caboose concert last semester.

To improve unity we can start with the incoming Freshman class. I propose that the entire class take a trip to the Echo Hill Outdoor School before classes begin. Here students learn to work together on mentally and physically challenging obstacles. This will teach the incoming class unity, leadership, team-building, and responsibility.

Although concentration will be on getting more students on campus, the needs of off campus students will not be overlooked. An improved parking situation is of utmost importance. Instead of restricted parking zones, and late night and early morning ticketing, a change in security policy would bring about the neccessary changes that would facilitate parking. Perhaps the folks over there can buy another answering machine with all of the money raised by the tickets. Another thing which would be nice is the addition of an off campus telephone directory that could be printed up for all of the students.

The meal plan of Washington College needs more flexibility. Students should be on a credit system, and then credit not used in the dining hall can be used in Miss Dee's or the Coffee House.

When elected president I will make every effort to listen to the student concerns, and act on these in an affirmative and efficient manner. I believe what I have proposed will be beneficial to the entire Washington College community.

Thank You

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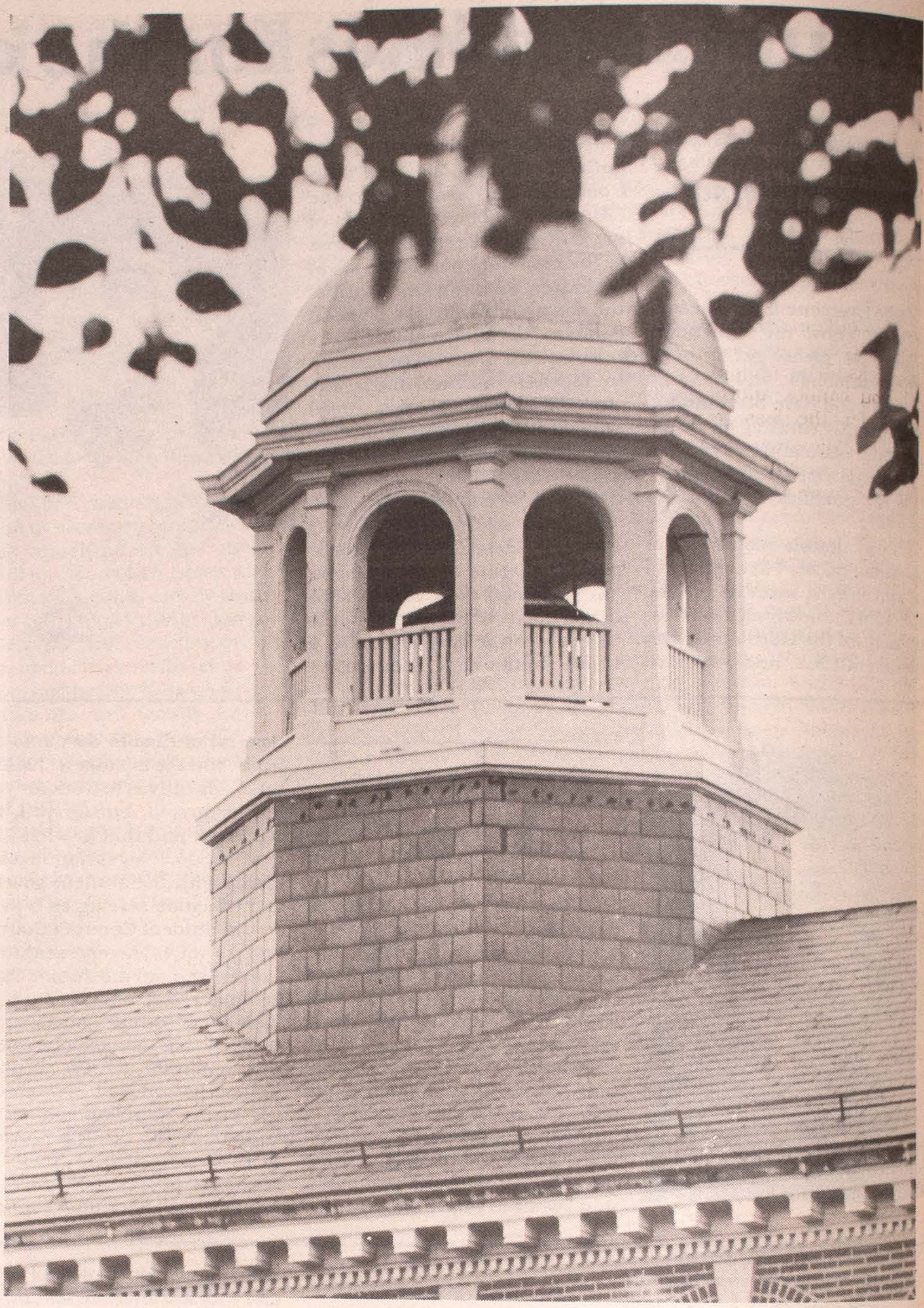
community. Secondly, I promise to give you, the students of Washington College, the best possible representation at all moments during my tenure in office. Any thing else will grow from these two points. This is my position. I would greatly appreciate your support on Monday.



The William Smith Hall cupola is one of the classic examples of Washington College history and tradition.

Elections will be held Monday, Feb. 26

SGA Election Candidates, '90 -'91

President: Seth Engel, Stuart Neiman, Karl Seelaus

Vice President: Kevin Kelly, William Hall, Brooke Frank

Treasurer: Brian Gimmelson, Suzanne Hewes, Beth Ann Shepherd

Secretary: Jenny Albers, Kyndra Ponder

Social Chair: (joint candidates) Steve Huettner, Katherine Simms

Sneezing, coughing, and sniffling at college

Some students comment on the differences of being sick at school and being sick at home

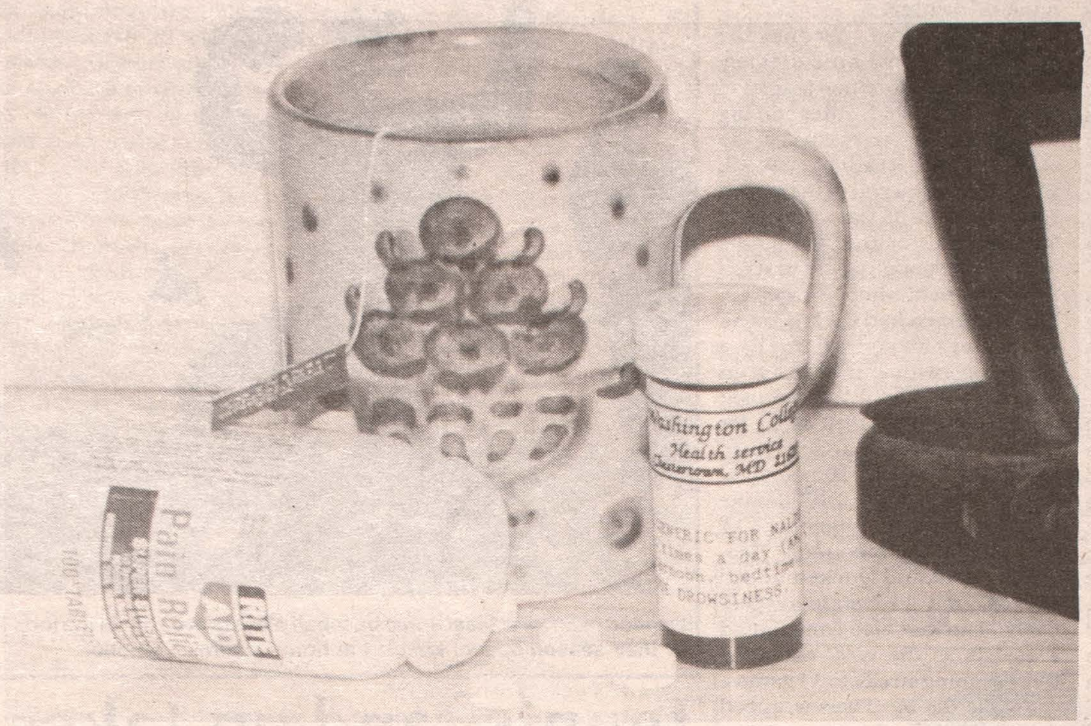
by Katherine Absher
Staff writer

Days of Our Lives, Puff tissues, chicken noodle soup, tea and honey, and mom catering to all your comforts were all the benefits of being sick at home. Here at college, your television only picks up the religious channel, you cannot afford Puffs—opting for the less expensive brand of Acme sand paper, and your roommate brings you sick trays full of greasy french fries and meat loaf from the dinning hall.

Cheering you up, of course, is the newly remodeled Health Services in place of your friendly family doctor. Sophomore Andrew Bohutinsky agrees, "It's a much better experience than at home because the nurses are so caring and understanding toward my plight."

Sophomore Rachel Rice further comments, "There's no compassion here. I know they [Health Services] can't play Mom. But is it not scary that, he [the doctor] asks you to diagnose yourself? The scariest thing is going to Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital. It is like a time warp; you're transported back to the 1950s."

Unlike Rice, Senior Pam Flemke has had only good experiences with Health Services, especially when she was suffering from back problems last semester: "They were very helpful and attentive." But does Mom's tender love and care compare to Health Services? Freshman Peter Jons answers, "Mom doesn't provide forms of contraception in the home and encourage its use like the Health Services do."



Around this time of year, students are plagued with colds and flus, and unlike home, they must resort to playing doctor themselves with hot tea, aspirin, and medicine from Health Services.

(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

Having a cold or the flu at school is a rather nasty experience, but it is something most students have to endure at least once a semester. Unless you are someone like senior Tim Hormes who has "never been sick enough here to be couped up." Hormes probably has a natural resistance to colds because he emphasizes plenty of sleep, exercise, and a balanced diet of protein, vegetables, fruit, and whole grains. These are all necessary factors in preventing colds.

Also, according to the pamphlet *The Common Cold and You*, "too dry air indoors during winter keeps your nose from fighting colds effectively. Use humidifiers to help keep a relative humidity of 20 to 45 percent. Keep thermostat down. Overheating dries out the air."

Another hint in preventing colds is to not smoke. Smoking aggravates mucous membranes and destroys cilia in the nose and throat, leaving the smoker vulnerable to infection.

Senior Paige Osworth who is presently suffering from a sore throat, runny nose, and tired muscles advises, "Don't buy cool mint chlorasceptic. It made me nauseous, and it wasn't very effective."

Junior Scott Reid recommends Miss Dee's chicken soup, "Coming from a broken home, where I never had the presence of a motherly figure, Miss Dee with chicken soup and all epitomizes all the characteristics a mother should have." When Reid has a cold, he never misses home, thanks to Miss Dee's presence on this campus.

As well as chicken soup, try drinking large amounts of water and fruit juices, and if you're suffering from a sore throat, gargle with warm salt water.

Whatever the ailment and whatever the cure, preventing the illness is best. Making the body more susceptible to colds, college students tend to sleep five or six hours a night instead of the recommended eight. These late hours are usually accompanied with late night drinking; alcohol has recently been shown to lower the effectiveness of the immune system. Furthermore, most students cannot take the time out to rest when they do come down with something. Freshmen Amy Klamber elaborates, "At home you're more tempted to stay at home and be pampered. Here you don't let it stop you as much. When you stop and sit down, it makes you feel worse..you're all alone."

Colds can lead to serious complications, such as sinusitus, ear infection, bronchitis, and pneumonia. All these secondary infections must be treated by a physcian, who will usually prescribe antibiotics. Antibiotics, however,are for bacterial infections only; they should not be given for viral infections.

Although the halls are noisy, try to get some sleep, and if it helps, pretend that your mom is looking down upon you with an angelic smile and a plate of cinnamon toast in her hands.

Helpful Hints

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- Try steam or hot drinks to help drainage.
- Don't use decongestants for more than 3 days without a physician's approval.
- Clear nostrils gently. Blowing hard through one nostril may cause mucus to infect ears and sinuses.

Cold Facts

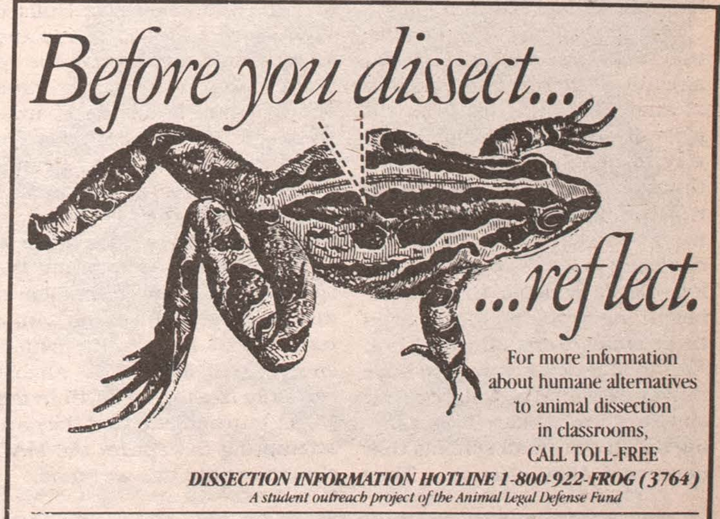
SYMPTOMS develop 1 to 3 days after the virus enters the body. And you can pass a cold two days before you know you have it.

COLDS ARE SPREAD by close contact—such as sneezing, coughing, kissing, or touching the same loaf of bread in the dinning hall.

WATCH FOR COMPLICATIONS: a cold's infection can spread to ears and sinuses and can lead to other diseases.

COLDS ARE NOT AS CONTAGIOUS as people used to think they were. A healthy person only catches cold after prolonged contact.

YOU ARE IMMUNE to the virus that caused your cold for three to four months. But you can still catch cold from other viruses.



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SPORTS

Shoremen advance to MAC playoffs

by Matt Giller

If I were to make a comparison between the Shoremen's regular season and football, it would look something like this. The team starts off their final drive of the game on the one yard line. Each first down is a struggle - twice they go for it on fourth down and both times they successfully dive for the first down marker. Poised veterans confuse their opponents with precision passes and a steady running game. With time running out on fourth and goal on the ten they opt to pass, but a rushed quarterback throws aimlessly into the endzone. The ball is tipped off an opponent's unsuspecting head and into the arms of the Shoremen's tight end, but before he can regain his balance, he runs into the goal post. In the locker room, he clears his head, looks up into the camera and asks "Duh, what hit me?" The reporter replies "Who cares, you won", then asks the bewildered tight end "Do you think you sustained enough damage from that hit to take you out of the next game?" To be continued.

The Shoremen's season will also be continued this Thursday against Moravian in the first round of the MAC playoffs. They received the chance to host Moravian partially as a result of Tim Liddy's buzzer-beater at Widener, but the Shoremen received a big jolt when Johns Hopkins (the immovable goal post) beat the WAC 95-80 at the Blue Jays' home court last Saturday night.

Many fans have been calling this year's team one of destiny as a result of their last minute style of snatching victories from the jaws of defeat. So what better way to clinch a first-place title than a last-second shot. By the way, wouldn't this make a great movie? A small school, sitting modestly in God's country, beating bigger schools that in the beginning wouldn't have given these small town Jethros a shot. And then if destiny were to have its way we would be watching our simple all-American boys playing for all the small schools that never got that chance. They would get this chance in, maybe, the Hoosier Dome - I'm sorry, I must be drifting.

Anyway, last Wednesday night's game saw an extremely hot shooting Shoremen team nail 64% from the field. After coming out of the locker room for the second half trailing 38-29, Widener made a run of their own. From then on it was a game of streaks, with neither team able to pull far enough away to dash their opponent's hope for victory. The Shoremen had the ball out of bounds at half court down by a single digit with four ticks left on the clock. With all the key men covered, Liddy was left alone for a testy ten footer that he buried. Liddy finished with 10 points on 4-4 shooting, while Bull Jamke led the team with 21 points (9-11 shooting) and 8 rebounds. Keehan, Brandt and Duckett added 16, 14, and 11 points respectively. Duckett also contributed 7 assists as the WAC extended their winning streak to 11 games.

While the MAC was wrapped up and the final game against Hopkins was academic, momentum was in favor of the Shoremen. Furthermore, a win at Hopkins would only put more air in their tires. Instead, the Blue Jays were able to poke a small home in the tire by defeating the WAC 95-80. A fired up Hopkins crowd ignited their team out to a 49-35 halftime lead and they never looked back. Blue Jay forward Gangemi canned an amazing eight 3-pointers and scored 32 points to lead the Jays over the Shoremen. The Bull led WAC scorers with 21 points and 12 rebounds, and Keehan had 14 points and 4 assists. Tank showed muscle on the boards, ripping down eight bounds to go along with his 10 points. Brandt added 17 points for a Shoremen team that saw their hopes for an undefeated MAC season dashed.

The Widener victory and the Hopkins loss allowed the Shoremen to close their season with a record of 20-4, 9-1 in the conference. The WAC have almost certainly clinched a berth in the NCAA tournament, and they are attempting to capture the MAC championship this weekend.

It's good to know at least some baseball players are still on the job. The WC baseball team is preparing for their season opener March 1 at home against Catholic. *(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)*

Tennis tandem takes tourney

by Brett Lankford
Staff writer

Washington College tennis players Scott Read and Scott Shepherd grabbed the lion's share of the awards last weekend at Trenton State's annual Lion's Winter Invitational Tennis Tournament. Read captured the tournament singles championship, then teamed with Shepherd to win the doubles title.

Read was the top seed in the tournament, and his victory in the singles championship enabled him to maintain his ranking as the #3 Division III player in the country. He coasted through the early rounds of the 32 round draw, losing only eight games in his first three matches.

His first challenge came in his semifinal match against Andy Dailey of Swarthmore. Dailey, ranked third in the tournament, shot out to a 5-2 lead over the WC netter in the first set. Read managed to even the set at 6-6, then captured the tiebraker 7-2. He then won the second set 6-3 and moved on to the finals.

Read's opponent in the finals was TSU's own Mike Cremeans, and Read again had difficulties in the first set. He dropped the first set to Cremeans by a score of 3-6, but he quickly resurrected himself in the second set. Read took a 4-1 lead in the set, then captured the set and the singles championship by winning eight of the next ten games. Read's 3-6, 6-3, 6-0 win brought his record this year to 15-3 and his career record to 92-17.

Scott Shepherd also played very well in the singles draw, winning his first two matches in impressive fashion. He took his first two matches in straight sets before losing to TSU's Clemeans in three sets in a quarterfinal match. Shepherd still played great tennis in the 6-3, 3-6, 6-2 loss.

Despite the solid performances in the singles competition, coach Fred Wyman still contends that he was most satisfied with WC's performance in the doubles tournament. "I was really happy with our showing in doubles," Wyman said. "Scott and Scott don't play together often, but they are 4-1 in doubles. Scott Shepherd gained a lot of respect and confidence in the tournament."

Read and Shepherd were overpowering in their matches, and the duo did not drop a single set on their way to the championship. After receiving a first-round bye as the top seed in the tournament, Read and Shepherd won their quarterfinal and semifinal matches in easy fashion. The WC tandem then met the duo from Swarthmore, seeded second in the tournament. Read and Shepherd played excellent tennis in the final and took the title with little difficulty. The 6-4, 6-3 victory ensured Washington College and Scott Read a sweep of the men's titles in the Trenton State Tournament.

The men's tennis team will take a week off from tournament play and spend the next few days practicing and scrimmaging in preparation for the Navy Tournament on March 3. Wyman and his players will then begin their spring season on March 10 in an away match against The Citadel. Both the men's and women's tennis teams will have high expectations this spring, and both programs can expect to have other teams shooting at their spot atop the Middle Atlantic Conference.

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Finnegan wins 250th

by Brett Lankford
Staff writer

Coach Tom Finnegan reached a personal milestone recently, capturing his 250th career victory as coach of the Shoremen basketball program. Finnegan has coached this year's team to an impressive 20-4 record and the MAC championship. He also led last year's squad to the 20 win plateau, and his teams dominated the MAC in the 1980s. Including the 1989-1990 regular season, the WC basketball team has recorded an astounding 147-56 record over the past eight years. Finnegan has been an important part of the Washington College athletic program for many years, both as player and coach of the basketball team. Finnegan has added stability to the college's basketball program and is one of the most successful coaches in the history of Washington College basketball. His 250th career victory is just one more honor for coach Finnegan in his prestigious career at Washington College.

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Kesey returns to spotlight at U of MD

by **Bruce Hamilton**

Did that guy say Kesey? Ken Kesey? At the University of Maryland? When? Sure..I'll go— (It's probably an economics professor with the same name), and I remember my mother telling me I couldn't watch *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* on TV.

It took some doing, but on Monday night 15 students from Washington College attended a lecture at the University of Maryland. No one I talked to seemed to know what it was supposed to be about, but the name was self-promoting.

In a WC culture van and Joe Boone's car we arrived around 7 PM. The speech was to begin about 8 in the Grand Ballroom or something. We waited by a door with a sign that said "guest list," where they accepted people with reserved tickets. Apparently the trip was sponsored by the Writer's Union, and not only were we let in early with front-row seats, but we were given invitations to the reception after the speech. About five students in our group belong to the Writer's Union.

No one seems to know this man's face. It has been a while since the controversial novel was first published. On the stage is a red football—rather large and fluffy like a carnival prize. Apparently, it has a microphone. Everybody in the audience seems to have questions ready to ask Kesey. I can't think of anything—I try to remember what I can of Acid Test because it is more of a biographical novel about Kesey than anything. The lights dim twice.

Kesey is introduced. He comes on stage and immediately his presence is established. He is wearing a blue sweater and a hat, like a captain at the helm. He is balding with white sideburns and a serious disposition. He looks like a college professor. He says his Kentucky writer friends coaxed him south and he is doing a tour. He does this every ten years. He did Virginia last night. He does Notre-Dame Wednesday.

He then answers questions with the "Bear Bryant memorial question/answer toss around the room football," the fuzzy thing with the microphone.

Caverns is Kesey's latest work, the result of a class he conducted in conjunction with the University of Oregon writing program. He and 12 second year graduate students met at his home twice a week. Their object was to conceive, plan and write a novel. The final product is *Caverns*, a story about various pilgrims and carnival people who make an archaeological discovery.

The first class meeting was a disaster. Kesey arrived late and nervous, and his wife had the keys to the house. He couldn't get in and attempted various windows, eventually knocking himself out. As he came to, he heard one of the students say, "Well, Curly is here. I wonder when Moe and Larry get here."

After character sketches and efforts to map the plot, it became clear that all the writing would have to be done together. The writers were becoming too personal and the pieces couldn't be sewn together. When they eventually held a reading, *People* and *Rolling Stone* arrived to hear it. The students began to realize that this was serious.

Then Kesey tells a story. He tells about getting placed in a fiction class in high school. He liked fiction, especially Ray Bradbury. The teacher tells him to read a Hemingway story, *Soldiers Home*. The teacher asked him what the story was about. He had no idea—the guy sits and eats breakfast with his mother. "No! his teacher said, there is so much more meaning in this story than that! He pointed to a sentence where Kesey was reading: Krebs looks down on his plate at the fat hardening on his bacon. "Can't you see the meaning in that?" his teacher asked. Kesey did.

Kesey was asked how true-to-life he thought Acid Test was. "I know a lot about drugs," he says. He was still in high school training for the Olympics. He was a wrestler. He says he hadn't even had whiskey before.

"You want to know who turned me on, man?" he asks. "The United States Government!" He participated in early drug testing where he took LSD-6, LSD-25 and many others. Some good, some bad, he remembers. Allen Ginsberg once told him that this testing was CIA funded. Kesey said he thought Ginsberg was paranoid. Sure enough, Ginsberg produced documents proving the CIA was funding many government tests. This wasn't to find a drug to make you feel good; this was to find a drug to drive you crazy.

"We were like astronauts," Kesey says, "They told us, 'We want you to go up there! We want you to see what's up there!' And we said OK!" There was a window through which Kesey says he could see the psychiatric ward. During the testing he looked out and watched the patients. He began to realize, he says, that "these people knew something." Hence *Cuckoo's Nest*.

He talks about the US: "People in America today don't know they've had an orgasm unless they read about it in *Rolling Stone*."

Kesey cites Beckett, Faulkner and Hemingway as influences. He says he likes Burroughs and Tom Robbins. He says the best musical incantation that you can use is "bullshit."

He can't understand when Reagan was saying there wasn't that many homeless why someone didn't just yell, "BULLSHIT!"

He says he is not to be mistaken for an anti-intellectual, because in reality, he is a near-illiterate.

He mentions Shakespeare. He goes into a long exposition about the task of today's writer. God will appear to you on the street one day, he says, and you will know it's God. He will beckon you and tell you about the glories of heaven. The job of today's writer is to say: FUCK YOU, GOD!

Kesey finally reads his childrens story, soon to be released by the Viking Press. He tells it as his Grandmother Smith told him almost 50 years ago—with all the vehemence and descriptive gestures of the storyteller.

I had a great time, and everyone I talked to did as well. As they say of circus fires, it was intense.

Hamilton rocks C-House

Eugene Hamilton, professor of mathematics, performs tonight in the Coffee House. The live music, described as comparable to a thirty-piece band, will include synthesizers, drums and vocalizers. The event, sponsored by the SGA will be free. Alcoholic beverages will be served to those with proper I.D. Doors will open at 9 PM.
(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

February campus events

Friday, February 23

No Surrender, a movie set in Liverpool, is presented by the Film Series at 7:30 PM in the Norman James Theater. Also showing Sunday, February 25 and Monday, February 26. Admission is $1 for students, faculty and staff; $2 for all others.

Gene Hamilton, WC math professor, performs live music on synthesizers, drums and vocalizers at 9 PM in the Coffee House. The free event is sponsored by the SGA, and alcohol will be served to those with proper I.D.

Saturday, February 24

Open-Mike Night will be in the Coffee House at 9 PM for anyone interested. Admission is free.

Monday, February 26

Monday Series at the Lit. House presents Professor Emily Amt's "Robert, a Medieval YUPPIE: Land, Power and Real Estate in 12th Century England" at 4:30 PM. Tea at 4 PM.

Tuesday, February 27

The Committee on African-American Culture sponsors "Free Blacks in Kent County," a talk by Dr. Davy McCall and Wade Catts in the Norman James Theater at 7:30 PM.

Wednesday, February 28

The American Red Cross will hold its blood drive from 10 AM until 4 PM in the Coffee House.

Hedda Gabbler will be performed by the WC Drama Department in Tawes Theater of Gibson Fine Arts Center at 8 PM. Reservations are required, and admission is free. Other show dates include Thursday, March 1, Friday, March 2 and Saturday, March 3.

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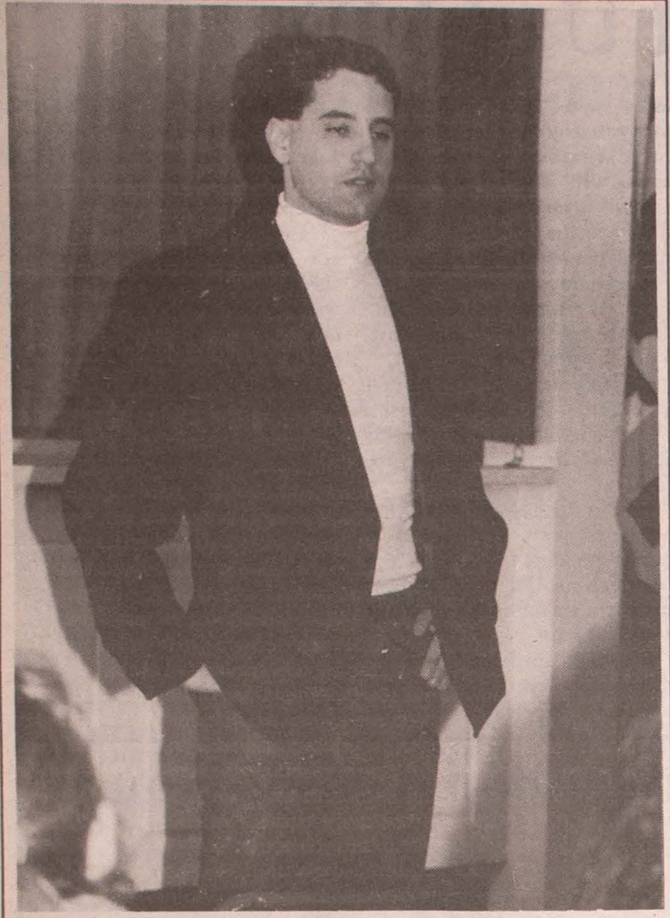

It's election time again! Last Wednesday, Junior Seth Engel held a press conference to announce his candidacy for Student Government Association president. Engel addressed issues from student-townspeople relations(he says relations need to improve for the good of the College), to creating greater diversity among the faculty, to remedying student apathy through volunteer community programs and fundraisers.For more information on candidates' platforms, turn to the SGAElection Supplement on pages five through eight. *(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)*

SCC hears first cases of 1989-1990 year

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semester.

In addition, Brown was given five hours of commmunity service for the charge of disturbance, and ten hours of community service for the charge of vandalism.

Ferris was given twenty hours of community service– ten for the charge of disturbance and ten for the charge of vandalism. She has also agreed to pay Sadtler the estimated $900 that it will cost to repair her car.

In the evening's third and final case, Doug Sarno, Jason Scarborough and David Slomkowski were charged with "Disturbance, Vandalism and Endangering the well-being of a member of the Washington College community" in relation to a January 27 incident in which the Cecil dorm lounge was vandalized.

The three were held responsible for the "Disturbance" charge because of "rowdy behavior" and were each assigned to perform two hours of community service.

All students who have cases appearing before the SCC have the right to appeal any decision that the council makes. At press time, only Brown planned to appeal the decision.

The SCC is comprised of one respresentative from each area of the College: administrator Geoff Miller, faculty member Dr. Ed Weissman, Senior Chairman Neil Macindoe, junior Vicky Vahos, sophomore Jim Finlay, and sophomore Student Ombudsman Stuart Neiman.

Chief Stetson resigns

by Tracey Connell
Staff writer

Chestertown Police Chief Mauritz Stetson resigned last week, leaving the local force without a temporary chief. A search committee for a new head of police has been appointed with Sergeant William Bright of the Maryland State Police as chairman, according to the Kent County News.

Stetson often addressed Washington College students on issues ranging from crosswalk safety to drug arrests, always stressing the relationship between students and townspeople.

He once stated, "Some students think that Washington College is a country unto itself, exempt from other laws, but it's not. It is part of the State of Maryland and we expect people to obey Maryland's laws. I also want to emphasize that the students are citizens of Chestertown, with all of those rights and privileges, but with those rights and privileges they have to take responsibility."

Stetson resigned in part due to "deep philosophical differences" of opinion between himself and Mayor Horsey, according to his resignation letter.

Horsey denied that conflicts existed while citing Stetson's six years of service.

Birthday Ball

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The first Birthday Ball I went to was a lot less enjoyable, due in part to the inane band that found it necessary to play "Your Love is Lifting Me Higher" on the one occasion that I wasn't sitting morosely at a table lamenting my outrageous expenditure. This Ball was a lot better due in part to the appropriateness of the band, making the outrageous expenditure considerably more bearable. Perhaps I have internalized the notion of poverty by this time, realizing that with the benefits of my liberal arts education it is likely to be my destiny or doom. Fun and poverty are not mutualy exclusive, as I once attested to in both deed and thought.

Additionally, on this occassion I was bereft of the cumberbund-slippage paranoia that plagued my earlier foray into the big leagues and was better able to concentrate on the jovial matters at hand. Yes. Rather. Jocularity being my forte, I thrived on't.

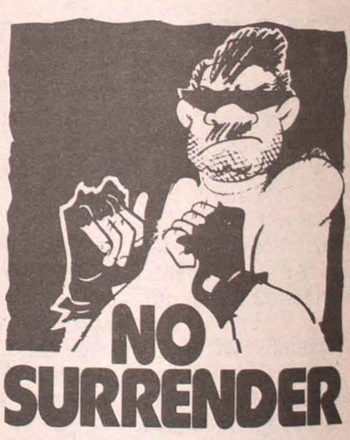
Mom's Cookie Jar

It is documented that the average American adult gains 1 pound per year. That does not sound like much until you figure that it adds up to a 30 pound gain by age 55. There are exciting and enjoyable approaches in order to maintain the weight gain. Just think activity. If you engage in some kind of activity you burn up calories faster than if you are inactive. Climb stairs instead of using the elevator. Eat lightly in the evening when you are least likely to be active, or take a stroll after dinner. A 30 minute walk of about a mile each day will use up 75 to 120 calories. That s enough to prevent that yearly weight gain.

I hope that everyone will have a great week. Take care.
__________MOM

February 26, 1990
(1 hr. 40 min.)

An insane evening in a shabby Liverpool nightclub as Catholic and Protestant geriatrics rise up violently against each other. This is one New Year's Eve party that lives up to all expectations. The war between Catholic and Protestant golden-agers takes the form of singing contests and foodfights; an old English terrorist takes cover in the men's room; there are several bizarre deaths, a police raid, and a happy ending. On top of all this a comedian keeps up a running commentary of bad jokes, and the nightclub owner tries to maintain a public calm. A death-defying balancing act of violently conflicting elements played out by dozens of memorable characters.



February 23, 25, and 26

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Junior Felicia Shakman played the title role in the Drama Department production of *Hedda Gabler*, a play by Henrik Ibsen. The performance s were begun on Wednesday night, February 28. *(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)*

Neiman begins his reign as SGA president '90-'91

by Tracey Connell and Jennifer Gilday

New Student Government Association President Stuart Neiman has already begun working on some of the initial duties of his position.

Among his first obligations is choosing the chairperson the of the Student Conduct Council (SCC), the SGA parliamentarian, and the SGA faculty advisor. Neiman reported that he had asked student Vicky Vahos to chair the SCC, and he had not yet received an answer. Three unnamed professors are being considered for the position of faculty advisor.

Neiman stated that choosing the appointees is primarily his job, though he does consult with the SGA executive committee.

He also outlined what he called his "philosophy" as it applies to one of those choices.

"Steve brought a serious tone back to student government. He brought the SGA respect. Now I want to bring to it a certain amount of power. The power of student government as a whole. In selecting a faculty advisor, we need someone who is not only recognized as a leader among the faculty, but who also has time to dedicate to the student body."

He stressed that this "power" is derived entirely from proper representation of the views of the students.

Among the other projects which Neiman intends to handle this year as he takes over the office of president is a "proper schedule of public opinion polls." By the end of the semester he hopes to have at least two polls completed.

Also, there are some long term enterprises of this past year's SGA, which Neiman and his new administration will deal with, such as the honor code revisions, and in the Student Academic Board (SAB) the addition of thesis information to transcripts.

Student apathy is another major issue which is of primary importance to Neiman. According to the president, the solution to apathy is usually event oriented "but there are so many special interest groups on campus it's hard to come up with the event that everyone is going to find acceptable."

He added that if students don't want to get involved in things,

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Second Hodson Renovation Open Forum meeting held

by Tracey Connell
Staff writer

Eight students attended the most recent Hodson Hall Renovation Open Meeting which was held last Tuesday, February 27 at 7 PM in Hynson Lounge.

Clint Baer, Director of Planning and Special Projects, began by reviewing schematic plans along with a few minor changes generated from and since the last open meeting. He stressed the need for some kind of a Student Union combining the services of the current Miss Dee's Snack Bar and Coffee House, but, he stated "what students clearly want is a similar area though it ought to be different from the upstairs [dining service]."

He seemed to be addressing concerns raised at the last meeting that because this snack bar would involve a merging of the Miss Dee operation and dining services, "we will have a two story dining hall," as stated by student Matt Weir.

One change in the plans involved the removal of some tables and chairs in the pictured snack bar area. According to Baer the Fire Marshall required they be removed due to the fact they would present a hazard in the event of a fire.

As the meeting progressed one new issues emerged, which was raised by new SGA President Stuart Neiman.

Neiman was concerned about the disturbance that the approximate ten month construction would cause to students who expect the facilities to at least be operative.

"There are some areas which are more important to have operational than others. Students will be forgiving the bookstore not being completed and with the Coffee House they are expecting a change, but as far as the snack bar is concerned students will be more worried with having a functional snack bar area than they will with anything else."

Baer answered by stating that those facilities will be operational throughout the year, but the Coffee House would be closed at some points.

Said Baer, "You would have the new lounge and the gym during certain occasions" to hold events that would normally be held in the Coffee House.

He added that the construction should be completed on time, by September 1991. "The Science Building was completed on schedule as well as the Creative Arts Center, which had a ten month schedule also. So far the only project off schedule is the college lane." Therefore inconvenience might be tempered with expectation at the new expanded and streamlined facilities.

Other suggestions made were that the snack bar have the resource of a debit system, where students could establish an account and buy items from that, and that the arcade be equipped with new college owned pool tables. Said one student, "let us

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Director of Physical Plant position filled

by Tracey Connell
Staff writer

Gene Hessey, Senior Vice President for Management and Finance, and Clint Baer, Director of Planning and Special Projects, announced this week that the position of Director of Physical Plant has been filled. Reid Raudenbush, a manager assigned from the Marriot Corporation, will succeed Bill Coleman, who retired in December.

When Coleman retired from the position of Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, a search committee was established to find his replacement. Members of the committee were: Clint Baer, Kevin Coveney, Vice President for Admissions and Enrollment Management, Chris Havermeyer, Gene Hessey (Chairperson), Michael Malone, Associate Professor Department of Economics, and Maureen McIntire, Dean of Student Affairs.

Over the past few months, they conducted a national search interviewing individuals and entertaining proposals from two contract services, Marriot and Service Master. Both services had conducted audits of the campus.

According to Baer, "After a review we identified Marriot."

Both Hessey and Baer stressed that "in every way the position functions the same." Raudenbush will have to fit in the administrative structure of the College, serve on committees, and direct staff and employees in the Maintenance area.

Marriot employees also bring with them extensive training, which will "strengthen our program and make all our employees more qualified," said Baer.

Hessey added that

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SGA meeting

by Kyndra Ponder

Tuesday marked the last full meeting for this year's SGA officers and allowed some of the new officers a chance to acquaint themselves with the SGA and how it works.

Bill Kerbin, finalizing the new Honor Code revisions, reported that the Student Affairs Committee (SAC) had some problems with the new code. Kerbin stated that the committee felt that there were two problems with the Honor Code-the enforcement is too strict and, in order for the code to work,

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EDITORIAL

Campaign tactics were unethical

I would like to take this opportunity to express my concern over the campaigning methods of a few of the candidates that ran for an office in the Student Government Association last week.

Anyone running for office should have enough decency and respect for those in the college community not to swear in print or in a public speech. It is insulting and expresses nothing except the ignorance of the candidate. Swearing only points out the candidate's limited vocabulary and desperation for attention. Legal laws may not exist stating the etiquette of campaigning, but there are understood boundaries of how far a candidate should go.

My other concern is with a candidate who set up a campaigning gimmick within four yards of the voting poll. National and local laws exist which state legal limits of distance between the voting place and an active campaigner. Obviously, no law exists within the SGA, but one should be created since the campaigner is acting like a Big Brother watching everyone place their vote.

The same candidate later approached as I was leaving dinner and asked if I voted. I had deliberately tried to avoid him, but I answered yes. He then followed me a couple of feet and accused me of lying. The truth is I had voted, I just did not want to tell him he was not my choice and publicly embarrass him. This excessive and unethical campaigning did not make a difference in voters' decisions; if anything, it had a negative effect.

In the future I suggest that if the candidates want to inquire about a student's voting habits, they should do so without annoying or offending the student.

Basically, the SGA should take the time to create a few rules and regulations stating specific limitations on campaigning. It would make election time much more pleasant, and allow the freedom of choice that voters rightfully deserve, without candidates peering over their shoulders.

-Julie Greene

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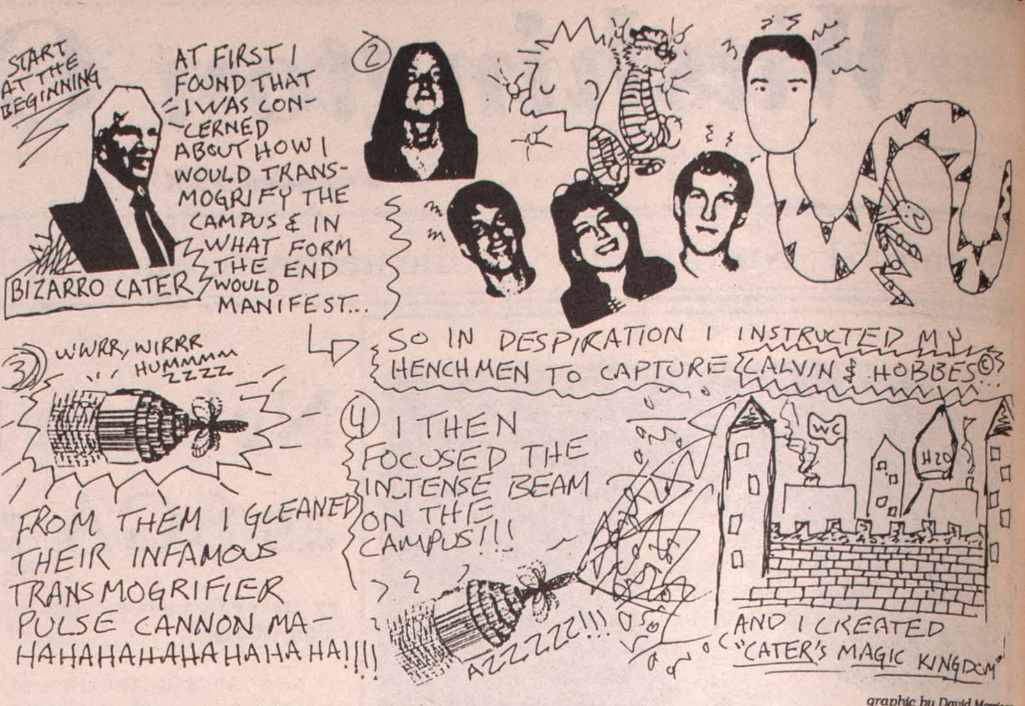
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Letters to the Editor

Student complains about cable

Okay, I give up. What's the joke? Why in earth, heaven and hell are we still waiting for cable? According to the obviously exasperated woman at Simmons Cable who spoke to me on the phone today, the company has been waiting and waiting for the college to get back to them, and no one has. Just what the deleted expletive is going on here?

A few weeks ago, I read a front-page article in the Elm about an allegedly impending agreement bewtween W.C. and Simmons. Someone tell me: is something really going to happen soon? Or ever? I think the students have been fairly patient since the college yanked our cable service out over a year ago without even telling us. But right now I get three channels (and very badly) and I have to put a wrestling hold on my antenna in order to watch Nightline. I'm really just sick of it all. By agreeing to reinstall cable on campus after having taken it out for basically no reason in the first place, the college is admitting it made a mistake. Having made the mistake and admitted it, isn't the only polite course of action that of trying to rectify it as soon as humanly possible?

I realize that the installation of cable may be causing the administration some inconvenience. Frankly, I don't care. Besides, the students' now-three-semester-old inconvenience of not having cable, the families of the students who go to school here have a $15,000 inconvenience to deal with every year. Last year, Mr. Baer informed us that it was his opinion that we should be studying in stead of watching TV. It is my opinion that our school's Director of Special Projects should be a continual help to the students, instead of a continual hindrance.

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ISSUE: What can be done to improve students' pride in Washington College?

Is pride necessarily a good thing?

Bruce Hamilton

Is Pride necessarily a good thing? I don't want to be one of those people who makes a point of boasting about their alma mater. I think we've had enough of that from our parents. You know the joke: a Yale man and a Harvard man are in the euphemism, and the Harvard man is about to leave when the Yale man makes a comment: "At Yale they taught us to wash our hands after going to the bathroom." The Harvard man retorts, "At Harvard they taught us not to piss on our hands."

Aren't we, as a student body, proud of our school? The question of increasing student pride in Washington College is a loaded one–it assumes that the student body needs an increase in morale, or school spirit. Many would value their school in terms of its prestige or national recognition–but is this any stigma of worth? If our school buildings were old barns and our dorms were log cabins, would we feel any less pride towards the institution itself? The relevant attitudes of our student body correspond to a varied sense of values: while some of us feel that our faculty is outstanding, many simply value the social aspect of WC. This is also a question of loyalty: my fraternity is better than yours.

Pride is usually defined by negative connotation. According to Christian doctrine, one of the seven deadly sins. "Pride goeth before destruction" (Proverbs 16:18). By the same token, it can only be ignorance that breeds the kind of unconstructive criticism that one often hears muttered in the cafeteria, or cluttering the pages of our newspaper. Anyone who devalues or debases this school might as well go somewhere else. As an extreme example, anyone who vandalizes (and by this I mean willful destruction of property with malicious intent) should be either severely punished or removed from the community.

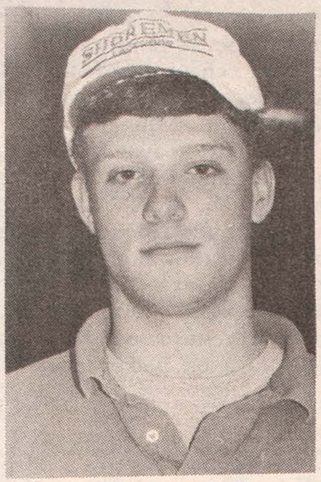
Ideally, that is what WC should strive to be: a community. We as students make up a great percentage of this community and should strive to make it as mutually productive and symbiotic as possible. We're all in this together.

I am told Stuart Neiman made the suggestion of having the Washington College seal painted on the side of the water tower. I think this is an interesting idea, but I don't think it would do anything to raise morale. Is Pride the bumpersticker you put on your car, telling the world you are a student here, or part of the alumni? Is it having a sweatshirt with the name of your school, to impress friends and family? I think not.

To conclude, I think there is nothing that can be done to increase student pride. In fact, it may not be necessary. There are a number of small improvements that would undoubtedly make students happier, but would this make them want to expound on the virtues of WC to their children? We must simply realize the merits of this school and learn to value it as an institution and an education.

Few of the students here realize that this school does have a definite history–one that commands respect. George Washington was the father of our country. Remember that criticism can be heplful or completely useless. Realize that each sorority and fraternity is only a small group within the big picture. To take pride in your school is to take pride in yourself as a student.

CAMPUS VOICES by Amy L. Undercoffler



Curtis Campbell
Baltimore, MD
Freshman

I think students need to be more supportive of all of the athletic teams here. We have a great basketball team and one of the best Lax programs in the country. We should show some pride through support of them.

Michael Tyson
Silver Spring, MD
Sophomore

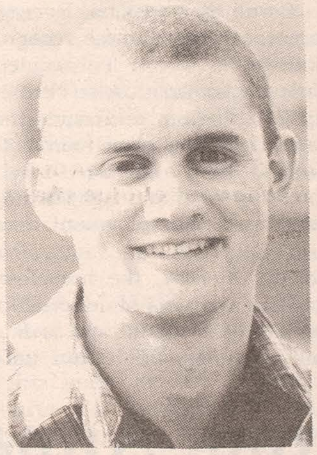
First, one needs to decide what exactly is the cause of the lack of pride here. Thinking about it, I can find numerous causes. The bottom line is that each individual is able to help make the school what he or she wants it to be and live here the way he or she wants to live.

Andrew Diller
Chevy Chase, MD
Freshman

To improve student pride in WC, we need something nice to respect. I know everything is in the middle of being renovated, but right now it's a mess. At least try to keep adequate walkways clear of mud.

Carrie Bryant
Fredrick, Maryland
Freshman

As a cheerleader for the SC Basketball team, I think students need to become more active and supportive of team sports. Students also need to look at the construction and renovation here on campus with a more positive attitude and to consider what it will provide for the college's future.



Phillip Macek
Ellicott City, MD
Junior

We need a President who remembers what division we are in–it's Division III, Doug.

Michael Gaucher
Wilmington, DE
Senior

First, a Sophie Kerr prize winner must outsell Stephen King with an obscure book of poetry. Secondly, Libby Cater must win a nationally televised beauty contest. It's that simple.

Hard work and perserverence will increase pride

Amy R. Caddle

Looking out a classrom window in William Smith Hall, one sees a towering elm tree and a bronze statue of George Washington, both casting long shadows on the front lawn of Washington College. These are the symbols of Washington College, supposedly representing the tree of knowlege rooted in a liberal arts education, and the ideals of the founder of our country and namesake of our institution. In case you haven't noticed, the elm has been plagued by disease for a few years now, and the statue of Uncle George is looking a bit corroded lately. In the midst of the Master Plan, students seem to be suffering from lack of pride in Washington College.

Enshrouding ourselves in the icons of Washington College does absolutely nothing to improve the problem of lack of school spirit, and, in effect, fosters false pride in our institution. Lack of school pride stems directly from the apathy plaguing the campus, and the only way to promote student pride is through student-initiated change. I often hear students complaining about the dining hall food, limited curriculum, and boring weekends. Obviously, the student body is aware of the changes that need to be made, but few actually take action to solve the problems.

The key to change is to initiate it. All of us have the power to make changes if we wish to do so. Granted, it takes a lot of hard work and determination, but the end result will be ideally worth the effort.

Some reform-minded students are striving to improve WC, and are increasing student morale at the same time. Last year a group of students got together and saw a need for Peace Studies. Over 300 signatures were collected through petitions, and meetings with the administration showed that professors were willing to teach courses that had student demand.

As a result of much perserverance on the part of students and faculty alike, a course focusing on Peace and Justice will be taught next year by Dr. Brien.

Another good example of student initiated change is the recent campus-wide recycling effort. We are not only working together and improving student esteem, but our efforts are having a positive effect on the world as a whole.

Last Saturday night at the Coffee House was Open Mike Night, and the place was packed. It was a great example of students supporting students. The crowd was treated to a variety of talent ranging from SGA Presidential Campaign ballads to jazz guitar. It was the first time I had seen the Coffee House so crowded for an event besides Bid Night or any other big event. Perhaps the C-House should schedule an Open Mike Night each month. It would not only help to improve student unity, but would also prove beneficial to the C-House's recent lack of popularity.

I'm not saying we can save the universe in a semester, but if you see a need for improvement, work for change. Chances are, other students feel the same way you do. Perserverance is essential and results will take time. But heck, we all know the Academic Resources Center wasn't built in a day!

PERSPECTIVES

Jesse Jackson and National Leverage

Laura Hopper

Jesse Jackson first gained national prominence following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Legend has it that Jesse appeared on the roof of the hotel in Memphis where King was shot wearing a shirt covered in blood, supposedly Dr King's. Jesse Jackson has come a long way from his beginnings on the south side of Chicago. He formed Operation Push, to promote equal rights, and later PUSH for excellence, a program to keep students from dropping out of school.

Jackson is a very eloquent and articulate man. But he can stick his foot in his mouth just as well as anyone else (Remember Hymietown?).

When Jackson moved to the District last spring, I thought he would challenge Marion Barry in the mayor's race. Barry 's Administration was even then thought to be as terrible as the current investigation is proving it is. And in a city where the candidate's race can determine the outcome of the race, Jackson would have been an alternative to the corrupt Barry.

Would have been, or could have been? Jackson has apparently decided not to run. He doesn't want to give up that "national leverage" he possesses by becoming mayor. But take a look at Jackson's record.

He has run for president twice, and did much better the second time. But he has limited, if any experience, in any type of governing. He did negotiate the release of one of the American hostages in the Middle East, but his presence was not appreciated in South Africa during the negotiations for Nelson Mandela's release.

Someone close to Jackson suggested that he actually did intend on running for mayor. That was his reason behind the move last April. But over the last few months, Jackson saw what a mayor must face on a daily basis. Not grand stirring issues that make excellent sound bites for the network news programs, but little day to day problems like a strike by sanitation workers or bus drivers, property tax hikes and street paving.

As mayor of Washington, Jackson might have gotten some national press coverage. But most would be local, not network. Face it, Jesse, the mayors of New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago really only make the network news broadcasts when they are elected, when they do or say something wrong, or when they die.

So all that national leverage (press coverage, name recognition, etc.) would be wasted. Unless, of course, Jesse cleaned up Washington, and made it a safe, if not nice, place to live. To do that, he would have to fight the Drug War, and right behind drugs are unemployment, teen pregnancy, drop-out rates, alcoholism, literacy, the homeless. Endless amounts of material for wonderful, eloquent and articulate speeches, but damn hard problems to actually solve. The list of problems faced by the mayor of a major metropolitan area does go on and on. And then there is always the city council, school board, fire and police departments to haggle with over every little thing.

Being the mayor of a big city is not a glamorous or always rewarding job. No TV shows, no swimming pools, no movie stars. Take a vacation and the critics will call you lazy. Throw a party and they'll say you are extravagant. I'm surprised that you, Jesse Jackson, had no idea what goes into running a city. You have been, after all, a critic of city governments for years. It's a hard job; the late Harold Washington could have told you all about it. But he might have also said there was nothing he enjoyed more than being mayor of Chicago.

So, who will be the next mayor? A recent poll suggests the citizens of Washington think that fine, upstanding Marion Barry would be just fine. That's too bad. Old habits are pretty hard to get rid of, especially when they involve lots of friends. Maybe a drug-free Barry would be different, but I don't know. But don't worry about it too much, Jesse, you'll be off campaigning for statehood for the District, trying to become a "shadow senator" for the District and hosting your TV show.

The sad thing, Jesse, is that maybe you could have done a world of good for Washington DC, and for the people who live there.

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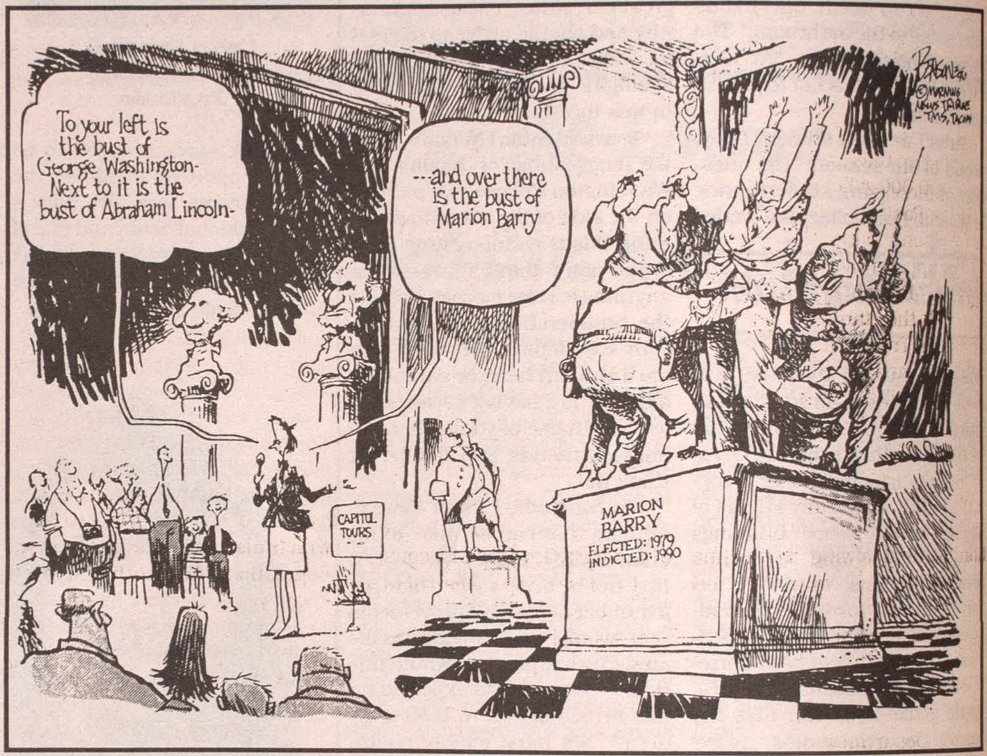
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The news from Annapolis: environmental bills

Steven Bruchey

Monday afternoon approximately 250 undergraduates from Maryland colleges and universities marched the State House in support of a rigorous line of policy towards the environment. The students feel as though the environment has taken a backseat to the abortion issue.

This march was an important and effective political move for those concerned about the environment, and also a very symbolic gesture. Not only did these students bring statewide attention to an issue that has been overlooked this entire legislative session, they have shown lawmakers that they are concerned about political issues which will affect them and future generations.

It is somewhat odd that the environment has fallen so far behind abortion in the public eye, because there is a worldwide movement to start making environmentally safe products and to implement programs which will begin to protect and cleanup the environment. Furthermore, this is an election year and abortion has the potential to make or break some politicians campaigns because it is such a heated and emotional issue.

However, there are a number of bills on the environment such as an act that is planned to prolong the moratorium on the rockfish ban, another bill which would cease the rockfish ban, another which would prohibit construction on non-tidal wetlands, and some acts that would change hunting license requirements.

This Wednesday the hype will end and the hearings on abortion will finally take place in the Joint Hearing Room of the Legislative Services Building at 1:00 pm. The reason that the session has thus far been relatively quiet is that the Senate and the rest of the General Assembly is afraid of abortion coming up in the legislature is that if someone would start a filibuster in the Senate, the wheels of lawmaking would come to a halt. Even though the hearings on this topic will be heard this week, the bills could be buried at the bottom of the voting schedule so that the bills would not reach their respective house floors until all of the less controversial issues have gone through quietly.

The committees that will be presiding over the hearings will be Senate's Judicial Proceedings and the House's Environmental Affairs. Testimony will be very limited and the hearings will end no later than 6:00 pm. From 1:00-4:00, testimony will be heard for and against all of the abortion bills by designees of the Senators and Delegates. Then, from 4:00-5:00, public testimony will be heard on the Senate and House Abortion Omnibus Bills and from 5:00-6:00 on all other abortion bills.

A humorous thing happened on Thursday in the House Environmental Affairs Committee when five bills were presented to give more power to counties in enforcing the clean-up of the Chesapeake Bay. These bills were introduced by Delegates Johnson (one bill) and Weir (four bills) on behalf of the Joint Commission on the Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas. The chairman of the commission, Judge North, was present to testify on the legislation. Even though these are commission bills, North testified against two of the five. It seems to me that he is trying to limit the power of his own commission and biting the hand that feeds him at the same time.

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News from around the world: Oil spill in Illinois

UNITED STATES:

Jesse Jackson has indicated he will not be seeking the Democratic nomination for mayor of Washington DC. When Jackson moved from the south side of Chicago to the District last April, many people assumed he would challenge Marion Barry in the next election. Barry's arrest for possession of cocaine thrust Jackson back into the spotlight. But Jackson has now indicated he will not run for mayor, and will continue in his efforts to gain statehood for the District of Columbia. In addition to his television show, Jackson hopes to be elected a sort of "shadow Senator" to lobby Congress.

In southern California, while officials decide whether to reopen 12 miles of beaches following an oil spill, the British Petroleum Company submitted its plan for cleaning up the remainder of the spill. 400,000 gallons of oil spilled into the Pacific ocean on February 7 when the tanker American Trader apparently struck her own anchor. British Petroleum has charted the tanker from the American Trading and Transportation Company. An official in the California Attorney General's office said both companies can be liable for damages.

In Roxana, Illinois, 672,000 gallons of oil spilled into a retention pond following a pipeline break at a Shell Oil refinery on the Mississippi River. Apparently, no oil reached the river.

Despite protests from the Alaska state government, the Justice Department is pursuing efforts to negotiate a plea-bargain settlement with Exxon. According to the proposed agreement, Exxon would plead guilty to negligence and set up a $550 million fund to restore natural resources damaged in the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

Alaskan officials object to the plea-bargain saying it will hinder their efforts to prosecute civil cases and collect damages from Exxon. The agreement contains a clause which prohibits Exxon from suing the government for negligence and demanding that the government pay part of the clean up costs.

SOVIET UNION:

In 20 cities across the Soviet Union, peaceful rallies were held to protest the slow rate of change in the Soviet Union. The rallies were organized by the pro-Democracy opposition and were in support of non-Communist or democracy oriented candidates. There will be elections held this coming Sunday in the republics of the Ukraine, Russia, and Byelorussia.

Lithuanians voted in the first multiparty election on Saturday. It was the first multiparty election held in the Soviet Union since the Bolshevik revolution. 72 of the 141 seats in the parliament were won by the Lithuanian independence movement, Sajudis. Sajudis is a coalition group made up of pro-secession Communists, independents, Social Democrats, Christian Democrats, and the Green Party. Sajudis won enough seats to have a majority in parliament. 51 seats will be decided in run-off elections. Only 29 seats were won by Communists, and only 7 of those 29 belonged to the group of the party loyal to Moscow.

Elections were also held in the republic of Moldavia. Moldavia joined the Baltic States in seeking independence.

Vaclav Havel is in Moscow this week to meet with Mikhail Gorbachev. Havel is expected to press for the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Czechoslovakia.

GERMANY:

President Bush and West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl met at Camp David to discus German reunification. Both leaders tried to verbally reassure the Polish government's worries about the current border. But there is still a general uneasiness in Europe about German reunification and possible border and territory disputes.

The Poles are concerned about East Prussia and Silesia, both of which have a large ethnic German population. The Czechs are worried about the Sudetenland, which also has a large German population. And both Margaret Thatcher and François Mitter- and have expressed concerns about Germany's possible territorial aims.

Kohl has offered no firm reassurances to the Poles, and has indicated he does not want them greatly involved in reunification negotiations. Bush is more concerned that a reunified Germany be a firm member and supporter of NATO, and not become an isolated power.

NICARAGUA:

In a closely monitored presidential election, Violetta Chamorro defeated the leader of the Sandinistas, Daniel Ortega. Chamorro, the candidate of the National Opposition Union, is the widow of an outspoken newspaper publisher whose assassination sparked the 1978 revolution. The Bush Administration has pledged economic aid to help rebuild the Nicaraguan economy. But US aid will not be forthcoming until the Sandinistas hand power over to the Chamorro government.

EL SALVADOR:

José Napoleon Duarte, former president of El Salvador, died at his home in San Salvador. Duarte, 64, suffered from advanced liver cancer. In the 1960's, Duarte helped form the Christian Democratic party. He was elected mayor of San Salvador three times. Duarte spent seven years in exile in Venezuela after endorsing a military coup. During his presidency, Duarte was unable to end the civil war in El Salvador.

HUNGARY:

Gyula Horn, the Hungarian Foreign Minister, suggested that Hungary and the other Warsaw Pact nations should try to create closer ties to western Europe by joining some of the committees of NATO.

Horn also called the proposed simultaneous dissolution of both NATO and the Warsaw Pact "an illusion." Hungary and the Soviet Union are currently negotiating the withdrawal of 50,000 Soviet troops.

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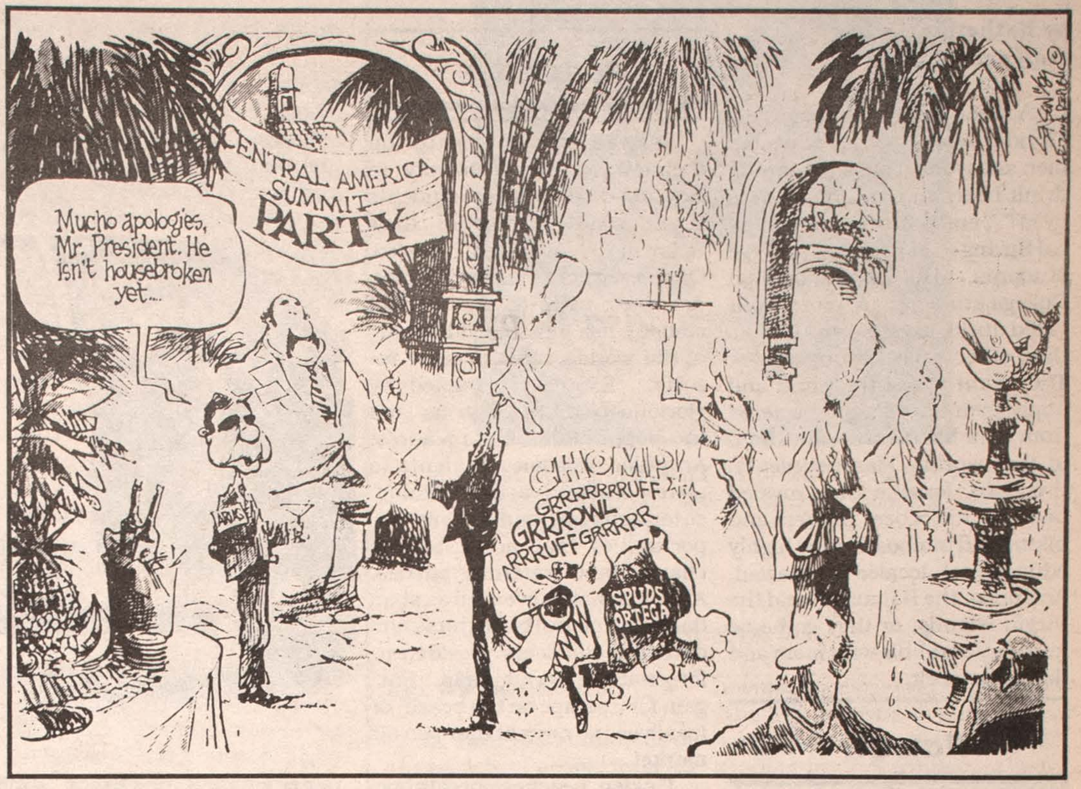
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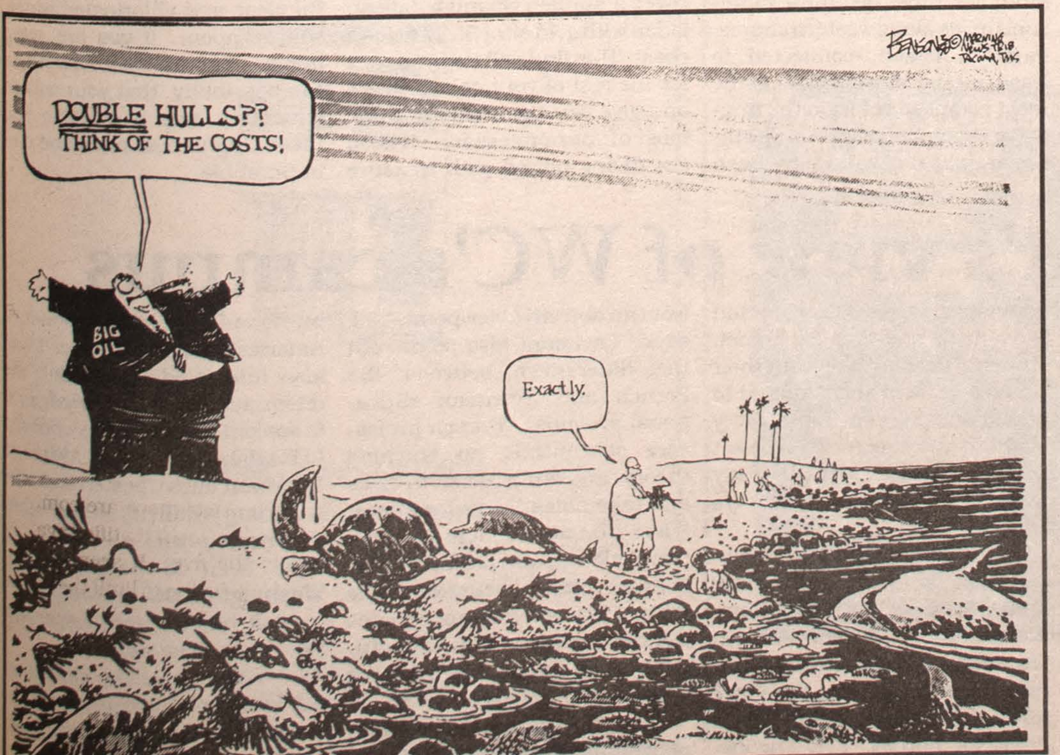
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Traveling to paradise: a Spring Break guide

by Katherine Absher
Staff writer

A week in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where young educated men and women bask in the sun, drink beer, and are interviewed by MTV, embodies the stereotypical Spring Break for most college students. But at Washington College students are more motivated during their Spring Breaks than other typical young adults. They want to see the world and apply their knowledge, garnered from their liberal arts education, to that world. Many students, therefore, forsake the crowded beaches, full of beer guzzlers and bikini clad bimbos, for the highly educational locales of Hawaii, Acalpuco, the Bahamas, and the Virgin Islands, or they go home and play Scrabble with mom and dad for a week.

Hawaii

Although college students must exchange their cans of beer for a mai tai in a pineapple, Hawaii is a wonderful place to spend Spring Break. In Honolulu students can brush up on their World War II history by visiting Pearl Harbor and the USS Arizona Memorial.

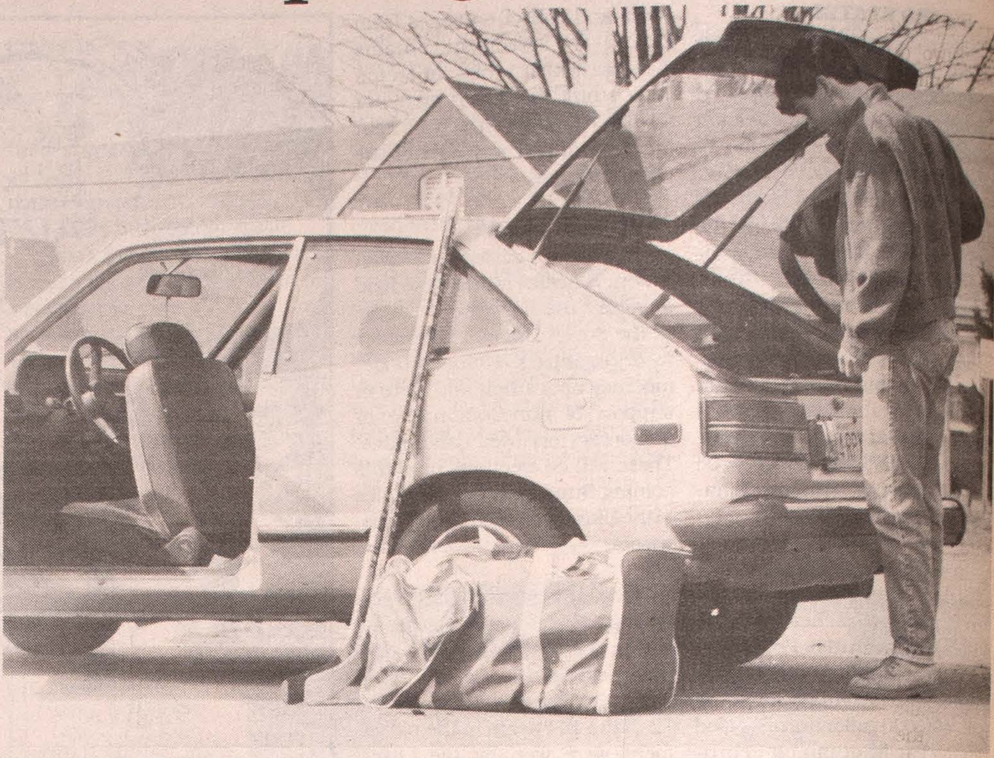
After fulfilling your obligations to Dr. Smith or Dr. Striner, leave Honolulu. Honolulu is a carbon copy of Los Angeles; it is overpopulated and over-commercialized. If you are searching for a beach and palm trees, escape from the skyscrapers of Hawaii and travel to Maui, Kauai, or Molokai, the smallest of the Hawaiian islands and the ultimate getaway. Molokai is only ten miles wide by 37 miles long and free of traffic lights, high-rises, elevators or supermarkets.

Junior Susan Spedden recommends a trip to Hawaii saying, "The neatest thing about Hawaii is when we were leaving the airport to go to the hotel, the airport was surrounded by black lava rock that was graffitied with little white shells that said so and so loves so and so or welcome to Hawaii. It was so respectful of the environment [to use shells instead of spray paint]. Plus the water was so warm. The luaus ar wonderful, but poi tastes really nasty."

Acapulco

Instead of brushing up on their World War II history in Hawaii, some ambitious students might want to practice their Spanish in Acapulco, Mexico. Once a part of the Aztec Empire, Acapulco, with its near perfect climate, has blossomed into one of the world's most popular resorts. Exquisitely framed by glorious beaches, lagoons and the slopes of the Sierra Madres, Acapulco welcomes students to an unparalleled variety of dining, entertainment, and activity opportunities that are a unique change from fraternity parties. Although not as eventful as slam dancing, colorful bullfighters and daredevil cliffdivers provide unforgettable entertainment. Bargain for a serape on the beach, or for silver and onyx at the open air market.

Golden beaches, breathtaking views, parasailing and waterskiing also provide immense pleasure to the vacationing student.



Departing for Spring Break, sophomore Jim Finlay packs his car in expectation of a eventful week.
(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

Jamaica

But if your Spanish is impeccable, thanks to all those hours in the language lab, Jamaica is one of the largest English speaking islands in the Caribbean Sea. It offers beautiful white sand beaches, lush gardens, good shopping, tennis, golf and a wide variety of water sports. Your vacation would not be complete without visiting Dunn's River Falls or dancing the night away to Jamaica's famous reggae music. Junior Larry Kilroy liked, "going up on the mountains of Kingston at night because Kingston was a really pretty city from a distance." He thought, however, that "the inner city of Kingston is sort of a slum."

The north coast with its popular resort areas of Montego Bay, Runaway Bay and Ocho Rios features fine coral beaches and broad plains where sugar cane, coconuts and citrus are grown. To the western end of the island lies Negril, once a remote swampy outpost but now a beachcomber's paradise.

Strongly contrasting with Chestertown's rainy weekends, students will be thrilled with the climate of Jamaica. Although temperatures only vary slightly, Jamaica does have seasonal changes in its weather. December to April is dry and cool (75 to 85 degrees) while July to September is dry and warm (85 to 95 degrees). Day breezes blow in from the sea to cool the island, and at night the breeze blows off the island.

Bahamas

If during your travels you are pining away for Chestertown's antique downtown area and modern shopping plaza, the capital of the Bahamas will make you feel right at home. Old World charm and New World glamour are combined in Nassau and in its world-class resorts of Cable Beach and Paradise Island.

In contrast to Old Nassau's stately colonial buildings, monuments and homes, Cable Beach with its ultra-modern resorts stretches three beautiful white-sand miles along western shores. Paradise Island, connected to Nassau by a short bridge, is the most complete resort in the tropics and the model by which others around the world have been measured.

Fine dining, great shopping and a full range of activities are readily available. Junior Greg Hay agrees, "The straw market is fun." Senior Laleh Malek, however, warns, "Be careful there. They rip you off. But the beaches are gorgeous—white sand with blue water."

A visit to Coral World, Nassau's new underwater observatory and marine park, is a must. Dr. Munson will surely give you extra credit points for this excursion.

Virgin Islands

If you are having difficulties juggling the bills for your Spring Break holiday and your Washington College tuition, go to St. Thomas, one of the Virgin Islands. Once the home port for Captain Kidd and Bluebeard, it was from St. Thomas that the pirates of the Caribbean launched their attacks on Spanish ships . If industrious, you might discover a sunken Spanish galleon laden with gold off of St. Thomas's coast. This find will tide you over for the rest of your college years and give you the ability to bribe most of your professors. If deep sea diving paired with treasure hunting is not your forte, you can still visit Bluebeard's Castle and try your luck there, or at least the visit will inspire a theses topic.

Of course one can save money by just lying on the beautiful beaches and swimming in the almost opaque waters, teeming with tropical fish and colorful corals. Or like Junior Jim Blount you can cruise around St. Thomas in a sailboat and visit the neighboring islands. Blount also enjoyed the native reggae music: "The music, the reggae, was great. Most of the bars were outside with a reggae band. Most had British beer."

If a student happens to be spending their Spring Break here rowing crew or writing their thesis, do not mourn. Andy's bar in downtown Chestertown, also serves imported beer and provides talented local entertainment for your enjoyment, such as the Swamp Weasels. There are also many tanning salons in the area to provide you with a tropical brown hue, and the Casey Swim Center, resplendent with beautiful clear and chlorinated water, will be open. If you are going home, you can look forward to the possibility that your college education may have given you the ability to beat mom and dad in Scrabble.

Language assistant's view of WC's campus

by Amy R. Caddle

What stereotypes come to mind when one mentions the French? Many picture the French as wearing berets and toting bread and wine around the countryside. Frédérique Lavanant, the French language assistant currently in residence at Washington College, breaks all of the negative stereotypes you may have of French people.

Lavanant comes to us from Créteil, France, about ten kilometers from Paris as part of an exchange program between Washington College and her home university. She completed her degree studies last year at Paris 12, concentrating in English and American Literature and Civilization. She has studied English for six years. Although Paris 12 and Washington College are similar in size, Lavanant notices some major differences. "At Paris 12, there is no real social life and no real campus. Here at Washington College the social life is a lot more active, and I am able to meet new people all of the time," says Lavanant. As Language Assistant, Lavanant teaches one class per week of Advanced Conversational French, assists students in the Language Lab, and is available any time for French students needing help with their courses. She is also required to attend the French Table every Monday afternoon in Hynson Lounge."I really enjoy all of my work with the students," says Lavanant.

In addition to her assistantship, Lavanant is currently taking Introduction to the Film, Elementary Spanish, African Literature, and American Literature. She especially likes her African Literature course with Professor Forbes. "He encourages us to approach the material from an objective viewpoint, "she says. Lavanant also points out the differences between the French and American educational systems. "French professors concentrate on teaching theory, and students sit in class and take notes," says Lavanant. "Here, the atmosphere is much more relaxed, and professors encourage class discussion," she adds. Lavanant also appreciates the close relationships that students and professors have at Washington College.

This is Lavanant's first stay in the United States. "I have been to England several times, but I was curious to experience American life and culture. I was also interested in learning the difference between English as it is spoken in America as opposed to England," she says. Although Lavanant likes Chestertown, she is finding it difficult to visit other American towns and cities. "I have been to Baltimore and Washington, DC, and I am eager to visit other places, especially New York," she says.

After Lavanant completes her assistantship here , she plans to return to France and complete her Masters Degree on Affirmative Action in the US.

FEATURES

Have a jolly, holly holiday

For the last week there have been two questions that have been dominating conversation on campus. Almost everywhere you go you hear someone asking, "Excuse me, but exactly why in the hell are there eagles on top of the lamp posts?" Still, the most popular question has concerned the fact that Washington College students are required to go to classes on Washington's Birthday.

Suck it up, I say. Students at Brigham Young University go to classes on Brigham's birthday. Classes are held at James Madison when the former president's big day rolls around. Even at the University of Nipsey Russell, students still had to crack open the books on the day "The Wiz" arrived on videocassette.

Besides, if WC students were given off for Washington's Birthday, there would be numerous other holidays that would have to receive the same treatment. Lincoln's Birthday would also require a break from studies. Richard Nixon's birthday could be celebrated with a class field trip where students learn how to make license plates. And while we're giving days off for Nixon birthdays, how about recognizing Mojo Nixon's. Any man who sings the line "Elvis eats boats" deserves a holiday in my book.

Since we will be spending the 1990-1991 academic year celebrating the birthdays of great presidents, we can't forget to celebrate the day Stuart Neiman first graced the world with his presence. There is no doubt in my mind that Stu will do a fine job as president. My God, the man developed his own campaign slogan—what more can you ask from a candidate? So I suggest that next year we are given a day off and allowed to celebrate Stuart Neiman's birthday. Hell, I'll go further than that. I say we give the student body a whole week off when he finally shaves his silly-looking beard.

Brett Lankford

I will also take this opportunity to announce my campaign that Eugene Hamilton's birthday is not only a campus holiday, but a national one. That man was responsible for one of the greatest musical performances and most enjoyable times this campus has ever seen. I am being completely serious. As a matter of fact, I am going to use this space to demand that the Coffee House give Mean Gene a return engagement.

Still, back to the holiday concept. I think Clint Baer should be one of the most celebrated people ever to work at this institution. We shouldn't stop at a holiday for this man. For my second example of blatant misuse of space on the features page, I will now propose that a statue of Clint Baer be constructed right next to the statue of George. Any man who has put up with as much abuse as Clint has over the past few years deserves some form of appreciation. If you won't build a statue for him, at least have his beard bronzed.

If we actually receive all of these holidays, the student body may die celebrating. In addition, students would only be allowed to attend one day of classes a week. Still, this is probably a small sacrifice to put forth as we make the effort to appreciate everyone who deserves recognition. Oh yes. There is one last birthday of note. I turn 21 on October 28th. Gifts and cards can be sent through campus mail. I'll get back to you on the address where you can send the flowers. Still, all I want for my birthday is a day off—and a few bronzed hairs from Clint Baer's beard.

Earth Day 1990

WE DON'T INHERIT THE EARTH FROM OUR PARENTS. WE BORROW IT FROM OUR CHILDREN......

"save the earth"

by Julianne Michael

In April 1970 hundreds of thousands of people from all walks of life came together to do their individual parts to help clean up the environment. The resulting changes in legislation and attitudes have been broad and long lasting. Now, twenty years later, the original organizers of that first Earthday event are back and planning an entire week-long series of activities.

Earthday 1990 will be the most exciting, far-reaching demonstration of environmental concern ever organized. The Elm is going to publish an environmental section each week leading up to Earthday, scheduled for April 22. There will be information concerning environmental issues here at the college as well as on the state, national and international can do to make a difference. There will be information about Earthday meeting and activities here at the college and around the state. There will also be information about different marches and protests around the state and in Washington DC. The Earthday representative for Washington College is Julianne Michael at 778-4110.

Spring Break in spring: a novel idea

Surprising as it may seem, Spring Break is only a little over a week away. Remember Spring Break? A time to pay homage to nature's glorious rebirth and celebrate the eagerly awaited return of warm weather.

Phil "Slice" Macek

Yet, truth be told, there is one fact about Spring Break that should put one's party plans temporarily on hold-it occurs during winter. It seems to me that the "omniscient" schedule makers at this fine learning center are playing a dirty trick on the student body. I can picture them at a meeting attempting to construct our academic calendar saying, "Let's give those juvenile delinquents Spring Break in the winter. Then, when the warm weather finally arrives, they'll be sweating it out over British literature papers, U.S. history exams, and biology lab reports-like those social vagrants should be. Especially seniors, we'll move up the final deadline for their theses so they can't waste their time drinking Milwaukee's Best, playing Nintendo, or entertaining themselves with a few rounds of campus golf."

However, most students, contrary to the wishes of the schedule makers, do manage to enjoy themselves during Spring Break. Many fine, well-meaning college-aged youths migrate to tropical locales to soak up the rays and alleviate the boredom that a Spring Break spent at home promises. Daytona Beach, Florida is a perennial hot bed for Spring Break pleasure seekers. Such hedonistic activities as the "Best Body on the Beach" contests, and all relative contests, act as nothing more than vents for the libidinous frustrations these admirable collegians keep pent up during the academic year as they ponder the academic value of: Marx's doctrines for a classless, egalitarian society, Freud's theories about the Id, Ego, and Superego, Plato's treatment of justice in The Republic, and Shakespeare's use of imagery in MacBeth. Unfortunately, not all students are presented with the opportunity for travel. Alas, these students have to spend their break at home.

However, the prospect of staying at home for a whole week is not as bad as it seems. In terms of completely resting one's mind, staying at home has no rival. Just think of the countless hours one can spend on the sofa eating Cheeze-its, drinking Yoo-Hoos, and becoming completely engulfed in television reruns of "The Banana Splits" and "Fish." Yes, spending an entire week on a sofa just doing nothing except eating and watching Abe Vigoda busting inner city drug czars sounds like pure heaven on earth to me.

No matter how one chooses to detach oneself from one's school work, one soon discovers that break is over and the time to make the subsequent odyssey back to our magnificent campus has arrived. Thus, when the warm weather of spring shows up, students are back in class, figuratively chained to their chairs in Smith Hall, helpless to take full advantage of the nice weather that nature has bestowed upon them.

Obviously, moving Spring Break back this year would not be feasible, as travel plans are already secure and untapped kegs are already being iced down. I only hope that in the future the schedule makers at his school can realize the desire of students to have Spring Break in spring. Granted, students are awarded

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SPORTS

Shoremen make NCAA tourney

by Matt Giller

Last week the Shoremen started the post season with two MAC tournament games, beating Moravian at home, 92-88 and losing in the finals to Franklin and Marshall, 87-77 in Lancaster, PA. The last time the Shoremen met Moravian was on opening night in this year's Scotty Wood tournament at Muhlenberg where the Greyhounds left the driving to us falling 82-68. The last time F&M and the WAC met on the hardcourt was in last year's 2nd round of the NCAA's, where the Dips jumped out to an early lead and never let the Shoremen back into the game, winning by a large margin.

But the Shoremen's next meetings with these two squads would prove to be much different than the last. NBA great Bill Russell once said that basketball is a game of streaks so it is important to get the first one and the last one - the Moravian game, case in point. Both teams had scoring streaks in the first half, adding up to a 35-34 Greyhound lead. For most of the second half, the Shoremen had control while building their leads. The WAC played near perfect basketball until about one minute left in regulation, when action was as wild as a tumbleweed in a tornado.

With the WAC leading by 7 it looked like the game was in the books. Looking to foul on every opportunity, Moravian sent WC to the line. Tank, an 80% free throw shooter was sent to the line on two straight occasions, only to see the front end of a one and one carom off the rim to keep Moravian within distance. Down by 3 and with 5 ticks left on the Timex, the Greyhounds took the ball out at halfcourt. The ball was inbounded into the corner and a desparation three-pointer was released. To the disbelief of everyone, the next sound they heard was the swish of the net and overtime was in the making.

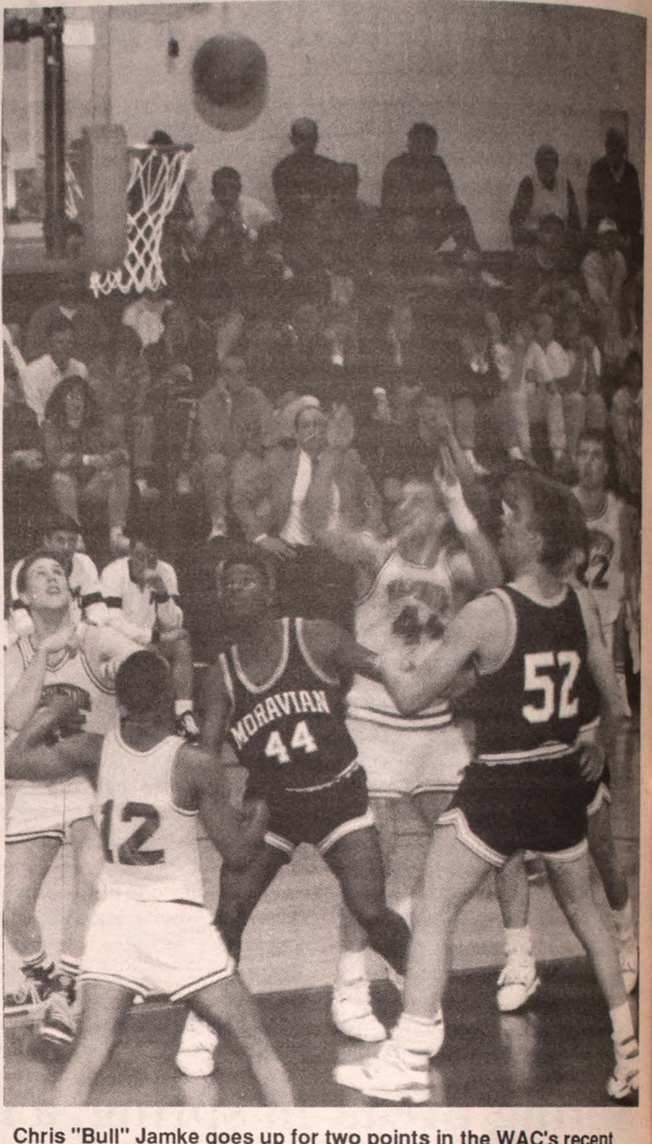
With the Shoremen in foul trouble, Moravian's center controlled the paint. But the home team once again thrilled the crowd with another win due to clutch foul shooting(27-31 total) and super defense. Keehan led WAC scorers with 33 points aided by 4 3-pointers. Chris Brandt followed with 20, Jamke had 17 points, 10 rebounds, Tank tallied 14 and 8 assists, while C.J. Johnson contributed with his 8 points and 7 rebounds. The win sent WC on to the MAC finals.

Each year it seems that to win the MAC tournament you must get by the Diplomats of F&M. This year would prove no different as the Dips beat our friends Widener College to advance to the finals. Both teams came out shootng the proverbial lights out, as the Shoremen shot 52% from the field and F&M only slightly better with 58%. F&M went into the locker room leading by a score of 41-37. Certainly if this game remained close the Shoremen, who have won every game that ended with a margin of 5 points or less, would rise over the top.

While the WAC never regained the lead in the 2nd half, the visitors kept the Dips extremely wary of an upset. The Shoremen thrilled the crowd that journeyed north when Duckett fed the Bull for an alleyoop to make it a one point contest with about 5 minutes remaining. Unfortunately the Dips took over for the remainder of the game resulting in a large final margin.

Chris "Bull" Jamke was dominating in the paint and led the Shore's scoring with 24 points and 10 rebounds. Keehan, who missed last year's game due to an ankle injury, scored 14 points and 8 rebounds. Brandt, riddled by foul difficulties, followed with 13, while Tank netted 9 and Liddy equalled that in one of his strongest games as a Shoreman.

Due to their strong 21-5 record the Shoremen were given their second straight NCAA tournament bid. They face Kings College(17-10) at home Saturday night at 7:30. This is the first NCAA playoff game WC has ever hosted, and a good turnout would be helpful. Coach Finnegan and the team would greatly appreciate your support at the playoff game Saturday night.



Chris "Bull" Jamke goes up for two points in the WAC's recent overtime victory against Moravian. *(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)*

Lacrosse hopes '90 will end years as bridesmaids

by Matt Giller

Each late winter about this time, bordering on a new season, talk surrounds the lacrosse team - unavoidably, Hobart slips through somebody's lips. That word alone almost seems to be taboo. But one can't help but be a little anxious about THAT OPPONENNT. First of all there has never been a team that has dominated a sport for so many years; and at the same time there has never been a team that has been second best for so many years. Call it an era of the bride and the bridesmaid complex, call it what you like, but after years of playing second fiddle to the Geneva juggernauts, the players might be putting on added pressure to finally be king of the hill.

But Coach Corcoran insists the pressure should be put on Hobart, who has gained national recognition for their record breaking streak. He feels with the outstanding core of All-American seniors, an All-American between the pipes, and a young talented squad, this could be the year.

This year's leaders are senior captains and 1st team All-Americans Tim Hormes and Bob Martino, Honorable Mention All-American senior Kevin Colbeck, and 3rd team All-American Dave Slomkowski. Hormes, Martino, Colbeck and junior Hank Miller lead a strong experienced corps of middies. They are joined at the center stripe by lettermen senior Mark Cavallaro, junior lettermen Ben Lamanna and Steve Klein. Transfers Jeff Hall and Steve Russell, along with freshmen Jed Cronin and Dave Lapinsky, join the veterans of the team.

With Hormes moving from attack to middie this year, sophomore Nick Darcangelo is the lone proven scorer in the crease. Joining Darcangelo at attack are Greg Rupert and Ron Council. Talented freshmen include Brian Johnson and Greg Mouragady.

While the defense lacks a single senior, it is blessed with talent and size. Anchored by sophomore Jason Scarborough, juniors Matt Petz and Kevin Doyle goalie Slomkowski gets much support. The supporting talented cast includes junior Dave Cromwell, sophomore Mike Johnson, and freshmen John Hernandez. Slomkowski is backed up by John Kelly, Bob Biggar and frosh Justin Weitz.

Corcoran stongly believes that this team will again be another successful one, despite the fact that they have the toughest schedule in their division. Their schedule includes top 10 Division I powers Navy and Johns Hopkins, along with a Division III schedule that will probably lock horns with 7 of the top 8 teams.

New additions this year consist of rule changes that are geared towards preventing the slowness of stalling. For one, the ball must clear the retaining line in 10 seconds, then another 10 seconds to enter the opponent's box. During the last 2 minutes of the game, teams must stay in box or a loss of posession will result. Corcoran, an advocate of a faster, more exciting game has been a victim of lesser talented teams by this style of play. The head Shoremen feels, as well, these rule changes should improve the interest of the game. Also adding to a quicker pace is changing of the rule after a shot. Once a shot is taken, the ball is immediately put back in play, making the defensive team unable to put longsticks in to counter the bevy of sharpshooters. These rules not only fit the team's fast style but also enables them to be steps closer to king of the hill.

When asked if Hobart can be beaten, Corcoran replied that just like Mike Tyson, they're human. He continued with a smile, "maybe we can be Buster Douglas." Probably hidden in his desk drawer somewhere is a baseball cap inscribed on the lid, "JUST YOUR BEST - SHOREMEN LAX."

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Swimming finishes 9th at MAC

by Greg Coss

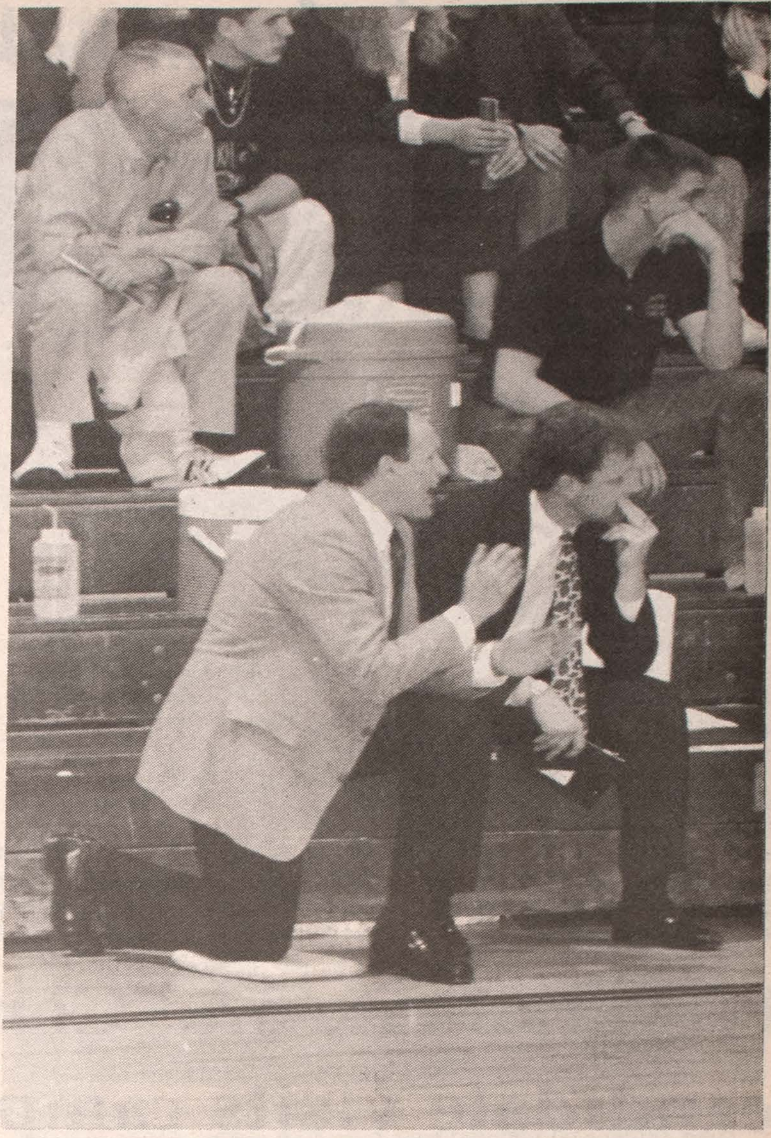
The 1990 MAC women's swim championships held at Franklin and Marshall College were the biggest challenge of the year for the Washington College Shorewomen. They were comprised of an equivalent of 6 meets condensed into a 3-day period, and the women's swim team responded brilliantly. Among the excitement of the meet was a personal best for Samantha Streamer in the 50 yard freestyle event, which remarkably came on the final day of the grueling competition. Washington College also received very impressive performances by Amy Capone in the 100 and 200 yard breast stroke events. Leslie Newcombe place in 3 events, including a very good showing in the 1650 freestyle event (12th place in MAC's which according to Coach Berry was "way above her seeding") after already swimming in the 200 breast stroke and placing tenth. If there were two real standouts for Washington College, though, they were senior Vicki Carroll and sophomore Kasey Carroll (no relation).

Kasey Carroll had been attempting all year long to post a time which would qualify her for the NCAA III championships at Williams College in Massachusetts. Her last opportunity came at the MAC's, and she more than made the most of her chance. In what Coach Berry and many others called "the premier race of the 3-day meet," Kasey easily defeated a swimmer from Gettysburg who was ranked 7th in the nation in the 1650 freestyle and had beaten Kasey twice before in the same event to capture the big upset of the meet. Berry feels that this year Kasey has an excellent chance to place in the nationals and earn All-American status. The top sixteen times in each event will place and these will be All-Americans. Last year Kasey finished seventeenth and missed All-American by two seconds. This year, Coaches Kim Lessard and Dennis Berry "will train her for two weeks". "There's a lot of hype and hoopla that goes with the national championships," said Berry, "but her win in the MAC's proved she's no fluke. She believes in herself and so do the other swimmers. We all feel she can get the job done in the nationals, and that we'll see some good swimming." Kasey's victory was the first conference championship in Washington College history. In addition to this victory, Kasey finished second in the 500 freestyle to the same girl she defeated in the 1650 free. 3rd in the nation. Kasey rounded out her placings with a third place finish in the 200 fly, ending a brilliant overall performance.

Vicki Carroll swam the best race of her life in the last race of her life. She has been a member of the swim team for four years and a valuable contributor, but she had never been able to place in the MAC championships. But this year would be different, as Vicki posted a personal best time in the 100 butterfly and placed 13th. "I always have special thoughts for seniors," said coach Berry. "In Vicki's case she gave up a lot to concentrate on swimming. She has obligations as a senior and many other concerns, but she still stays dedicated. She has improved every year, and her last swim was a personal best. Maybe it took her last race to place but that's what Washington College is all about. She worked hard for her four years here, and she gave herself a great reward."

Three other swimmers place for WC as well, giving the Shorewomen a total of five placers, a school record. Leslie Newcombe had "a great tournament" according to Berry. Newcombe turned in an excellent 12th place showing in the 1650 free, a 10th place showing in the 200 breast, and a 16th place showing in the 100 breast. Berry was also impressed with Sam Streamer's personal best in the 50 free, as well as an 8th place finish in the 100 free and a 9th place finish in the 200 free. "Amy Capone surprised a lot of people and turned a lot of heads," Berry also noted. The freshman turned in a 6th place finish in the 200 breast and 7th place in the 100 breast.

WC placed ninth overall in the competition, and its 208 total compiled points were a school record. The team could have finished anywhere from 6th to 12th place, as the top five teams were just too strong. WC held sixth at different stages of the competition, and its distance from that spot at the end was very narrow. Berry said there was "a lot of parity, a lot of quality swimmers at the event. We knew our work cut out for us and we came through." The performance at the MAC's, as well as WC's season, was an all-time best for the Shorewomen. On March 8,9 and 10, Kasey Carroll swims in the nationals. Meanwhile, the rest of the team can reflect on their banner season and look forward to a very promising season next year.



Coach Finnegan patrols the sidelines in the team's recent Middle Atlantic Conference playoff victory. *(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)*

Baseball goes south for spring

by Brett Lankford
Staff writer

This year's WC baseball team will attempt to improve on their 7-14 record by sending out a young, but talented baseball team that excels on defense. The team's success will depend a great deal on the squad's hitting and pitching. This formula may sound familiar to Baltimore Orioles fans, and by late April, who knows, the campus may be hearing cries of "Why Not?" from the ballclub.

The team has already experienced a few setbacks this season. Scott Riley, a starting outfielder from last year's team, transferred from the school at the end of last semester. In addition, pitcher Hal McBee had an elbow operation a couple of months ago, and the injury has yet to heal completely. McBee will be unable to pitch this year, but he will be able to play in the outfield. Coach Athey hopes that the team will be able to overcome these setbacks and make a run at the MAC championship.

"This year's team is more experienced," Athey said recently. "We could be competitive in the MAC this year. Johns Hopkins is probably the only team in the conference with more material than us, and if things work out we might be able to make a run."

This year's club does have four dependable pitchers on the squad. Chris Long, Joe Boan, Grame Wildman and C.J. Johnson make up the Washington College pitching staff. Long and Boan combined to register five of the team's seven victories last season. Long led the team in innings pitched and strikeouts, while Boan was the only Shoreman with a winning record. Wildman and Johnson are also experienced on the mound.

Joe Boan and Matt Giller will need to carry some of the offensive load for the Shoremen this year. Giller batted .323 last season and was second on the team in doubles, and Boan has shown great potential at the plate. Benny Sanudo will also be an important cog in the WC offensive machine. Sanudo was second on the team in walks last year and led the squad with a .487 on base percentage.

This year the team is experienced at every position. Coach Athey has instituted a platoon system in an effort to get the best out of his talented players.

The team is also heading south over Spring Break for their annual spring trip. The team leaves March 9th, and this is the thirteenth consecutive year that WC has gone south over break. They will scrimmage against Allentown, Upsala, Southeastern Massuchesetts, St. Lawrence, Delaware Valley and Swarthmore. Coach Athey feels this trip is important for the team. "We use these games as practice games. It gives everyone on the team some experience, and it gives the pitchers a chance to loosen their arms and warm up for the season. The trip also helps because it brings the team together."

This year's WC baseball team started their season on March 1 against Catholic. After their spring trip, they return for a March 22 home game against Tufts. The MAC season begins at the end of March and will be in full swing by mid-April. By that time, the Shoremen will have shown whether they will be contenders or pretenders in 1990.

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Applications will be availabe in Student Affairs on Wednesday, March 7th. and must be returned no later than Wednesday March 21st.

ARTS

Maloney's innovative approach to *Gabler*

Hedda Gabler, a tale of a woman who finds herself trapped in an unfulfilling marriage and attracted to another man, written by Henrik Ibsen, will be performed by the WC Drama Department Friday and Saturday nights at 8 PM under the direction of Tim Maloney. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Free tickets can be reserved by calling 778-2800, ext.269 *[photo by Amy L. Undercoffler]*

by Amy Klamberg

Under the direction of Drama Department Chairman Timothy Maloney, the Washington College Drama Department will perform Henrik Ibsen's *Hedda Gabler* in Tawes Theater of the Gibson Fine Arts Center Wednesday, February 28 through Saturday, March 3. Rehearsals for the production began in early February, and the cast and crew as a whole are feeling very confident about their work.

In much of his work, Ibsen, a prominent late 19th century Danish playwright, focused on the psychological making or "mismaking" of his principal character, and he conveys the destructive effects that this person's deficiences have on the people around them.

This psychological-emotional approach to drama is very much present in the story of *Hedda Gabler*. First performed in 1889 at the Munich Hoftheater, this play reveals the desperation of a woman who, through outside pressures, finds herself caught in an unfulfilling marriage and attracted to another man.

The themes of human potential unrealized and conformation to society's standards are two other motifs that are crucial in *Hedda Gabler*, as well as in many other plays by Ibsen.

According to several members of the cast and crew, the approach taken, by director Tim Maloney, with this particular production is quite innovative and exciting.

Assistant Stage Manager and sophomore Stephanie Hess explains, "It is definitely a non-traditional approach but he [Maloney] is not taking the story out of context." The costumes and props being used are from the late 19th century period although there is some use of unusual, unexpected properties for symbolic purposes.

Predicts junior Felicia Shakman, who is portraying the lead character of Hedda, "The audience will really have to use their imaginations when watching this interpretation of the play and I think that's a good thing." The use of some surprising special effects will also add to the unique nature of the production.

The cast of this production includes Shakman as Hedda Tesman; Peter Johnson as her husband, George Tesman; Lisa Woodcock as Juliana Tesman, his aunt; Emily Lott as Mrs. Elvsted; Ryder Daniels as Elbert Lovborg and Cindy Croot as Berta, a servant to the Tesmans.

Through a intense, rigorous rehearsal process, averaging four hours every night, the actors initially familiarized themselves with the play through improvisational portrayal of their characters. Shakman recalls, "For almost the first three weeks we were doing improv. Our director had us explore every extreme, every possibility for our character before we even started looking at scripts." The audience should expect to experience a wide range of emotions towards the characters in the play.

Those involved in the show agree it is hard to know whether or not to sympathize with Hedda at the end of the play. "The play is really about the mismaking of Hedda and how everyone has an ideal for what they want her to be," emphasizes Hess.

Seating for the production is limited and reservations can be made by calling 778-2800 ext.269. Admission is free.

WC graduate and Congressional candidate visits campus

by Kevin Holland

Maryland Delegate and Congressional candidate Barbara Kramer will speak on campus Thursday, March 8. A 1970 graduate of Washington College, Delegate Kramer will deliver a speech, sponsored by the William James Forum.

Delegate Kramer is currently completing her second term as State Delegate for Harford County, having been elected in 1983, and recently launched her campaign to be named the Democratic candidate for the Maryland First District Congressional seat. That position is held by incumbent Congressman Roy Dyson, who will face Kramer in the Democratic primary later this year, according to Kramer's aide.

This year's Congressional race should prove interesting, as incumbent Dyson has faced growing opposition in the last two years.

After defeating Republican contender Wayne Gilchrest by a very small margin in 1988, Dyson has endured allegations concerning ethics and finance management. His popularity on the Eastern Shore has waned considerably, and Shore Republicans are hopeful of gaining a new Congressional seat.

If Kramer defeats Dyson in the Democratic primary, the Democrats may have a better chance at holding the seat, but it will be an uphill battle.

Kramer has visited Washington College in the past, as both alumni and guest. In 1988, she spoke at the College concerning her role as a woman in state government and as one of the Maryland delegates to the Democratic National Convention.

Thursday's speech will begin at 7 PM in Hynson Lounge. For more information, contact Professor Tapke, advisor for the William James Forum.

Designer's life after Broadway

by Teresa Cropper

Broadway scenic designer Clarke Dunham will speak on "Is There LIfe After Broadway?" Tuesday evening in the Norman James Theater.

Over the past thirty years, Dunham has tried his hand at practically every facet of entertainment. Making his professional debut at the Valley Forge Music Fair, Dunham has since moved on to more demanding challenges. He has worked on commercials and theme parks, industrial shows and World's Fairs, in addition to working as a producer and as a designer for network television.

Since the time he spent studying at Philadelphia's Tyler School of Fine Arts, Dunham's designs have been displayed in major theaters throughout the United States, Europe, and Canada, including the Royalty in London, and the Theatre de Paris. He has designed the lighting, scenery and/or projections for over 300 Broadway, Off-Broadway, Regional Theater and Opera productions.

Among his credits at the New York theater are the smash hit political satire *Macbird*, *Bubbling Brown Sugar* and *The End of the World*.

Aside from his success in the theater, Dunham has experienced equal success in the field of opera; he designed the set for the NYC Opera's production of the Bernstein opera *Candide*.

Dunham also partakes as director/designer in music theater, where he has contributed to the production of the American premiere of Wagner's *Das Liebesverbot*, and *Amahal and the Night Visitors* at the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

Over the years, Dunham's success has led to many distinguishable awards and nominations for his work, including Tony, Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle nominations in 1985 for the musical, *Grind*.

Durham is currently working with a theatrical architect on several co-designed theaters. He is also in the midst of designing the sets for Hal Prince's production of *Madame Butterfly* at the Houston Opera.

Dunham's talk will be held in the Norman James Theater at 8 PM on Tuesday.

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Picturing Will : the work of a promising "photographer"

by Claire Capuzzi

Picturing Will
by Ann Beattie
230pp. Random House, New York
$18.95

In his self-righteous *Social Manifesto for a New Novel*, author Tom Wolfe asserts the superiority of the large sprawling realistic novel (for example, oh, say, *Bonfire of the Vanities*) over those mysterious and inaccessible writing styles among young authors today, Wolfe wonders aloud at the loss of such a rich and rewarding approach to literature.

After he gets his foot out of his mouth, Mr. Wolfe should get himself a library card. There are writers writing in this vein—and many of them are making the best seller list; writers like Anne Tyler, Kaye Gibbons, and Anne Beattie, all of whose novels should be real enough to please Mr. Wolfe—their characters have messy marriages, ill-behaved children and backed up toilets enough to last lifetime.

Picturing Will tells the story of several different people whose lives are linked together through five-and-a-half-year-old Will. Jody, Will's mother, is forced to become emotionally independent when her husband walks out on her. She channels her anger by periodically sending him envelopes of personal affects she has gathered together: receipts from the grocery store, postcards form her lover, Will's discarded bubblegum wrappers, etc. Jody's bitterness is soothed by the presence of Mel, her lover and Will's surrogate father, and also by her burgeoning career as a photographer.

The author uses photography as a metaphor to link the lives of these people to the structure of the novel itself—whenever Jody speaks about the nature of her work, it is clear that Beattie is doing the same:

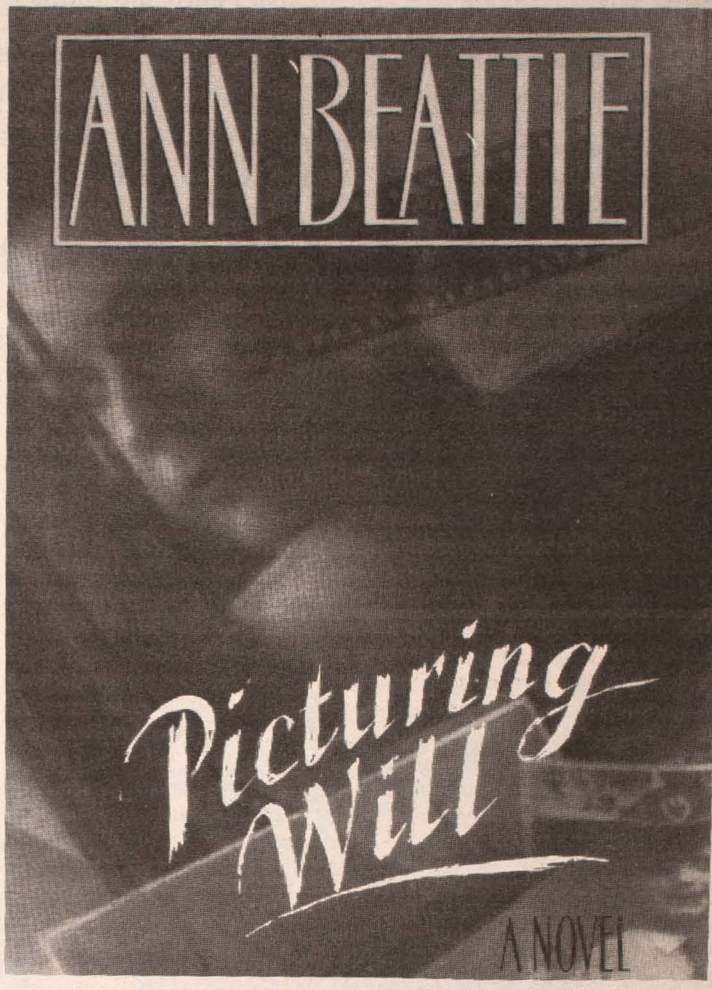
> *She moved the tripod to another location so that when she photographed the house the little ash trees would be in the picture. She leaned over to look through the lens. Until you looked through the lens, you could never be sure. That was when things took on a prominence they didn't have in life, or when details disappeared. You could find that the picture you thought to take with a wide angle lens was really better seen in close-up.*

Beattie shifts her narrative and perspective the way a photographer changes lenses on a camera—in order to obtain a more complex and insightful picture. In this way, she successfully demonstrates the idea that one story told by many people becomes many different stories, each with its own strange angle. Although Beattie's metaphor works nicely, and her presence remains unobtrusive throughout the novel,

it becomes unclear what exactly the novel is trying to accomplish. If it is a picture of Will, or indeed a picture of any of the characters, it is a vague and unsatisfying one.

There is a tension in the novel that is never resolved—a kind of dark undercurrent characterized by incidents such as Will's witnessing a homosexual liaison between an older man and a young boy, and, less seriously, Jody's ex-husband's rather sloppy adulterous affairs. In order to resolve this, the author interrupts the novel periodically with a monologue on the difficulties of raising a child. While this device seems to work well as yet another way of controlling the novel, it fails to enhance it in any other way.

Although the intentions behind *Picturing Will* are, like the work of a beginning photographer, more than a little fuzzy, Beattie proves she is capable of a realistic style that doesn't succumb to sentimentality or tired stereotypes. Her work is as complex as lives of her characters—she is sensitive to the presence of truth, whether seen through the eyes of a lonely woman, a devoted lover, a neglected wife, an irresponsible husband or the small child that keeps them all together.



Ann Beattie's recent novel, *Picturing Will*, tells the story of several different people whose lives are linked together by a young boy.

Lecture on Beckett

by Jennifer Del Nero
Staff writer

James Knowlson, long time friend and now biographer of Samuel Beckett, will lecture on the author's life and works in "Beckett Directing Beckett" Tuesday afternoon.

Through a friendship spanning twenty years, Knowlson established the Beckett International Foundation, to which Beckett contributed by donating not only recent manuscripts, but early manuscripts as well.

Reading University in England, is the institution to which Beckett has donated most of his work and is the location of the Foundation, which provides a "focus for Beckett scholars form around the world," writes the London *Sunday Times*.

In one of the notebooks donated by Beckett, those who influenced his literary career are recognized by such examples as "scores from Schubert and quotations form Sherman's *School for Scandal* and the *Beggar's Opera*" as well as "the prophetic words 'damned to fame' from Pope's *Dunciad* and 'The worst is not so long as one can say, this is the worst' [from Shakespeare's *King Lear*]," according to the Sunday Times.

Explains Dr. John Pilling, Reader in English at Reading, "Beckett is being honorifically treated in his life time like no other writer." From as far away as Japan, Beckett scholars travel to Reading in hopes of quenching their thirst for knowledge.

The archive includes everything from dozens of unpublished manuscripts from unfinished poems to long stretches of prose, reports the *Times*, adding that Knowlson's personal favorites are two notebooks covering Godot, one of them a journal of annotations Beckett made in 1975 while directing a German production.

John Calder, former publisher of the author hailed by many as one of the great 20th century modernists, predicts that Beckett may rank after Christ, Napoleon and Wagner as having the most books written about him by 2000 AD if the current trend continues, says the *Times*.

Currently, Knowlson is in the process of editing the production journals Beckett authored as director of his own plays. For six months before Beckett's decline in health and eventual death, Knowlson interviewed the author and collated the tales of his life up to the end of WWII.

Knowlson's talk will begin at 4 PM Tuesday afternoon in the Sophie Kerr Room.

Campus events for March

Friday, March 2

Hedda Gabler, written by Henrik Ibsen and performed by the WC Drama Department, under the direction of associate professor and Drama Department Chairman Tim Maloney, will begin at 8 PM in Tawes Theater of the Gibson Fine Arts Center. Seating is limited, and reservations are required. Tickets can be reserved by phoning ext 269. The closing performance will be Saturday, March 3 at 8 PM.

Pelle the Conqueror will be presented by the WC Film Series at 7 :30 PM in the Norman James Theater. Admission is $1 for students, faculty and staff; $2 for all others.

Saturday, March 3

The Black Sheep, a D.C.-based reggae band with the recent release, *Learn From Each Other*, and recipient of area reggae awards, will perform in the Hodson Dining Hall at 9 PM in a concert sponsored by the SGA. Members of the band have played with Third World, King Yellowman and Steel Pulse. Alcoholic beverages will be served to those with proper ID; admission is $1.

Monday, March 5

"The Literature of Lyndon Johnson" by Louis Kohlmeier will be featured by the Monday Series at the O'Neill Literary House, beginning at 4:30 PM. Tea will be served at 4 PM.

Tuesday, March 6

Clarke Dunham speaks on "Is There Life After Broadway" in the Norman James Theater at 8 PM.

The film *Dancers*, sponsored by the Dance on Film Series, will be shown in the O'Neill Literary House at 6:30 PM.

The WC College Chemists present "Positrom Emission Tomography: The Study of Biochemical Processes *In Vivo* " by Michael Channing '75, of the National Institutes of Health in Dunning Lecture Hall at 4:30 PM.

Wednesday, March 7

"Beckett Directing Beckett," a talk by James Knowlson, colleague and personal friend of the late author who is in the progress of writing Beckett's biography will be held at 4 PM in the Sophie Kerr Room.

Eyes on the Prize , Parts V & VI, the PBS Television series on the Civil Rights Movement, will be presented as the third sequence of films continuing the celebration of African-American culture by the WC Committee on African-American Culture at 7 PM in the O'Neill Literary House.

Thursday, March 8

The Women's League presents the annual "Luncheon, Card Party & Fashion Show" in Hyson Lounge at noon. To make reservations, call 778-0938 or 778-3003.

The William James Forum presents Barbara Kramer, 1970 Washington College graduate and current Congressional candidate in a lecture entitled "What Representation Should Be" at 7:30 PM in the Norman James Theater.

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then "don't let them complain in the end."

Neiman will also have to deal with the recently raised questions of funding. He said, "I will personally work with anyone who has got an idea for a club. I will also take a look at the clubs being funded now. I don't want to dig through personal finances, I just want the groups to account for how their money is being spent."

He also addressed prejudice in funding allocation. "Any prejudice in funding or any prejudice based on personal reasons will become an impeachable offense. That is not under any circumstances going to happen in my administration."

In regard to the alcohol policy, he warned that change toward leniency is "not going to happen. If it's what the students want I'm willing to complain but reality dictates that it's not going to change. We have to find more plausible and interesting ways to work within the system."

Above all, Neiman stressed that he will pose the students' views and not his own in every situation. For example, he would be willing to fund fraternity, international house or other organization's activities in addition to three or four big bands a year instead of allocating $1,500 a week to bands that no one is going to show up to.

"If that's where the students want to go, then that's where the money ought to go."

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own them so that we can repair them and get the revenue."

Though meeting was meant to be the last forum for general student input outside of the actual planning committee on which many students reside. Despite that fact and despite apparent apathy where this subject is concerned given the lack of student attendance at these meetings, the SGA may soon put out a survey to discover what is wanted and needed in the facility.

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Raudenbush will provide "a well-developed computer system which will help them plan. They have a wealth of experience in this area and also in the area of health care facilities at other colleges."

Before deciding on Raudenbush members of the search committee visited another college whose manger is a Marriot representative, a Washington rival, Hobart. They found the services to be satisfactory.

In order to allay rumors Hessey and Baer stated that all current Washington College maintenance, housekeeping, and buildings and grounds staff members will continue to be employed by the College.

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students must tell on other students. Kerbin says that the Honor Code committee is now waiting to see what SAC will recommend.

Recycling Committee chairman Jim Finlay reported that new containers have been purchased for the rest of the campus and that they should be in the dorms by the end of the week.

Election chairman Kristen Kujawski reported on the outcome of the elections. Approximately 450 students voted. (see returns in box this page)

Finally, two senators, Curtis Campbell and Matt Weir were impeached because they had missed more than the three unexcused absences that are permitted to Senators in the SGA Constitution.

There will be an SGA meeting Tuesday, March 6 at 9:30 in the SGA offfice to swear-in the new SGA officers.

Benefit planned

by Kyndra Ponder

SGA Senator and Junior Class President, Suzanne Hewes is trying to organize a benefit-similar to the Tamara Alexander Benefit-to help the Benedictine School for Exceptional Children.

On Sunday February 25, 1990, Sister Jeanette of the Benedictine School asked the Sacred Heart Catholic Church for funds to help build a new 600 ft. well and neutralizing system for the school. The State of Maryland Board of Health recently told Benedictine that their already existing 60 ft. well is inadequate; if the new system is not built, the state will have to close the school down.

The new well will cost Benedictine School an estimated 1.2 million dollars, but if they can raise half that amount, the state will match it. For all students who are interested, there will be an organizational meeting on Sunday, March 4 at 9:00 in the SGA Office in the basement of Minta Martin.

1990-1991 SGA election returns

PRESIDENT:	
Stuart Neiman	322
Seth Engel	110
Karl Seelaus	42

VICE-PRESIDENT	
Kevin Kelly	254
Brooke Frank	137
William Hall	74

SECRETARY	
Jennifer Albers	278
Kyndra Ponder	162

TREASURER	
Brian Gimelson	162
Beth Ann Sheppard	135
Suzanne Hewes	129

406 votes were cast for the office of Social Chair. Steve Heuttner and Katherine Simms will chair the Social Committee jointly.

MOM'S COOKIE JAR

Food For Thought

"You are what you eat!" It's true! There's no way around it. What we eat and how much we eat directly affect how well we feel and look.

Our diet can influence our risk of developing life-shortening and typically American diseases such as heart disease, cancer, stroke, diabetes and high blood pressure, not to mention less-threatening problems such as tooth decay, bone fractures, and America's leading ailment - obesity.

Diet affects our physical appearance as well as our emotional and psychological health.

Such subtleties as how well you study and how restfully you sleep can be affected by the way you eat.

Unfortunately, despite a growing awareness of nutrition and wellness, Americans continue to eat too much fat, sodium, sugar and protein.

Hope everyone has a great week. Take care....

MOM

March 5, 1990
(2 hrs. 30 min.)

PELLE
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Academy award for best foreign film, *Pelle the Conqueror* is about the matching habits of survival adopted by a boy, Pelle, who is sturdy and resourceful, and his entirely lovable but weak and elderly father (played by Max von Sydow). Emerging from the fears and illusions of childhood, Pelle begins to see his father objectively, as an ineffectual fantasist. Yet he sees him clearly, without any loss of love—he understands that his father has the right merely to survive. Von Sydow has an elemental physical presence—all crinkled face and a voice with more crevasses than a shelf of hardened volcanic lava. *(In Danish and Swedish with English subtitles.)*

March 2, 4, & 5

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Constance Stuart Larrabee Creative Arts Center profiled

by Suzie Mazzullo

The Constance Stuart Larrabee Arts Center, located in what used to be the old boiler plant, opened in January after more than a year of remodeling.

Marsha L. Fritz, of Chesapeake Associated Architects, Inc., designed the plan which would transform the boiler plant into the Arts Center. It preserved the exterior of the building and transformed the interior into classrooms, studios, and a gallery. Fritz worked with the Art Department and the administration for almost five years to come up with a suitable plan, which divided the boiler plant into two floors. The ground floor consists of the painting, drawing, and design studios, as well as a gallery, which alternates as a classroom. The lower level contains the sculpture and printmaking studios, a darkroom for photography, and kilns for pottery.

A new arts center was needed because of the limited quarters of the original studios at McAlpin House. The new center's increased classroom space allows art majors and non-art majors to take art courses.

Art major Vicco von Voss, who played an active role in refurbishing some of the equipment which was moved from the old to the new building, is enthusiastic about the new arts center: "I think this building is just great. There's a lot more space to work in. This will let more students take art classes, even if they aren't art majors. As an art major, in the past I've been in classes with the same small group. Now a lot more students will be able to take just one course, to learn the basics."

"Constance Stuart Larrabee: WW II Photo Journal" will be the first exhibit to hang on the new gallery walls. Reviewing these exceptional photographs in the Washington Post, Hank Buchard wrote, "The World War II photographs of Constance Stuart Larrabee remind us of what happens to people when men make war. Some female correspondents fought to win respect by out-drinking and out-toughing the men, and some succeeded. Larrabee did not play the men's game, she just took pictures. Among them are powerful shots of boys playing at war and men dying in it, but the most poignant of her scenes are of people getting used to being free again, rebuilding their communities while the guns are still thundering, or paying the price for fraternizing with the enemy."

Her association with the College has lasted nearly forty years. In 1982, her Eastern Shore photographs, "Celebration on the Chesapeake," were exhibited at Washington College in honor of the College's bicentennial anniversary. That same year, she founded the Washington College Friends of the Arts, an organization which supports the arts at WC.

In 1986, the College awarded her the honorary degree of Doctor of Arts; she is one of the few American photographers who have been so honored.

The dedication of the Arts Center will be held on Saturday, April 7, at 1 PM. After the ribbon cutting, there will be a tour of the Center followed by a reception. Present at the dedication will be: Dr. Anne-Imelda Radice, Chief of the Division of Creative Arts for the US Information Agency; Jane

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Constance Stuart Larrabee has been widely recognized as a gifted photographer. She has often contributed her time and energy to Washington College students as well as monetary support in times of need. For this Larrabee was honored last May by the Washington College Alumni Association. In a testimonial it was written, "Daughter of our Alma Mater - Mistress of Celluloid, Mother of the Kent County Norwich Terrier - Sister of AOπ, Friend & Teacher to generations of Washington College Students....we, your fellow alumni, wish to salute you as a faithful alumna, both honorary & honored."

(photo courtesy Constance Stuart Larrabee)

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Washington College Basketball one of "final four"

by Brett Lankford
Staff writer

The Washington College men's basketball team completed their Division III version of "March Madness" last weekend in Springfield, Ohio. The Shoremen finished a profitable NCAA postseason that included the program's first ever trip to the Final Four and a third place finish in Division III basketball.

The team's brilliant season has received a great deal of attention and brought an outpouring of support from both the townspeople and the administration. The Eastern Regional finals, held March 9-10 at the Cain Athletic Center, was extremely well attended by the people of Chestertown as well as a good number of college students who stayed around at the beginning of Spring Break. The team's accomplishments were recognized this past Tuesday in a reception held in Hynson Lounge. President Cater was among the people in attendance, and he spoke of pride in Washington College athletics.

Coach Tom Finnegan's team, led by a nucleus of five seniors, eclipsed all of the preseason predictions from Division III prognosticators. The team was picked to finish in the middle of their conference, but instead the Shoremen managed to capture the MAC-South championship with only one conference loss. "This year's team has lived up to their potential more than any other team I've coached here," coach Finnegan said in one of his many recent interviews with area newspapers.

The team's storybook season and postseason began during fall semester, when the Shoremen captured the Wild Goose Classic. Washington College then dominated play in the MAC and won the conference title. The Shoremen lost to Franklin & Marshall in the finals of the MAC playoffs and were awarded an NCAA bid.

The playoff games were thrilling, with the team's first three games being decided by a total of six points. They opened the tournament with a home game against King's College, and the game seesawed back and forth for the full forty minutes. The Shoremen advanced to the sweet 16 when Charles Duckett buried two free throws with eight seconds left for a two point win.

The regional semifinals and finals were scheduled in Chestertown for the weekend of March 9-10, and the town turnout was wonderful. Washington College was joined by Stockton State, Johns Hopkins and Western Connecticut State in the regional, and the Shoremen faced Stock-

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EDITORIAL

Basketball's benefits

The role of sports in society is often taken for granted. For some reason, sports have always been able to bring people together and take their minds off the troubles of the real world for a little while. This explains the love and affection that many people, myself included, feel for the sporting world.

For this reason, the success of the Washington College basketball program cannot be appreciated enough. The team's storybook run in the NCAA tournament unified the school and the town during a year when student-town relations have been substantially less than rosy. Everywhere you went for about three weeks, Shoremen basketball was being discussed. Townspeople were constantly asking questions about the happenings at Cain Gymnasium. Do we have enough muscle inside to keep on winning? How can we win so many close games? What's with that student who wears the basketball on his head? The townspeople were entertained by the play and the success of the Shoremen, and the school really benefitted from the town's wholehearted support of the team. That is the way that things should be in relations between a college and the town it inhabits.

The team's success also brought a temporary end to cries of student apathy and a lack of student pride. Students from all social classes showed up en masse for the Shoremen's game against King's College. Between the comraderie at the basketball game and the huge turnout at the SGA reggae band, that is easily the most unified I've seen this campus in a long time. In addition, an amazing number of students stayed around to cheer the Shoremen on in the regionals at the beginning of spring break.

In reality, it was easy to care about this team because of their togetherness and the personalities of the players. Where else could you have a hulking center affectionately called Bull? Tim Keehan was an all-American who would usually be compared to the Holy Father in signs seen at games. The team had starting guards named Squirrel and Tank. Squirrel made up shots while in midair, but they still managed to fall. Tank was the self-proclaimed chauffeur of the WC Cadillac. The other senior was known by initials only and could bury jumpers from Fargo, North Dakota. Underclassmen like Liddy, Vican and Basel help make up a group of players who will be in the program for years.

I hope that the success of the basketball team will also lead both students and townspeople to broaden their horizons and fully realize the strength of the Washington College athletic program. Men's lacrosse is brilliant every year and has earned their huge following, but a lot of other programs have excelled in recent years and deserve support.

Men's and women's tennis are among the top ten programs in Division III tennis. The volleyball team put on a remarkable display this past fall. The swim team nearly went undefeated and sent a swimmer to the national championships. Baseball has made a huge turnaround and could finish at the top of the MAC. In short, I'm saying that every program here is a solid one and deserves support from both students and townspeople. Hopefully, this will be another result of the basketball team's cinderella story.

—Brett Lankford

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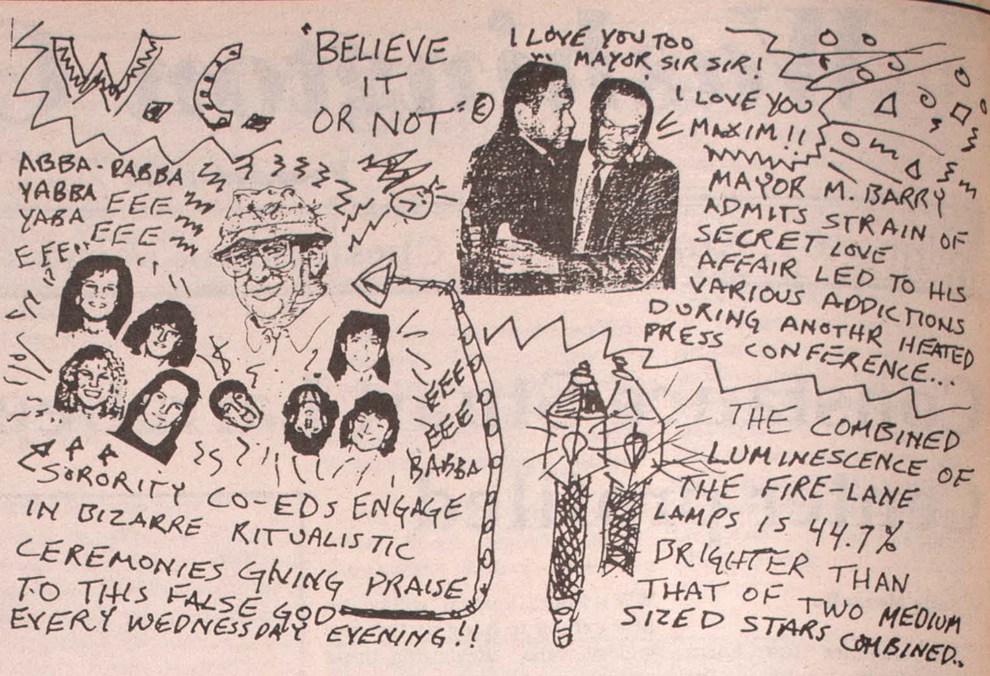
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graphic by David Morrison

Letters to the Editor

Cater criticizes WC b-ball fans

To the Editor:

As we celebrate the triumph of Washington College's basketball victories this year, it saddens me to request that you publish the attached letter from an Eastern Shore neighbor in Suddlersville who, with his family, attended the Kings College basketball game on March 3rd. I was present at the game but did not hear the chants that he describes.

I will be requesting the Student Government Association, the Office of Student Affairs, and the Alumni Council to consider ways by which a genuine sporting spirit can be established at Washington College events. It brings discredit to the College when students or visitors shout offensive language. I was offended when the cheerleading team from Kings College was roundly booed by our more zealous fans. Surely we can root for the home team without abandoning good manners.

Sincerely yours,
Douglass Cater

Dear Mr. President:

On March 3, 1990, my wife, children, and I attended the Maryland-Virginia Basketball game at College Park, MD. It was a great sporting event.

On the way home, it was voiced that there was a basketball game at Washington College this same evening, they were to play Kings College from Pennsylvania. We decided to attend.

This was a great sporting event also, but my family and I will not be attending any more sporting events of any kind at Washington College. My wife, children, and I don't need to hear "You suck", "You suck" chanted in our faces and ears by the College's "rooting' section.

Furthermore, I observed several youngsters, probably ten to twelve year olds, looking over to that section and shouting the same thing in unison with them! They were sitting right in front of us.

I, as a responsible man and citizen of this area have done my part, I've informed you. Now you, as a responsible man and president of Washington College must do your part.

I would be interested to know what steps you will take to preclude this type of vulgarity from taking place in a public building where women and children are present.

My apology for not knowing your name at this time.

Yours truly,
Name witheld

THE DECADE OF THE ENVIRONMENT:

The Changing World and Changing Priorities in the 1990s

Speaker: The Honorable Timothy Wirth, Senator from Colorado

Tuesday, March 27, 8PM

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Fri., March 23: Bill Dicey Blues Band
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9 pm $2

LSAT course info

The Stanley H. Kaplan Educational Center's preparatory course for the Law School Admission Test will be offered to college students and the public. The course, which will be given in April and early May, 1990, will be held on Wednesday evenings and Saturdays at Washington College. Students should contact Dr. Linda Cades in the Career Development Office, ext. 311

The Law School Admission Test, or LSAT, is required for admission to almost all law schools in the United States. Scores on this test are weighed very heavily in law school admissions decisions.

The 9-session Stanley Kaplan LSAT prep course includes extensive study material and other resources based on the most recent version of the LSAT, the standard law school entrance examination. The cost of the course is $695.00. Scholarships are available on a case by case basis.

ISSUE: What facilities would you like to see included in the renovated Student Center?

Center must offer choices in food and furnishings

Sharon Bonner

The proposed renovations to combine the Coffee House and the Snack Bar into a larger, more fully equipped student center sounds like an exciting idea! This new student center can be constructed into a place where we want to be, not a place we go to only because we're starving and choices are limited with in Chestertown. It will be a larger place for all of us to get together away from the dorms, away from the library, to a place to relax and relieve that stress. Sometimes going to Miss D's or the Coffee House just doesn't do it, which means there's a definite need for improvement in both places.

The quality of food and service at the Snack Bar is definitely lacking. The service is slow and the absence of respect is clearly indicated by the staff's rude treatment of the customers, who are mostly students.

The Snack Bar closes at 11 PM. So where do those of us who get the munchies after hours go? The Coffee House, as the next option, offers choices such as: pizza (which is not served after 11:00 anyway), microwave popcorn (which has been out of stock for the past three weeks), hard pretzels (also out of stock) and nachos and cheese (which you can usually count on). What happens when they run out of nachos and cheese?

Another part of the renovations plan is the plan for the Bookstore to move to the Academic Resourse Center and for that space to be renovated to a student lounge, an excellent idea. The lounge could be furnished with comfortable chairs and sofas and also could provide a radio and a TV in a separate room for people who just want to relax. The lounge would be the perfect alternative to Bill Smith or the Library as a place for studying.

No one seems to want to go to the Coffee House unless we have a dance on a Friday night and/or there will be alchohol there. In an effort to change this present situation with our new student center, to begin with, we could designate a new name for the Coffee House, a name that draws attention and enthusiasm. A new name brings with it a new beginning and new impressions.

In creating these new impressions of the student center, changing the menu might also be very effective. There could be several different kinds of food offered to suit several different needs; for example, dinner offered at the student center as an alternative to a disappointing dining service meal, nutritious food, late night snack food, and a selection of cakes, cookies, etc.

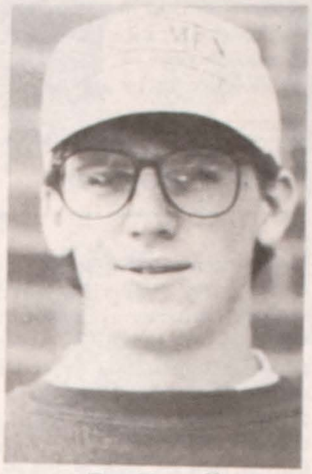
Along with renovations comes the need for change in programs offered presently at the Coffee House. If more interesting, fun, and exciting events are held in the new student center than people will have a better impression and want to spend time there. The last talent show is a good example of a successful event that seemed to attract a good number of people.

I was talking to a senior a few weeks ago in the Coffee House and he was telling me that in his freshman year, the Coffee House was always crowded on weeknights and that it was the thing to do—to get your work done by 10 PM and go to the C-house. An incentive to finish our work—that's something I think we all need. Wouldn't it be surprising to walk into a place on campus and find alot of different groups of people just hanging out together? Why couldn't our new student center be like that? If we can form a committee to toss around and add ideas to the renovation plans, we can create a more appealing place in the student center.

CAMPUS VOICES by Amy L. Undercoffler

Andrew Price
Columbia, MD
Freshman

I'd like to see them put in a new snack bar, arcade, movie theater, bowling alleys, indoor tennis courts, TV room, and anything else if possible.



Dan Russell
Severna Park, MD
Freshman

It would be nice to have a large open area where bands can play. A few TVs with VCRs would be nice also.

Alison K. Auber
Springfield, VA
Senior

Perhaps a larger stage and dance floor would be appropriate. Otherwise, I'm quite satisfied with the accomodations.

Jim Finlay
Westford, MA
Sophomore

A 24-hour snack bar.

Chris Hansen
Castleton, NY
Junior

I think it would be very important to include a 24-hour study area with computers where students could go for late night studying.

Chris Spezio
Rockville Centre, NY
Freshman

I would like to see a real student-faculty lounge for the new year.

Renovations could eradicate present problems in Student Center

Kim Coburn

The renovations for Miss D's and the Coffee House look promising. Will more people take advantage of the Coffee House? Probably not for a while. Renovations include combining Miss D's and the Coffee House, as well as making the Bookstore area into a student lounge. Impressive? Well, let's just say it's an improvement.

As it is now, the Coffee House doesn't see much business come its way. In a lot of respects, it's a depressing atmosphere. Basically, it's a dark, dingy cave. You could call it uninviting. Not many people venture into the Coffee House. Every night at 11:00, my friends and I wander over for a break. There are people there...the same people every night. Once the five or six of us arrive, there are about twelve people at the Coffee House. You see, one doesn't just happen upon the Coffee House...you plan ahead to go there.

Once you're at the exciting, energetic Coffee House, you have a slim selection of munchies (and most likely, they will be out of stock). The week before spring break, they were out of popcorn and pretzels: the two inexpensive munchies the Coffee House offers. Of course, you can get Pepsi OR Coke there—Freedom of Choice!

With the new renovations, the Coffee House should offer more selections (in all respects). They have ping pong and pool, but there's just something missing. I guess that would be people. But the Coffee House isn't prepared for many people. It already takes a while to get a soda. There should be two people behind the counter; it gets too confusing with just one person to help all twelve customers...service is kind of slow.

The issue of slow service leads me into Miss D's. Overall, Miss D's works, and pretty effeciently, too, but it has that same dingy, grimy feeling of the Coffee House. But if you're hungry, you can't beat Miss D's prices.

What, you miss mom? Well, then, Miss D has that special way of reminding you that you're a measly college student and you'll follow her rules while you're under her roof (see "Rules to live by at Miss D's"). The snack bar is great...people are there, you get service, it's inexpensive, and they're never out of stock, but aesthetically, it needs lots of improvement.

The proposed floor plan combines the Coffee House and Miss D's, making the ordering counter more convenient and allowing more dance room for the Coffee House events (that is, if anybody shows up for them). But, more than that, with the amount of business that Miss D's brings in, maybe the Coffee House would pick up some, too—more people coming in to relax rather than get their food and run.

The bookstore is being moved to the Academic Resources Center, and in that area, there will be a student lounge/center. This will be an essential common ground for the students if they take advantage of it.

Kim Coburn is a sophomore who writes frequently for The Elm.

PERSPECTIVES

Let's move 'em out and shoot 'em up

Laura Hopper

It must be something in the air. Or maybe it's just the season for strikes. Every so often, a strange malaise sets in across the country, and then people just feel like not doing what they should be.

Take, for example, the recently ended baseball lockout. While owners and players squabbled, we, the loyal fans, were forced to cancel our plans for a quick vacation in Arizona (Florida for all you Oriel fans). Now, by mid-March, I'm sick of winter, and by association, winter sports. Football, basketball, hockey, ice skating, they all have lost their luster by March. What better sign of spring could there be than the ne'er make the Series Cubbies packing their duffels and heading for the sunny southland. No, sports fans, you'll have to agree with me, there's nothing like spring training, until football camp opens up in August.

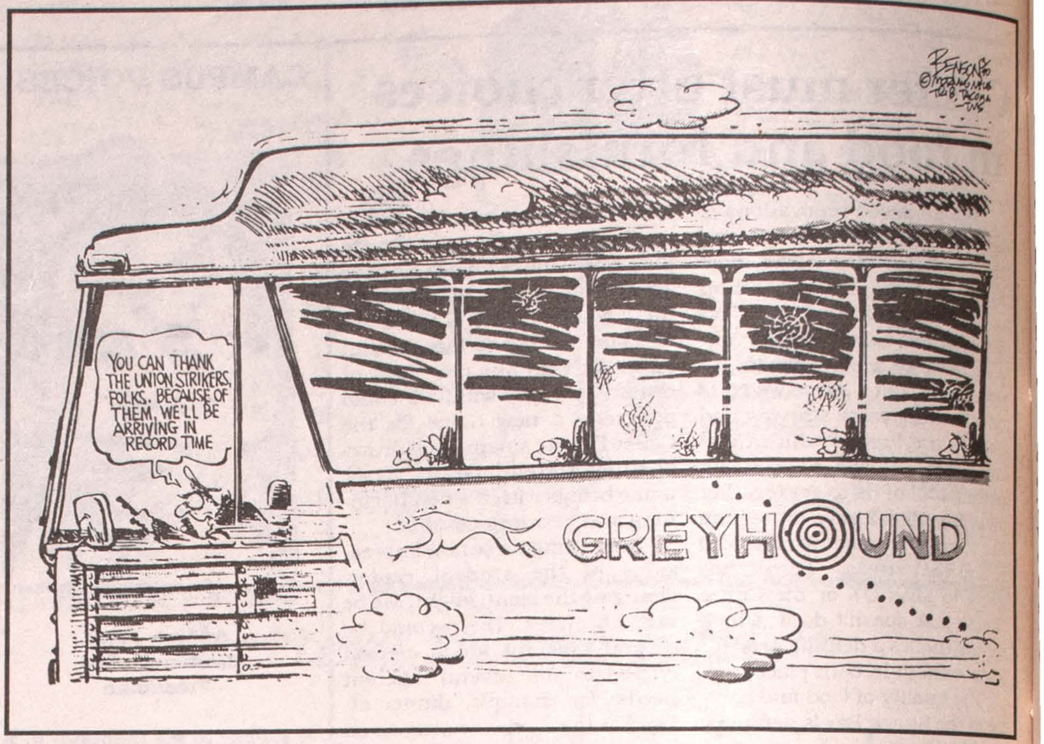
But the baseball lockout seems laughable next to the "Move 'em out and Shoot 'em up" Greyhound bus strike. My goodness, seems like the good old days of scabs, and striking miners being shot down by management-hired security guards, and occasionally, the army. (Good old days is meant sarcastically.) Isn't this one of the very reasons the Federal government got involved in labor relations to begin with? I am referring to the most recent incident of violence in the Greyhound bud strike, when the windows of a bus were shot out by a striking worker. And yes, there were people on that bus.

Many people take the Greyhound because the plane and train are rather pricey and yes, they would rather leave the driving to Greyhound. But one wonders...I'm sure all the passengers on that bus got right off and headed for their travel agents, to ask for more.

Violence by or against striking workers isn't going to help either party involved. When a striking employee shoots out the windows on a bus full of passengers, he has not advanced his cause in the eyes of the American people; and when a striking employee is crushed by a vengeful bus, well, the company doesn't gain any brownie points either. If there is what could be called an anti-union movement in this country, it gained credibility from that one strikers actions.

Let us, before we tell the world how civilized we are, practice what we preach so well. Legitimate demands and grievances deserved to be heard and handled by an arbitrator, not solved by firing a gun or stepping on an a gas pedal. We should be far to civilized and yes, grown up, to handle our differences and problems that way.

Now, I'm off to my travel agent. I've heard Greyhound has a special on tickets to Arizona.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GREYHOUND

Support your local sharks

By Laura Hopper
Staff Writer

These are strange times we live in. The Germanies seem to be rushing headlong towards reunification. The Warsaw Pact is becoming the Welfare Pact, and the Soviet Union is on the verge, of something.

Perhaps the most interesting development is a sudden global concern for the environment. Groups like Greenpeace and Sea Shepherd have been around for many, many moons, but now, corporations are jumping onto the bandwagon. Downy, the fabric softener, now comes in a super concentrated formula that you add water to. It is packaged in a cardboard carton about the size of a half pint of cream. Won't that make the landfill people happy.

Yes, maybe the modern, industrialized world is facing the fact that we highly advanced apes do seem to produce a lot of garbage. And the third world isn't putting up with our trash anymore. Remember how Mexico turned away that garbage barge from New York saying in effect, we won't be your garbage dump anymore. And who could forget the famous garbage train which wound its lonely way through the south this summer, becoming a regular feature on the network news and quite a tourist attraction until it returned to its creator, Baltimore.

Ah, but not everyone seems to be catching onto this trend of conserving and saving the world we live in. The Brazilians are still destroying the rain forest and the Japanese seem to have developed a taste for shark fin soup.

Now when the word shark is mentioned, the image that pops into mind is that of Bruce, the mechanical great white from Jaws. Sharks have never been high on my list of favorite fish. They have none of the charm of goldfish, angel fish, or guppies. Let's face it, sharks are frightening reminders of the days when the dinosaurs ambled merrily across the continents, and, on the silver screen, sharks have shown a decided liking for drumsticks of the human variety.

Sharks have been considered mans only serious enemy. And they did not seem to be in the least threatened by extinction. I guess the Japanese are changing all that. Their passion for shark fin soup has driven the price of fins sky high, and dangerously decreased the numbers of sharks. Sharks aren't like other fish. They don't have thousands of offspring each year. They reproduce maybe every other year at the most. Sharks have not, as yet, been bred successfully in captivity. (It would be a brave person indeed, who tried to breed a great white) And at the rate the Japanese are sipping their shark fin soup, our only predator might not make it. Sports fishermen are on the side of the shark. They would lost their trophies, should the shark become extinct. And for the shark, I must admit, it is very degrading to be caught on a hook or in a net, and then to just have your fins cut off.

Times are changing. People are starting to recognize that sharks, like baby harp seals, elephants and rhinoceroses have the right to live on this planet as well, and that they are in as much danger. A shark will never look cute or cuddly, or even friendly, but still, support your local shark. It needs you.

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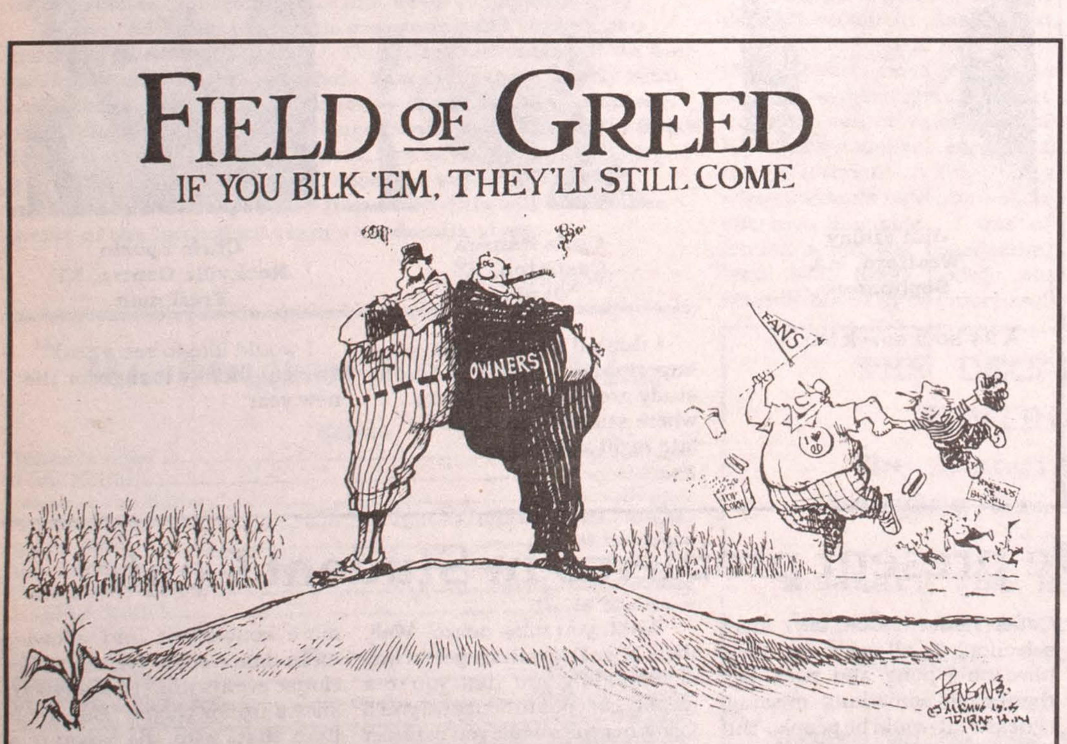

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News from around the world: FAA seeks airport tax

UNITED STATES:

The Federal Aviation Administration is seeking new consumption taxes to help pay for airport modernization and improvements in air traffic control. The new taxes would amount to a $3 charge to board an airplane at an airport, and a $3 charge to change planes. These would be added to the ticket price and collected by the airlines. The airlines are protesting claiming the new taxes will place an additional administrative burden on them.

Defense Secretary Cheney denied that President Bush wants deeper cuts in defense spending. The Secretary said the president wants to pursue high-tech weapons in space. Critics of the so-called Star Wars defense plan say the cost would be too high, while supporters claim that while the Cold War may be ending, the threat of Soviet missiles is still present as is the possibility of an accidental launch.

As the first anniversary of the Exxon Valdez oil spill approaches, a spokesman for Exxon Shipping Company said the tanker will be returning to service this summer. Last July, the tanker was towed from Alaska to San Diego with a 680 foot by 80 foot hole in her 987 foot hull. The Exxon Valdez is the youngest tanker in Exxon's fleet. The oil spill last spring, and the recent spill off California have increased support in Congress for double hulled tankers

A firebomb explosion at a Drug Enforcement Agency office in Fort Myers, Florida early Saturday morning caused an estimated $4 million in damage. DEA officials say the explosion was possibly the work of local drug traffickers. A team of agents from the DEA, FBI, Lee County Sheriff's office, and the Department of Tobacco, Alcohol, and Firearms are investigating the bombing.

Torrential rains last week in Florida, Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi caused flooding forcing people out of their homes. In Elba, Alabama a levee along the Pea River burst flooding the town. The National Weather Service reports that in some areas the flooding is the worst it has been in 60 years.

Last Saturday, at least 125 gallons of the chemical Cumene were spilled into the Delaware River. The Cumene, a common ingredient in nail polish, was being unloaded from a Norwegian tanker, the Jo Rogn, when the spill occurred. Cumene is hazardous if ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin in large quantities. It is also a fire hazard. Both Route 95 and the Betsy Ross Bridge were closed temporarily closed due to the spill.

SOVIET UNION:

The Lithuanian parliament declared its independence from the Soviet Union. Mikhail Gorbachev has given the new government of Lithuania three days to retract their declaration. A Lithuanian speaker in the Supreme Soviet was heckled. The Soviet Air Force has been dropping pamphlets on the capital city of Vilnius, while Armored Personnel Carriers were moved to block border crossings. In Latvia, the pro-independence movement won a majority of the seats in parliament, but not the two thirds needed to declare independence from the Soviet Union. Estonians have not held parliamentary elections yet.

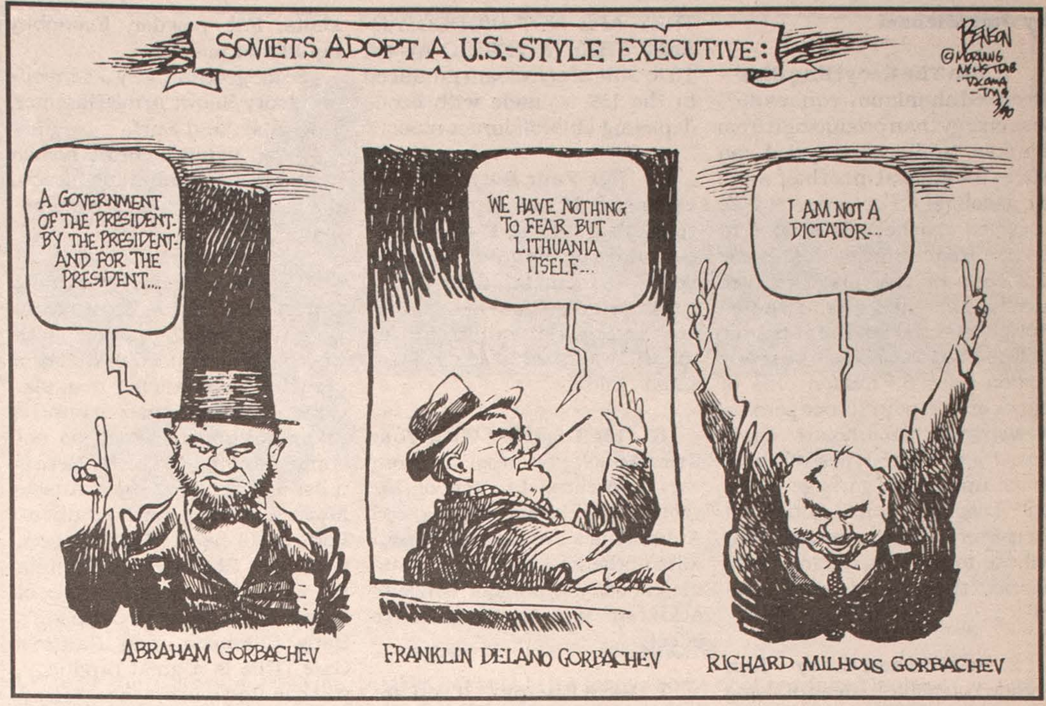
EAST GERMANY:

In the first free parliamentary elections in East Germany since the end of the war, the Christian Democratic Party, allied with West German chancellor Helmut Kohl. One of the new government's prime objectives will be reunification with West Germany. There is a clause in the West German constitution that allows local states in East Germany to be absorbed into West Germany. But the parliament will have to create regional governments that can then deal directly with Bonn. The Communists abolished the five state governments in East Germany. The Democratic Socialists, the second largest party in East Germany, call this annexation or anschluss, the same term used when the Nazi government took over Austria.

LIBYA:

A Libyan diplomat in Italy disclosed that the fire at a chemical plant in Libya was started by one of the employees of the plant. Many workers have been arrested, and the diplomat stated that the guilty worker would be executed on the spot where the fire broke out. The Libyan government had accused West Germany of setting the fire. The US government maintains that the plant produces chemical weapons.

complied from the Washington Post and CBS news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12 ways students can make the environment cleaner

by Juli Michael

1. **Use The Recycling Bins**– Recycled aluminum requires 95% less energy than producing it from bauxite, and each recycled can saves the equivalent of half a can of gasoline. For every ton of recycled crushed glass used in the manufacturing process, some 1.2 tons of raw materials are saved. Recycled glass requires 50% less water and reduces air pollution by 20%. Each year our nation uses 67 million tons of paper or 580 pounds per person. Newspaper, paperboard, cardboard and other types of paper make up 40% of garbage in the US. Logging tropical rain forest for paper pulp has helped contribute to the destruction of 95 acres of these forests every minute.

2. **Be Wild and Crazy**– Run or Ride Your Bike Instead of Using Your Car–

Acid rain is the result of our massive burning of natural non-renewable fossil fuels.

The fish are dead in 140 lakes in Ontario, Canada. 1800 of Sweden's fresh water lakes are almost totally lifeless. 55% of the Netherland's forests are dying. On the local level– Rockfish in the Chesapeake Bay have been greatly decimated due to the high pH levels which interfere with the fish's reproduction.

3. **Drink Budweiser**–This company, Anheuser-Busch, donates money to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

4. **Drink From a Cup With Character**- Bring your favorite cup to Miss D's, the coffeehouse, parties, the Vern, Newts, etc. Boycott the use of disposable plastic and styrofoam cups.

Try to think about where all these disposables go when you are through with them. Since THEY ARE NOT BIODEGRADABLE THEY NEVER GO AWAY. 10 to 30% of styrofoam produced in the US is made with ozone depleting chloroflourocarbons.

5. **Put Your Butt Where it Belongs**– If you smoke, pinch your cigarette butt so the tobacco falls on the ground (Not the floor!) and put the filter in the trash. Studies have shown that one used cigarette butt is so toxic, that if swallowed, it could kill a small child.

6. **Get Together With Your Friends**– If you must use your car, then carpool to school, the grocery store, bars, parties, etc. Automobiles are responsible for 30% of the nations carbon dioxide emissions, a major cause of acid rain and the greenhouse effect.

7. **Save Energy**– If you are off campus, (one-third of use are!) save energy in your house by turning down the heat a few degrees and turning off the lights when you leave the room.

Rental housing poses a serious problem. Since tenants usually pay oil, gas and electric bills, landlords have little incentive to reduce their tenants costs i.e. by insulating the house better to lower bills. So if you are renting, try to do what you can to lower the energy bills.

If every household in the US lowered its average heating temperature six degrees for just 24 hours, this could save more than 570,000 barrels of oil!

8. **Keep It Clean**– When you do your laundry, make sure you are using biodegradable soap. Most of them are but there are some which are not. Here is a list of NONBIODEGRADABLE detergents: Yes liquid, Gain powder, Fresh Start (This one is actually highly toxic), Purex liquid, Fab 1 shots, Fab powder, Econobuy liquid and powder.

Some good laundry detergents are: Ivory Snow, Arm&Hammer, Tide, Ajax, and Surf.

Avoid using chlorine bleach or detergents containing bleach, they directly poison the environment.

9. **Keep Animal Products Out of Your Hair**– Most shampoos use animals in their products. They are used in the form of hydrolyzed protein, urea, placenta, etc. Try to use shampoos and conditioners which do not contain animal products. Here is a list of some good ones: Aussie Moist (All Redmond products, Pert, Prell, Ivory, Vidal Sasson, Head n' Shoulders, Freeman products, Mill Creek, Tom's of Maine, Wella Balsam, Johnson's Baby Shampoo, and Nature's Gate (This is a great product– you can find it in any health food store.)

10. **Shave in Style**– don't use disposable razors, they are a waste. Buy yourself a razor for a few bucks, or use a rechargeable.

11. **Clean Your Plate**– when you eat a meal, do not let your eyes be bigger than your stomach. It is much better to take small portions and go back for more if you are still hungry. Wasting food directly damages the environment by causing the destruction of forests and natural environments for the creation of agricultural and grazing lands. AT THE PRESENT RATE OF DEFORESTATION, NOT A SINGLE TREE WILL BE STANDING IN THE US IN 50 YEARS.

12. **Be Active, Not Apathetic**– There is a general mind-trap in which people think, "Someone knows what to do and is in control." Sorry, but this is a myth. Chances are "They" are not in control and "They" are not doing it. People also tend to think, "Even if I do my share nobody else will, so why bother?" Doing your share will set an example for others. It is also a self-fulfilling prophecy– doing your part feels a lot better than not doing your part. Another important thing to remember is, don't tell someone to do something if you are not doing it yourself.

We all must take responsibility for keeping our campus environmentally sound. The lure to do otherwise is strong. So avoid mind-traps and be conscious!

If you are interested in joining the Earthday Committee, there will be a meeting at my house, 100 W. Campus Ave. right across the school lawn, next to the Alumni House. The meeting will be at 7:30 on Wednesday the 28th. We are planning some fun events and we could really use more input and support. If you have any ideas or questions and can't make the meeting, give me a call at 778-4110. Furthermore, this Tuesday, March 27, Senator Timothy Wirth from Colorado will speak in Hynson Lounge at 8:00 on environmental issues.

"Try to think where all these disposables go when you are through with them. Since they are not biodegradable they never go away."

(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

Slice looks at the '89-'90 basketball season

Phil "Slice" Macek

As the din of cheers echo off the Cain Athletic Center's walls and the curtain is drawn on yet another season here at Washington College, I would like to take a look back at the people who truly make the games enjoyable– the fans, especially a small group of dedicated basketball "aficionados" who will say anything to keep opponents off their game.

According to some people (and it depends on who you talk to) these particular fans are nothing more than raunchy, immature collegians, who toss around verbal insults and bird calls like they toss around cans of beer before the game. Such students want nothing more than to undermine the true spirit of competition that the game on the court represents.

The misguided souls having such warped and twisted perceptions of these students are the ones that should be banned from the games. What good is a cheering section sitting straight-up, looking stiff and uncomfortable and never uttering a single sound during the game? But I digress.

Now as a reporter, it is my duty to remain neutral, and I will try the best I can to play the part– but it will be hard.

For the most part, these students are fun. One can always count on this notorious group of fans to ease the tension that a controversial call delivers. However, some people's antics of rampant idiocy do tend to border on the realm of the unacceptable.

Some students, during a tense moment, like to verbally attack the referee. Many times, when a questionable call has been made, the students usually suggest that the referee do something that is anatomically impossible. Others make reference to the ref's wife and kids, while the boldest members of the "peanut gallery" put the ref in a compromising position with the opposing teams' coach.

However, one should see that this behavior is used only in extreme emergencies, and that furthermore, no personal offense to the referee in question is intended.

Other students choose not to indulge in the fun of shouting obscenities at the zebras, and instead, use visual aids to lessen the pressure of a big game. A few fans have been known to make "Keehan is God" and "C.J.'s favorite activity rhymes with free-falling" signs, while constructively criticizing the cheerleaders by rating their performances on a scale of 1 to 10. It should be noted that the cheerleaders did a solid job all year long and received an overall average score of nine. Yet, in the view of this writer, the cheerleading squad should acquire a male member– just like Stockton State.

While it is true that these great fans are an invaluable addition to any home game, sometimes they do mange to step over the line of decency and good taste. Certain fans are practically booted from some games for going over to the other side of the gym and shouting "You Got Nothing" at the opposing team and their supporters. However, the quick wit and lightning fast reactions of the Cain center administrators keep such disgraceful displays of "doing Satan's work" in check.

In this humble writer's view, this infamous group of student-fans are nothing more than cheerleaders that sit down while still trying to raise crowd noise to a fevered pitch. They would stand on the floor, but they never practice their routines, and they would look truly hideous in those short skirts.

Overall, the administrators and older fans should realize these students provide good quality entertainment for free, so they should not be so hasty in handing out reprimands to these zealous fans. After all, one man's obscenity is another man's poetry.

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Basketball finishes season with fantastic journey

by Brett Lankford
Staff writer

The 1989-1990 men's basketball team earned a spot in the Washington College record books with a month-long chase for the NCAA tournament. The team captured the Eastern Regional Championship, became the first WC team to make the Final Four, and finished third in the nation. The team ended the season with a 25-6 record they earned with a heart-stopping brand of basketball. The Shoremen became a Division III version of the Cardiac Kids, possessing the amazing ability to pull a win out of the clutches of defeat. The team utilized this style throughout the NCAA tournament, winning close game after close game as they made their way to the Final Four.

After a first-round bye, the team faced their initial test against King's College. This was easily one of the most emotional games the Cain Athletic Center had ever laid eyes on, and both teams played at a feverish pitch. The score remained close for the full forty minutes, and the tension continued to build. The game was tied with eight seconds left when point guard Charles Duckett was fouled and sent to the line to shoot a one-and-one. The King's College coach called time out in an attempt to ice Duckett, but Tank stepped to the line and coolly sank both free throws to give the WAC a two point lead. King's was unable to convert on the other end, and the Shoremen slipped into the sweet 16.

Cain Athletic Center was chosen as the site for the Eastern Regionals, giving WC a home court advantage that would prove helpful. Stockton State, Johns Hopkins and Western Connecticut State were the other three schools left for the regionals, and the Shoremen drew Stockton State as their opponent in the round of 16.

The Shoremen jumped on Stockton immediately, and with four minutes gone the WAC already led 12-2. WC maintained their torrid outside shooting throughout the first half to go into intermission with an 11 point lead. The team connected on eight three pointers in the first half alone. Tank buried four tres, while Keehan nailed three of his own. Duckett led the scoring with 14 points in the first half, and Stockton found themselves praying that the WAC would stop their long-range bombing.

The second half showed that some prayers are indeed answered. Chris Brandt sank the team's only three pointer of the second half, and Stockton gradually made their way back into the game. Stockton State cut the lead to five with ten minutes remaining and tied the score at 69 with 8:45 to play. Fortunately, Squirrel had shouldered the load in the second half. Brandt scored five of his 21 second half points to start a Shoremen run. Chris Jamke slammed one home on a breakaway to give the WAC a nine point lead with 5:00 left.

Things went downhill from there for the Shoremen. Jamke picked up his fifth foul with 3:00 left and a five point lead, but it was tied with a minute to go. WC missed their shot at the lead, but Tim Liddy was fouled while battling for an offensive board. He sank one of two free throws with 18 seconds left, giving the Shoremen a precarious 89-88 lead. Stockton pushed the ball upcourt, but their point guard was short on a jumper from 15 feet. The Shoremen were led by Brandt's 27 points on 9-13 shooting. Duckett and Jamke added 16 and 14 respectively, and Liddy contributed 14 in what was possibly his best game at WC. The WAC took the one-point win and advanced to the regional finals against a tough Western Connecticut State team.

As if Shoremen fans didn't have enough ulcers from the previous two games, this game was going to test the nerves of everyone in attendance. The Shoremen suffered serious foul trouble in the first half as three of their starters had to sit with two fouls. WCS held the lead throughout most of the first half, and they went to the locker room up by six.

They continued their run early in the second half and increased their lead to nine, but Brandt took control once again He helped the Shoremen cut the WCS lead to 1 with 5 straight points. WCS then benefitted from a technical on Bull and a five-point play to expand their lead. The WAC battled back, and Keehan's three with 8:30 left tied the score. The lead continued to change hands as time ran down, and WCS was up by two with less than a minute left when Squirrel stepped to the line. He hit both ends of a one-and-one to tie it at 90, and both teams survived a frantic final minute to move to overtime.

The Shoremen never trailed in the extra stanza, scoring the first four points. The team missed only two shots in overtime and led by as much as seven points. Still, WC was never able to put WCS away, and they only trailed by three when Bull missed a one-and-one with six seconds left. Their desperation three pointer missed, and Cain Athletic Center went completely insane. WC won 107-104, and they were led by a 37 point effort from Brandt. His 37 points included a perfect 16-16 from the line. Jamke added 22 and Tank threw in 16 for the WAC.

The victory moved the Shoremen into the Final Four at Wittenburg University in Springfield, Ohio. The team, traveling with a loyal following of Shoremen supporters, met University of Rochester in the semifinals. This is where the hopes of a national championship in Chestertown drew to a close. Rochester's towering center Chris Fite scored 25 points and 10 rebounds, and the Shoremen were outrebounded 53-37 in the game. The WAC shot only 35% for the game, resulting in an 86-70 defeat. The Shoremen were led by Keehan with 19 points and Brandt with 18. Bull fouled out of the game with only eight points, a victim of Rochester's bigger bodies. WC was destined to meet Calvin University in the consolation game.

The Shoremen were sure to end their season in typical WC fashion - winning a game that went down to the wire. The WAC trailed by as many as 17 in the second half, then outscored Calvin 22-5 to tie the score at 57. The Shoremen took the lead for a period of time, but then Calvin regained the lead with a minute remaining. Chris Brandt missed his opportunity to take the lead with ten seconds left, and the Shoremen seemed destined for a one-point defeat. Tank Duckett came through and stole the ball to give the WAC another chance. Brandt made good this time, nailing a 2 foot jumper in the lane with 2 seconds left to give the victory to WC.

Brandt continued his torrid playoff pace, scoring 34 points in the game. Keehan added 24 of his own, while Bull scored 12 points and hauled down 12 rebounds.

The consolation victory was the perfect ending to a nearly perfect postseason for the Washington College Shoremen. They finished the season at 25-6 and left the 5 departing seniors with enough memories to last a lifetime. The fans were also left with a collection of memories of their own. Next year's team will have a tough act to follow, but right now the team can bask in the glory of a picture-perfect postseason.

A Washington College softball player takes her cuts in the team's home opener against Widener. The team plays a doubleheader at home this Saturday starting at 1:30. (photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

Tennis dominates spring trip

by Fred Wyman

When the Shoremen tennis team departed for South Carolina for their spring trip, their doubles play was the team's biggest question mark. However, it turned out that it was the doubles play that enabled WC to win 7 of their 8 matches over their spring trip.

In Washington College's two 5-4 triumphs over 18th ranked Kenyon and Division II UNC-Greensboro, it was the #1 and #2 doubles teams that secured the victories for Washington. Both matches were tied at 3-3 after singles, but in each instance the #1 doubles team of Larry Gewer and Scott Read put Washington College up 4-3 and the #2 team of Scott Shepherd and Peter Maller then proceeded to clinch the wins. Against Baptist and The Citadel, Gewer and Read sealed the Shoremen victory. In two of the team's other triumphs, all three doubles tandems won to start off the match as doubles was played first.

The Shoremen began their trip in a match against The Citadel, and they chalked up a 6-3 victory. They were led by singles victories from Read, Maller, Diaz and Bohutinsky. Their record then fell to 1-1 on the trip when Washington College dropped the match to NAIA powerhouse College of Charleston. Scott Read and Alberto Diaz were winners in their singles matches, and Diaz/Bohutinsky combined to win in doubles competition. The victories were still not enough to allow the Shoremen to defeat the #15 Cougars.

Washington College defeated Division I Baptist College as a result of singles victories from Gewer, Diaz, Shepherd and Bohutinsky. Once again, the #1 doubles tandem clinched the victory. The Shoremen managed to dodge a bullet against #18 Kenyon College. They took a 3-0 lead early in the singles matches on the strength of victories from Gewer, Read and Scott Shepherd. The victory from Shepherd was pivotal as he rallied to win from one set down to win the match. Shepherd also teamed with Peter Maller to clinch the WC victory. The duo was down a set, but they managed to rally and defeat Kenyon's #2 doubles tandem. This brought the team's record to 3-1.

Austin Peay and Nazareth were the next two teams to be thumped by the Shoremen Express. WC only lost once in these two matches and they were perfect in doubles competition. Maller won both of his singles matches in straight sets, including a 6-0,6-0 win against Nazareth. Maller only gave up one point in the second set of that match as Washington College overwhelmed both opponents. The Shoremen only lost five games in their singles competition against Nazareth.

Their next match was indoors against UNC-Greensboro. The Shoremen were down 3-2 in singles matches, but a three-set victory from Alberto Diaz evened the score. Read and Gewer won in impressive fasion in doubles, and Maller and Shepherd clinched the Washington College victory in straight sets. The Shoremen finished their 7-1 road trip with a 6-0 whitewashing of Averett College. Washington College did not lose a single set in their resounding victory over Averett.

The 7-1 record was the best ever registered by the Shoremen tennis team on a spring trip. Scott Read and Alberto Diaz both recorded 7-1 records in singles, and both only lost once in their doubles competition. Read raised his overall record to 23-6, while Diaz moved to 16-5. Larry Gewer maintained his #1 seed by going 5-2 on the trip. Overall, the team's performance solidified Washington College's ranking as one of the top schools in Division III tennis.

Women's tennis shows promise for spring

by Holly Bramble

Before women's tennis left for Hilton Head, coach Holly Bramble remembered thinking of the progress and success of the 1989 team. During that season, the team made their best showing ever in the MAC's and reached the finals of the MAC Invitational Tournament. The team was also ranked ninth in the eastern regional and boasted two all-Americans.

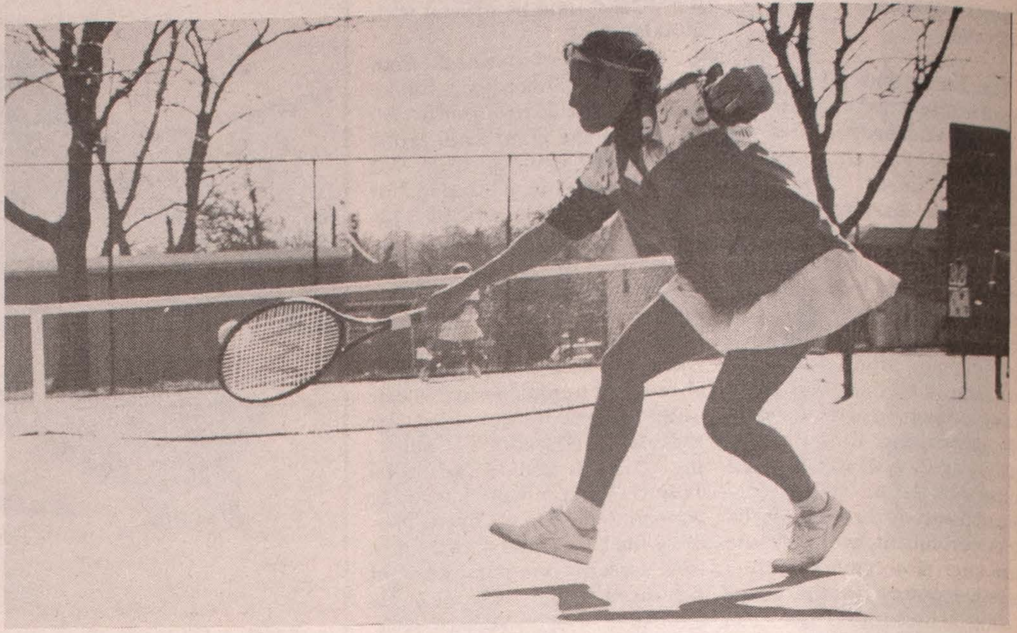
This year's schedule is extremely rigorous, with three of the top 10 Division III teams included among their matches. Still, they showed their potential during their trip over spring break. The women went 1-4 on their trip, improving from last year's 0-5 record. They played two Division I schools as well as some of the top Division III schools in the country, but they managed to play competitive tennis throughout their trip.

Tracy Peel continued to show why she is an all-American, winning all but two of her matches. One loss came against Division I opponent UNC-Wilmington in three sets, and she lost her other match when she was forced to retire from fatigue. Tracy remained undefeated this year in matches against Division III opponents, defeating top ranked players from Mary Washington and Kenyon College.

In addition, Tracy teamed with Monica Blanco to win all but one of their doubles matches. Peel and Blanco managed to defeat two top-ten teams. Their only loss came in a tough three set match against the University of Evansville. Meg Wheatley also managed three singles victories on the spring trip. The Shorewomen played competitive tennis throughout the trip and displayed their talent and their consistency.

The team returned from their spring trip to play a home match against Hope College, ranked sixth in the midwest region. The women put on an impressive display, playing solid tennis in every match. The Shorewomen were ahead 4-2 after the singles matches were completed behind victories from veterans Tracy Peel, Miriam Dittman, Meg Wheatley and Rachael Rice.

The rain arrived at this point, and Hope College agreed to play the doubles matches on the basketball tennis court. Peel and Blanco combined to take their doubles match in straight sets. The win clinched the women's victory over Hope. The other two doubles matches were extremely close and won by Hope College, but WC captured the match 5-4. With the victory over a 6th ranked team, the Shorewomen should be in line for a national ranking for sure.



Miriam Dittman returns a shot in a recent parctice as the women's tennis team prepares for their spring season to get in full swing.
(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

Carroll sets personal bests at NCAA

by Greg Coss

When Kasey Carroll saw a swimmer finish the 1650 meter freestyle event with a time of 17:41 in the first heat of the event, she was very concerned. The time was eighteen seconds faster than Kasey's personal best. Times of 17:46 and 17:47 were also posted, and Kasey began to wonder if she would even finish in the top sixteen. "I said to Dennis (Berry) 'What's going on?' He just told me to relax, and that everyone there was posting personal bests, so I could do it too."

Certainly the NCAA Division III championships are reason enough to work your hardest, and Kasey certainly did. She swam the 1650 in 17:46, 13 seconds faster than her previous best. Coming into the event, she was seeded ninth and had doubts of maintaining this seeding. Kasey managed to erase all doubts with an 8th place finish and a lot of personal satisfaction. Later, Carroll finished 19th in the 400IM and recorded another personal best. She was predicted to finish 35th in the event.

Kasey's drastic drop in time was the most impressive part of her performance. "A girl I swam with in my heat went neck and neck with me the entire way," she said, "and it really helped me push myself even harder." Carroll said she gave little thought to where she'd place in the competition. "Of course I'd like to finish in the top eight, but whenever I think too much about what place I'll finish I get too nervous and I choke." The important part of Kasey's character as a swimmer is her ability to block out other swimmers, and simply concentrate on ways to improve herself.

So where does Kasey go after her booming successes at Williams College and her two national rankings? "I'll be training now and through this summer for the team I swim for in Sarasota, Florida," she answered. Kasey is only a sophomore and has aspirations of cracking the top five in the 1650 meter free next year. If she keeps up her hard work this should be a realistic goal, especially with the help of Coach Berry.

Coach Berry had a nice surprise for Kasey at the awards ceremony. "Dennis asked an old friend, who was in charge of the award ceremonies, if he could hand out the awards. When I saw Dennis in a suit and tie I was wondering what was going on. When I found out that Dennis would give me my award it was a great feeling." The two have an excellent rapport which makes it easier for Kasey to concentrate on her goals. It also will help Kasey to become a team leader in the next two years and an inspiration to her teammates. As a result, expect more big things from next year's team.

Lacrosse dominates opponents, wins St. Patrick's Day tourney

by Matt Giller

Last St. Patrick's Day weekend, while the basketball team was making history and millions of Irishmen took years off their livers, the Shoremen lax team impressively won two games against top 15 foe Springfield, 13-7, and # 4 ranked Nazareth College 12-8.

During the first two games Coach Corcoran was unable to clear his bench against lax powers Navy and Johns Hopkins, but last weekend he used almost the entire team. Depth, he feels, is one of their fortes and was well illustrated by the fact that nine different players contributed to the scoring over the weekend.

In the first round against Springfield the Shoremen (3-2) battled the elements to defeat a much improved Division III foe. Freshmen Jed Cronin led all WAC scorers with 3 goals and 2 assists while senior co-captain Tim Hormes followed with a hat trick and an assist. Also contributing in the scoring was Brian Johnson, Hank Miller, and Ben Lamana, each tallying 2 goals. Senior co-captain Bob Martino added a goal and an assist, and Dave Slomkowski came up big with 8 saves in goal.

On Sunday the rain went away but the wins kept coming, but this time it was against highly touted Nazareth from the north. Again the scoring was spread thin over the Shoremen team, with Hormes leading the way with a hat trick and 2 assists. Others that followed were Martino, Lamana, Miller, and junior Greg Rupert, each filling the nets with two of their own. Once again, Slomkowski was outstanding in between the pipes, making 12 saves and causing the Nazzes to fall to their first defeat.

Coach Corcoran felt that the keys to the weekend successes was a strong bench and outstanding fundamental play. By dominating ground balls and playing solid defense, the Shoremen did not allow a lead change. Corcoran was extremely pleased with the effort from the whole team. The earlier games against the two mighty Division I teams, he added, helped them prepare for the lesser foes. The head laxer was also impressed with the speed at which the team has developed their overall depth, which will definitely be a key if they hope to sustain their success.

Baseball's lockout was useless

by Brett Lankford
Staff writer

Hooray, hooray. The baseball strike/lockout has finally drawn to a close. This year's festivities were just as infuriating as those problems from previous years. The labor dispute between the owners and the players has been going on for long enough now, and work stoppages are now occurring as regularly as the Summer Olympics. Soon, instead of talking of past World Series, baseball fans will be able to reminisce about the great labor disputes in baseball history. I can just see it now. A grandfather is sitting with his grandson on his porch in Seymour, Indiana, telling him "I remember the great strike of '81. Things got so bad that we were actually crying for pro bowling to return to television."

What was accomplished this time around? Absolutely nothing. The management attempted to convince players receiving a 300% increase in pay that they needed a new salary structure. Not surprisingly, the players rejected the deal. The owners certainly didn't win the battle. The players wanted a year taken off of the arbitration deal, but instead agreed to an arrangement that only benefits about ten players a year. In conclusion, the battle of egos between Donald Fehr and Chuck O'Connor accomplished absolutely nothing and helped absolutely no one.

Once again, this was a case of the fans losing out because of a battle between millionaires and billionaires. This time, however, the fans seem to have less patience with the situation. I can say from personal experience that the mere sight of Donald Fehr whining into a microphone causes me to wretch violently and lunge for the remote control.

The fans' frustration was expected by owners and players, and they have every right to be upset. They are the ones who wind up suffering the consequences. It now costs $6.50 to get a hot dog at the Sky Dome in Toronto. I'm not that old, and I can remember the day when box seats behind home plate cost that much. I'm not suggesting a strike by the fans, since that would accomplish nothing. I merely suggest that the players and the owners would be wise to keep the fans in mind when negotiations drag on in the future. Management and the union should remember that fans are paying to see a game. If they wanted to see big business in action, they would go to Wall Street. Hot dogs don't cost $6.50 in there.

Innovative group performs Havel's "Protest"

Life of Czechoslovakia's prez kicks off Sophie Kerr Weekend

by Kelly L. Huber

As a part of Sophie Kerr Weekend, the Washington College English Department presents the Theater for the Twentieth Century performing "Protest," a play that has recently made headlines. What makes this play newsworthy is the fact that it was written by Czechoslovakian president Vaclav Havel before he was elected to office, when he was recognized as a dissident instead of a patriot.

"Protest" is essentially autobiographical in that it chronicles the time one man spends in prison for protesting his government. Havel himself had been imprisoned three times for the same reasons in 1977 and again in 1989. The time Havel has spent in prison adds up to about five years.

Havel's first play, "Garden Party" (1968), a surreal satire of communism, won him the praise of many critics who likened him to the late literary genius Samuel Beckett. Havel, who always considered himself as a follower of Beckett, was paid tribute by Beckett in 1984 with his play "Catastrophe,"which recounts the inquisition of a dissident.

In addition to absurd theater pieces, Havel has also written many stories and essays which have credited him as a political prophet. In his works he denounces and pokes fun at communism, but his main targets are usually his fellow citizens who accepted the status quo.

Some of Havel's other works include: "Largo Desolato," in which the hero is asked to change his name and state that he is not the author of his works in order to avert torture; "Temptation," in which Havel retells the Faust myth in terms of the distorted truths told by his compatriots; and the essay "The Power of the Powerless." Other works about his time in prison include "Technical Notes on My House-Arrest" and "Letters to Olga."

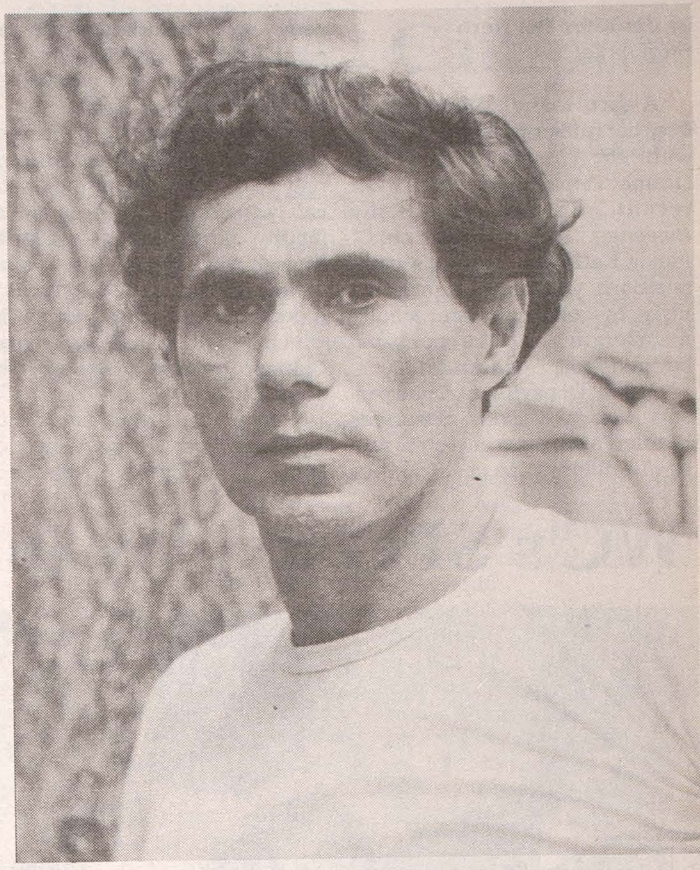
The Theater for the 20th Century brings Havel's "Protest" to campus as part of its continuing effort to present major modern and contemporary dramas to the community at large. The Theater for the 20th Century hopes to bridge the gap between professional troupes that perform plays merely for their entertainment value and university troupes that perform as part of a curriculum. Their goal is an educational one, to offer certain works of drama in a way that will foster their appreciation and promote cultural vitality.

Many professional troupes have an expertise that usually hinders the devotion to a serious drama. The troupes in the Theater for the 20th Century, however, use their expertise to interpret dramatic works through performances of the highest quality, professionally and aesthetically.

The Theater for the 20th Century sees that each participating troupe performs at least one production a year. Each production is to be followed by a critical discussion involving the actors and directors along with scholars, critics and the audience.

Ira Lewis portrays the character in the one man production of "Protest." Lewis made his professional acting debut on television at the age of thirteen and appeared frequently on television throughout his teenage years. After high school he became interested in the theater and began acting in the New York and regional theaters.

As a member of the original Kazan-Clurman Lincoln Center Repertory Company, he performed in numerous productions including Harold Clurman's production of Arthur Miller's "Incident" at Vichy and Clurman's International State Department production of O'Neill's "Long Day's Journey Into Night." Lewis has also appeared in A.E. Hotchner's "The Hemingway Hero" and several more plays by Miller.



Actor Ira Lewis stars in Havel's autobiographical tale of his life in prison. Lewis, who made his professional acting debut at age thirteen, recently produced his own play, "Vital Signs."
(photo courtesy of Marshall Williams)

Lewis has also established himself a playwright, with four full-length plays which have been produced off-Broadway and in regional theaters. His most recent production is "Vital Signs," which was directed and starred in by Jose Ferrer. Next fall, "Chinese Coffee" will be produced, starring Al Pacino.

Ira Lewis is a member of Actors Equity Association, the Screen Actors Guild, the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, the Writers Guild of America, the Dramatists Guild, and the Actors Studio.

Nina daVinci Nichols has been the Producer and Dramaturg of the Theater for the 20th Century since 1988 and will produce the production of "Protest" here on campus. She also moderates the discussions which follow each performance.

Havel now joins a large group of dramatists Nichols has produced which include such famous playwrights as Strindberg, O'Neill, Chekhov, Joyce and Beckett.

The Theater for the Twentieth Century's performance of Havel's "Protest" will begin at 4 PM today in the Norman James Theater.

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Bennett's compositions featured in recital

by Jennifer Del Nero
Staff writer

A face many will recognize from her numerous performances with the Washington College Drama Department, her most recent appearance being *Sweeney Todd*, senior music major Kathleen Bennett's compositions will be performed tonight by colleagues and faculty members in her recital sponsored by the Music Department.

Music Department Chairperson Garry Clarke describes Bennett's program as "retrospective of different pieces Kate has composed," including works she completed for the College and those she wrote as a member of the band Cowboy Jazz.

Clarke predicts the concert to be an interesting one due not only to the diversity of the musical selections, but because of faculty participation. Clarke himself will contribute on piano to the performance of "Daybreak", a dedication to Vaclav Havel, in which he will be joined by Denise Carlson on violin and Sally McGee on cello.

Among the original works to be performed is the debut of "Close Your Eyes", vocals provided by junior Cindy Croot and accompanied by associate music professor Kathleen Mills on piano, which carries the refrain: "Close your eyes, the night is falling silently./ Close your eyes, and let your dreams come quietly./ Close your eyes, when you awake there'll be a bright new day./ Close your eyes, slowly drift away."

Also scheduled for the recital is Three Songs for Four Voices, a collection of three e.e. cummings poems put to music: "Jimmie's got a goil"; "you shall above all things be glad and young", another of Bennett's four debuting compositions; and "Buffalo Bill's defunct." (The two other first performances are *Leocadia* Suite and Algernon Swinburne's *A Match*.)

One of the highlights of the program will feature six songs Bennett composed for Cowboy Jazz, in which she leads on voice and guitar, supported by Carlson on voice and violin and Victor Belanger on bass.

Bennett's band, Cowboy Jazz, of which violinist Carlson is also a member, has toured extensively, performing its western swing and rock and roll rhythms as far away as Alaska, though concentrating on the Western US where it is the most popular.

Combining her love for music with her love for the theater, Bennett aspires to eventually compose a musical of her own, explaining, "I love collaborating on putting music to drama." Bennett got a taste of such a challenge last spring with the Drama Department production *Leocadia* for which she composed all the music.

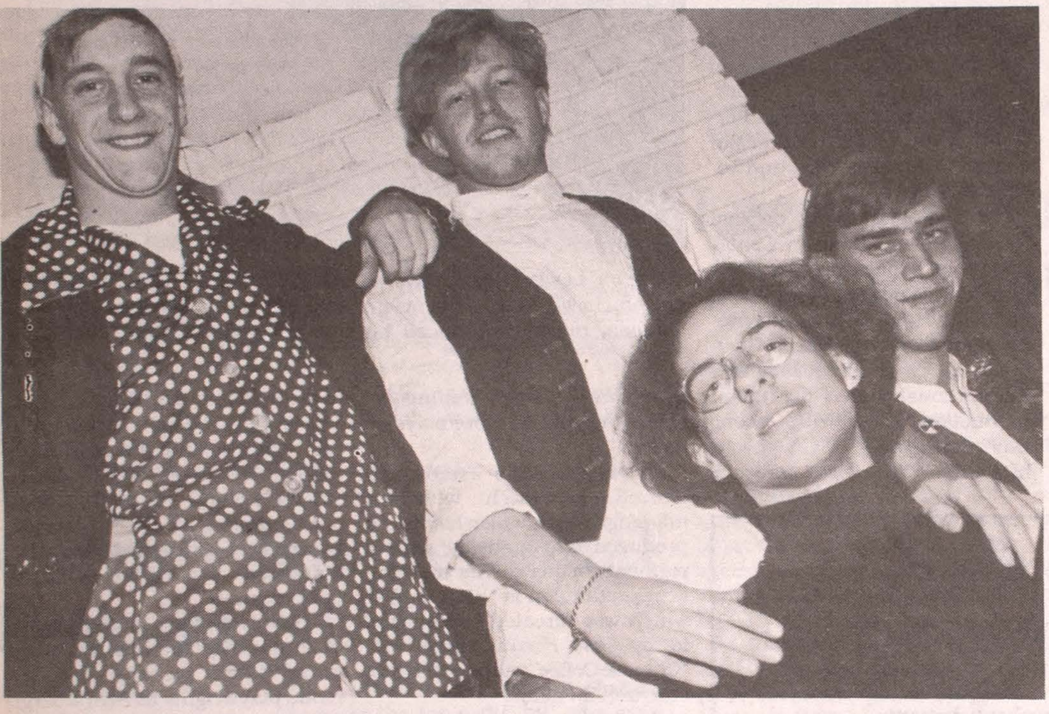
Bennett, who has spent most of the academic year preparing for the recital, is excited about the performance. The most difficult part, she recalls, was the coordination of rehearsals, but Bennett is confident: "They [the performers] are all capable."

For Bennett, the recital represents "the culmination of what I've always wanted to learn–how to orchestrate, notation," as she remembers her interest in music theory but initial lack of knowledge in the area.

Not only does Bennett share her musical talent with the College, but she participates in many community affairs as well, singing with the Early Music Vocal Consort, the Washington College Community Choir under the direction of Mills and the Jazz Band directed by associate music professor Amzie Parcell. Bassoonist Parcell performs a duet with pianist and wife Elizabeth Parcell, a WC music lecturer, in Bennett's *La Chasse* composition.

The concert will be held in Tawes Theater of the Gibson Fine Arts Center at 8 PM. There is no admission fee.

WC's SPG to play in C-House



Local band SPG, pictured above with members (l-r) Drew Elburn, lead vocals,Jim Doran, drums and vocals, Brent Hopkins, lead guitar and Bill Burnside, bass guitar, will perform in the Coffee House Saturday, March 24 at 9 PM. Admission is $2, and alcoholic beverages will be served with proper I.D.
(photo by Amy L. UNdercoffler)

Black Sheep celebrates the outsider

by Bruce Hamilton

They call themselves Black Sheep. A Washington, DC-based reggae band that has played all over Maryland. They are a progressive group with an original style and music that is filled with positivism.

A "black sheep" is defined in our culture as a person viewed by a group or family as a disgrace. This band serves as an exaltation of the outcast, a celebration of the outsider.

They have two albums– the first is entitled *Gathering* . A week before Spring break on Saturday, March 3, they played in our dining hall.

Everyone I talked to reached a unanimous conclusion: this band is good. In concert they displayed fierce energy and talent. It was the kind of music that almost forces you to move, and even the people that sat listening on the side were jumping around by the end of the night.

Black Sheep's latest album, *Learn From Each Other*, contains ten new offerings and was sold at their March 3 performance. Perhaps one could call it typical reggae in that its motifs are characteristic of the reggae message: peace, unity, nonviolence. However, anyone who is familiar with reggae knows that it is a very diversified genre.

The opening track is called "One in every family." A light, dancy tune, it is a perfect opening for the album as it introduces the band in a musical greeting: "Wherever we go/ people wanna know/ who we are. So, we tell them/ who we are." Lines like "One in every family/ one in every family tree/ baa baa baa black sheep" express the idea that these musicians view themselves as society's outcasts.

The members of Black Sheep seem to work well together; forming a rhythmically and melodically tight whole. The band features Moata on bass, Dontez on saxophone and flute, King Abasi on percussion, Bruce on drums, Barry on guitar, and Isa on lead vocals.

Learn From Each Other's second track, "United we stand," expresses a moving need for unity. It is, as the lyrics say, "a message of hope/ a message of peace/ a message of love/ to each and every one." The next song, "Watch what you believe," is a powerful effort about the need for freedom of belief and ideology.

"We as a people" is another anthemic effort focusing on liberation and unity. The title track, "Learn from each other" is a melodic song expressing the need for humanity to put aside differences for true progress and happiness: "We were made to be different so that we could learn from each other."

All the songs on the album contain fantastic guitar riffs and saxophone solos. Songs like "Reflections" and "Watch what you dub," are the kinds of songs you find echoing inside your head long after the music has stopped.

Black Sheep is a must-see band whose music is refreshing and original. *Learn From Each Other* is a great second effort. Black Sheep are, as *Drumbeat* puts it, "Reggae masters of positive high energy personified."

Henry V : Branagh's insightful readaptation

by Timothy J. Madison

Kenneth Branagh, in adapting *Henry V* for the screen, has rather impertinently attacked a number of thorny issues. Perhaps the most durable of all the arguments against him is the question: can justice be done to Shakespeare in a medium so fundamentally different from the one for it was intended? The question then becomes: is Branagh sufficiently versed in cinematic vocabulary to find the play's "truth" for the screen? But in reinterpreting the play, Branagh seems to have also discovered the play's implicit relevancy to its new medium.

By directing and starring in *Henry* , Branagh has invited the obvious comparisons to Laurence Olivier's 1944 adaptation. Olivier's interpretation was striking in the way it so aptly reflected the reality of WWI Britain; it was a stirring, romantic "call-to-arms" and patriotic celebration of England. In making the play accessible to contemporary audiences, Branagh's battlefields reflect a different perception of war an its supposed glories; it is a darker, grittier world stripped of the fairy tale romance of Olivier's *Henry* . Branagh's film focuses upon the psychology of the young monarch and how his heroism as a military leader parallels his spiritual heroism in coming to terms with a future that has been prematurely thrust upon him.

Like Olivier's *Henry* , which opens as a period performance in the Globe Theater and uses the chorus as a link to the "reality" of the play, Branagh begins his chorus (Derek Jacobi) on an after-hours film set. It is clear that Branagh's Henry is of a more contemporary sensibility. When Branagh films the aftermath of Henry's victory, it is with a long tracking shot of a sooty battlefield strewn with the corpses of boys and horse. It is a shot that reminds us of our familiarity through both the news and cinema with the stark reality of warfare. Even Branagh himself, with his Irish pug face, presents a surprisingly unglamorized Henry.

When Branagh set out to readapt *Henry V*, it was with the intention to create "a popular film that would satisfy the Shakespearean scholar as well as the filmgoers who like *Crocodile Dundee*." What Branagh has produced is an extremely dynamic and accessible vision of Shakespeare which remains true to both the letter and the spirit of the text. This is a richly textured, powerful adaptation which will thrill both fans of the Bard and anyone who loves film.

Theaters currently showing *Henry V* :

Baltimore: Loews-Rotunda- 40th St & Keswick Rd., (301) 235-1800

Virginia: Cineplex Odeon Shirlington- 2772 S. Randolph., 671-0910

District of Columbia: Cineplex Odeon Outer Circle- 4849 Wisconsin Ave., 244-3116

Philadelphia: Ritz 5- 2nd St. & Walnut St., 925-7900

AIDS study provides food for thought:

the lying factor

By Dan Sperling

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Asking about a partner's AIDS-risk history may not be enough to protect you, suggests a study in the latest New England Journal of Medicine.

The study of 422 sexually active 18- to 25-year-old college students – reported in a letter to the editor – found 34 percent of the men and 10 percent of the women admitted having told a lie in order to have sex.

Forty-seven percent of the men and 60 percent of the women said they had been lied to for purposes of sex.

"Using information from your partner as the only strategy for protecting yourself from (AIDS) risk is not a good strategy," says Vickie Mays, associate professor of psychology at UCLA.

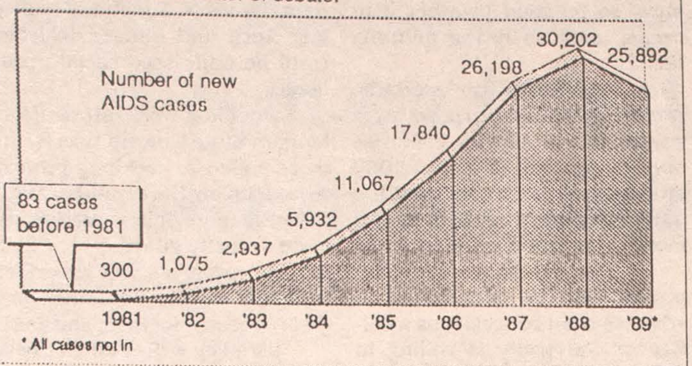
"People will stretch the truth in talking about their past behavior. This is not an unusual phenomenon when entering into a relationship.

"Regardless of whether a person tells you they've had one partner or no partners, you still should practice safer sex, unless you have information that's based on HIV antibody tests over time," Mays says.

(Sperling writes for USA TODAY.)

Current AIDS case count

The number of new AIDS cases appears to have declined in 1989, but the reason is a matter of debate.



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ton State in their first game. This game was also decided by free throws as Tim Liddy buried one from the line to give Washington College the victory.

The Shoremen moved onto the regional finals and a confrontation with Western Connecticut State. This game was a battle from the beginning, and Chris Brandt buried two free throws with less than a minute remaining in regulation to send the game to overtime. The Shoremen took control early in overtime and moved on to the Final Four with a 107-104 victory.

Washington College moved to the NCAA championships at Wittenburg University in Springfield, Ohio, and the team brought its share of Shoremen supporters with them. Geoff Miller, Director of Athletics, estimated that approximately 175 WC fans attended the tournament. They saw their team's dream of a national championship end in a semifinal loss to eventual champion University of Rochester.

The team bounced back quickly and ended the tournament on an up note, earning an impressive come from behind victory against Calvin University in the consolation game. Chris Brandt buried a short jumper with two seconds left to give the Shoremen a third place finish. "The win over Calvin gave everyone a big lift," admitted Gary Brown, Sports Information Director.

The Shoremen ended the season with an impressive 25-6 record. The team finished a very successful postseason that helped to make the 1989-1990 season one of the greatest in the program's history. The basketball team's showing also did a great deal to put Washington College and its athletics program on the map.

Campus Calendar

Friday, March 23

As part of the celebration of Sophie Kerr Weekend, Protest, by Vaclav Havel, will be performed by the Theater for the 20th Century in the Norman James Theater. The production, produced by Nina daVinci Nichols, will begin at 4 PM.

A Senior Recital by Kathleen Bennett will be presented by the Music Department at 8 PM in Tawes Theater of the Gibson Fine Arts Center.

The WC Film Series presents Boyfriends and Girlfriends, directed by Frenchman Eric Rohmer, 7:30 PM in Norman James Theater. Admission is $1 for students, faculty and staff; $2 for all others. Also showing Sunday, March 25 and Monday, March 26 at 7:30 PM.

Blues performer Bill Dicey and his band will play in the Coffee House at 9 PM. Admission is $3, and alcoholic beverages will be available for those with proper

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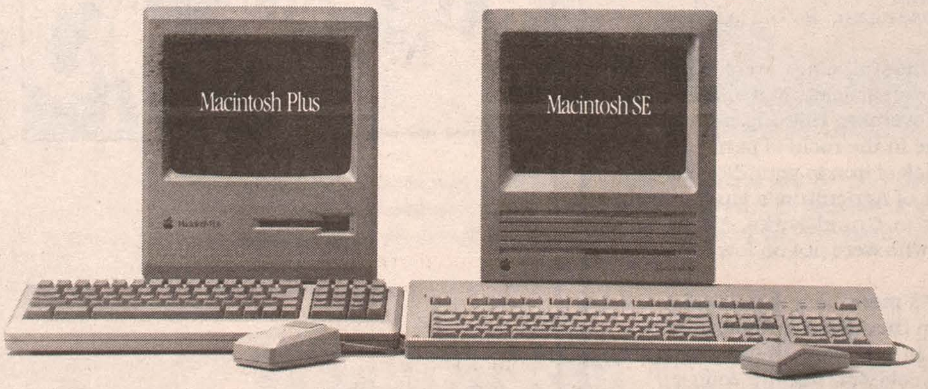

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Protest an effective student tool: *students who care can get results*

by Carol Bradley

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It may be months before a true victor emerges from the two-week sit-in at Tennessee State University, but a rash of similar campus protests in the past year have yielded mixed results.

For every Howard University in Washington – where Republican National Chairman Lee Atwater resigned from the board of trustees last March after angry students occupied a building for three days – there is a University of Massachusetts. There, Pentagon-supported research rolls along despite a series of student demonstrations opposing it.

Last May at Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif., 53 students seized President Donald Kennedy's office for a day to protest racism on campus and the scarcity of minority faculty at the school.

Stanford is seeking minority hires, but had started the search before the protest, administrators say.

In the meantime, a judge convicted each of the students of trespassing and sentenced them to six months of probation and 40 hours of community service – on top of 75 hours of community service meted out by the university.

The success of student protests is not always absolute, however.

The same month of the Stanford protest, black students at Michigan State University in East Lansing ended a weeklong sit-in at the administration building after school officials agreed to consider the protesters' 36 requests regarding minority concerns.

Among their demands was that Michigan State appoint a vice president or assistant provost to monitor minority affairs. The school did create a position of minority adviser, though somewhat lower on the flow chart.

The person who filled the new job, Lee June, said that while some of students' remaining requests have been addressed – for instance, the school has held a conference on black issues – officials have been "generally slow" to respond to other concerns, such as hiring minority faculty.

Regardless, June said, the protest served a purpose: At a school where blacks comprise only 6 percent of the 42,000 students enrolled, "They got the administration's attention and moved along the agenda further."

The key to a successful protest may lie in knowing in advance what concessions a college or university is willing to make, said Dave Cutler, a representative of the Washington-based United States Student Association.

"As long as students are aware of what they're capable of achieving, a sufficiently organized student body can get just about anything," Cutler said.

At Gallaudet University for the deaf in Washington, students convinced the administration to replace a new hearing president with a deaf president.

The school overlooked a more minor request: that a majority of the university's board of trustees be deaf. Though additional deaf members have been added to the 16-member board, the majority – nine – are still hearing.

Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles appointed an 11-member committee of faculty, alumni and community leaders to monitor race relations after five students walked into President James N. Loughran's office last April and refused to leave until he addressed racial problems.

Just last week, students at Morgan State University in Baltimore ended a weeklong protest by convincing the administration to install more lights and hire six more security guards.

No progress was reported, however, on the students' biggest request – for more state aid.

(Bradley writes for Gannett News Service in Washington.)

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I.D.

Saturday, March 24

Campus band SPG will perform at 9 PM in the Coffee House with a $2 admission fee. Alcoholic beverages will be served to those with proper I.D.

Monday, March 26

The Art Exhibitions Committee presents "World War II Photo Journal: Photographs by Constance Stuart Larrabee" in the recently completed Constance Stuart Larrabee Arts Center. Her works will be on exhibit until April 19 during class hours.

Tuesday, March 27

Colorado Senator Timothy Wirth discusses "The Decade of the Environment: The Changing Priorities in the 1990s," in a lecture sponsored by the William James Forum to be held in Hynson Lounge at 8 PM.

Wednesday, March 28

The Washington College Republicans present "A Debate of Candidates for the 1st Congressional District of Maryland" in the Norman James Theater at 8 PM. There is no admission fee.

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Livingston, a well-known author and curator; and Richard Wilbur, a two-time Pulitzer Prize winning poet and Poet Laureate from 1987-1988.

Commenting on the Arts Center, Constance Stuart Larrabee said, "When Alonzo Decker persuaded me to fund the Arts Center he talked of the joy of giving. I have now experienced this feeling. How right he was! I was a student once and I know how much it means to be given the opportunity in education at the right moment in your life."

MOM'S COOKIE JAR

Welcome back from Spring Break!! Hopefully everyone enjoyed themselves among family and friends. Now it is time to get back into the swing of things and buckle down once again. for the last few weeks.

Wellness information: This still being the cold and flu season, I am reminded of an article I read in Tufts Diet and Nutrition Letter, November 1988. Have you ever felt cold while everyone in the room is perfectly comfortable? It may be a lack of iron in your diet. In a study at the Department of Agriculture's Human Nutrition Research Center in Grand Forks, North Dakota, a group of women who were put on low iron diets for 2-1/2 months lost almost 30% more body heat while sitting in a drafty room than they did after their iron stores were replenished. In addition, the women were able to tolerate the cold for slightly longer periods of time when they were given adequate amounts of iron.

You do not have to be suffering from iron-deficiency anemia to respond poorly to the cold. even a relatively mild deficiency can increase the likelihood of experiencing chills and shivers, which is reason enough for everyone to make an effort to follow a diet that supplies adequate amounts of iron. That means including lean meats, fish, poultry, dried beans and enriched grain products on a regular basis. To best absorb the iron in these foods, especially the beans and grains, eat them with a food enriched with Vitamin C, such as orange juice or tomato sauce.

Until next time..MOM

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BOYFRIENDS
AND GIRLFRIENDS
(L'AMI DE MON AMIE)

March 26, 1990
(1 hr. 42 min.)

The great French director Eric Rohmer *(Claire's Knee, My Night at Maud's*) has madel another lovely comedy about his obsession—the instant of meeting between men and women, the drama of attraction and repulsion, the play of affinity and distaste. In *Les Amies de Mon Amii* Rohmer poses the question, Can a woman poach on a friend's territory in the name of love? There is much talk, all of it interesting and some of it passionate. *(In French with English subtitles.)*

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Art major to remain intact, but questions of staffing, communication unanswered

by Susan Di Leo
Staff writer

Although the art major at Washington College is not, as rumored, in danger of becoming a program, the Art Department is now confronted with the challenge of utilizing the full potential of the recently opened Constance Stuart Larrabee Arts Center in the face of what members of the department call inadequate staffing.

As Tex Andrews, Lecturer in Art, tells it, Chairman pro temp of Art and Chairman of Music Garry Clarke said that "the idea of the art (major) becoming a program was being discussed."

The gravity of such a rumor lies in the fact that had the art major been demoted to being a program, students could no longer work toward a B.A. in art.

The administration professed to be "baffled" by the rumor, in the words of President Douglass Cater. Provost and Dean Elizabeth Baer said that she was "taken aback" when she was informed of inquiries regarding the question of the art major becoming a program.

Both Cater and Baer emphatically deny that the administration is discussing such a change. "It would be foolhardy...to make a change in what's available to students," said Baer. "I believe very strongly that studying art should be an option at Washington College."

In fact, she says, funds have been allocated for scholarships to attract students who are interested in pursuing a degree in any of the fine arts at the College.

For his part, Clarke says that the idea of turning the major into a program has "never been seriously considered," and has never extended beyond "idle conversation." He says he has argued against taking such action.

As Cater and Baer tell it, the first seeds of the rumor were planted last fall, when Associate Professor of Art Sue Tessem resigned as chairman of the department. Cater claims that Tessem said that the department could exist as a program, and, "in her estimate, we would need two full-time art history professors...I have not heard one more word" from her since that time. A proposal was not submitted, and the administration did not act on the suggestion.

"I did not recommend that the art major be downgraded to an art program," Tessem said. She did, however, request to Cater that Andrews be promoted to a full-time faculty position; Cater was unresponsive to the idea, and so Tessem asked for the administration's suggestions as to whether the department should be a major or a program.

As far as the confusion over the rumor is concerned, Cater said, "I feel there's a guerrilla warfare going on where, intentionally or not, I am the victim."

Since the administration was unable or unwilling to meet her requests for additional faculty and some needed supplies, Tessem maintains that the Art Department was and is a weak major, and cannot be developed into a competitive program without the needed resources.

The imminent predicament facing the Art Department is the chance that Tex Andrews may be forced to leave the College if he is not promoted to full-time status next year. He has taught here for approximately five years.

"If I lose Tex, I'll feel like I've lost my whole program," Tessem said.

Although Andrews is currently a full-time faculty member because of Janson-LaPalme's fall

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Welcome to Washington College!! Pictured above are Dr. and Mrs. Charles H. Trout, WC's new president and first lady. Trout will succeed Cater after this academic year. He comes to us from Colgate University where he served as Professor of History and Provost and Dean of the Faculty.

(photo courtesy College Relations)

Washington College gets new President; Charles Trout named

Dr. Charles H. Trout, Provost and Dean of the Faculty of Colgate University, will become the 24th president of Washington College, announced Louis L. Goldstein, Chairman of the College's Boards of Visitors and Governors.

Dr. Trout will succeed Douglass Cater, who will retire at the end of the academic year after serving as president since 1982.

Since 1981, Dr. Trout has been Provost and Dean of the Faculty, as well as Professor of History, at Colgate University in Hamilton, New York. During Trout's tenure at Colgate, the core curriculum of the university was substantially revised and new interdisciplinary programs were established, including Women's Studies, Africana/Hispanic Studies, and Neuroscience. The number of faculty research grants awarded also rose markedly.

In announcing the appointment, Chairman Goldstein stated, "Dr. Trout was the first choice of the College Search Committee after screening several hundred prospects and interviewing eight finalists. He was enthusiastically recommended to the Boards of Visitors and Governors that convened on Sunday to review the Search Committee's recommendation. We believe we have made an excellent choice."

David McLaughlin, President of the Aspen Institute and Chairman of the College's Presidential Search Committee, joined Goldstein in endorsing Dr. Trout's appointment. "The Search Committee worked hard to select Dr. Trout from among an out-

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EDITORIAL

Art at the College:
all frame, no painting?

No doubt the Art Department will hear cries of treason from the administration. We've given you this beautiful facility, and what do you do? Whine about needing more faculty!

The Constance Stuart Larrabee Arts Center is indeed an impressive facility. Any student who inspects the building—especially after the woeful accommodations of McAlpin House—will wish he/she had come to Washington College to pursue a major in art.

Problem is, the grand Arts Center is being run by the McAlpin House Art Department. That is, when the Department was located in the hole that was McAlpin, the number of faculty seemed adequate, compared to its surroundings. At least we have devoted faculty, students said, even if we have to work here. In the Arts Center, the art faculty seems overwhelmed. The facility is being run by one full-time and one soon-to-be part-time faculty member.

Considering the potential represented by the luxurious Arts Center, why shouldn't the Art Department be in line for additional faculty? Though the answer is too complicated to explore fully here, the result is simple: students get short-changed.

First of all, art doesn't have the numbers in students, both majors and nonmajors, as English and History, so if the school is going to hire a new faculty member, it makes sense that overtaxed departments such as these should be first in line to receive that new faculty member.

Art is, however, competitive with many other departments in terms of numbers, such as music, and modern languages, both of which have more faculty than art.

Apart from the "numbers game," the Arts Center is presently without an endowment, meaning that costs for maintenance and supplies must come from an emergency fund. Still, endowment or no endowment, it's better that the Center was opened to students as soon as was possible.

Douglass Cater says he can't "invent money." Why not? From the point of view of students, money has been invented for the Academic Resources Center, the brick walk, both of which we could live without...why not for an academic department?

There are, I'm sure, complicated dollars-and-cents reasons why this cannot and will not happen, but speaking as a student—indeed, as a student who has never even taken an art course—I really don't care about the technical reasons why Washington College cannot have a competitive major, art or otherwise. I don't care what's going on in the board meetings—I want to see results in my classes. That lovely brick walk certainly isn't contributing to my academic life at this institution.

To whom should students direct their anger? To the administration and the Art Department, whose lack of communication is painfully apparent? To patrons, who seem more eager to fund bricks and mortar than academia? Why is there no money for academia at Washington College?

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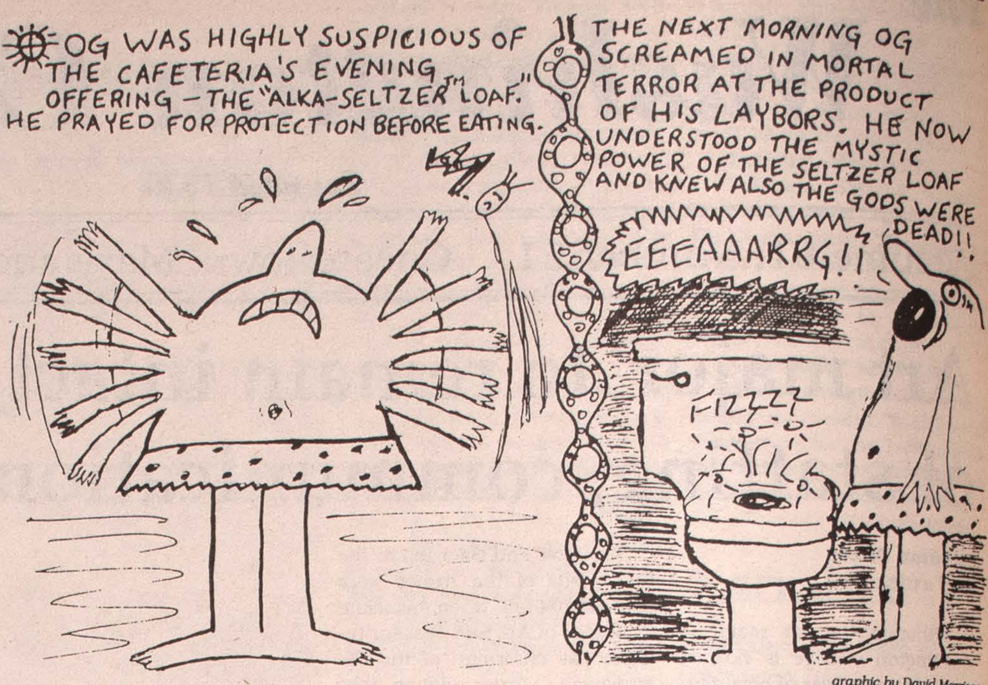
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EEEAAARRG!!
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graphic by David Morrison

Letters to the Editor

Committee should concern itself with matters more pressing than petty paperwork

To the Editor:

Recently I petitioned the Committee on Admissions and Academic Standing. My letter was handwritten. In response to my petition, I received the following letter:

Dear Mary:

Yesterday the Committee on Admissions and Academic Standing held its meeting to review your petition under the date of March 1, 1990. The Committee's decision is that it would withhold its official approval of your request until you hand in a new, formal, typewritten and clean-cut form of your old petition to me. This new petition must be addressed to the Committee on Admissions and Academic Standing.

The Committee and I are waiting for your quick response.

Sincerely,
Tai Sung An (Prof.)
Chair
Committee on Admissions and Academic Standing

cc: Baer
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Berry

To my knowledge there exists no statutes in the Washington College handbook concerning the format a petition must take. Perhaps the Committee on Admissions and Academic Standing should occupy themselves with more pressing issues instead of wallowing in the mire of bureaucratic pettiness. It is unsettling to think that this pettiness could keep me from graduating and as a result I have already sent a new improved form of my old petition to the appropriate committee.

Sincerely,
M.C. Riner
Senior
Humanities

Officer elections

It's election time again for class officers. Petitions for candidates are due on Monday, April 9. If there is enough interest, speeches will be held on Wednesday, April 11. Finally, elections will be held on Monday, April 16.

Just War Theory

The Maryland Delta Chapter of Phi Sigma Tau, the philosophy honor society, will present a student symposium on just war theory held in conjuncion with West Point, USMA on Saturday, March 31.

Be an Editor-in-chief.

**Or just look like one.
The Board of Publications is now accepting applications for the position of Editor-in-chief of The Elm.
Interested parties should send a letter expressing said interest to Chairman Robert Day by Friday, April 13 (!)**

Be the Editor of a yearbook.

The Board of Publications is accepting applications for the position of Editor of the Pegasus.
Applicants should send a letter of interest to Chairman of the Board Robert Day by Friday, April 13.

ISSUE: How can we establish "a genuine sporting spirit at Washington College athletic events?

Cater should have cited creativity, not behavior

Jim Sobczak & Brett Lankford

We would like to inform you that this article is scripted in Bookman, a font admired from coast to coast. If you agree, drop us a line. If you don't, drop us a lime. If you don't care read the comic now and save this one for the bowl. So far this article has proved to be nonsensical, hopefully you noticed.

Speaking of noticing, have you ever noticed that Tracy Peel has a really nice smile? Go ahead, look at her picture. She's even got dimples! And have you ever noticed that all the people they ask in Campus Voices never really answer the question?

Apparently John Manning noticed this tendency along with us. Therefore, we would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest appreciation to Comrade Manning for his epistemological diligence when responding to the interrogative.

Good show, man.

Not only was Friar Manning the only person to answer the question, he was correct in his analysis. It seems rather silly to complain about the "bad manners" of the fans. The fact that these fans are attending sporting events does not give them permission to be a jerk, but they should receive some credit for going to the games. These teams need the fans that they have, and complaining about them when they act the same as people do at every other sporting event will not encourage them to come back for more.

President Cater should not have spent his time complaining about the manners of the fans, but their creativity. Let's face it, a crowd of drunken excited galloots and gallootettes should be able to come up with something a tad more ingenious than "you suck," or at least employ the use of a descriptive modifier. Hey guys, how about dropping in a direct object after that forceful transitive. For instance, "you suck fuzzy things" or "you suck the beads of water off of a bison butt" will convey the same message of foe incompetence and may evoke a chortle or two.

Here are some more suggestions: Confuse the opposition lexically by attempting to rename their temporal reality. Just call the boys with brown hair "food processor" and the tall guy with the buck teeth "Rubber-tire backhoe taster." This should render these all-American athletes practically useless and cause them to drool incessantly on their pearly white socks.

In conclusion, Bookman rules. Also, with a little practice and a beer or two there could be all kinds of spiffy chants and other extraneous noises coming from the stands at Cain Gymnasium and Kibler Field. Heed our advice, keep your feet on the ground and keep reaching for the stars.

P.S. Dear President Cater, you can try to get the corner booth in the restaurant but you don't always get it. How 'bout them apples.

Jim Sobczak and Brett Lankford are two leftovers from The Best Paper in the World regimed.

CAMPUS VOICES by Amy L. Undercoffler

Matt Boyle
Aberdeen, MD
Freshman

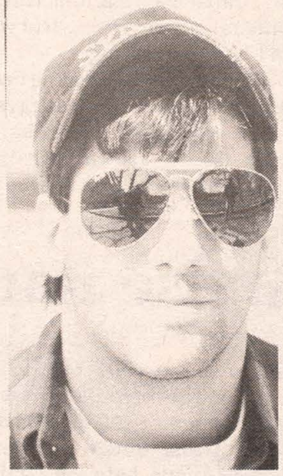
I think we need to have more functions here on the weekend to keep people here. That should draw more people to sporting events on the weekends and increase the school's spirit.

Greg Hay
Fallston, MD
Junior

For all of the major events, like the NCAA basketball tournament, a pep rally would go over really well.

John Manning
Garden City, NY
Sophomore

I don't think there's anything wrong with our sporting spirit. An occasional derogatory chant should be expected. Nobody likes the refs. I've heard parents join the students.



Joseph Muscolino
Baldwinsville, NY
Senior

At an institution which only has 900 students, it seems that there couldn't be much more student spirit and participation than there already is.

Tracy Peel
South Africa
Sophomore

I think if the sporting events, especially tennis, were publicized better, there would be more support. Most people don't know when most of the events are taking place unless they are basketball or lax.

Jennifer Mowll
Rehoboth Beach, DE
Sophomore

I have noticed that there is a lot of spirit for the more popular sports such as basketball and lacrosse but other sports need to be recognized as well.

Be thankful for, not critical of, WC sports enthusiasts

Matt Giller

Recently, some criticism has been directed towards the beloved basketball fans at the Cain Gymnasium. Last week, a concerned community member who brought his family to the Kings College game on March 3, was ashamed by the overall unsportsmanlike conduct from the student body that spread like a disease to the younger fans. Yet our concerned community member's letter lost all legitimacy when he failed to comment on the Maryland basketball game he and his family endured previous to the Shoremen's. He claimed to have enjoyed both sporting events but said he would never attend the Cain again in fear of hearing "You suck, you suck."

We may be obnoxious, but we're not stupid. I have attended many a sporting event, college and pro, and never have they resembled a Bingo night at St. Jude's. Unless this gentlemen watched the Terps game from the parking lot there is no way he didn't hear fans like ours. This inconsistency results to an illegitimacy to his complaint. If this was the only college game he has ever seen then his comments would be legitimate; but they're not and must be reacted to accordingly.

As President Cater mentioned, he would like to see some actions by the SGA and the Office of Student Affairs as well as the Alumni Council towards a more sportsmanlike atmosphere at basketball games. But let's put things in their proper perspective. We are not common thugs; we, the student body, do not have a history of fan violence. Increased fan violence has indeed put a spot on many sporting events, but not here.

Furthermore, in an era of crooked collegiate athletics where constant allegations and investigations are made concerning everything from gambling to steroids to rape, Washington College athletics have remained a model program from top to bottom. Yet this "concerned, responsible community member" supports the Maryland basketball program which is about to endure a punishing suspension for breaking serious NCAA rules.

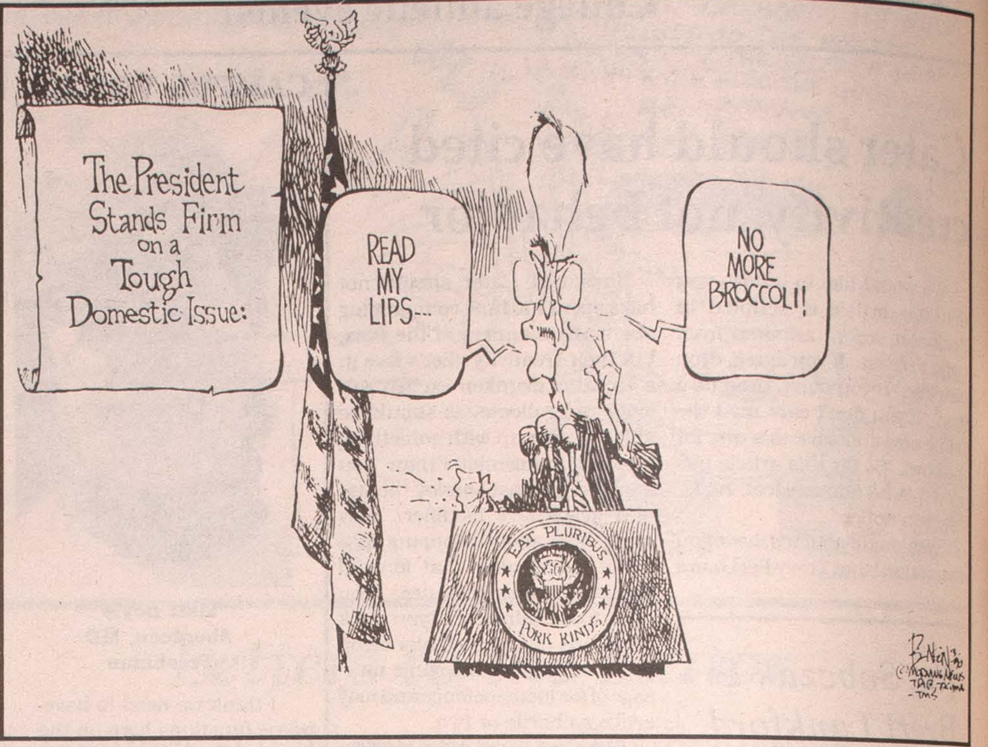
Thus, it is quite obvious that his priorities of concern are skewed. I agree that our enthusiastic fans, functionally speaking, do not provide our youngsters a moralistic base and something may have to be done to ease the visiting families without eradicating the enthusiasm. But to those who agree with our now infamous concerned citizen, please try not to lose sight of the fact that while the integrity of college athletics dwindles in the eyes of its fans, the WAC's enthusiasm must be discussed in the proper perspective. I only hope that the rest of our athletics can provide the same enthusiasm and continue to unite our community.

Matt Giller is a junior who writes frequently for the Elm's sports pages.

PERSPECTIVES

Broccoli and cheese, broccoli and cheese

Laura Hopper



I would like to thank the president for bringing to the attention of the American people a very important issue. An issue that deserves our attention more than the deficit, the drug war, abortion, or anything that is happening in eastern Europe. This issue is, of course, broccoli.

Yes, broccoli, that green vegetable most often found in the dining hall, lurking under a suspicious cream/cheese sauce. Broccoli is the cause of a national crisis. A crisis that even First Lady Barbara Bush noted was unlikely to be resolved because, let's face it folks, the president just won't eat broccoli.

George Bush banned broccoli from Air Force One, and so started an uproar from the broccoli growers of America. But, over what? A green vegetable lurking under a suspicious cream/cheese sauce or swimming in a pasta salad? Or are we talking about a greater issue here. Proper nutrition for America's children?

Picture this...little Brian is sitting at the kitchen table. His mother sets his dinner down in front of him. Baked chicken with stuffing, and broccoli with a cheese sauce. Brian picks at his dinner, clearly wanting a hot dog and french fries, instead.

"Eat your broccoli, dear." His mother tells him.

"Don't want it." he whines. She gives him a stern look, and he whimpers, "But the President doesn't have to eat his broccoli."

There it is. The heart of the issue. The breakdown of the American family. Mom's authority wiped out in a single swipe by the president's broccoli ban. Can we recover from this terrible tragedy? Is there any hope for America? Can't you see the scenario? First broccoli, then cabbage, carrots, beets, rutabegas, parsnips, and finally, the tuber that is the foundation of many a nation, the potato. Hope for America aside, is there hope for the world? I have visions of many little Soviets banging their spoons on the table and shouting, "Potatos, nyet!"

Sure, there is hope. Why didn't Dan Rostenkowski, chairman of the House ways and Means Committee, reveal in a article in the Sunday Washington Post, his plan for how to reduce the deficit? And haven't the parliaments of both Latvia and Estonia voted to use the slow but steady method of seceding from the Soviet Union? Isn't there not one but two McDonalds within range of Lenin's tomb? Of course, when asked for suggestions on how America could improve its balance of trade with Japan, the Japanese did suggest we build bullet trains so we don't buy so many Japanese cars, not that Japanese manufacturers would raise their prices. But you can't have everything.

After all the complaining from the media about the last presidential campaign, no substantiative issues, use of negative campaign ads, etc etc... why is broccoli even mentioned? Our national security will never be seriously jeopardized by not serving broccoli on Air Force One. And yes, the president did eat his broccoli when he was a child (so this stand is a new thing). There are no scientific studies to prove a connection between a non-broccoli eating child and drug use or homicidal tendencies.

So cheer up America. Broccoli may be out of favor at the White House, but pork skins aren't.

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Gorbachev, Bush, and those naughty Lithuanians

By John Omicinski

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Question: What is the Lithuanian dispute all about?

Answer: Gradually over the past two years, Lithuania has declared itself a republic independent from the Soviet Union. However, no foreign country, including the United States, recognizes Lithuania's independence, despite its March 17 declaration. Lithuanians rejected Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev's offer of a five-year phase-in of independence.

Q: What happens if Lithuania's move succeeds?

A: If Lithuania goes, other Soviet republics such as Latvia and Estonia won't be far behind. (On Sunday, the Estonian parliament voted 432-3 for full independence.) Eventually, the separation virus could spread to Azerbaijan and the southern Moslem republics. In Georgia, the Parliament already has taken steps toward independence. The Soviet Union's breadbasket and steel basin – the Ukraine – could drop out, too. Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev faces the threat of a disintegrating nation that could leave him with only the core Russian and Byelorussian republics, little more than the early czars' empire.

Q: What is Lithuania's strategic importance to Soviet Union?

A: Lithuania fronts the Baltic Sea, giving the Soviets important access to warm-water ocean, though neighboring Latvia and Estonia have more important ports (Riga and Talinn). Because most of the USSR's major rivers flow north into the Arctic Ocean, and because major ports are ice-blocked many months of the year, Baltic access is important to Moscow's navy and merchant marine. Lithuania's importance is amplified now with the loss of Poland.

Q: Are there similarities between Lithuanian secession and the breakaway that triggered the U.S. Civil War?

A: Some make the connection, but it is tenuous. Lithuania and the two other Baltic states, Latvia and Estonia, are in a different predicament than the one that led to the 1861-1865 U.S. Civil War. The three Baltics were forcibly annexed in 1940 by Soviet troops, acting under a "secret protocol" made between Stalin and Hitler. In 1941, 30,000 members of the Lithuanian intelligentsia were deported to Siberia. Between the two world wars, Lithuania considered itself independent. "Stalinism and Hitlerism destroyed independent states by secret deals," a Lithuanian commission said last August, on the 50th anniversary of the so-called Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact. In the United States, the states that made up the Confederacy previously had joined the Union willingly.

Q: What are Gorbachev's options for putting pressure on Lithuania?

A: Economic and military options exist. High Soviet officials such as Yegor Ligachev have discounted use of force, but Soviet troops over the weekend rolled into Vilnius and now occupy some Communist Party buildings. When Moscow demanded Lithuanian soldiers return to their Red Army units, 3,000 of 38,000 deserted. Moscow also demands Lithuanians turn in their private arms. Economics is a key lever for Moscow. Lithuania imports 97 percent of its oil from elsewhere in Soviet Union. However, because Lithuania is a major agricultural region and supplier of electronics, its loss would hurt Gorbachev's efforts to supply consumer goods to the Soviets.

Q: What's the best guess as to what Gorbachev has in mind?

A: Bush administration advisors seem to think Gorbachev would like to "Finlandize" the Baltics. Finnish ski troops tore up the Soviet army when it invaded in November 1939, inventing the "Molotov cocktail" to destroy Soviet tanks. Yet, Finland now maintains friendly trade and cultural relations with Soviets under a 1948 mutual assistance treaty while it belongs to the Nordic Council of nations. Gorbachev also talks of some sort of Soviet federation, perhaps similar to United States' setup.

Q: What is the U.S. position?

A: President Bush is walking a political-diplomatic tightrope. He neither recognizes independent Lithuania nor offers Gorbachev a free hand. Bush says the United States won't recognize Lithuania until it's in "control of its territory" and urges Lithuanians to recognize "certain realities" of its relationship with Moscow. National security advisor Brent Scowcroft says the United States "would not ignore it" if Soviets use force, but doesn't say what steps Bush would take. Defense Secretary Dick Cheney has warned of "significant negative consequences in terms of U.S.-Soviet relations" if Moscow crushes the Lithuanian freedom movement.

Q: What are U.S. possibilities?

A: Probably three:

– Urge resumption of Moscow-Vilnius talks.

– Recognize the new Lithuania.

– Allow Gorbachev to retake Lithuania with force.

The last alternative seems thoroughly unlikely. More than 100 members of Congress urge Bush to recognize Lithuanian independence. If Bush does that soon, it would be a huge surprise and cause an outcry in the Kremlin, perhaps endangering emigration of Soviet Jews and causing a retightening of Soviet security screws.

(Omicinski writes for Gannett News Service in Washington.)

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A Shoremen attacker heads for the goal in the team's recent thrashing of Nazareth. The Shoremen play at Hobart this weekend to continue the longstanding rivalry between the teams.

(photo by Trish McGee)

WC vs. Hobart - the great rivalry

by Matt Giller

Entering our 40th year as a member of the USILA, Washington College lacrosse has been one of the most successful college programs of all time. Over that period we have proudly captured 328 victories. In one particular stretch during the years 1963-1969, the Shoremen knocked off 26 straight. Among the awards we have accumulated is a collection of seven consecutive Strobhar Trophies. Over the last seven years, the Washington College Shoremen have gone to the NCAA quarterfinals three times, semi-finals once, and finals three times.

All of this success persists in the face of one of the most arduous schedules in collegiate sports. Teams that regularly face this small team are Navy and Johns Hopkins foremost, as well as North Carolina, Virginia, and of course the Statesmen of Hobart. But this school whose male student body barely extends over 400 is still able to compete at level equal to others whose student body's are ten times the size.

In the midst of this winning tradition, another tradition has sprung up. The Hobart/Washington game, since the Division III formed in 1980, has become annually the biggest game of the year. Coach Corcoran attributes this strengthened tradition to the fact that the two schools have several similarities. Both schools have an established lacrosse tradition; furthermore, lacrosse is so inherent in both areas that "the game" between the two schools become more interesting and more fierce.

But unlike the Shoremen program, Hobart's recruting techniques resemble that of a Division I program. Each year 30 freshmen arrive each fall to compete with one hundred other juggernauts. Regardless of the odds, the smaller Shoremen continue to go after them and many feel this could be the year.

Women's lax dominates early

by Brett Lankford
Staff writer

Women's lacrosse has been WC's most dominant program so far this spring. The women are rolling through their schedule with a 3-0 record, and they have exhibited excellence on both offense and defense. The team has scored an amazing 50 goals in their first three victories while only allowing 18 scores. This domination on the field suggests that this year's team may be among the strongest in the program's history.

The women opened their season with a game against an always tough Washington & Lee squad. This was a late addition to the women's schedule, but they still appeared to be more than prepared. This was the Shorewomen's closest game of the season so far, but they still won the game by a score of 12-8. Sarah Coste opened the season in style with 5 goals to help lead WC to victory. In addition, the Shorewomen were able to silence a powerful W&L offense with a strong defensive performance.

The team then went on the road for a March 21 game against Widener University. The Shorewomen scored early and often against their opponents, storming out to an 8-1 halftime lead. The margin steadily increased in the second half, and WC headed home with an 18-4 victory tucked under their belt. A number of women costarred in the Shorewomen's offensive show. Sam Clements led all scorers with five goals and added an assist, while junior all-American Sarah Coste contributed four goals and three assists of her own. Amy Tiehel and Jenifer Blenckstone each added three goals apiece in the victory, and Blenckstone handed out a team-high six assists. The women outshot Widener 35-11 in the game, and they dominated every statistical category. Goalkeeper Kristy Hilgartner came up with five saves for WC, and freshman Jamee Damron stopped two shots in her first WC appearance.

The game against Franklin & Marshall was postponed scheduled for last Saturday was postponed until late in the season, but Tuesday's game against Goucher went ahead as planned. This was unfortunate for the women from Goucher, who were greeted with a 20-6 thumping from the Shorewomen. WC scored an incredible 13 goals in the second half and once again overwhelmed their opponent on every level. Coste pumped in five more goals, bringing her three game total to 14 scores. Blenckstone scored three goals and added three assists, and four other women contributed multiple goal games. The women bombarded Goucher with 54 shots in the game, while the WC defense only allowed their opponent 15 shots on the day. Hilgartner and Damron combined for six saves in the WC nets.

The women hope to continue their winning ways as they play four games in a span of eight days. Coach Diane Guinan takes her team to Swarthmore for a game on March 29, then returns for a 1:00 home game this Saturday against Dickinson. The women then travel to Western Maryland on Tuesday before playing Salisbury State in a home game on Thursday, April 5.

Maryland sanctions were too severe

by Brett Lankford
Staff writer

It seems like everyone else has written on this subject, so I guess it's time for me to comment on the sanctions that the NCAA handed down on the University of Maryland. I am a die-hard fan of the Terps, so I died rather violently when I heard of the punishment the basketball program had received. I admit that I may have some bias in this case, but I still feel that the punishment was too severe and did not fit the crime.

Basically, the University of Maryland was hit with the "death penalty". The team was placed on probation for three years, and they were restricted from joining postseason play for the next two seasons. That punishment has now worsened, since the Atlantic Coast Conference appears ready to kick Maryland out of their postseason tournament. In addition, the Terps were basically hit with a three-year restriction in regard to the NCAA tournament. I sincerely believe that Maryland got the shaft from the selection committee. The committee realized that it would be rather embarrassing if the Terrapins were to suddenly get hot and win the NCAA tourney. Instead, the committee chose to select every Big Ten school imaginable. The Big East also receive six bids to the tournament. You're going to tell me that Villanova was better than Maryland? The Wildcats finished the year with a 17-15 record - real impressive.

Anyway, back to the subject at hand. The Maryland sanctions were too severe, especially considering the violations were not as serious as those of the University of Kentucky, who suffered a similar penalty. The difference probably lies in the fact that Kentucky was willing to help in the investigation, while Bob Wade spent most of his time failing miserably in his attempts to cover his tracks. This violation probably had some effect on the severity of the punishment. Still, you can't tell me that UNLV isn't guilty of more absurd violations than Maryland. The NCAA has received no help from Jerry Tarkanian whatsoever. If the NCAA is going to remain consistent, I shudder to think what will happen to UNLV if anyone ever learns the truth about their program.

When I first learned the details of the sanctions, I was upset. But then I thought a minute. This program has been through hell since the death of Len Bias. Fighting the sanctions won't solve anything. Maryland should quiet down, admit their mistakes, then set to work on rebuilding a once proud program that has nearly been destroyed.

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Men's tennis raises their record to 8-1

by Brett Lankford
Staff writer

Men's tennis spent this week building their reputation as a force to be reckoned with in collegiate athletics. The Shoremen netters met Division I foe Villanova University in a match last Thursday, and Washington College came away smelling like a rose. WC declawed the Wildcats 9-0 with an impressive display of tennis, and their thrashing of their opponent from the Big East conference showed that the Shoremen were not afraid of big name schools.

The Shoremen only lost one set the entire day. Scott Read, playing in the #1 position against the Wildcats, won in straight sets 6-3, 6-2. Larry Gewer, playing in the #2 spot, faced the toughest match of the day. Gewer dropped his first set by a score of 3-4, but then managed to bounce back and capture the second set 6-2. The final set of the match was a struggle, but Gewer was able to win the set and match 7-5. Peter Maller and Scott Shepherd dominated their matches, losing only two and four games, respectively, while claiming their victories. Alberto Diaz won his match 6-2, 6-4, and Andy Bohutinsky clinched the WC victory with a 7-5, 6-0 singles win.

The WC men continued their mastery of Villanova in their doubles matches. Since the Shoremen had already clinched their victory, the doubles matches were played in standard pro set form. This change made no difference to the Shoremen who went on to sweep doubles as well. Maller and Shepherd combined to capture an 8-2 victory, and Diaz and Bohutinsky rolled to an 8-1 win. Read teamed with Allon Rock in the closest doubles match of the day, but the duo still pulled out an 8-5 win.

The tennis team's victory over Villanova improved their overall spring record to 8-1. The Shoremen netters stay on the road for their next four matches, then return home for a Wednesday, April 4 match against Swarthmore. Their road matches come against the likes of Ursinus, Trenton State, Washington & Lee and Haverford, and the Shoremen hope that their dominating performance against Villanova is a sign of things to come this spring.

A WC softball player stands at the plate in a recent home game. (photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

Softball looking forward to promising 1990 season

by Amy R. Caddle

The Washington College softball team is ready to take on the season with full force, despite a loss to Widener on March 21. "Widener played extremely well. Their pitcher threw a no-hitter and a one-hitter the two games before us, and they came in with a 7-3 record," states coach Penny Fall. The game resulted in a 4-0 loss, but did not stop the Shorewomen from making an impressionable showing. Freshman Marie Mohler had two bunts, a walk, and stole three bases, and the outfield displayed their strength. "Defense is definitely our strong point," coach Fall commented.

The Shorewomen are led by captains Tracey Coleman and Sharon Orser, while Shannon Cupka and Edna Diefenderfer are the key pitchers for coach Fall's team. Diefenderfer is the starting shortstop, but will fill in as pitcher when needed. Becky Bowman is placed at centerfield, and she compliments her outfield skills with excellent hitting. "Becky has made a tremendous amount of progress in her four years as a team member. She's a solid defense player and a threat with a bat," says Coach Fall. Jill Reaper will be changing positions this spring, moving to second base from the outfield. Sophomore Kathy Brewster is returning as a solid player behind the plate. Brewster shared the title of Most Valuable Player with starting pitcher Shannon Cupka last year.

Coach Fall is expecting the team as a whole to play at a better level than last year, due to a number of veteran players. "If the team can stay healthy and avoid injuries, I anticipate a continued progress in our level of play," says Fall. "We have a very tough schedule, and our win-loss record will not necessarily validate our strengths," she adds.

Coach Fall also stresses the fact that this year's team has the highest grade point average than ever— a 3.4 average for the entire squad. "The athletic department takes pride in stressing academics to our players. We encourage academic as well as athletic competition, and we realize that as a Division III school we must have a commitment to academics. All of the players maintain a healthy balance between schoolwork, sports, and social activities," states Fall.

A Slice of info on cheerleading

by Phil "Slice" Macek

There's an underground sport at Washington College that is beginning to emerge from the shadows and gain the widespread attention it so richly deserves - cheerleading. This talented group of enthusiastic supporters is always ready to take the floor at an opportune moment and whip the crowd into an uncontrollable frenzy. Certain cheers like "The Lean" and my personal favorite, "The Dunk Cheer", make the fans in the stands shout so loudly that even the boldest of Duke fans would cower and recoil in fear, running back to Durham just as fast as their legs could carry them. Yet, even after seeing "The Dunk Cheer" several times, I still cannot figure out who taught Carrie Bryant how to throw the ball down with such force. Was it Bull? C.J. Dan Dutton? Jerry Peden?

Other performances by the team are particularly noteworthy, and individual efforts should be applauded. First off, Rebecca Smith's courage should be praised as she displayed nerves of steel every time she plunged headfirst into the waiting arms of her teammates. One wrong move or one miscalculation could have meant disaster. Fortunately, the integration of the team into one cohesive unit assured success for such a dangerous cheer.

Secondly, there are the acrobatic tumbling performances of Traci Costello. Her flips usually served as the icing on the cake after a difficult cheer. However, there was one instance when it meant so much more; during a timeout against Western Connecticut. One of their lame cheerleaders did some weak back flips along the sideline near the WC fans before returning to *firma terra*. Traci, in an act of spontaneous retaliation, launched into her own series of crowd-pleasing flips, to the dismay of the Connecticut fans. The Holy Father, Tim Keehan, called her "the turning point of the game". Such attributions to our cheerleaders are proof positive that they are on the threshold of greatness.

The other members of the squad also had their own little tricks to guarantee crowd support. For example, Kelli Farrell wore a particular accessory to her uniform, showing that she really stood "behind" the team. Other members of the team, namely: Shannon Cupka (now the star pitcher on the softball team), Jennifer Mowll, Sarah Hillyard, Deanna Houle, Maria Banashak, et. al., led the cheers in a graceful, professional manner and always persuaded an already eager group of fans to get involved in the game. I can scarcely imagine the long hours of training these girls endured while perfecting their craft. Their skill and tenacity for crowd involvement, I feel, turned many games in WC's favor and left the disgruntled visiting teams miffed.

Ladies, I just want to say "Congratulations!" Through your precision, diligence, and extraordinary work ethic, you have managed to turn a respectable program into a powerhouse. Of course, with your new status comes the pressure to perform perfectly next season on the court. But I, for one, feel that you can live up to your label of greatness and conquer brave new worlds.

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Joe Boan lunges for a grounder during the team's recent victory over Catholic. The team plays a doubleheader this Saturday starting at 1:00. *(photo by Gary Brown)*

WC crew battles elements, Chester River in races

by Brett Lankford
Staff writer

Crew is a sport that traditionally ends its fall season in November and begins to race again sometime in March. This is because crew races are not meant take place in frigid temperatures during a driving snowstorm. Fortunately, their spring schedule is almost never interrupted by such weather conditions. Almost is the important word in that sentence, since last Saturday's crew races on the Chester River brought back memories of chestnuts roasting on an open fire.

Jack Frost was nipping at the noses of rowers from Washington College, George Washington, LaSalle, and Colgate, as well as a local rowing club. Washington College coach Don Chatellier said the weather were among the worst rowing conditions he had ever seen. "As an official who was supposed to keep the races under control, it was nearly impossible. There was a layer of fog on the water, and it limited visibility to about 400 yards. This was on top of the wind, the cold, and the snow. We were very fortunate that there was no other traffic."

Despite the horrific weather conditions, Washington College gave an impressive performance on the Chester River. The men's and women's varsity four boats were victorious, both by considerable margins. Many men and women were forced to compete twice as a result of team injuries.

Chatellier refused to give too much importance to the races, noting that the race was used to help the coaches make some decisions for later this spring. "We did some experimenting this weekend in an effort to find boats for the Dad Vails," Chatellier said. "Also, the conditions for good crew just were not there. The races just could not be a good indication of success."

The men's varsity eight boat got WC off to a good start, finishing second to GWU in the first race. "George Washington has a very well-respected crew program," Chatellier noted. The women's varsity four boat rowed next and won impressively, defeating the second place finisher by fifteen seconds.

The water conditions changed at this point, and a shift in the tide lowered times considerably. The men's novice eight rowed next and came in third with a wonderful time. The men's junior varsity eight was the next group on the water. Despite their last place finish, Chatellier said that the boat rowed a solid race. The women's novice eight boat managed to finish ahead of Colgate in the next race and gained experience that should be helpful in the spring.

The men's varsity four boat took the water, then promptly blew their opponents off the Chester River. The boat defeated second-place George Washington by a whopping seventeen seconds to earn WC their second and final victory of the day. The women's varsity eight ended the day in impressive fashion, finishing third behind two GW boats.

Chatellier hoped that the team would recover from injuries in time for this weekend's race. "Andy Walbert, John Mulvany and Elizabeth McGee were all hurt, and that forced us to make some changes. As a result, the chemistry sometimes isn't there."

The coach was still reasonably pleased with the team's showing. "Considering all of the problems we had to face, we were quite successful. We afforded ourselves well in all races, and the races helped to show us where we need to improve."

The crew team hopes to make their first step in the right direction this Sunday. The men and women head to Virginia for competition on the Occoquan. One can only hope that the weatherman will be agreeable this weekend and allow WC to row and compete in perfect conditions.

Doctor Jock

Knee Pain: Is it torn cartilage or tendinitis?

"My knee really hurts, Doc. Whaddya think it is?"

Sore knees are a common complaint among people who do sports. Runners, walkers, tennis players, skiers and many other kinds of citizen-athletes frequently experience some sort of knee pain before, during or after they work out.

The question for today is: Where, precisely, is your pain coming from? If you can be helpful to your doctor in making a diagnosis, you'll have done everyone a favor. An informed, involved patient is a much better bet for full recovery than one who is distanced and passive.

Kneecap vs. cartilage. There are two major areas in your knee that account for the majority of knee pain problems. The most common problem is pain coming form around the kneecap or patella: the patella pain syndrome. This can be due to tendinitis of the quadriceps or patellar tendons, or it could be a complication of chondromalacia. The next most common site of pain is from meniscal, or cartilage, injuries. Differentiating between the two can be tricky but it's necessary.

Taking the pain to differentiate. Dr. Marvin Bloom at the San Francisco Medical Center has done a lot of work in differentiating pain in these two areas. Pain coming from cartilage tears usually can be identified as starting with a single incident of injury. A fall on the tennis court. An accident at the ski slope. Meniscal or cartilage tears in older people sometimes happen gradually – through wearing out – but young people can almost always identify a specific injury. Patellar pain, however, always occurs gradually. One day you feel a twinge. And another. And then a stronger one, and gradually, you develop serious discomfort. Other differences:

– Patellar pain is more vague. It just hurts somewhere in the knee, more often in the front. Meniscal pain is more likely to be localized to the inside or outside of the knee.

Meniscal problems can cause your knee to lock, so you can't fully extend it. Patellar problems don't cause true locking. Your knee may hurt as you try to extend it, especially after sitting, but it doesn't lock.

– Meniscal pain is worse when you put weight on the knee, especially if you cut sharply. Patellar pain may occur as you are active but will often persist or even be worse after your activity. Jumping usually doesn't make meniscal pain worse, but it does make patellar pain worse.

– Patellar pain is worse when you get up from a squat. Meniscal pain is worse at a full squat. Your knee won't hurt when you kneel if you have a torn meniscus, but it will if the problem is around the patella. Kneeling presses the patella against the end of your femur. Sitting for long periods often makes the patellar pain worse for the same reason. It doesn't affect meniscal pain.

– Meniscal pain is usually worse going uphill or up stairs; patellar pain is worse going downhill or down the stairs.

– Swelling in the knee is more common in meniscal injuries than it is in patellar problems.

These things won't make you an expert diagnostician but they should help you give your doctor the information needed to make an accurate diagnosis.

Lacrosse adds to winning streak

by Matt Giller

Last weekend normalcy returned to our quiet town - precipitation and a Shoremen lacrosse victory. But on this March 24th day, the precipitation was in the form of snow. The Shoremen spoiled the first spring weekend for the RIT laxers by defeating them 13-11.

Although the Shoremen didn't play up to normal standards, they were still able to beat their visitors. As one of the top teams in the country, every team concentrates all their attention to earning a win against the WAC. Coach Corcoran felt that that RIT wanted it more than his players. Evidence to this was the fact that techies outshot and outhustled the Shoremen. Coach attributes some of the lethargic play to the team's inexperience. "The young players must realize that every team we play are going to be extremely hungry," Corcoran said, "and they must get up for every opponent."

Coach was extremely pleased with the offensive effort, as they seemed to get a goal whenever it got close. Tim Hormes and Greg Rupert led with 4 goals apiece while freshmen continues his hot scoring with 3 goals. Bob Martino and Brian Johnson each added 1 goal.

The victory improved the Shoremen's record to 4-2. This weekend the Shoremen head up to face the #1 ranked Geneva juggernauts of Hobart College. The winner of that game will reign in the top spot - a spot seemingly unattainable in the past.

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Baseball shows signs of life at the plate

by Brett Lankford
Staff writer

Baseball coach Ed Athey's analysis of his team seems deadly accurate at this point of the season. He believed that the squad's annual trip over spring break would tell a great deal about his team. Athey also suggested that the trip would bring his team closer together as a unit. Finally, the men's baseball coach said that the team's strength was with solid defense and experienced pitching, and that if they could receive some timely hitting they would be able to contend. So far, Athey appears to have analyzed the situation perfectly.

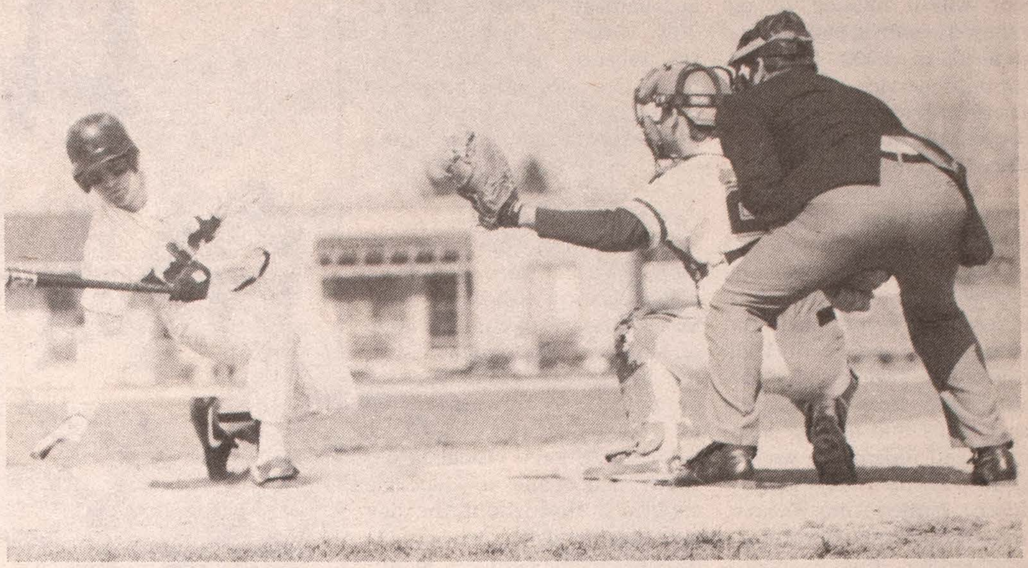
The team's spring trip was very successful this year. The team learned to play together as a unit, and they also came through with stellar defense. They also received well-pitched games from Chris Long, Chris Warren and Joe Boan. As predicted, the hitting was the last part of their game to come around.

Fortunately, the team has been able to supply the hitting necessary to win games so far this spring. Their season opener against Catholic showed Shoremen baseball at its finest. The team rapped out sixteen hits and scored seventeen runs in their first victory of the season. They also played solid defense behind pitcher Chris Long, who gave up nine hits and struck out five to earn the win. The offensive attack was led by Matt Giller, John Morrall and Hal McBee. The three combined to drive in thirteen runs on seven hits and lead the Shoremen to their 17-6 win over Catholic.

The team's first game after their trip came against Tufts University. This game was a heartbreaker for Shoremen fans. WC was able to come back from a four-run deficit to take an 8-7 lead at the end of the sixth inning, but Tufts scored five runs of their own in the top of the seventh to win 12-8. This game was a slugfest from the outset, featuring seven home runs. Joe Boan, Hal McBee and Chris Warren all connected for the Shoremen, who also got two doubles from Chris Driscoll in a losing effort.

The Shoremen played their next game this Monday against St. Mary's, and the result was more to their liking. Joe Boan came through with a wonderful effort on the mound, throwing a six-hitter for WC. McBee led the team offensively with three hits and two runs batted in. The Shoremen also played perfect defense as coach Athey's team raised their record to 2-1.

The baseball team continues their season this weekend with a home doubleheader against Haverford. The team then hits the road for two games against Gallaudet this Tuesday before returning home for a doubleheader against University of Maryland Eastern-Shore on Thursday.



Chris Warren ducks out of the way of a pitch during the team's recent doubleheader against Western Maryland.
(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

NCAA tourney is best yet

by Brett Lankford
Staff writer

This year's NCAA tournament has been the best in recent memory. I'm not just saying that because I'm an ACC fan. Of course, that is reason enough. Every ACC team in the tournament made an impact, from Duke and Georgia Tech in the Final Four to North Carolina and their stunning upset of Oklahoma. All year people talk about the Big Eight, Big East and Big Ten being the hotbeds of college basketball talent. I will admit that the Big Eight had three of the best teams in the nation this year, and the other two conferences did play exciting basketball. Still, both of those conferences appear to be overrated. Teams from the Big Ten and the Big East made up over 20% of the teams in the tournament, and yet each conference only managed to place one team in the final eight. Both teams then lost to ACC teams in the regional final. Needless to say, I have reason to gloat.

The tournament has also displayed a number of last-second heroics and close games. The Connecticut-Clemson game was the second most exciting game I've seen all year, right behind the Connecticut-Duke game in the regional final. By the way, how long will it be before Duke relocates its campus right outside the New Jersey Meadowlands? The Blue Devils are absolutely unbeatable in that building.

Loyola Marymount's roller coaster ride also captured the attention of millions of sports fans. The team reminded every fan that no matter how enthralling, basketball is just a sport. Bo Kimble, Paul Westhead and company played on emotion that I haven't seen in many years. The team's performance in the NCAA tournament made Hank Gathers and the rest of the basketball world proud.

I refuse to offer any Final Four predictions, since my prognosticating ability seems to have gone the way of Jimmy the Greek. All of my Final Four picks were wiped out, the last coming on Christian Laettner's miraculous double-pump twenty footer at the buzzer. I also miscalculated last season's Final Four horribly, so my only prediction this year is that the game will be exciting. The NCAA tournament is one of the few postseason performances that actually lives up to its billing, and one can only hope that this year the teams live up to the thriving tradition of heart-stopping finishes. If the quality of this year's tournament is any indication about the quality of the Final Four, then "March Madness" could continue the momentum they built up in the 1980's. The nineties looks very promising for college basketball and its fans.

Women's tennis shows benefits of trip, wins three matches

by Brett Lankford
Staff writer

Holly Bramble's women's tennis team is showing that their record from their spring trip was not indicative of the squad's talent. Their record on the trip was 1-4, but they were playing Division I and Division II opponents. The team is now back to Division III competition, and their spring trip has given them an extra edge that has resulted in three consecutive victories. Last week, the women defeated Hope, the sixth ranked team in the country. This week, the Shorewomen knocked off Swarthmore and Gettysburg, two of the top women's programs in the country. The team's record now stands at .500 despite returning from the spring trip with a record of 1-4.

Swarthmore arrived in Chestertown on March 21 for their Middle Atlantic Conference match. Swarthmore was the defending MAC champions, and their team included star tennis player Julie Shapiro. As one of the top players in Division III, Shapiro offered a strong challenge for Washington College netter Tracy Peel. This singles match showed Peel to be a much stronger player, winning in straight sets by a score of 6-4, 6-2. Monica Blanco dropped a hard-fought three set match, but Miriam Dittman and Meg Wheatley managed straight set victories to keep the match even as the singles events drew to a close.

The Washington College women won their match with their doubles play. The Shorewomen did not drop a set in their three doubles matches, giving the women a 6-3 victory over Swarthmore. Peel and Blanco combined for a 6-4, 6-2 win over Swarthmore's top doubles team, and the Washington College tandems of Dittman/Rice and Sloan/Wheatley also won in straight sets.

Coach Bramble looked at the victory as good preparation for their match against Gettysburg, the defending Southeast Section Middle Atlantic Conference champions. Gettysburg had captured the section seven of the last eight years, and the teams had developed a rivalry over the past few seasons. This was an extremely close match, and the outcome was not decided until the final doubles competition. The Shorewomen swept the top three singles matches. Peel won 6-0, 6-0 in her match, and Dittman only lost two games in her win. Blanco faced a tougher challenge, earning the victory in a third set tiebreaker. Gettysburg won the other three singles matches, tying the score as doubles began.

Peel and Blanco continued their brilliant play together, winning their doubles match by a score of 6-0, 6-2. Wheatley/Sloan were defeated, leaving the chances for a Shorewomen win resting on the shoulders of Miriam Dittman and Rachael Rice. The duo responded with a stirring three set victory, winning 6-3 in the third set. The win was an important one for the Shorewomen. Aside from the emotional boost, it gave Washington College an advantage in case the Middle Atlantic Conference section should come down to a tiebreaker.

The women's tennis team now has a spring season record of 4-4. The team begins a three match homestand on March 29 against Trenton State. The women then play Dickinson on the afternoon of Saturday, March 31 and Catholic University the following Tuesday, April 3.

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News from around the world: Hazelwood sentenced

UNITED STATES:

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The US Supreme Court has agreed to hear arguments in a case about a company's fetal protection policy. Johnson Controls, a car battery manufacturer, implemented a policy in 1982 that prohibited women of child-bearing age from performing factory tasks that involve exposure to lead unless the woman can prove she is unable to have children. United Auto Workers charges the policy is a form of sex discrimination, but a federal appeals court in Chicago threw the case out claiming that the policy was "reasonably necessary to the industrial safety-based concern of protecting the unborn child from lead exposure."

Scientific studies have shown that lead can cause damage to fetal brains and nervous systems. In 1985, the Center for Disease Control suggested that women of child bearing age be excluded from jobs involving lead exposure.

In Idaho, Governor Cecil D. Andrus said he would consult outside experts before deciding to veto or sign very restrictive abortion legislation. The Idaho measure bans abortions except in cases of rape and incest, and to save the mother's life. If Andrus does act on the bill, it will automatically become a law in July. Guam, a territory, of the US, recently passed the most restrictive abortion measure in the country. It prohibits abortions except to save the mother's life.

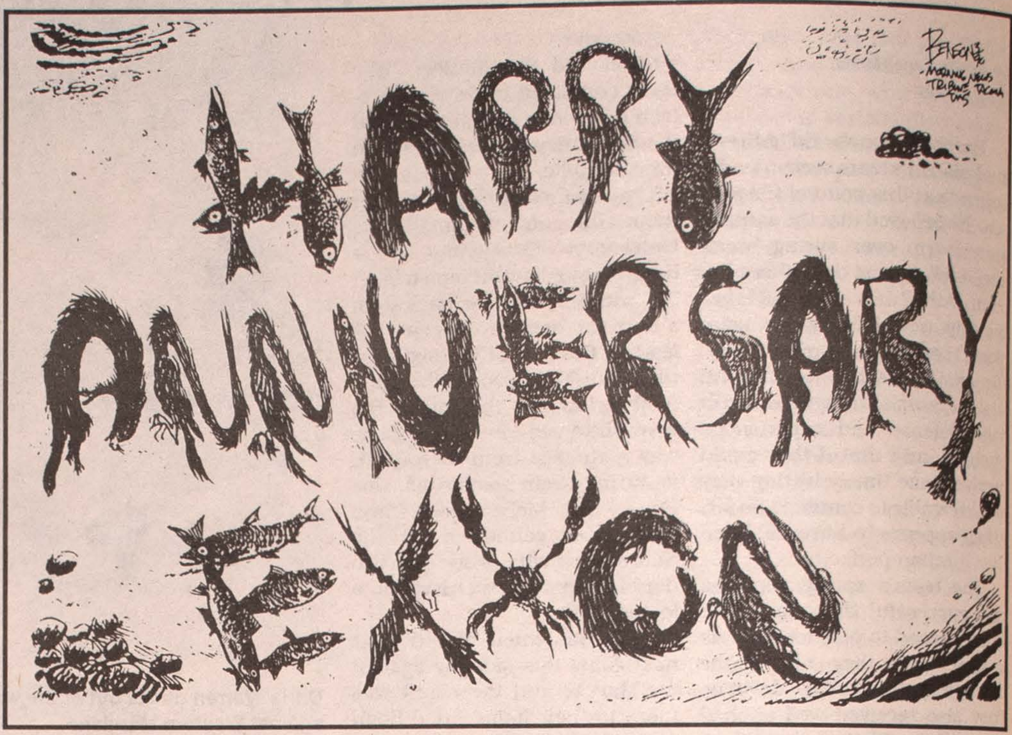
SOUTH AFRICA:

Eight people were killed and more than 340 wounded when police clashed with demonstrators in the Sebokeng township on Monday. 30,000 demonstrators had gathered outside of the municipal offices of the township to protest high rents and poor living conditions. Clashes between police and townspeople continued throughout the day and into the night. Sebokeng is roughly 25 miles south of Johannesburg.

There has been a renewal of violence in South Africa since the legalization of the African National Congress. Ironically, the rise in violence will probably lead to a delay in the lifting of the state of emergency in South Africa, one of the conditions set by the ANC before it would enter into negotiations with the government.

JAPAN:

Major General Henry C. Stackpole, III, a US marine general stationed in Japan, said that US troops must remain in Japan through the 1990's to prevent the Japanese from remilitarizing.



Stackpole's comments came after a column was printed in a Japanese newspaper which expressed the resentment that some Japanese feel over the US suggestion that the Japanese pay more of the costs of the American troops in Japan. Stackpole does agree with Defense Secretary Cheney that the number of troops in South-east Asia should be reduced. But Stackpole cited the uncertain balance of power on the Korean peninsula as a reason for the continuing presence of US troops in the area.

TAIWAN:

Last week, Taiwanese university students occupied Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Park in Taipei to demand revisions in the Taiwanese constitution that would lead to free and direct elections. The students are part of a growing movement to pressure President Lee Teng-hui into speeding up democratic reforms in Taiwan. The process of reform began under Chiang's son, Chiang Ching-kuo, who lifted martial law in 1987 and allowed visits to mainland China.

One of the largest problems facing President Lee is the dismissal of most of the National Assembly. Many members of the National Assembly were elected over 40 years ago and fled mainland China with Chiang Kai-shek's Kuomingtang in 1949. They were "frozen" in office by an emergency decree, and have remained there ever since. Few were tempted by Lee's offer of large pensions in return for leaving office.

EGYPT:

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak telephoned President Bush on March 17 to ask about US involvement in the fire at the suspected chemical plant at Rabta, Libya. The fire, on March 14, came about shortly after US officials denounced the plant as a chemical weapons factory.

In October, Mubarak and Khadafi met and pledged to renew ties and improve relations between Libya and Egypt. After speaking with President Bush, Mubarak relayed assurances to Khadafi that the US was not involved in the fire.

Initially, Khadafi blamed the fire on the West German Intelligence Services. West Germany denied the charges and warned Libya not to rebuild the plant.

LITHUANIA:

In the newly independent republic, official are speaking of lessening of tensions between the new government and the Soviet Union, although the army did occupy the offices of the Communist party over the weekend, and Lithuanian deserters from the Red Army who had taken refuge in a hospital under the protection of the Red Cross were brutally dragged from their sanctuary. Speaking on Soviet television, Mikhail Gorbachev said the Soviet Union would not use "cold war methods" and would respect the right of the people to choose. He also told Senator Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts that he would not forcefully intervene unless lives were threatened. This qualifying statement alarmed the Lithuanian president who reminded western journalists that prior to that Gorbachev had stated he would not use force at all. Gorbachev also warned he has a "mandate to enforce the constitution" and still insists Lithuania's declaration of independence is illegal.

In the US, President Bush still supports Gorbachev's attempts to reform the Soviet Union but the President, along with other administration officials recently sought to remind Gorbachev that US support and commitment could be endangered by the military repression of Lithuania. Although the US has never recognized the annexation of any of the Baltic States by the Soviet Union, the US government has not yet recognized the new Lithuanian government.

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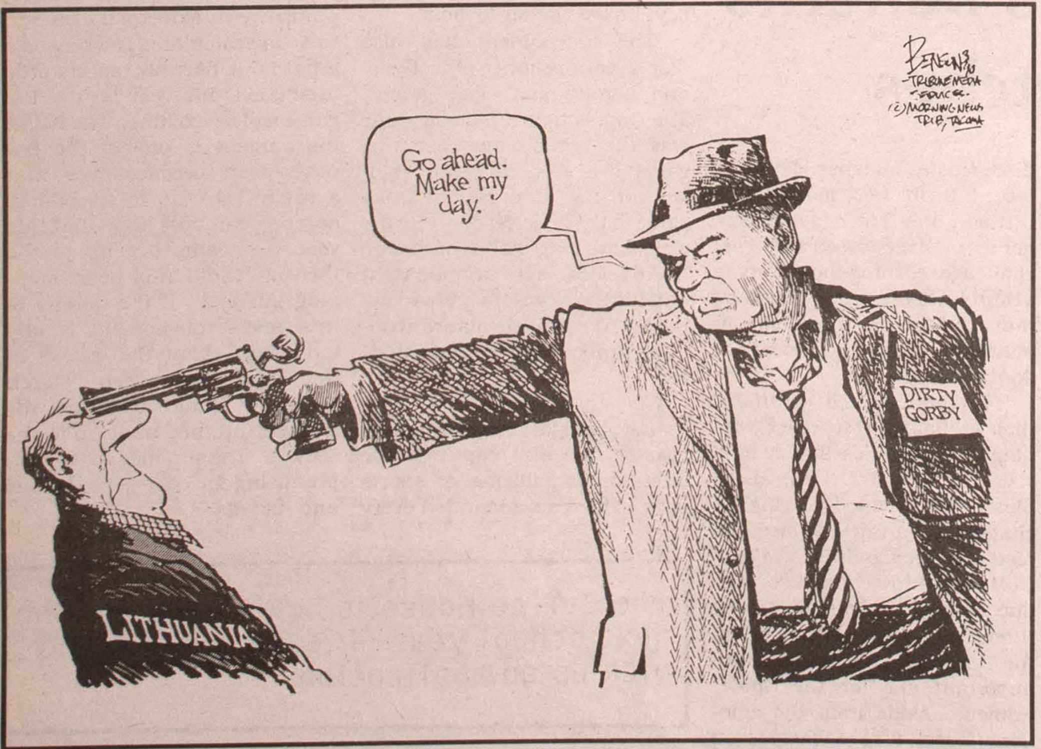

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Bob after midnight: a fictional story about hooking up

by Jenifer Grindle

You expect nothing because that's more than you'll ever get. Hair in stiff, sweeping curls across your shoulders, cool lips frosted peach, darkly outlined eyes clear, you step in the door unsmiling. Sharp, judgemental faces turn to glance at you without interest as you pass into the privacy of the crowd. Your hands are immediately full, busy, curved around cold plastic, other fingers holding warm, mouth-seeking reassurance. Bitter liquid follows exhaled vapors methodically, waiting for instinct to take over. You always seem to be waiting...waiting for something but you never know what...why?

"How's it going? Been here long?"

His face is familiar. Had she seen him at a party? In class? He was hot, why hadn't she noticed him before?

Her friend clears her throat and leans toward her. "I'll see you later," she whispers.

Sipping her beer, she looks over his shoulder and watches her friend disappear.

"I've been here about a half an hour. It was really lame at first but there's a lot more people here now."

"Yeah, I'm having a good time. I'm Scott." He grasps her hand with his warm, damp one.

"Hi," she says, raising the corners of her mouth and meeting his eyes. "So...have you been drinking long?"

He nods. "We got a case after dinner and just hung out at the dorm. How about you?"

"I did five or six shots before I came over," she says, waiting for his reaction. "I drink way too much."

"Never." He chugs the last half of his beer. "So...what's your major?"

You find yourself wandering restlessly, every room looking the same. The bass rhythm, small talk, and laughter suddenly increase to a hush. Acquaintances, hanging on your arm, tell you how great you are, guys you've been with before turn and smile, ask you how you've been, look at their friends and snicker. You keep trying to drown out the silence.

You find yourself thinking about when it was all new and wonder how it had changed. You keep looking for something new—new face, new conversation—something to separate one night from the rest, something you can or want to remember.

"Aren't you in my psych. class?" The guy beside her grabs her arm lightly.

"Oh, yeah...I think so. Isn't she a bitch?"

"A serious bitch, but at least her exams are easy. I'm Kevin by the way." She recognizes him, jealous stares tell her she should have known his name. "Need another beer?" He holds up his empty cup.

Quickly, she tosses back the rest of hers. "Sure."

He starts through the crowd and puts a hand back to lead her through. In a corner by the bar, he jpasses her a full cup. "What year are you, I don't think I've seen you before?"

"I'm a freshman. I didn't really go out a lot last semester."

"Too much studying for psych. tests, right?" They both laugh.

She frowns as his features blur... Where...uh...what was your name?

"Bob," he sticks out his hand, pretending to reintroduce himself, sloshing beer onto his shirt. "After midnight, anyway."

She's not really listening, but she looks up from sipping her drink and raises her eyes questioningly, smiling.

"Don't worry about my name, babe." His arm disappears around her. "Every guy's Bob after midnight."

You always know when it's coming. Standing close to some guy, watching his mouth while he talks, your head swimming as the shadows flicker on his face, feeling his eyes on your neck, your hair, his hand brushing your hip, pulling you closer...somehow.

Then, you're gone. You stop hearing his words, only see his lips slowly moving, smiling, stopping so you can react and you raise one corner of your mouth obligingly, breathing deeply to the rhythm of the music. You close your eyes, then tilt your head up and open them to look at him for the first time. Scott...or Brian or Jack...or Bob?

He slips his hand around you, resting it lightly on the small of your back, the tips of his fingers wavering there, burning. Suddenly, your mind becomes black, body bending, seeking rest, release. Knowing he's watching, his gaze firmly attached, you wander anxiously past gray, shapeless figures.

"Isn't that Kevin you've been talking to?" Her friend sucks in her stomach and stands on her tiptoes to examine her profile in the bathroom mirror. "I hear he's a major partier. You like him or something?"

Ignoring the question, she leans against the wall, watching her bright-eyed, red-lipped reflection. "S'hot as hell in 'ere," she says turning her head from side to side, her hair falling over her face.

"You look so wasted." The other girl loses her balance and puts a hand against the wall to steady herself. "I'm a little buzzed."

"D'I look ok?" She runs a hand through her hair and finds it wet, sticky.

"You look good." Her friend is bending over to pull up her pantyhose. "Do you want to head out soon?"

Her voice raises above a whisper for the first time. "No!...Why?" She begins to shuffle for the door, arms outstretched for support.

"Hey! Want me to wait around for you?" the other girl calls as the bathroom door swings shut.

(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

You become aware that you're starting to get closed in. You consider leaving, easy avoidance practiced on others who were less...What was different about him? He seemed so...What would he think if you never came back? What if he really liked you?

You imagine him with someone more...someone who knew what she wanted and wouldn't...someone who would...You consider holding out for more.

"S'really hot in 'ere," she says as she takes her beer back from him.

"We could step outside for a little while." She feels him watching her intently for an answer.

"Oh..definitely." He pushes her toward the door, loudly greeting his friends, one hand massaging her neck.

She turns her face away as she passes by her friend. "You leaving?" The voice fades behind her. "If you wanted to go you should have told me."

Outside, she leans against the building. "I'd handle listening t'some mellow music."

"We could go back to my room and hang out." His arm curves around her shoulder.

She sighs and lets her head fall back. "That sounds so good. I'm really tired."

He grins and gives her a quick kiss. "Come on."

You think of guys you dated in high school. Shy phone call about a history test, voice and laugh too loud, talk wearing thin about classes until he asks 'So...uh...I was wondering...well...what you're doing Friday night' and you can finally let out your breath.

Dark eyes behind glasses, soft hair, flushed face...ski jacket warming you as you stand together behind the bleachers. Your eyelashes brushing a smooth cheek as his cool hand holds the hair off your neck, the other gently moving you to the music, corsages crushed. Mouths tasting buttery popcorn in front of a movie screen, wooden arm crushing your ribs, palm sliding over your stomach too hard. Firm chest pressing you to a wall in somebody's house, lips silencing your uncertainty...Warm skin on skin brushing gently for the first time...

You try to remember how it felt when guys made you nervous, before they wanted it or dared to try, before you knew how it would make you feel small and protected. You try to remember when it started to mean nothing.

"I'm really tired," he murmurs, settling onto his back. "You gonna crash?"

"I don't know." Her head feels heavy, her stomach churns. "Maybe I should go?"

"Come on, stay."

"I'll have to walk back early tomorrow...I don't know."

He turns her on her side to rest on his arm. "Just come here." He shuts his eyes.

Lying there, stiff-necked, she watches the harsh digital glow of the clock.

Body curled close, faking intimacy, you lie awake and wonder what the guy beside you was like before. You wonder if he worries about forgotten nights, names, having to look the other way if a passing face looks vaguely familiar. You wonder what happens when you look the other way with every passing face.

You imagine waking hair matted and mouth dry to cold, avoiding eyes, small talk strained, bare bodies unfamiliar. Minds seeking lost words and confessions, shutting out what is not forgotten but remains unsaid. You think of how much is never said...nothing is really ever said.

You look at the guy beside you and decide you don't feel like following the rules anymore. So he won't wake you dress on the floor, awkwardly, hands shaking, stumbling to your feet without a backwards look.

You shut the door behind you and try not to break into a run.

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Two students speak about being arrested for DUI

by Katherine Absher
Staff Writer

"All my friends got together. We were talking about the summer over a few beers, and we decided we wanted to go out to Cliff City. I had the least to drink—three or four beers. I decided I would drive. We went into a turn. I was going too fast; I applied the brakes. The car pulled to the right. I over-compensated. The car started to flip and stopped when we hit the ditch. The car in front of us had seen the accident and called for help. My best-friend was unconscious next to me, and I just freaked. One second before that everything was different. It seemed like forever, but it was only about ten minutes until the fire company came."

Returning early for peer advising orientation in August of 1989, ready to begin a new school year, sophomore Debbie Johnson did not foresee that a few beers among friends and a road trip to watch the sun set into the Chesapeake would lead to charges of Driving Under the Influence.

Johnson's case was brought to trial, but she has no police record stating she was arrested for DUI. The judge hearing her case, Judge Sisk, reasoned that Johnson was a responsible student and possessed the ability to reform and learn from her actions. Therefore, he gave her 18 months probation before judgment.

He also gave 18 months probation to junior Ben Sadtler: "I was driving at a party. I was drinking rum and coke. My friend called up; he was out near Tochester. I drove his car out there. There was a car behind me. I didn't know it was a cop. He was right on my tail. I pulled over. I put on my turn signal to get back on the road, and I flashed him with my high beams." That was when the policemen turned around and arrested him for DUI and DWI (Driving While Intoxicated). Sadtler adds, "I didn't think it was that big of a deal until they put handcuffs on me and wouldn't let me go to the bathroom without the door open. Of course, I was drunk at the time. The next morning I was freaking out."

Besides Johnson and Sadtler, Sisk has also placed other Washington College students on probation for DUI before sentencing them. Yet, Sisk says, "I didn't want them to forget that they have been to court."

Although seven months have passed, Johnson and Sadtler certainly have not forgotten their experience. Two constant reminders of their arrest are their monthly meetings with their probation officer and their alcohol education meetings, lasting 15 weeks. If Johnson or Sadtler break any laws, including speed laws, their probation may be terminated.

Furthermore, under Sisk's paternal arm of justice, Johnson, Sadtler, and one other student have been ordered to lecture on their arrest for DUI at the college. So far, they have talked twice and shown an educational video on the risks of drinking and driving to a student audience.

These lectures are a new aspect of Sisk's probation program for college student DUI offenders. He explains, "I do worry about what's happening at the college because the college doesn't seem to be too worried about it. I think they should keep track of the parties that go on off-campus. They should require off-campus permission for parties."

A drunken night at the Tavern could lead to this startling sight in the sober light of morning.

(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

Johnson states, "Since the accident, we would come up to parties on campus and leave our car at home...I've been drinking since the accident, but I definitely haven't been drinking and driving since."

Most college students have not dealt with Johnson's soul-searching experience, however, and many negligently drive home from the Tavern, Newts, or off-campus parties drunk.

In addition, one-third of the student body resides off-campus. This means instead of drunkenly swaying across the muddy campus greens and passing out in their dorm room, more students are driving home drunk from fraternity parties or other campus-alcohol related functions. The three student lecturers on probation all live off-campus.

Although moving off-campus has become the fashion, Sisk has not noted a rise in the number of college students in his courtroom because of it. Yet, Sisk comments, "We've had a tremendous loss of high school kids from drinking and driving in the last five years. It's a horror."

And he reasons students should be aware of the fatal consequences of drinking and driving: "You're old enough to understand what a loss of life is." A quarter of a million people have been killed in the last ten years from drunk drivers, and the vast majority of these drivers were only social drinkers.

Sisk blames this statistic on the trend among the young of drinking to excess: "Partying means you get so drunk you can't stand up. That's a sacrilege. If you have to drink, at least don't drink in such a silly way to become drunk. Tune into your body. If you are running and something hurts you, you slow up. Why can't you do the same with drinking?"

Johnson definitely understands about moderation after her encounter with the law and wants to impart her experience to others: "A lot of times I find myself saying to my friends who are aware of what has happened, 'You've had too much to drink.' And when I say this, they know it has a lot of meaning behind it because of what happened to me." Sadtler adds: "He [Sisk] said a lot of people get DWI over and over again, but I don't think I will. I really don't."

Your cup of coffee leads to global warming

by Juli Michael

How does your cup of coffee contribute to global warming, depletion of the ozone layer, and the general destruction of the environment? Energy is used in every step of the products we use. Much of the needed energy to produce these products is produced by burning fossil fuels, contributing to the problem of global warming.

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Besides contributing to global warming, chlorfluorocarbons breakdown the Earth's protective ozone layer. The ozone layer in the upper stratosphere protects the earth from the sun's harmful radiation. As the CFC's breakdown the ozone molecules, more harmful radiation can pass through the atmosphere to the earth. Scientists predict by the middle of next century the amount of harmful radiation reaching the ground could increase by 15%. Exposure to radiation levels of this intensity suppresses the human imune systme, permitting growth of infectious diseases. The EPA estimates a 15% increase in harmful ultravilet rays would cause 1.5 million additional skin cancer cases worldwide each year. Plants and other animals are extremely sensitive to excess radiation as well.

The facts are: 1. Styrofoam contributes to the problem of global warming.

2. Styrofoam contributes to the problem of the destruction of the ozone layer.

3. Styrofoam contributes to the problem of NONBIODEGRADABLE waste.

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Waverly Consort: Medieval, Renaissance music

The Waverly Consort, comprised of ten musicians total, four of whom perform on authentic reproductions of period instruments and six of whom sing, will play in Tawes Theater following a preconcert lecture by Dr. Jessic Ann Owens, entitled, "The Music of Renaissance Italy." *(photo by Steve J. Sherman)*

by Jennifer Del Nero
Staff writer

By arrangement with Harold Shaw and under the direction of Michael Jaffee, the Waverly Consort will perform music of the Middle Ages and the Renaissance, marks the second Washington College Concert Series program of the spring semester.

Comprised of ten singers and players and boasting a repertoire covering five centuries, the ensemble, which has been featured on major radio and television network presentations, will perform tomorrow night in Tawes Theater, following a preconcert lecture, "The Music of Renaissance Italy."

Sponsored in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the lecture by Dr. Jessie Ann Owens will explore the role of music in Renaissance Italy and will be held at 6:30 PM in the Norman James Theater.

Holding degrees from both Barnard College and Princeton University, Dr. Owens, a scholar in the field of Renaissance music, previously taught at Columbia University and the Eastman School of Music. Presently, she is Associate Professor of Music and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Brandeis University.

Compositional process in Renaissance music, English 16th- and 17th-century theory and music at the Este court at Ferrara are examples of Owens' wide range of research and writing topics. Articles of Owen's have been published in the *Journal of the American Musicological Society*, *Renaissance Quarterly* and *Early Music History*.

Focusing on the close relationship between style and function in music of the Italian Renaissance, Dr. Owens will pay particular attention to the different contexts for musical performance: churches, courts and city streets.

Following the presentation in the Norman James Theater, is the Waverly Consort's performance of "*Italia Mia*": A Musical Tour of Italy in the Renaissance, funded in part by a grant from the Kent County Arts Council.

Acclaimed by William Cowdery of the *Ithaca Journal* as "America's foremost purveyor of Renaissance music," the Waverly Consort, he describes, "combines high-spirited music with a reverence for the past, but always avoiding the esoteric for its own sake."

Agrees Alan Rich, LA's *Herald Examiner* music critic: "The real achievement is to recognize the creative energy in the music's original design, and to find a contemporary counterpart....it is the triumph of the Waverly Consort today."

The ensemble, celebrating its 25th anniversary, was organized at New York University where Michael and Kay Jaffee were joined by fellow graduate students in performances of Medieval and Renaissance music, making its public debut at Carnegie Recital Hall in April of 1966.

Appearing in the Casals, Hong Kong and Madeira Bach Festivals, the Waverly Consort is also highly visible in the US and has been the subject of several half-hour CBS specials on the award-winning *Camera Three* program and recently performed in the TV special *I Leonardo.*

What is so attractive about the ensemble, according to the *New York Times* critic Tim Page, is that they "seem more interested in music making, pure and simple, than presenting a stylistic dissertation," emphasizing the group's "balance between austere scholasticism and a more intuitive manner of playing."

Four of the Consort's members perform on authentic reproductions of the instruments from the Medieval and Renaissance periods, including recorders, dulcian, krummhorn, shawm, rauschpfeife, viols and vihuela.

Each member of the audience will receive the Waverly Consort Program Guide, providing complete text and translations of the vocal music performed during the concert, information about original sources and modern editions of the musical selections and high-quality reproductions of manuscript pages, paintings and other illustrations.

The Waverly Consort will begin their performance at 8 PM in Tawes Theater of the Gibson Fine Arts Center after the 6:30 lecture on Italian Renaissance music by Dr. Jessie Ann Owens in the Norman James Theater.

Students and faculty are reminded that they may use the tickets issued by the Concert Series last semester for free admission.

Tickets for adults are $8 at the box office on performance night; children will be admitted free. No reservations will be taken, and early arrival is recommended.

Baby with the Bathwater :

"the inanities of parenthood and family life"

by Timothy J. Madison

Christopher Durang's black comedy, *Baby with the Bathwater*, opens in Tawes Theater on Thursday, April 5 and runs through Saturday, April 7. The play is a funny, bitter and sometimes chilling examination of the inanities of parenthood and family life.

Baby with the Bathwater is the senior project of drama majors Emily Lott and Wendy Snow. Lott, the play's director, says she chose Durang's play because, "Although it's a very comical piece, it makes a serious statement on how society controls us and the way we think."

The play centers around a young couple, John (Jason West) and Helen (Stephanie Hess) who have been so affected by the diction of society that, in Lott's words, "They end up ruining their child."

Michele Volansky, dramaturg and stage manager, describes *Baby with the Bahtwater* as a "dramaturg's nightmare," adding, "There are so many references and allusions which seem to place the play in time, but really the characters experience no real progression." As Lott says, "If anything, John and Helen almost regress."

Set and costume designer Wendy Snow has incorporated this idea of a lack of progression into her set design. The audience seating and set will form a single integrated unit modeled after her vision of a sort of carnival ride.

Snow sees the carnival ride as an apt metaphor for the characters fundamental dilemma. They live in a world in which, as Snow says, "You go around and around, you have fun and feel sort of sick, but when it's over you haven't really gotten anywhere."

The cast includes: Felicia Shakman as Nanny and the Principal, Cynthia Croot as Cynthia and Susan, Carey Smith as Miss Pringle and Angela, Jeanette Smith as Kate, Peter Johnson as Daisy and Brendan Casey as the Voice.

Comprising the production crew are: Thomas Andrews as Technical Director and Peter Johnson as Lighting Designer.

Baby with the Bathwater will be presented at 8 PM on April 5,6 and 7 in Tawes Theater of the Gibson Fine Arts Center.

Admission is free and seating is limited; reservations are recommended. To reserve tickets, call (301) 778-2800 ext. 269 or 268.

Philosophy symposium

by Kevin Holland

Washington College's chapter of Phi Sigma Tau, the national philosophy honor society, will sponsor a student symposium on Just War Theory in an all-day event. Also participating in the proceedings will be members of the Philosophy Club at the United States Military Academy in West Point. According to Dr. J. David Newell, who is teaching at West Point while on sabbatical from WC, he and West Point officers and cadets will arrive in Chestertown on Friday.

West Point's Philosophy Club, comprised mostly of philosophy majors at the institution, will present three or four brief essays at the symposium addressing the questions: "Can going to war be justified? If so, how can such justification be established?"

In regard to the activities scheduled for the day, Dr. Newell explains, "It was my understanding that the cadets would present their essays on Just War, and then the Washington College students would respond to their ideas."

While at Washington College, Dr. Newell, Philosophy Department Chair, worked closely with the Phi Sigma Tau chapter, usually as the club's sponsor and remembers, "When I came up here, I saw West Point had an active Philosophy Club, so I have been working with them as well."

The idea for the symposium with the two colleges followed as a result of his involvement with West Point's club, but Dr. Newell stresses, "All the credit for the symposium should go to Erica Dickson. She has worked very hard in planning and organizing the event." Junior Erica Dickson is this year's president of Phi Sigma Tau.

The day's events will begin at 10:30 Saturday morning with registration in Hodson Hall. West Point cadets will be staying with student volunteers the night before. Following the afternoon session, students will tour the exhibit "Constance Stuart Larrabee: World War II Photo Journal" in the Constance Stuart Larrabee Creative Arts Center. Closing the symposium will be a 7:45 PM showing of Stanley Kubrick's film, Paths of Glory, in the Norman James Theater. All sessions of the day-long event are open to the public, and admission is free.

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Sinead O'Connor's *I do not want what i haven't got*

by Bruce Hamilton

You really can't help but like Sinead O'Connor. What? I hate her, you say, offended that I could make such an assumption. Well, I can only say that judging an artist by their audience, their appearance, their popularity or anything other than their work...well, that's just idiotic– and a common fault of too many, it seems. Everyone has a different reaction to or perception of the same thing– that's human nature. O'Connor shaved her head in response to the record companies desire for her to present a more feminine image. She's been headstrong and rebellious since her childhood.

But is this any basis to form an opinion of her work? An Irish Catholic, Sinead fist achieved real success with the release of *Captive*. The Edge, of U2 fame, was working on the soundtrack and requested asked her to record a song. "Heroine" was the result. Her subsequent album, *The Lion and the Cobra* went gold when she was 21.

Those piercing blue eyes, that sculpted face, that passionate voice...that bald head. Well, she's not so bald anymore. Hair is not the only growth that Sinead O'Connor has achieved in the past few years. Her new album, *I do not want what I haven't got* is a work of considerable maturity and change. A past pregnancy, the death of her mother, changing relationships and virtually overnight fame have had their effects on this young woman. "I do not want" is a statement of adamant individualism and artistic freedom. On it she adresses a number of themes, including politics, religion, maternity and the more personal aspect of relationships.

What I haven't got contains a complex new blend of styles. Sinead explores more fully the dynamic as well as the subtle with her glass-breaking voice. With her first album, Sinead stuck an icicle in your heart and twisted it around until you were bleeding right along with her. Now she seems to have learned a more effective method: the art of control. Silences and seductive whispers take the place of earth-shaking howls. This is not to say she has lost the aggressive confrontational touch, but rather that, she has added the elements of serenity and magnetic elusiveness. If you thought her screams were powerful, wait until you hear her whisper.

The album opens with "Feel so different," an appropriate beginning as it is, thematically, perfectly representative of the whole. "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference" is the opening prayer, ominous as the orchestration kicks in.

An anthem of change and maturation, "different" explores the emotive side of growth and a typical relationship with the constructed other, a "you" constantly referred to that could be anyone from her husband to her mother. Lines like "I am not like I was before/ I thought that nothing would change me/ I was not listening anymore/Still you continue to affect me" echo the element of change and introspection that pervade the album.

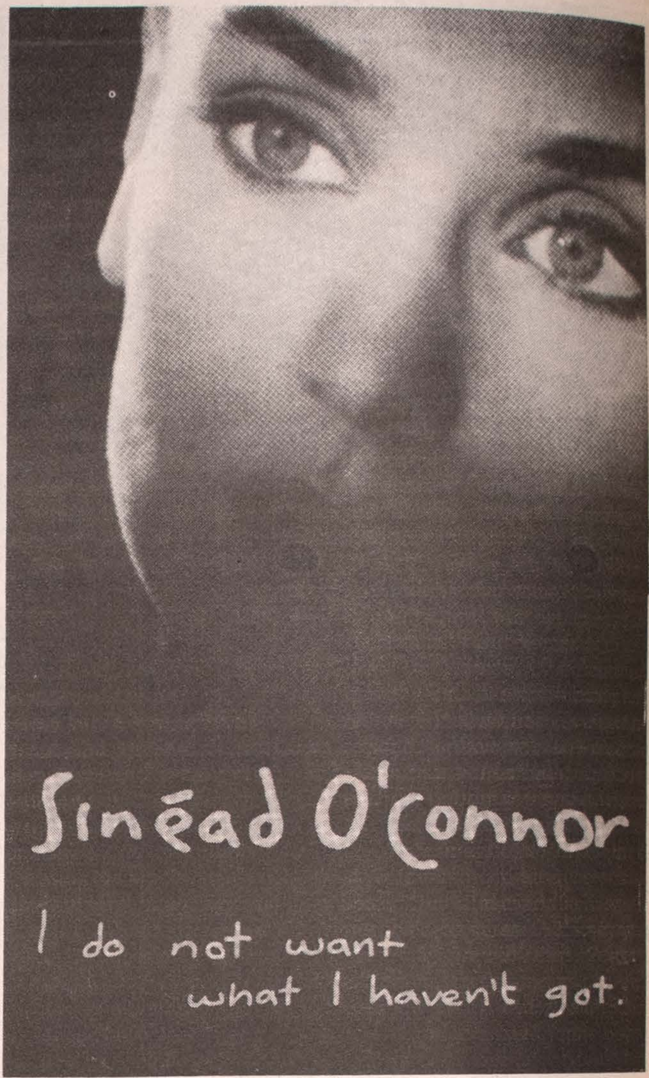
"I am stretched on your grave" is an amazing effort that sounds almost as if Sinead is imitating the style of a Hindu singer like Ofra Haza. Backed by a punchy 'hip-hop' beat, Sinead undulates in a rythmic musical contortion. The song seems to be concerned with a childhood girlfriend now dead, though the nature of this relationship is unclear. Lines like "Thanks be to Jesus/ we did what was right/ and your maidenhead still/ is your pillar of light" are as intriguing as they are mysterious," but don't count on SInead to explain. The song, like the others, is accompanied only by drums and orchestration. It closes with a frenetic violin solo.

"Three Babies" is an equally enigmatic and elusive song. It is the track most reminiscent of her previous album. The tempo slows and begins with a slow acoustic guitar. Perhaps Sinead is referring to aborted children, perhaps she actually has three children (I only know of one), and I am simply ignorant. It is at least poetic license: "Each of these/ my babies/ have brought you closer to me/ no longer mad like a horse/ I'm still wild but not lost/ from the thing that I've chosen to be." These lyrics express all the sentiments and responsibility of motherhood.

One can see that Sinead was profoundly affected by maternity. "Three Babies" exemplifies her ability to do with a feather what she used to do with a hammer: she is more enticing the more subdued she becomes, only to rage once again into a piercing cry. Effective.

"The emperor's new clothes," a song about stardom, pregnancy and their effects on a relationship, is also one of the finer tracks on the album. It also has a dancy beat reminiscent of "mandinka" with a crafty pop fervor. Lines like "He thinks I just became famous and that's what messed me up/ but he's wrong/ who I could I possibly know what I want/ when I was only twenty-one" and "But you know how it is/ and how a pregnancy can change you" illustrate the turmoil of a relationship changed by success and motherhood.

The first side closes on a more somber note: "Black boys on mopeds," a song that addresses political issues like racial problems, the homeless and "the deaths that took place in Bejing." Sinead plays acoustic guitar and sings quietly, "England's not the mythical land of madame George and roses/ it's the home of police who kill black boys on mopeds." When the first side is over, the result is nothing short of haunting.



"Nothing compares 2 U" was written by Prince and released before the album as a single. It is a romantic ballad about lost love and admiration. Although the lyrics bear the stamp of the purple one heavily, Sinead only improves on it with her voice.

"Jump in the river" was previously released as a single on the *Married to the Mob* soundtrack and later as a remix with a performance artist, Karen Pirroni. The remix is nothing short of raunchy, but the original is startling simply as a beautiful siren song. It is a poetic and intensely psychosexual effort, ranging from the tame "I thought I tasted too many cigarettes/ but you tasted like wine" to the growl "like the times we did it so hard/ there was blood on the wall."

On "You cause as much sorrow" Sinead seems to be attacking the memory of someone now dead: "You've done nothing so far but destroy my life/ you cause as much sorrow dead/ as you did when you were alive." She seems to become more etheral at this point. She also takes a stab at her own fame, singing "So you're a fool to attack me/ for the image you built yourself."

"The last day of our acquaintance" is a touching ballad about the end of friendship. The last songs dissipate until Sinead is nothing more than a whisper- on the final track, "I do not want...," she seems to have taken lessons from Margo Timmins.

The album as a whole is not fantastic, nor is it mediocre; it marks Sinead's emergence as a maturing artist and forces you to take her seriously. It is a likable album, one that grows on you each time you listen to it. Some may fail to appreciate it as a musical effort, but one must realize that the emphasis is on Sinead's voice– the music and orchestra that serve as background only underline the passionate force that comes from her singing.

I think we can expect great things from her in the future. Outspoken and stubborn, Sinead holds her own and speaks her mind. *I do not want* is a refreshing effort from an intense and serious-minded artist. It is worth a listen.

Campus Calendar: March 30-April 5

Friday, March 30

The WC Film Series presents *Dangerous Liasons* in the Norman James Theater at 7:30 PM. Admission is $1 for students, faculty and staff; $2 for all others. Also showing Sunday, April 1 and Monday, April 2 at 7:30 PM.

"An Evening in Vienna" will be performed by the Washington College Community Chorus at 8 PM in Tawes Theater of the Gibson Fine Arts Center, following the recreation of a Viennese coffeehouse in Tawes Lobby, where from 7-8 PM, pastries, coffee and tea will be sold.

Derry Berry and the Alagia will perform in the Coffee House at 9 PM. Admission is $2, and alcoholic beverages will be available to those with proper ID.

Saturday, March 31

In honor of President and Mrs. Douglass Cater, there will be an Alumni Celebration held at the Engineering Society of Baltimore from 5-8 PM.

The Waverly Consort will perform in a concert sponsored by the WC Concert Series. Students and faculty may use the tickets distributed last fall to gain free admission. Otherwise, tickets are $8.

Phi Sigma Tau presents a symposium on Just War Theory in conjunction with West Point Cadets, beginning at 10:30 AM with registration in Hodson Hall.

Tuesday, April 3

Henry Abraham of UVA discusses "The Supreme Court: Its Personalities and Its Powers" in a lecture sponsored by WC's Louis L. Goldstein Program in Public Affairs. The talk is scheduled for 7:30 PM in the Norman James Theater.

Thursday, April 5

The WC Lecture Series presents "The Fall of Jim Wright," a talk by John Barry at 8 PM in the Sophie Kerr Room.

Christopher Durang's *Baby with the Bathwater* will be performed by the WC Drama Department in Tawes Theater of the Gibson Fine Arts Center at 8 PM. Admission is free. Also April 6 and April 7.

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As Fall Registration looms on the horizon:

new developments in the importance of foreign language study

By John Omicinski

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WASHINGTON — Spurred by global turmoil, language study is making a comeback in American schools and boardrooms, with German and Japanese near the top of the list.

"German's really taken off," said Anthony Tedesco, vice president of Berlitz North America, a leading marketer of language instruction. "It's always been a fairly important language, but requests for lessons are up 20 percent to 25 percent."

Twenty-three states now require some language study to get into public colleges and universities — a sizable rebound from the 1960s, when states and universities dropped language requirements.

By 1986, college enrollments in languages inched back up to 1 million for the first time in 14 years, and there are signs that elementary schools may be the next frontier in language study.

"Whether it's a pendulum swing, I don't know. But for the first time in 10 years, there seems to be a surge in enrollments in both high schools and college," said Richard Lambert, director of the National Foreign Language Center at Johns Hopkins University.

It's a good thing, too, said Myriam Met, language instruction coordinator for Montgomery County, Md., where French, Spanish and Japanese are taught in elementary schools.

"Foreign languages will be the survival skill of the 21st century," Met said. "It has the potential to be the wave of the future if we can solve the teacher shortage."

A recent Joint National Committee for Languages survey found 24 states — mostly in the South and Midwest — contending with shortages of high school-language teachers.

Of 26 states using language teachers in grade schools, 17 reported shortages — caused largely by the collapse in college requirements.

"We had an incredible drop in the '70s," said C. Edward Scebold, director of the American Council of Teachers of Foreign Languages, whose membership plummeted to 5,000 a decade ago and has inched back to 8,000. "Now, most major metropolitan areas report shortages of language teachers."

The real boom in schools is in Japanese. From a start of zero a few years ago, about 300 high schools now offer Japanese.

"Finding quality teachers is pretty difficult," said Carol Bond of Urbana, Ill., who coordinates the Japanese Language Teachers Network.

In Portland, Ore., and Fairfax County, Va., first- and second-graders are learning math, science and health in Japanese "immersion" courses.

Europe's new look is reshaping Berlitz' business, Tedesco said.

"In Hungarian, Czech and Polish — languages we might teach to 200 in a year — we're getting groups wanting to learn them," he said.

Tedesco said there also is a surge in Romanian, Ukrainian, Armenian and Serbo-Croatia.

Tedesco expects German, usually fourth behind French in American lessons, to climb to third in 1990. English, however, remains the worldwide leader.

"We'll probably reopen offices for the first time since World War II in places like Budapest, East Germany, Moscow, Warsaw, Sofia and Leipzig."

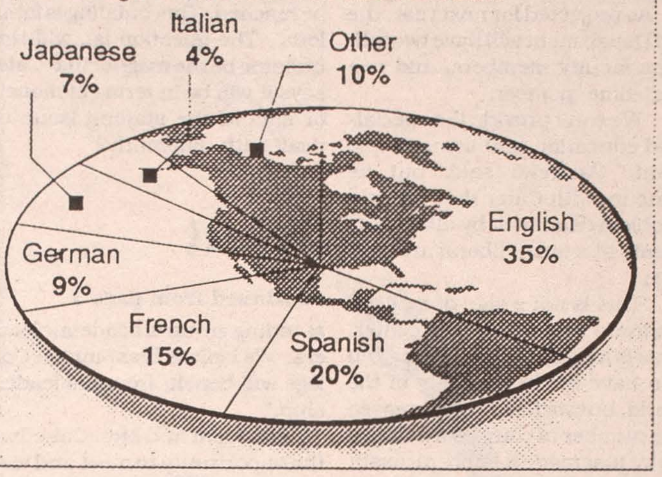
English lessons make up 62 percent of Berlitz' worldwide business, and 35 percent in the United States, he said.

At the Monterey Institute of International Studies in California, the only private graduate school in translation, there is renewed interest in intensive summer courses.

"Spanish is up 30 percent," said Vice President David McIntyre. "Japanese and Russian are up 20 percent, but the biggest jump is in people from foreign countries learning English. That's up 100 percent."

Most popular languages

In 1989, 900,000 students took language lessons nationwide at Berlitz North America, a leading marketer of language instruction. Here's a breakdown of the most popular languages and the percentage of students who studied each:



Steve Reed, Gannett News Service

Margareta Bowen, head of Georgetown University's interpretation and translation division, sees a "heightened interest in the harder languages — Japanese, Chinese, Russian."

This year, she said, 30 students petitioned for a course in Korean. Ironically, a major force that probably has discouraged language study in the past is the global pervasiveness of English, "the first truly global language," according to authors Robert McCrum, William Cran and Robert MacNeil in "The Story of English."

Yet only a handful of world's 147 nations use English as a native language.

English is the mother tongue of 350 million people — less than one-tenth of the world's population.

"It's partly good fortune that English has become the lingua franca," said Fred Starr, president of Oberlin College in Ohio and a driving force on the 1979 White House commission that called the shortfall in language instruction "nothing short of scandalous."

"But most of it's provincialism, pure and simple," Starr said. "Sooner or later a brute reality will make itself felt. In the same way the Soviets realized that they could no longer support their system, Americans will realize they can't operate effectively with one language."

(Omicinski writes for Gannett News Service in Washington.)

SGA meeting report, new officers take control

by Kyndra Ponder

At Tuesday's SGA meeting, the newly elected SGA Executive officers presided over their first meeting, however only eleven of the twenty-seven Senators were present; therefore the meeting was unofficial.

The first order of business was to introduce Dr. Stewart, who is the new SGA Faculty Adviser, and Gordy Scherer, who will serve as the SGA Parliamentarian.

Co-chairman of the Social Committee Katie Simms, reported that Black Sheep, the reggae band who appeared here in February, will play at the April 28 Luau. The cost to see the band appearing Friday night in the Coffee House will be $2.

SGA Treasurer Brian Gimelson reported that the SGA currently has about $8700 and that a more accurate account of the money will be available at the next meeting. He then reported that two clubs have requested funding. The SGA approved the funds for:

1. Psychology Club— requested $200 carried over from last semester and $200 for this semester - total: $400

2. The Society of Twelve— a new committee of faculty and students to recognize the achievements of some of WC's unsung heroes— total: $100

A proposal was submitted that the Honor Code committee look into the possibility of having different colored "blue books" to prevent students from turning in already prepared exams. In addition, the SGA agreed that, in general, the faculty could do more to prevent cheating. Dr. Stewart said that he would bring the subject up at faculty meetings and Kevin Kelly agreed to handle it in the Student Academic Board.

Finally, SGA President Stuart Neiman reported that he will begin the first of the public opinion polls next week. The poll will be a simple questionnaire asking students to indicate their choice among a list of ideas for the the decor in Hodson Hall. On-campus students should receive the poll from their dorm senator. Off-campus students will find a copy of the questionnaire, and directions for returning it, in next week's Elm.

Anthropology honor course offered

by Tracey Connell
Staff writer

Washington College Professor Jeanette Sherbondy is offering an honors course in Anthropology next semester which may be of interest to students. The title of the course? "What it means to be human."

Sherbondy describes the course as "an inquiry into the human mind and heart. It is about people— about how they think and act, and why they are the way they are. It is a course about the most complex and mysterious puzzle on earth: ourselves and others."

She intends to investigate with students everything from "the implications of human diversity" to "the interconnectedness of humankind."

The course is entitled "Anthropology 205.90 : What it Means to be Human" and the only prerequisites for interested students are either a 3.0 grade point average or special permission from Sherbondy.

Old Town Canoe

Removed from Chestertown waterfront property near college boathouse

Would the two young men that removed the dark green 12' Old Town Canoe and 8 decoys and loaded it on the maroon van please return it. Return it now and there will be no charges - if we have to come get it we will file charges.

Please call before you return it at 778-2333 and leave message for Jim.

Art major

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sabbatical, if the administration cannot find the funds to continue to pay him a full-time salary, he will only be hired on a part-time basis next year.

"The prognosis is not good," he said.

In a recent meeting with art majors called by Cater to discuss the rumors, students expressed concern that Andrews might leave the College.

Even if Andrews doesn't leave, Tessem maintains that the department needs another art historian and an additional member to teach studio art courses; the studio art teacher could be a part-time member. She says that she has requested additional faculty for three years and hasn't "gotten to first base" with the administration.

"How can we teach a rotation of [studio] courses with only one full-time faculty member?"

Cater argues that in terms of numbers of majors, the Art Department comes at the bottom of the majors at the College, and a small liberal arts school can't support departments which cover all aspects of a subject. Programs then are meant to "encourage students to cultivate their talents."

Andrews says that in terms of the numbers of students who take art courses, the Art Department doesn't appear to be overtasked, but he says that the number of hours spent by Tessem and himself working with students are "more intense."

Furthermore, Andrews points out that in fact there are at least as many art majors as music majors, but the Music Department has three full-time faculty members, as well as additional part-time faculty who teach instruments. The number of art majors is also competitive with drama and modern languages.

As projected for next year, the Art Department will have two full-time faculty members, and one part-time member.

"We can't provide the specialized education that some people want," Andrews said, but he concurs with Cater that this is a problem dealt with by all departments at a small liberal arts college.

"This is not a sign of malice," Andrews said of the arts center, "this is a sign of beneficence. You can have the best facility in the world, but we have not increased the number of courses available, we've just made it [more pleasant to take existing courses]."

The department has made great strides in terms of facilities, moving from the cramped quarters of McAlpin House to the resplendent Constance Stuart Larrabee Arts Center. Presently, there is no endowment to provide for the maintenance of the facility or supplies.

Although fundraising efforts for the center are continuing, Cater says he can't "invent money."

"Why is it [the administration] can't find money for a program that's established?" Tessem asked.

If the Art Department continues to play what Andrews calls "the numbers game" and attracts more majors, he says that the department may acquire additional faculty members.

"Let's hope a compromise can be reached. This building is fabulous. The question is...will this building be the magnet that Cater says it will be in terms of money, or should the staffing issue be dealt with differently?"

Trout

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standing group of academic leaders. We believe Washington College will benefit from his leadership."

President and Mrs. Cater had the opportunity to meet and visit with Dr. and Mrs. Trout in the Hynson Ringgold House, long-time residence of the Washington College president. Both Caters voiced enthusiasm over their successors.

Dr. Trout was previously Chairman of the Department of History at Mount Holyoke College, where he joined the faculty in 1969 and taught a wide variety of courses centered on the socio-political history of 19th and 20th century America. While at Mount Holyoke he was named a National Endowment for the Humanities Senior Fellow.

In 1978-79 he was a Charles Warren Fellow at Harvard University. He began his teaching career at the secondary level, at The Hill School in Pottstown, Pennsylvania and at The Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, New Hampshire.

Dr. Trout received his bachelor's degree from Amherst College in 1957 and holds a master's degree (1961) and doctorate (1972) in American History from Columbia University.

In 1977, he published Boston, The Great Depression, and the New Deal and is currently at work on a second book, Curley of Boston: A Biography. He has also authored dozens of articles, papers and reviews for history books and journals.

Dr. Trout has served as consultant to the John F. Kennedy Library, the National Endowment for the Humanities, Forum 350 (historical projects in connection with Boston's 350th anniversary), and for several television programs, including "Runaway Shops in Massachusetts" for the National Endowment for the Humanities and "James Michael Curley and His World" for Channel 7 in Boston. He has lectured widely on the history of Boston and on the history of women's issues and urban turmoil in the United States.

"I don't for a moment underestimate the challenge of succeeding a president who has bequeathed such an extraordinary legacy," Trout commented. "During Douglass Cater's time at the helm, Washington College has flourished in every imaginable way. I accept this appointment with a sense of pleasure, humility, and anticipation."

Dr. Trout is married to the former Katherine Taylor. He has two sons, Nicholas and Benjamin of Portland, Maine, and a step-daughter, Katherine D. Griffiths, a student at Brown University.

Commencing in September, Douglass and Libby Cater will be residents of Chapel Hill where he has accepted a year's appointment as the first Senior Fellow in Public Affairs at the National Humanities Center.

The Center's Director, Robert Connor, announced: "This appointment continues the Center's commitment to exploring the links between humanistic scholarship and fundamental concerns behind the issues of civic and political life. We are eager to provide a setting that will advance Mr. Cater's scholarly projects and we wish to benefit from his experience and wisdom in this area."

MOM'S COOKIE JAR

Here are a couple of fascinating facts I thought might interest you. Bananas are frequently mentioned as a food high in potassium, but potatoes actually contain nearly twice as much. One large banana has 450 milligrams of potassium, while a large baked potato with its skin contains about 850 milligrams. The skin of the potato alone has about 235 milligrams of potassium.

Saltwater fish are generally no higher in sodium than freshwater fish. Fish have an internal regulatory system that prevents their flesh from taking up sodium from the water. How about that?

Hoped you all enjoyed dinner Wednesday. I heard many favorable responses about the food show. The Italian Chicken Fingers seem to be a real favorite with everyone. Thanks to all of you who filled out the questionaire. And a special thanks to Mike Rogers and T. Furr & Company for all their assistance with the show.

Next Wednesday, April 4th, we will be featuring a Tyson Food Show. There will also be a Schwinn bicycle given away that evening, at 6:00P.M. More on how you can win the bicycle will appear in the Dining Hall beginning Sunday.

Congratulations to Mr. Howard Schultz for being selected W.C.D.S. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH for February. Way to go Mr. Howard!!!

A special note to the LAX team... if you are going to be late arriving for dinner, give us a call. I hate to see you guys come in after the meal has ended and not be able to get a hot meal. If you could give us some notice we would be more than glad to hold dinner for you.

Well, I guess that is it for another week. Until next time..................MOM

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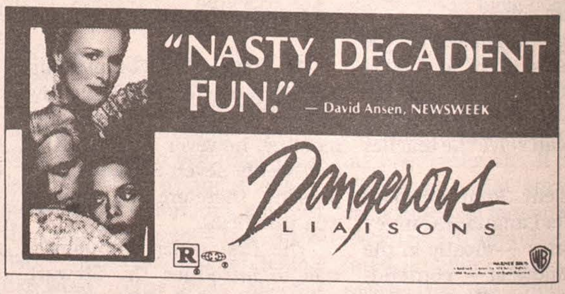
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A severe and powerful adaptation of Laclos' notorious 18th century epistolary novel of seduction and ruin. Stephen Frears' *(My Beautiful Laundrette.)* direction is superb—swift, decisive, witty. The movie is visually impressive without pomp; the screenplay, by Christopher Hampton, is fine. With John Malkovich and Glenn Close as the schemers who make sexual sport with the young and innocent, and Michelle Pfeiffer, in a strikingly disciplined performance, as a victim.

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Washington College awarded $100,000

by Tracey Connell
Staff writer

Washington College may soon join the ranks of environmentally conscious colleges and universities as the Jessie Ball DuPont and the Chesapeake Bay Foundations (CBF) have recently awarded funds to interested and qualified students.

The money will provide the means for important work study internships in a "broad range" of possible projects, according to Professor Munson, Chairman of Biology and the chairperson of the as yet unformed steering committee which will guide involved students.

Munson stressed that students need not be science majors and therefore the projects need not be strictly scientific. "But we would need to try to orient ourselves toward the Chesapeake Bay area."

A maximum of four projects will be funded, "but we'll start with two. We want to make sure that this is done correctly and academically with lots of checks and balances."

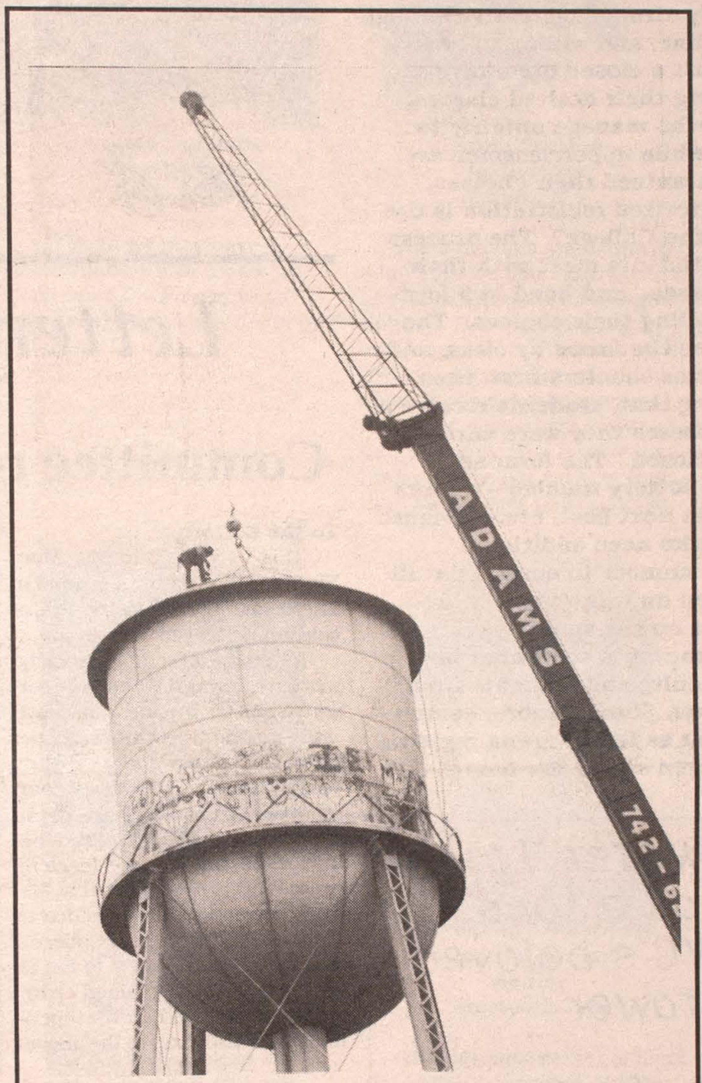
Munson stated that the possibilities at Washington College are "exciting. We are located on the Chesapeake Bay, one of the largest estuaries in the world. The possibilities are almost untold. A student could dream up something." He qualified the statement by saying that the proposal would have to be validated by CBF and the steering committee.

Munson also outlined some suggestions for potential projects. In doing so he demonstrated how students from many disciplines might apply their knowledge and interests.

"Political science might apply—environmental law. Sociologically, one might study the demise of the watermen's family, all kinds of demographic things. What land use would be needed in the year 2000? A business student might study what kind of home should be built. And there are a myriad of other scientific aspects as well."

Details should be worked out by the steering committee by the beginning of the fall semester, according to Munson, including finalizing the committee's actual membership. Munson will chair the committee consisting four as yet unknown faculty and one representative of CBF. Details and deadlines will be announced.

Ideally, the first student project should extend from the spring semester of the student's junior year through summer break and into the fall semester of the student's senior year. Before a project is accepted for funding it, must undergo a formal application procedure, pass requirements on merit, feasibility, and concentrated interest in the environment.



Many students have expressed their sorrow at the recent dismantling of the Washington College water tower. It will fall to make way for the progression of the Master Plan.

(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

Wirth speaks on environment

by Julie Greene

Last Tuesday evening, March 27, Colorado Senator Tim Wirth spoke in the Hynson Lounge on the subject of the environment. His talk was the second in a series of four lectures on the environment sponsored by the William James Forum.

Senator Wirth discussed global warming and other environmental concerns in light of the fact that his clean air bill had been defeated earlier that evening by three votes. Maryland Senator Sarbanes was one who voted to defeat the bill. Senator Wirth mentioned that it will take some time for Congress to pass any environmental bills. He stated that the system is one which does not encourage change.

Unfortunately he said that Detroit is also slow to change. One aspect of Senator Wirth's clean air bill dealt with the air pollution caused by automobile exhaust. One way to aid in slowing this down is to build cars which get more miles to the gallon.

Inquiries were made to manufacturers in Detroit about increasing mileage and they said it could not be done.

Senator Wirth stated that he has sources in Detroit that say they can build cars that get 43 miles to the gallon. That's almost twice what most cars get today.

So why don't they build them? Safety glass was not installed in cars either, until after the Japanese brought it into the market. Wirth suggested that hopefully we can instigate this trend ourselves.

Another point he made was that we need to decrease our national deficit. Most people agree, including the Japanese, that the United States needs to raise taxes. One of these taxes would be put on gasoline. With cars that get 43 miles to the gallon, a tax on gas doubling the price would be wiped out. What is good for the environment is good for the country in all respects.

Wirth himself has acted on these environmental objectives. He has installed in his own automobile a second tank which uses natural gas. Natural gas is already a vapor so it is much cleaner than using gasoline. Its cost is almost half that of gas.

The option of using other fuels was part of Wirth's clean air bill which was defeated this week.

Senator Wirth also brought up another aspect of global warming: the destruction of our rain forests. While the United States encourages Brazil not to destroy their rain forests, we are destroying our last one, in Alaska. Not only are we cutting it down, but we are selling it to the Japanese. According to other sources, the Japanese are not dumb. They will sink the logs and sell them back to us for a hefty profit when we don't have any forests left to cut down.

What does Wirth have planned for the future? He has another

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MacTutors at library

by Susie Mazzullo

Now students who prefer to work in the library and also need help do not have to go to the computing center for assistance. The Washington College Miller Library has recently employed two students who will assist others in running the Macintosh computers.

Librarian Bill Tubbs says the student assistants were employed in direct response to the student questionnaire that students filled out at registration. Many students expressed the need for computer assistance in the library as well as in the Computing Center.

The two assistants are sophomore Brian Gimelson and sophomore Tom Shepherd. They will be available to assist anyone needing help Sunday through Thursday from 8 PM until 11 PM in the Newell Room of the library.

They will be available to answer questions students may have when operating the Macintosh computer programs such as Microsoft Word and MacWrite. They will also help with graphing programs that are sometimes difficult.

The "Mac Tutors" will also be responsible for encouraging students to disinfect their discs before introducing them into

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EDITORIAL

A kinder, gentler registration

Students had to endure yet another unpleasant registration process on Wednesday. Perhaps it's time to come up with an alternative to arena registration and recognize that the present method is unorganized and often unfair.

Security isn't at fault for the chaos which ensues at registration time—it is impossible to have order with more than 800 people who are determined to emerge triumphant from the gym with their chosen classes.

Basically, bullies win in arena registration. Students who are are physically strong, aggressive enough to push to the front of the line, and willing to have their persons crushed against a closed door have a pretty good chance of getting their desired classes. Better yet, underclassmen who manage unfairly to push their way to the gym while upperclassmen are registering are virtually guaranteed their choices.

At larger schools, computerized registration is the norm. Why not at Washington College? The process goes something like this: students meet with their advisors to choose their classes, and hand in a form to the registrar's office detailing their choices. The registrar's office then divides the forms by class, and enrolls students in the courses—seniors first, then juniors, and so on. Following that, students receive a printout indicating which classes they were enrolled in, and which, if any, were closed. The form also includes a randomly chosen lottery number—seniors get the best numbers, juniors next best, etc.—because on drop/add day, students who need additional courses are let in by lottery number to enroll in available courses. Courses chosen on drop/add day are processed into the computer on the spot.

Granted, this proposed process is somewhat involved, but it would save faculty and students from the trials of arena registration. Furthermore, computerized registration is at least as fair as arena registration. Who knows? It may even save a few bumps and bruises.

The Save the Water Tower Society bids a fond farewell to WC's beloved water tower

"It was a pillar of society, a land mark among landmarks."

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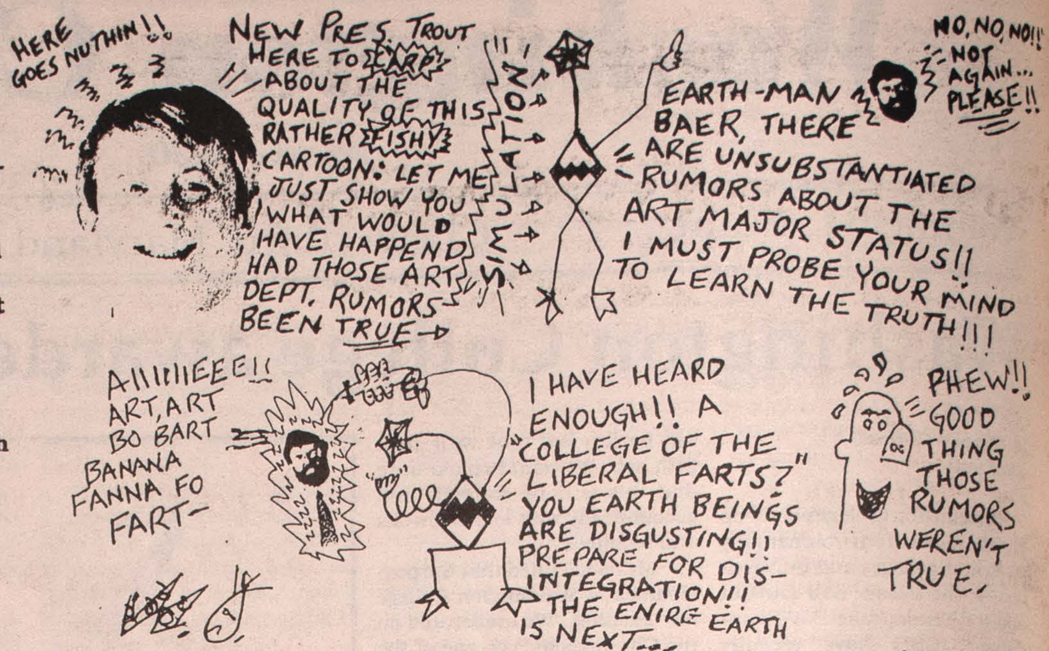
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Committee responds to Riner letter

To the Editor:

This is a reply to Ms. Mary Riner's letter that was printed in The Elm's Letter-to-the-Editor column on March 30, 1990.

In this age of complex society, written communication in impersonal official business necessitates, among other things, proper format and minimum civility. This practice is a matter of common sense and a part of an unwritten code of civilized behaviors in our lifelong learning process. It is no wonder that Ms. Riner's search of this practice in statutes in Washington College's handbook was doomed to fail as a comedy of hare-brained error.

Ms. Riner's old (or first) petition failed to live up to the above-mentioned standard of written communication in a civilized society like ours. For instance, the petition was scribbled on a torn-out sheet of her school notebook. (Incidentally, she could not spell such an easy English word as "sophomore" correctly. In fact, she misspelled the same word twice in her old and new petitions.) Moreover, the petition was addressed to no one, so it became a worthless piece of document form the inception. This is why she was asked to submit a new, improved form of the petition. Ms. Riner's self-righteous anger in defense of her useless piece of so-called petition represents sheer arrogance of ignorance. The more the individual is enraptured with arrogance of ignorance, the less likely he or she is to see this human comic-tragedy for what it is. The words which Hamlet addresses to his mother might be addressed with equal lack of success to Ms. Riner:

> . . . Mother, for love of grace,
> Lay not that flattering unction to your soul,
> That not you trespass, but my madness speaks.

Sincerely,
Tai Sung An (Prof.)
On behalf of the Committee on Admissions and Academic Standing.

Benefit

Alpha Chi Omega is having a 50/50 raffle to benefit Mindy Poole, who is an Alpha Chi sister at the University of Virginia. Mindy needs a double lung transplant and her insurance will not cover the $500,000 operation. Tickets are $1 and can be purchased in the Dining Hall. The drawing will take place on Tuesday, April 10 at 6 PM in the Dining Hall. The winner will receive half of the money collected, and the other half will go to Mindy. You do not need to be present to win.

Baby with the Bathwater

The Drama Department presents Christopher Durang's "Baby with the Bathwater" tonight and tomorrow evening at Tawes Theatre. Both shows begin at 8 PM. Admission is free and open to the public. For reservations, call extension 269.

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OPINION

ISSUE: In terms of funding and faculty, is the administration living up to its committment to the arts in the best way that a small college can?

Fill the Arts Center with more faculty

Stephanie Hess

Here we are at the end of "the exciting Cater years." Changes on campus are evident. The Academic Resources Center has taken form, the Constance Stuart Larrabee Arts Center will be dedicated this weekend, the new walkway is almost complete, the front of the Gibson Fine Arts Center is under reconstruction, and workers are even tearing down that nasty water tower. To prospective students, Washington College is starting to look like a beautiful place to spend four years and 60,000 dollars.

As might be expected, there is trouble in paradise. Students and faculty are showing concern about the quality of certain academic departments, most recently, the Art Department. Is WC living up to its commitment to the fine arts in the best way a small college can? This is a difficult question to answer.

I am not an expert on the arts at WC, but I certainly have an interest in them, and I know what I want from Washington College in terms of my liberal arts education. At a small school that costs me roughly $15,000 a year, I don't want to have trouble getting into a course semester after semester because it is too full, and I want to have the opportunity to meet with my professors outside of class to discuss questions, projects and ideas. These concerns have been met for me in some departments and not in others.

Judging from my own experience and from what I read in The Elm last week, the Art Department cannot presently satisfy these concerns. It seems obvious to me that when two art history courses, Intro. to the History of Western Art and Italian Renaissance Art, are two of the first classes closed during registration every semester, the school needs more Art professors. Not only is WC not hiring an additional professor, it may be losing one of its three present professors. Is it just me, or is the new Arts Center starting to sound a bit empty?

With only two full time professors, the Art Department may only be able to open upper level classes to art majors, and even then they would be spreading themselves thin. This limits a non-major's opportunities for a broad education, and it limits the number of art students who will be drawn to Washington College. The number of art students grows smaller and smaller and the new building becomes emptier and emptier. What is the point of having lovely buildings if we don't have strong academic programs to fill them up? The beautiful setting of Washington College may successfully bring students to the College, but it will not keep them here.

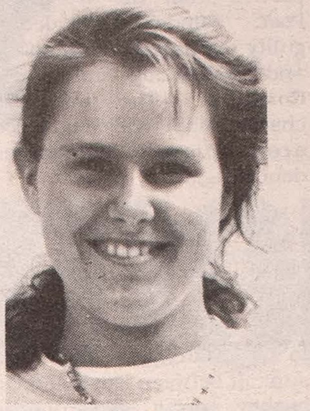
I have to join The Elm in wondering why patrons "seem more eager to fund bricks and mortar than academia." A strong department must be built from the inside out. It must start with enough good professors and an eager group of students. We could have twelve Arts Centers, but without an adequate faculty, the College would still not be living up to its committment. Right now, even if we are lucky enough to keep Tex Andrews here, more money needs to be spent on the faculty and the programs of the fine arts rather than the places.

Stephanie Hess is a sophomore Humanities major. She was the Arts Editor of The Elm last semester.

CAMPUS VOICES by Amy L. Undercoffler

Andrea Butchart
Sophomore
Ruxton, MD

Though we may have a beautiful new arts center we don't have the faculty to go along with it! What's the point?



Laurie Paulsen
Sophomore
Marion, MA

The Larrrabee Art Center is a big improvement, and a needed addition to Washington College. However, more faculty and support from the College is needed. More courses could be offered with great faculty, especially since there is the new building. The faculty they have already give extra of their time for us, they need a break.

Becca Hutchinson
Junior
New Castle, DE

What is committment? As far as the Art Department at Washington College goes, it was the potential to be great, and certainly better than just an art school, for the entire liberal arts education that WC offers is what makes "art." However, with the lack of funds and faculty, we are in danger of becoming the rumored "program."

Brian Gimmelson
Sophomore
Doylestown, PA

The Art Department as it stands currently is violently understaffed. Not to say that it isn't strong; it is. However, the art department has been endowed with a Ferrari as far as facilities and current teachers are concerned, while the admininstration has been trying to give it Diesel fuel! All we need now is a little good gas to get it really started.

Dan Helgerman
Senior
Annapolis, MD

The new arts center is more than what I expected– it's got plenty of room and lots of equipment. However, the facility with all of its space needs additional faculty to support the classes that the new center can make available to the students.

Vicco von Voss
Junior
Birmingham, MI

The Art Department has come a long way since we now have an excellent facility. But with only one Studio Art Teacher and one Art History Teacher the program cannot really expand. What the department needs are teachers that are going to cover all the different art disaplinces.

Administration places aesthetics over substance in arts programs

Thomas Logan

The Fine Arts. Being a philosophy major–as well as the epitome of apathetic lethargy–I don't know a heck of a lot about the subject. However, I do have friends in artsy places. I also have a pair of eyes, which help me to see exactly where the college cash actually goes.

Bricks, lots of them. Sure, the campus is going to be beautiful, but what is the administration doing to enhance the curriculum in the arts? The Art Department in particular needs an increase in faculty, but apparently the College can not produce the funds. If the new Constance Stuart Larrabee Arts Center is intended to attract prospective art students, it will hardly be worthwhile without a correspondingly beautiful program of study.

As I see it, the administration is attempting to enhance the appearance of the campus and increase enrollment, but without simultaneously increasing the number and type of course offerings. I'm sorry to say that WC seems to have its priorities mixed up just a bit, and if the trend continues, there will be a greater number of disappointed freshmen in coming years. The growth of the College, ideally, should be equally distributed to prevent any one area from falling behind. Apparently, an aesthetic study environment is more important to the present administration than the substance of the courses offered.

What about student safety? Instead of constructing the new Academic Resource Center, maybe emphasis should have been placed on renovating existing structures. Tawes Theatre is a prime candidate. I am under the impression that Tawes is a fire hazard at least, if not a death trap waiting to be sprung. Of course, a beautified campus is much more important than student safety.

There is also a need for new equipment and supplies in all three departments. The new art building is a much needed addition, but at the same time, the drama and music departments are lacking in the areas of equipment and facilities. I don't mean to diminish in importance the strides made by the Cater administration–the changes made are needed.

However, I am looking forward to some less superficial alterations under the direction of our next president. It remains to be seen whether or not this naive dream will be realized. I understand that the administration can not force donations into areas for which they were not intended, and I commend the current administration for the amount of funding that has flowed into their hands. My question is, could they try seeking donations under more specific and more important headings? Of course, change comes slowly, piece by piece. The current administration has done a lot for the school; my qualm is not with its effort, but with the placement of its priorities.

PERSPECTIVES

News from around the world: Clean Air Act

UNITED STATES:

The Senate reached a compromise completing the first revisions of the Clean Air Act in 13 years. The new version of the bill calls for new limits on auto pollution, halving acid rain, cleaning up smog in US cities, and technological controls to protect against the accidental discharge of cancer-causing and toxic substances into the environment. The proposed bill would cost industry an estimated $20 billion. Most of the cost of acid rain clean-up will fall on mid-western and Appalachian states. Senator George Mitchell defended the cost of the bill saying, "There are no simple, inexpensive answers to these problems. But the cost of inaction will be higher than the cost of this bill."

A group of physicians in San Francisco are working to establish that city as a testing and eventual distribution site for the French abortion pill, RU-486. The pill, although widely available and used in France, is available in the US only for research. An American pharmaceutical firm hoping to distribute the pill would have to obtain a release from the French manufacturer. Many American firms have failed to do so for fear of a boycott by anti-abortion groups. The abortion pills has been found in tests to be as safe and effective as a surgical abortion.

In the trial of former Philippine first lady Imelda Marcos, the defense attorney for Marcos claimed that then Vice President George Bush suggested to the Marcoses they should invest in American real estate. Bush was apparently trying to prevent the Marcoses from making investment deals with Khadafi. The attorney also maintains that the money used by the Marcoses was part of a fund for the defense of the Philippines in case of a communist takeover.

The jury in the trial of John Poindexter was ordered sequestered after two jurors reported they had been contacted by reporters from the Washington Post. Poindexter pleaded not guilty to charges of conspiracy, and obstructing and lying to Congress. The prosecution charges that Poindexter directed a cover up to protect former President Reagan.

SOVIET UNION:

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze arrived in Washington on Tuesday. The Bush Administration is hoping to set a date for a super power summit between Bush and Gorbachev during Shevardnadze's visit. But the Lithuanian question could stand in the way. The House Foreign Affairs Committee approved a resolution urging President Bush to formally recognize Lithuania and to normalize relations between the two countries as soon as possible.

Upon arriving in Washington, Shevardnadze spoke with reporters. He called the situation in Lithuania an internal matter for the Soviet Union to deal with, and said the most powerful weapon the Soviets possessed was dialogue.

CHINA:

As the traditional day for mourning the dead approaches, the Beijing city government has banned unauthorized displays of mourning. The leader of the student democracy movement, Chai Ling, appeared on Hong Kong television announcing her escape from China, and vowed to continue her struggle. Chai urged the Chinese people to wear the traditional white flowers as a gesture of mourning for the hundreds who were killed last June. Chai and her husband are believed to be in France currently.

Army, paramilitary and police forces were put on alert in and around Beijing last Sunday. Beijing's main cemeteries are also under close guard.

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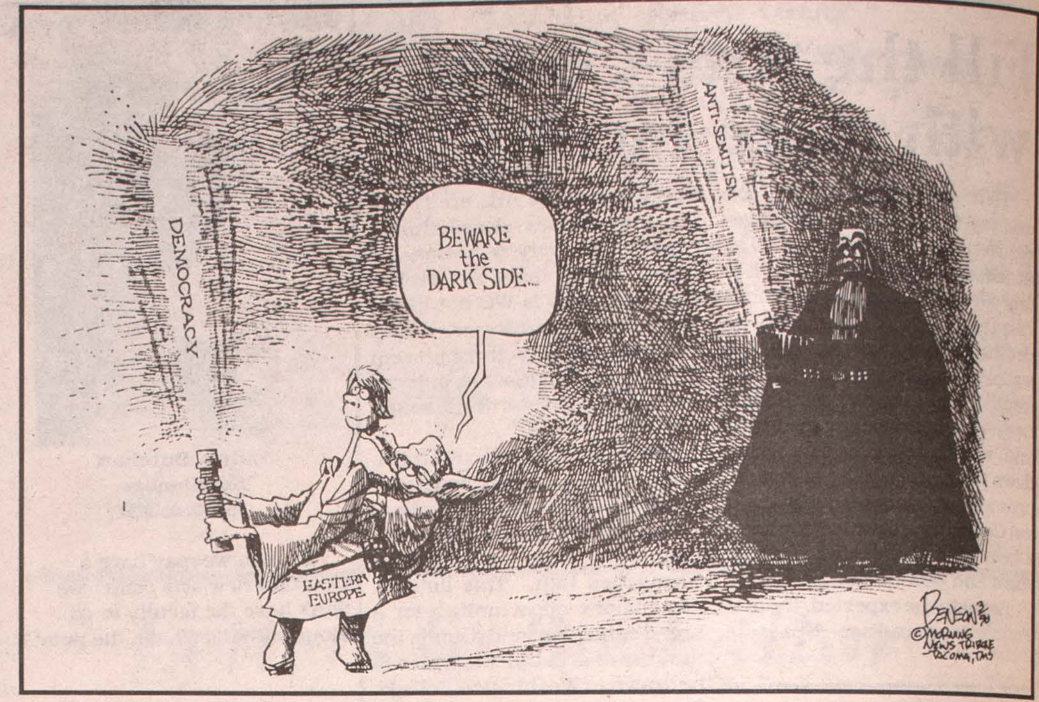

Who's this Lincoln guy, again?

by Dennis Kelly

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American students have a "Trivial Pursuit" grasp of history and civics, and gaps still exist between the test scores of white students and their black and Hispanic classmates, said the Nation's Report Card, issued Monday.

"This is, alas, no April Fool; it's real data about real American kids," said Chester Finn, chairman of the governing board of the National Assessment of Educational Progress.

Among the findings on this year's Report Card:

– More than three-fourths of eighth-graders could identify the Rev. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech, but fewer than half knew he advocated non-violence.

– Nearly a third of eighth-graders and almost half of high school seniors did not recognize the presidential veto, congressional override and Supreme Court decisions as examples of the federal system of checks and balances.

– 68 percent of twelfth-graders identified the reasons for the Bill of Rights and 63 percent recognized a quote from the Monroe Doctrine. But only 38 percent recognized the opening statement of the Declaration of Independence.

About 27,000 fourth-, eighth- and 12th-graders were tested for the Report Card, which revealed that in general, the students have uneven, sometimes superficial understandings of history and civics.

Students were rated on a 0 to 500 scale, and white 12th-graders scored 22 points better on the civics test than Hispanics and 28 points better than blacks.

But separate comparisons of 13- and 17-year-olds found the gaps between whites and their black and Hispanic classmates has narrowed. There were significant gains by blacks and Hispanics in civics at 13, but the gap narrowed for 17-year-olds because of poorer performance of white students.

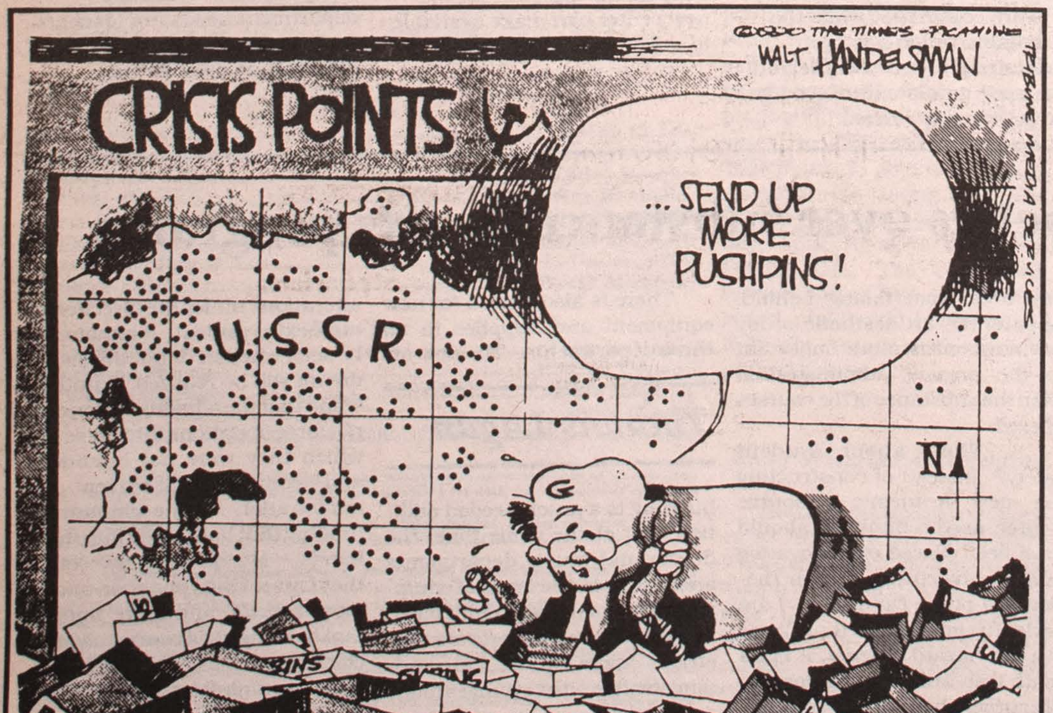
"If the report is accurate, our high school graduates, on the whole, lack the kind of understanding of the nation's heritage that is necessary to be an informed citizen in a democracy," says Mary Frances Berry, history professor at the University of Pennsylvania.

"At rudimentary levels of basic skills," students are doing well, Finn said. "I think we can say with some confidence we've gotten back to the basics."

The civics test scores also show that students in "advantaged urban" communities were 25 points better than those in "disadvantaged urban" communities.

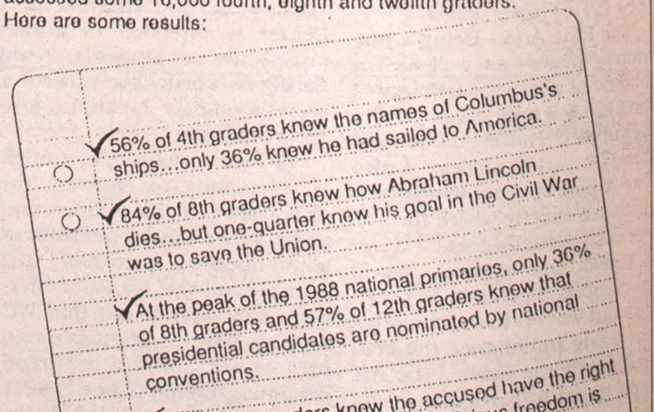
Advantaged urban schools were defined as those near cities with a "high proportion" of residents in professional or managerial jobs. Disadvantaged areas had a high proportion of residents on welfare or not regularly employed.

Dennis Kelly writes for USA TODAY



The nation's report card

The newest Nation's Report Card shows how well U.S. kids know their history and civics. The National Assessment of Educational Progress assessed some 16,000 fourth, eighth and twelfth graders. Here are some results:



✓56% of 4th graders knew the names of Columbus's ships...only 36% knew he had sailed to America.

✓84% of 8th graders knew how Abraham Lincoln dies...but one-quarter knew his goal in the Civil War was to save the Union.

✓At the peak of the 1988 national primaries, only 36% of 8th graders and 57% of 12th graders knew that presidential candidates are nominated by national conventions.

✓98% of 12th graders knew the accused have the right to a lawyer, but only 51% knew religious freedom is guaranteed by the Constitution.

Source: National Assessment of Educational Progress

Scott Davis, Gannett News Service

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FEATURES

Phi Delta Theta, a new addition to the Greeks

by Amy R. Caddle and Katherine Absher

Phi Delta Theta began as a group of ten friends holding informal meetings, and presently has twenty-two potential members. Last Saturday the group had its colony induction, and is striving for November 1990 as its charter date, just in time for Spring Rush.

The institution of Phi Delta Theta on the Washington College campus is the brainchild of freshman Chris Kleberg, whose father was a Phi Delta Theta. "We want to better the fraternity system by instituting a new brotherhood, as well as helping the existing fraternities," comments Kleberg.

But before a fraternity is chartered, it must undergo a trial period and meet certain requirements set by the national headquarters. Last week a Phi Delta Theta chapter consultant visited Washington College for a few days to help the colony establish themselves. The national organization of Phi Delta Theta demands a high record of scholastic achievement and community service from its fraternities.

Already the Delts are fulfilling their national requirements, "April is Phi Delta Theta Community Service Month, and we are currently making plans to participate in two service projects," says freshman Chris Vaughn.

Some hold the opinion, however, that Washington College is already overloaded with Greeks. Splitting their vote equally on the establishment of another fraternity, evidently half of the Administration felt this way. However, "Dean Maxcy was very helpful in aiding us with getting permission from the administration," says Kleberg. And Maxcy states that he does not see any reasons why the fraternity should be hindered by the administration: "I don't know why it shouldn't be done. So far the administration has recognized them as a colony." Linehan adds, "We are eager to show the faculty, administration and students the positive things the brothers of Phi Delta Theta can do. We want to earn their support." Chris Vaughn states that "responsibility will be our main focus."

Kleberg eagerily points out that Phi Delta Theta does not want to usurp Phi Sigma Kappa, whose charter was recently revoked. Yet, Dean Maxcy adds that the fraternity, "brings the number of organizations back to what it was a year ago" before the Sigs were disbanded and this "helps maintain the visibility of the Greeks on campus. If the Greek system gets too small, it will be hard for two or three organizations to stand alone."

Realizing this the other fraternities have responded to the advent of a new "brotherhood" on campus favorably. Kleburg states, "All the Greeks have been supportive of us," and he doesn't foresee any rivalry between his emerging fraternity and the other already established Greek organizations. "Washington College has the potential for a great Greek system. We want to get involved and bring all of the Greeks together in a positive way," comments freshman Charlie Linehan.

The new members of the colony and soon to be fraternity of Phi Delta Theta. *(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)*

Alongside the Lambda Pi Deltas and the Theta Chi, The Phi Delta Theta colony has applied for special housing next semester in Talbot. It is as yet undecided whether the new fraternity or the AOπ sorority will receive Talbot as special interest housing next year. "We need specialized housing to bring us together. Putting the fraternities in the Quad will help us learn to deal with each other," stated Vaughn. Linehan agrees, and adds that "our first year on campus is an important one. Living together will certainly bring us together as a brotherhood."

The potential Phi Delta Theta brothers are well aware of the reputation fraternities have as exclusive partying clubs, and they are determined to break that stereotype. "There is a lot more to fraternity life than partying. We want people to feel welcome," said Vaughn. Linehan is determined to "resist any kind of stereotype," and Kleberg insists that Phi Delta Theta is striving to be a fraternity with options.

"We want to be seen as an interest group and a brotherhood, but not as a segregated group," stressed Kleberg. "We realize each fraternity has its own personality. We want everyone to work together despite our differences."

Earth Day 1990: Think Globally, Act Locally

In the home

Did You Know...

*Each Sunday, 500,000 trees are made into newpapers that are not recycled.

*Every two weeks we throw away enough glass to fill the 1,350-ft. twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York.

*The energy saved from one recycled aluminum can will operate a 75-watt light bulb for eight hours.

You Can Make A Difference...

*Set up an easy-to-remember, three-container system for household trash: a box for newspapers to be recycled, a sturdy second container for all other recyclables (aluminum, glass, tin cans, plastic bottles), and third for regular trash.

*Dispose of old batteries at a local hazardous waste center.

*Contact your utility companies for tips on how to save energy.

*Instead of using paper towels, use a sponge or cloth towel to clean up.

*Choose an all-natural hand and body soap without artificial scent or color.

*Try mixing peppermint extract with backing soda for a refreshing toothpaste.

*Mix borax with water for a good toxin-free cleaner. For a more abrasive, natural cleaner use equal parts baking soda and soap.

In your car

Did You Know...

*Industry produces 15% of the nations smog, cars contribute a staggering 40%.

*An average new American car driven 10,000 miles per year will releaw approximatley itw own weight—between one and two tons—in carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

*A major petroleum company has recently developed a gasoline that releases 15% less Carbon Dioxide pollutants than other unleaded gasolines.

You Can Make A Difference...

*Drive fewer miles by walking, riding a bike, taking a bus, or carpooling in a fuel-efficient vehicle to work or school.

*Have your car's air conditioner carefully serviced and any leaks repaired.

*Properly dispose of old tires, oil, and other toxic materials at your local service station or hazardous waste center.

*Wash your car on grass or dirt so the soap is absorbed rather than allowing it to flow freely into the sewer.

While shopping

Did You Know...

*One-half of the nation's paper, three-quarters of the glass produced, 40% of the aluminum, and 30% of the plastic produced is used for packaging.

*Every three months we throw away enough aluminum cans to rebuild our entire commerical air fleet.

*Recently, one of America's largest fast-food companies launched a voluntary recylcing program to recycle foam containers. The program will include 450 New England restaurants.

You Can Make A Difference...

*Suggest that your local supermarkets and fast food restaurants start a voluntary recylcing program to cut down on foam packaging manufactured with chlrofluorocarbons (CFC's).

*Buy pump sprays instead of aerosols.

*Look for recycled paper logo and avoid "disposable" products.

*Buy eggs and milk in cardboard, instead of plastic—50% of packages used in supermarkets are recycled paper.

*Ask for paper bags at the supermarket checkout counter and bring them back to carry groceries a second, third, or fourth time.

*Purchase rechargable batteries.

*Buy compact fluorescent light bulbs instead of incandescent ones—you'll save 50% on your lighting bill and because they produce half as much heat, you'll also save on your cooling bill.

In the community

Did You Know...

*Enough energy can be saved by recycling a case of soda cans to fill a car's gas tank with one and half gallons of gasoline.

*Americans produce more than one-fourth of the world's garbage, but comprise only 5% of the earth's population.

*In response to Earth Day 1990, as many as one billion trees will be planted around the world.

You Can Make A Difference...

*Plant trees to save energy required to heat and cool your house, to prevent soil erosion, and reduce air pollution. If you have no rooma local school, church or park would welcome your gift.

*Start a neighborhood clean-up committee that can organize activities like regular "disposal" days to have household toxic wastes (such as paint, oil, and furnace filters) picked up by a toxic waste management company.

*Set up a neighborhood recycling program with central pick-up points—this is a good opportunity to involve service groups such as the Boy or Girl Scouts.

Simply stated, the countless ways to get involved fall under three, easy-to-remember categories—reduce, reuse, recycle. Changing our ways may take an extra minute or a little bit of extra thinking, but our environment and our future are worth it.

By implementing ideas such as these, you can make a difference close to home—where the environment begins for all of us. And as family, friends, and others take notice, they will also get involved in bettering their environment.

In honor of Earth Day 1990, this article was taken from the National Science and Technology Week which is sponsored by the National Science Foundation, Washington, DC 20550.

Men's lacrosse loses close game in Hobart showdown

by Matt Giller

In last Saturday's showdown that hooked up the two top teams in Division III lacrosse, the Shoremen(4-3) were upended in one of the most exciting games in the long rivalry. The Hobart Statesmen(3-0) were able to overcome a 10-7 deficit late in the game and parlay 5 unanswered goals to lead them to a 12-10 victory.

After jumping on top early scoring the first goal, the Shoremen trailed for the rest of the first half. The WAC got within a single goal to make it 5-4 in the second quarter. But before the halftime horn could sound, the Geneva juggernauts were able to tally another goal and go into the locker room with a 6-4 advantage.

The Statesmen picked up the second half where they left off the first - with a goal - to increase their largest cushion to 3 goals. But the Shoremen, led by steady leadership and youthful enthusiasm, put together one of their most memorable runs. The Shoremen dominated the next twenty minutes of the second half by scoring six straight goals while senior Dave Slomkowski was perfect in between the pipes.

With about seven minutes left in the game and an upset within reach, the Statesmen made a rally only the #1 team in the country could have accomplished. The injury to All-American Defensemen Kevin Colbeck was most evident during this time, as Hobart was able to thwart the Shoremen's efforts by scoring five goals in the next four minutes to give them the lead for good 12-10.

The WAC had their chances late in the game but the Statesmen's goalie was able to turn each away - some with the help of the post. The majority of the Shoremen offense was supplied by freshmen attackman Jed Cronin and senior Tim Hormes, netting 4 and 3 goals respectively. Bob Martino had a goal and 2 assists, while long stickman Jason Scarborough and freshman attack Brian Johnson each added a goal. Living up to his All-American status, Slomkowski was outstanding in the goal, outsaving his counterpart 32-12.

Coach Corcoran was extremely pleased with the effort of his team whose constant pressure put Hobart's backs up against the wall. When asked about a rematch, Corcoran just smiled and said, "we've just got to get back there". Corcoran admits, though, that they must not look too far into the future, because they must come back and face a handful of top 10 teams that are all looking to defeat the Shoremen. He is hopeful Colbeck will be back in time for the team's home game this Saturday, when they face top 10 opponent Roanoke College.

The Washington College Baseball Team is still going strong (photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

Lacrosse remains undefeated

by Brett Lankford
Staff writer

The Washington College women's lacrosse team continued to roll over Division III competition this week, winning two games and raising their record to 6-0. The Shorewomen overwhelmed Dickinson University and Western Maryland as they managed to maintain their undefeated record. The two wins were also the team's first two conference victories of this young season.

The team's first victory of the week came in a home game against Dickinson. The Shorewomen turned this game into a romp quickly, scoring seven goals in the first half while holding Dickinson scoreless. Dickinson only scored one goal in the game, and that came at the end of the second half. Sarah Coste scored early and often in the game. Coste got Washington College off to a flying start with the first two goals of the game. She scored four goals on the game and added two assists to lead the Shorewomen to victory.

The Washington College scoring was extremely well-distributed. Jenifer Blenckstone tallied four goals and added two assists, and Amy Tiehel added three goals of her own. Beth Matthews and Donna White registered one goal apiece to close the WC scoring. The Shorewomen outshot Dickinson 29-18 in the game, and the Shorewomen goalkeepers were only called upon to make six saves. Hilgartner's performance in goal was assisted by a superb effort from her defense.

Western Maryland was the next victim for the potent Shorewomen squad. This game was played at Westminster, and it was one of the closer games of this young season for the Washington College women. The Shorewomen still managed to win convincingly by a score of 12-7 to earn their second consecutive Middle Atlantice Conference victory.

The women played very well both offensively and defensively against Western Maryland. Six different Shorewomen scored in the contest, led by three goals apiece from Coste and Margaret Doyle. Carole Reece and Sam Clements each tallied two goals of their own, while Jenifer Blenckstone added a goal and two assists. Defensively, the Shorewomen were led by a stellar performance from Kristy Hilgartner in goal. She consistently frustrated Western Maryland's offense, and she was credited with ten saves for the game. Many of Hilgartner's saves came at crucial points of the game and enabled Washington College to maintain a comfortable lead.

The success of this year's team has mainly been an all-around effort. Coste and Blenckstone have been the offensive leaders for WC, while Beth Matthews and goalie Kristy Hilgartner have spearheaded the defense. Still, the team's strength is mostly their overall balance and their brilliant team play.

The Shorewomen have non-conference games scheduled against Salisbury State and Muhlenberg this week, then play an important home game against Johns Hopkins on Thursday, April 12 at 4:00. Hopkins should be Washington College's toughest conference opponent, and the winner of this game could very possibly take control of the Middle Atlantic Conference.

Tennis powerhouses prove too much for women's tennis

by Brett Lankford
Staff writer

The women's tennis team ran into a brick wall this past week, facing Division I opponent American and Division III powerhouse Trenton State. The two teams defeated the Shorewomen, who played good tennis but were no match for the more talented teams. The two losses dropped the Shorewomen's record to 4-6.

The trip to American University proved to be a frustrating one for the Shorewomen. The team managed only one singles victory, and they were swept in the doubles competition. Miriam Dittman captured the team's only win, a 6-4,6-0 victory from the #3 singles position. Top Shorewomen netter Tracy Peel lost to American's top seed, but played well in a grueling match. The first set went to a tiebreaker, which Peel lost 16-14. She bounced back to win a tiebreaker of her own in the next set, but she ran out of gas and dropped the last set 6-1. American thoroughly dominated the rest of the singles competition, giving up only four games in their other three wins.

The Shorewomen did not fare much better in doubles competition. Miriam Dittman/Rachael Rice lost their match in straight sets, while the tandem of Tina Lennon and Jennifer Sloan lost an 8-5 pro set in their match. Peel and Monica Blanco were unable to complete their match due to darkness.

This darkness remained over the Shorewomen in their next match against Trenton State. This was also a difficult match for the Washington College women. Trenton State's program was ranked fourth nationally in Division III, and they showed why on this day. The Shorewomen were swept in singles and earned only one victory in doubles as they went down to their second straight defeat.

All but one of the singles losses went in straight sets. Tracy Peel was once again a participant in an exciting three set match. This time, Peel was facing Juli Harvanik, the third ranked player in Division III tennis. It was Peel's victory over Harvanik in 1989 that catapulted the Shorewomen netter into the national rankings. Although Peel did not win this match, she did put up quite a fight. She captured the second set tiebreaker after losing the first set, but dropped the last set by a score of 6-2.

The team's only victory came from a very likely source - the tandem of Peel and Monica Blanco. The WC duo faced Harvanik and Tracy Prasa, the #8 ranked doubles team in Division III. Peel and Blanco had also defeated the Trenton State doubles team in 1989, and the victory had earned them both a national ranking and a berth in the national tournament. Lightning struck twice for the Shorewomen on this day, as the Peel/Blanco combination were able to take a three-set victory from the Trenton State duo.

Despite the two tough losses, coach Holly Bramble must have been pleased with her team's performance. At the same time, Bramble and her players developed an understanding of how far they will have to go before they can be considered a perennial national powerhouse. The team's past few matches have been postponed due to rain, but they head to Salisbury State on Monday for the first of three matches in four days. Home matches against Goucher and Elizabethtown follow on Tuesday and Thursday, respectively. The Shorewomen hope to be able to overcome their recent defeats and return to their winning ways.

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SPORTS

Men's tennis continues to roll through spring season

by Brett Lankford
Staff writer

Fred Wyman and his men's tennis team are on a roll. They have continued their winning ways, taking three straight matches to raise their record to 11-1. Their victories this week included a tight match against Division I foe American University. The Shoremen then proceeded to destroy Division III opponents Ursinus and Trenton State. Recently the team has fallen victim to bad weather, postponing their big home match with second-ranked Swarthmore.

The third-ranked Shoremen had their hands full on March 27 as they traveled to Washington D.C. for their match against American. Coach Wyman's netters worked themselves into a 4-2 deficit after the singles matches were completed, but then swept the doubles matches in impressive fashion to capture the victory.

Larry Gewer lost his singles match in three sets, dropping the final set to American's Jay Merchant by a score of 6-4. Scott Read supported his high singles ranking by overwhelming AU's #2 player 6-2,6-1. Unfortunately, the Shoremen only managed one other singles victory. Alberto Diaz was able to come back from a one set deficit to win 2-6,6-0,6-2.

The team's doubles play earned the netters their victory. The Shoremen won all three of their doubles matches in straight sets, led by Read and Gewer. WC's top ranked duo defeated American's top doubles team by a score of 6-2,6-1. Peter Maller and Roman Inochovsky combined to win their doubles match 6-2,6-4, while Diaz and Scott Shepherd only gave up two games in their win. The Shoremen's doubles accomplishments gave WC a 5-4 victory and improved their record to 9-1.

The next match for the Shoremen proved to be far uted singles victories to the team's cause. The Shoremen also dominated doubles play, giving up only five games on their way to a 9-0 victory over Ursinus.

The road trip continued the next day as the WC netters made their way up to Trenton State College. The Shoremen continued their impressive play against the Lions, dropping only one singles match on their win to their eleventh win. Gewer defeated Trenton State's top seed in straight sets, while Read took three sets to bump off the opponent's #2 seed. Diaz played the toughest and most exciting singles match of the day. While competing as the #5 seed, Diaz played an excruciating three set match. He managed to win the last set 12-10 in a tiebreaker to raise his singles record to 20-5.

Washington College also swept the doubles matches from Trenton State. Gewer and Read only lost five games in their straight set victory over the Lions' top ranked doubles team. Maller and Shepherd took three sets to earn their win, while Diaz and Bohutinsky also performed well in their victory.

The Shoremen netters now face the toughest part of their spring schedule. Their home match against Swarthmore could be the team's biggest challenge of the season. Swarthmore's team includes a powerful 1-2 combination that could cause problems for Gewer and Read. After this challenge, Washington College hosts a home match against Millersville and Rutgers-Newark this Saturday. Their week's activities continue with a match at West Chester on Wednesday, April 11. This series of matches could prove to be the big test for a very successful Shoremen tennis squad.

Baseball surprises their doubters

by Brett Lankford
Staff writer

After finishing last season with a frustrating 7-14 record, the Washington College baseball team was not expected to be one of the top teams in their conference. Therefore, their 3-2 record early in the season has been a pleasant boost to Shoremen athletics and their supporters. The team has played excellent defense this season, and that was expected. The team's most pleasant surprise has been their .323 batting average. Three members of the WAC are presently hitting over .400, and the Shoremen have managed to draw an astounding 43 walks from opposing pitchers.

The Shoremen's season is presently being washed away by the lovely weather of Chestertown in April. Two doubleheaders have been postponed due to inclement weather, and the Shoremen have not played a game in over a week. As a result of this series of postponements, Washington College has yet to play a Middle Atlantic Conference opponent.

The team's last games came in a doubleheader against Western Maryland on March 28. The Shoremen managed to split the doubleheader and remain above .500. The first game of the doubleheader proved to be a high-scoring affair, with WC winning by a score of 16-10. Although he was pitching without his best stuff, Chris Long still ran his record to 2-0 with the win. Grame Wildman pitched the next game, and he was the hard luck loser in a 4-3 game. Wildman scattered five hits in seven innings and struck out three, but the offense was never able to get in gear. The Shoremen managed a threat in the bottom of the seventh, but they left the tying runner on third to end the game.

Along with his 2-0 record, Chris Long is also batting .455 for the Shoremen. Hal McBee and Matt Giller are both hitting at a .444 clip, and McBee leads the team with 9 runs batted in. Washington College baseball has outscored their opponents 50-33 so far this season. That statistic alone is an indication of the team's offensive firepower as well as their superior defensive ability.

This offensive explosion by the Shoremen has come as a surprise to most people. Before the season, coach Ed Athey said that the team's main strengths were defense and experienced pitching. Athey suggested that the team's suspect hitting would have to come through if the Shoremen were to make a big turnaround in the MAC standings. The team's offensive success could be an indication of good things yet to come for coach Athey's team.

The Shoremen have a doubleheader at Swarthmore this weekend, then begin to prepare for their showdown against perennial Division III baseball power Johns Hopkins. The two teams meet in a doubleheader on Saturday, April 14 at Washington College, in an important matchup for the Shoremen. Any victories in the Hopkins doubleheader would show just how Washington College baeball has progressed since last year.

O's have potential to relive '89

by Brett Lankford
Staff writer

It's now officially major league baseball season. Despite obvious efforts by Donald Fehr and Chuck O'Connor to ruin April for baseball fans around the country, the national pastime has returned. The baseball gods have already granted us our first wish. Brent Musburger will not be doing play-by-play for CBS this summer. Brent has announced that he will take some time off and get away from the world of sports for a while. My guess is we'll see him at a ball game within a couple of weeks, wearing a "John 3:16" shirt and sitting next to Elvis.

At this time last year, most Oriole fans were almost dreading the start of the season. The question was not what place the Orioles would finish in, but if they would win a game in the month of April. Eddie Murray was gone, Rick Schu was still with the team, and the Orioles were hoping to scratch out a couple of wins with fundamentals and defense. Things looked bleak at Memorial Stadium.

What a difference a year makes. It's now 1990, and Oriole fans are springing up out of the woodworks. People are having to order tickets months in advance to even have a chance at getting seats behind a pole for a Thursday night game against the Seattle Mariners. Everyone is eating Froot Loops. Basically, Baltimore is going completely nuts. After the team's amazing performance last season, talk of a pennant is spreading through the area like wildfire.

Admittedly, last year's team put the fun back in Oriole baseball. The 1989 team played with more enthusiasm and heart than any other Baltimore ball club in recent memory. Who couldn't love the devastating curve ball and the clutch performances of Gregg Olson? Has anyone ever seen so many brilliant diving catches by a group of outfielders? What could this 1990 Oriole team possibly do for an encore? They have a tough act to follow.

Still, the team does have a shot at making a run for the American League East title. Their starting pitching is laced with promising, young talent. Bob Milacki was dazzling the last two months of the season, and he has pitched well so far this year. Pete Harnisch has slimmed down and is loaded with ability, and Ben McDonald is supposed to be this year's version of Gregg Olson. It will be difficult for Jeff Ballard to ever match his accomplishments from last year, especially after rotator cuff surgery. Dave Johnson and Jay Tibbs should battle for the fifth spot in the Oriole rotation. Olson will once again be the anchor for the bullpen. Mark Williamson will again be the setup man for Olson, although he may also have problems living up to last year's stats.

Once again, the team's fielding is expected to be a strong point. Phil Bradley, Steve Finley, Mike Devereaux and Brady Anderson are some of the best defensive outfielders this organization has ever seen. Cal Ripken should have won the Gold Glove last year, and he is the club's anchor up the middle. Bill Ripken can field, if nothing else, while Worthington and Milligan are excellent fielders on the corners.

Offense will continue to be the main concern. The team's hitting has not been pretty this spring, and one has to wonder if it is possible for the Orioles to scrap for as many runs and wins as last year. Can Mike Devereaux possibly hit more home runs directly down the left field line? The Orioles are without a left-handed power hitter, putting even more pressure on the likes of Cal Ripken and Mickey Tettleton. There will also be a lot of Birds trying to prove that last season wasn't a fluke. Hitting is the team's only real question mark.

Oriole fans will be expecting a lot from their Baltimore ballclub this season. This probably isn't fair, but it's only natural. After last year's excitement, people are hoping for a similar performance this year. Fans should try to remember that this is still a team in the process of rebuilding, regardless of last year's feats. The 1990 Orioles could make a run at the pennant, or they could finish somewhere in the middle of the pack. No matter what, things will be interesting at Baltimore's Memorial Stadium this summer.

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Larrabee's WW II photos kick off dedication

Constance Stuart Larrabee's work, "World War II Photo Journal," will be on exhibit through April 19 in the new Creative Arts Center.
(photo by Constance Stuart Larrabee)

by Amy Klamberg

The Constance Stuart Larrabee Arts Center officially opens this Saturday, April 7 at 1 PM. The festivities will commence with remarks from several distinguished members of the Creative Arts Community: Dr. Anne-Imelda Radice, Chief of the Division of the Creative Arts for the US Information Agency; Jane Livingston, author and curator; and the Pulitzer Prize winning poet Richard Wilbur.

Members of the Washington College administration and major contributors to the remodeling project will participate in these opening statements as well.

After the subsequent presentation of the keys to the building by Christian Havemeyer, Chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, and after the ribbon cutting by President Douglass Cater, there will be a tour of the building and a reception immediately following.

The first exhibition to be hung on the walls of the new building is the "Constance Stuart Larrabee: World War II Photo Journal." The artist and the College have had a longstanding relationship, culminating in her founding of the Washington College Friends of the Arts in 1982, which has lasted for almost forty years. Larrabee, who has lived in Chestertown since 1950, has developed a special affinity for Washington College and its students over the years.

The dedicatory exhibit of Larrabee's captivating WW II photographs made its debut last fall at the National Museum of Women in the Arts in D.C.; after it leaves the campus on April 17, the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Services (SITES) will circulate the exhibit nationally until 1995.

Larrabee's show depicts the range of human emotions experienced by the men and women behind the lines during WW II and captures the sense of "renewal and regeneration" with the subsequent liberation of Europe at the war's close.

In the preface of the exhibit catalog, Dr. Anne-Imelda Radice explains, "She relied on her camera, rationed film and her wits to produce a series of photographs that documents the suffering, as well as the humanity, she witnessed during her time with the allied armies."

The photographs displayed exemplify Larrabee's attention to detail and clarity in her composition, and her method of combining straight reporting with a psychological, humanistic approach, a bridging of the documentary and fine arts genres.

This special dedicatory exhibit, the opening day activities and the remodeling project itself would not have been made possible without the interaction of students, faculty and the Chestertown community. Larrabee, in reaction to this impressive cooperative effort, notes "This project shows what a generous-minded community is able to accomplish."

The chief benefactors of the building were Constance Stuart Larrabee, Lynette Morgan Nielson and Mrs. John Campbell White, whose gifts were matched by the State of Maryland. Mr. Ed Nielson, son of the late Lynette Morgan Nielson and co-chairman of the Friends of the Arts Committee, aided in raising money to equip the new building.

The committee played a major role in drawing support from across the Eastern Shore and from friends of the College in other states.

Substantial contributors, as Charter Members of the Larrabee Arts Center, will be commemorated by having their names engraved on a permanant plaque to be hung in the Center on April 17.

Students and faculty of WC have worked diligently to prepare the building and exhibit for opening day. The Art Department was responsible for attaining and setting up the new "state of the art" equipment that makes the Center distinctive, such as the new "central module" or studio. The Larrabee exhibit will be followed by the annual students art show.

Students like Dan Helgerman who helped hang much of the Larrabee exhibit, Deb Kulich, who repaired labels and text panels for the show and Vicco von Voss, who helped in much of the refurbishing of old equipment, have been crucial in preparing for opening day. Special Events Coordinator Marshall Williams expects a big turnout of students and alumni for this exciting ribbon cutting ceremony.

The effects of this new addition to the campus are already being felt with the increased enrollment in art classes since the beginning of the spring semester. "It is rewarding to see the building alive with enthusiastic students," says an excited Larrabee in reaction to this increased interest in the arts.

The Arts Center project marks the near completion of the administration's Master Plan for fundraising to increase student assistance and improve facilities.

Campus Calendar: April 6-12

Friday, April 6

Professor of Psychology at Temple University Ralph Kosnow will discuss "The Psychology of Rumor" in a talk sponsored by the Psychology Department to be held at 4 PM in Dunning Lecture Hall.

Spike Lee's controversial *Do the Right Thing* will be shown by the WC Film Series in the Norman James Theater at 7:30 PM. Admission is $1 for students, faculty and staff; $2 for all others. Also showing Sunday, April 8 and Monday, April 9.

Christopher Durang's *Baby with the Bathwater* will be performed by the WC Drama Department in Tawes Theater of the Gibson Fine Arts Center at 8 PM. Admission is free, and tickets can be reserved by phoning ext. 269. Also showing Saturday, April 7 at 8 PM. Early arrival is recommended for both show dates.

Saturday, April 7

An All-Alumni Picnic will be held in the William Smith Parking lot at 12 noon.

The dedication of the Constance Stuart Larrabee Arts Center begins at 1 PM in the William Smith parking lot with the guests: Dr. Anne-Imelda Radice, of the US Information Agency; Jane Livington, author and curator; and Richard Wilbur, Pulitzer Prizewinner in Poetry (1957 and 1989). Tours and a reception will follow, and Constance Stuart Larrabee's "World War II Photo Journal" will be on exhibit in the Center.

Sunday, April 8

The Music Department presents The Washington College Early Music Consort in the Norman James Theater at 4 PM.

Tuesday, April 10

"Strategy for Success and Meeting the Challenges of Maryland's First District," a presentation by Congressman Roy P. Dyson will begin at 7:30 PM in the Norman James Theater.

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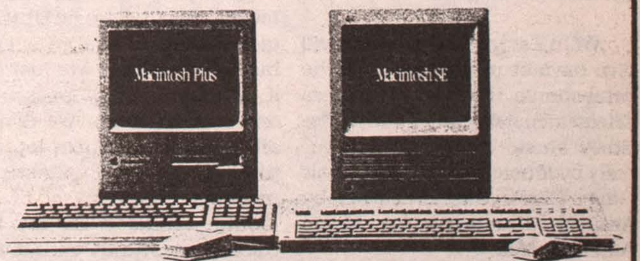

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Congressman Dyson on MD's First District:

confronting issues facing Eastern Shore farmers and watermen

by Jennifer Del Nero
Staff writer

Congressman Roy P. Dyson (D-MD), currently serving his fifth congressional term and enjoying a break from the headlines, visits Washington College's campus Tuesday night to discuss "Strategy for Success: Meeting the Challenges of Maryland's First District" in a lecture presented by the William James Forum.

Focusing on the plight of farmers in Maryland's First District, which includes the Eastern Shore and southern Maryland, Dyson explains that farming is "part of what makes this country great," adding, "it's time we start thinking about farming, particularly with the situation is Eastern Europe, which I believe directly relates to what could happen in our own country."

Presently, Dyson and the Agricultural Committee on which he serves is in the middle of putting together a farm bill. Emphasizing the volatility of the current farming situation, Dyson points out that the average farmer in the US is 55 and that less than 2 percent of the entire population is actually engaged in farming, according to his statistics. These figures, he believes, prove that farming is "an important issue that should be debated everywhere in our country."

In reference to the type of representation the First District requires, Dyson says what must be foremost in the delegate's mind is the "unique rural nature of the Eastern Shore. The fact should never be overlooked that the protectors of our environment are farmers and watermen."

According to Dyson, "We haven't paid enough attention to what they've [farmers and watermen] done," calling attention to the fact that these workers have been criticized for what some people deem the abuse of the environment.

As a member of Congress, Dyson's responsibilities include participation on committees. He chairs the Panama Canal Outer Continental Shelf Subcommittee, and regards the current situation as "probably one of the most volatile periods in the relationship between us and Panama."

Dyson, who is recognized as a conservative Democrat, also serves on the Armed Services Committee and has secured popularity on the shore by actively pursuing defense contracts for the First District, which is home to the Aberdeen weapons proving grounds and the Patuxent River Naval Air Test Center.

At one point, there was a move to close the proving grounds in Aberdeen, one of the state's largest employers, but Dyson and his committee fought to make sure that didn't happen and even upgraded the facility, an accomplishment of which Dyson says he is "justifiably proud."

Yet in the past there have been a number of incidents coloring Dyson's political career, most recently the suicide of his aide and long-time friend, Tom Pappas.

Hours after the Washington Post ran a front-page story charging Pappas with the misuse of campaign funds and the demanding of personal loyalty and time on male aides, Pappas jumped from the 24th story of the Helmsley Palace Hotel in New York to his death.

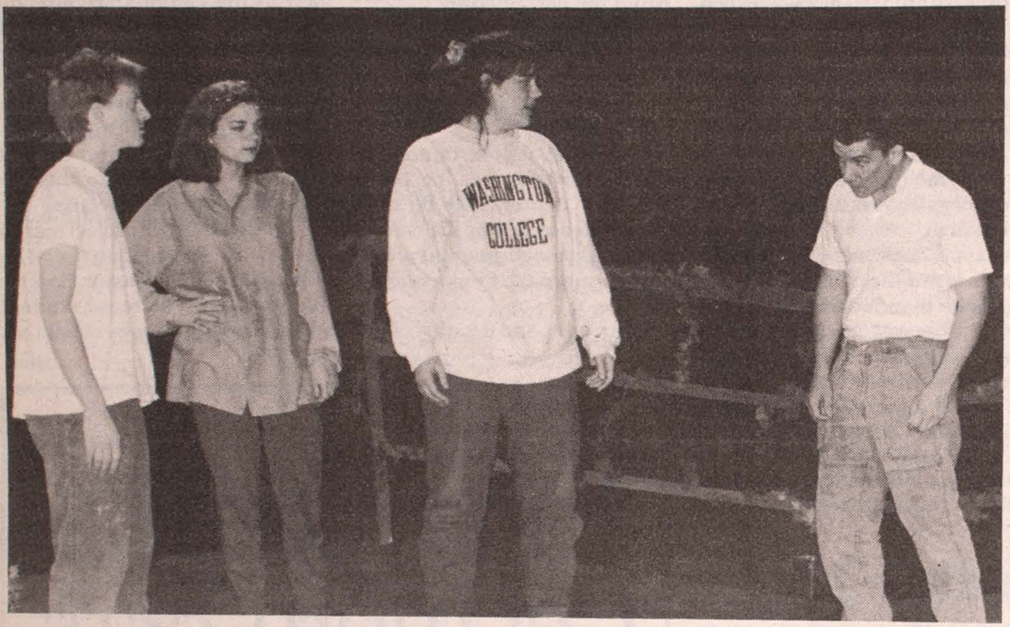
It was reported that Maryland Republicans had requested the Federal Election Commission to review Dyson's campaign finances after newspapers disclosed that money which was reported as payment to other aides actually went to Pappas.

Dyson's own actions were also investigated, along with William Chappell (D-FL), for accepting free flights on the Unisys plane by way of Charles Gardner in return for political favors involving defense contracting. Gardner controlled the airplane service used to fly Congress members to Great Neck, NY, the location of Unisys' Surveillance & Fire Control Division. It was suspected that the plane was used to transport members to other places around the nation besides Great Neck. Both men denied the charge, and nothing came of the investigation.

When the Baltimore Sun reported that he accepted a $2000 honorarium for speaking at an Oshkosh Corporation event, then on the same day voted in favor of requiring the Army to buy more Oshkosh trucks than it wanted, Dyson's ethics were again questioned. He denied any illegal activity.

Initially elected to Congress in 1980, Dyson began his political career in 1974 upon his election to the state legislature as a delegate. Before the onset of his political career, Dyson was a lumber company executive with a family-owned business in Great Falls, MD.

Dyson, who attended both the University of Baltimore and the University of Maryland and was awarded an honorary degree from the U. of MD, Eastern Shore in May of 1988, will begin his talk on Maryland's First District at 7:30 PM in the Norman James Theater. This event is free and open to the public.



WC's Drama Department presents Christopher Durang's *Baby with the Bathwater* tonight and Sat. night at 8 in Tawes Theater of the Gibson Fine Arts Center. Admission is free, but seating is limited. Tickets can be reserved by phoning ext. 269. *(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)*

WC's Early Music Consort

by Bruce Hamilton

WC's Early Music Consort will give its last performance of the semester in the Norman James Theater Sunday at 4 PM. The Early Music Consort is led vocally by Music Department Chair Garry Clarke and musically by Associate Professor of Music Amzie Parcell.

The performance will begin and end with vocal pieces with the instrumentals mixed together in the middle.

Included in the vocal consort is the work of Richard Farrant. The instrumentalists will perform works by Claude LeJeune, Salamone Rossi and Handel.

Some of the students are taking other classes which require participation in a group, but many of them are just doing it, as Clarke says, "for fun." As one student says, "We don't really practice a whole lot, we're just well-trained. Clarke is a great conductor."

The students in the vocal consort are : Kate Bennett, Chris Bromer, Kim Buckheit, Cindy Croot, Jim Doran, Drew Elburn, Pam Flemke, Brent Hopkins, Laura Hopper, Karyn Iacangelo, Denise LaRue, Chris Martin, Jennifer Mauser, Kyndra Ponder, Justin Scout, Mike Sell, Mike Tyson, and John White.

The Instrumental Consort consists of: Jen Eisberg, Pat Koch, Jennifer Strickney, Sally McGee, Dianna Holden, Melissa Sirick, Greg Hickman, William and Elizabeth Parcell as well as Amzie Parcell, the director. The consort promises to be a good show, and attendance is encouraged. This event is free and open to the public.

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Wednesday, April 11

The Spanish Club sponsors a Latin American Dance Workshop in the Coffee House, where from 8-9:30 professional dance instructors will demonstrate and teach dances including the lambada, mambo and merengue.

Thursday, April 12

The Committee on African-American Culture presents "The Harlem Renaissance" by Calvin Forbes in the O'Neill Literary House at 4:30 PM.

MARCH

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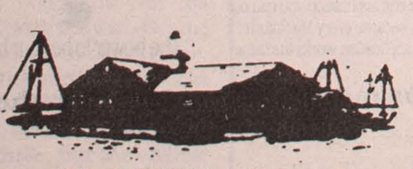

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How will Washington College do it?

One college's plan for increasing minority enrollment

By Jeanne DeQuine
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BOCA RATON, Fla. — In the student center at Florida Atlantic University, Gerolyn Shapiro leans against a post and contemplates the school's announcement this month that tuition will be free to any black student who is accepted.

"I think that it's derogatory toward both whites and blacks in general,"said Shapiro, a 1989 graduate who now teaches in an inner-city school. "I couldn't have gotten a scholarship."

In a fresh effort to increase enrollment at the little-known university just a sun-drenched mile from the ocean, FAU officials said they will offer free tuition to any black student enrolling in September.

Only the University of Maryland offers anything similar, and FAU's announcement this month won praise from the United Negro College Fund, the Education Department and the local community.

James Spear, special assistant to university President Anthony Catanese, said businesses in nearby Palm Beach and Broward counties volunteered money for a scholarship fund.

"The black community, the Chamber and the Urban League said, 'Don't be concerned about raising additional money,' " Spear said. "We were really pleased."

FAU, with 11,278 students, is trying to increase enrollment, particularly black enrollment.

This year's freshmen class of 359 has 28 black students. For this fall, FAU officials hope to attract 42 blacks in a projected freshman class of 550.

Tuition is $1,350 a year for state residents. The offer generated hundreds of phone calls to the university as well as a broad campus debate. Questions arose about the possibility that white students were suffering discrimination.

"It's obvious there are not black students here," said junior Amy Niergarth, 27, a communications major. "I think it's a great idea."

Junior Michael Jenkins, 22, an ocean engineering major, said the offer "will make a difference" on campus but, "it's probably a form of tokenism."

"There are students who see it as a free ride for (black) students," said senior Matt Hollander, 22. The communications major decried what he called misinformation. "The scholarship fund was set up so that more black students could come to the school."

To be admitted to FAU, students must carry a 3.0 high school grade average and score at least 1,000 total on the Scholastic Aptitude Test. FAU's current freshman class has a 3.5 grade average and 1,050 SAT score.

The sprawling flatlands on which FAU sits was once a World War II Army Air base. The state bought the land in the late 1950s, and FAU opened in 1964 following a large local fund-raising campaign. Most students commute; the average age is 26.

"We have a lot of 30-year-old students walking around here with outside jobs," said school spokesman Doug Applebaugh.

The school has basketball and baseball teams, a jai alai club and, naturally, a surf club — but no football.

Undergraduate studies are offered in 64 fields, master's degree programs in 44 areas and doctoral disciplines in 12 areas; its strengths are its engineering and business schools.

Scholarships are available for up to six years of study; FAU offers nearly $1 million in scholarships annually.

The latest offer "is an expansion of what we have been doing," said FAU spokesman Eddie Bartholomew. "It's not a totally new program."

"It's a tremendous program," said Education Department spokesman Rodger Murphey. "It helps some of the underprivileged citizens get an opportunity."

"We applaud the efforts," said Adrienne Rhodes of the United Negro College Fund.

Scholarships available to minority students include the Minority Educations Achievement Award, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship and the Minority Freshmen Students in Science and Engineering.

(DeQuine is a freelance writer based in Miami.)

Florida Atlantic University

One of eight state schools in the Sunshine State, Florida Atlantic University has offered free tuition this fall to all black freshmen. A few facts about the school:

Student population:	11,278
Current freshman class:	359
Black freshmen:	28, or 7.8 percent
Fall 1990 freshman class:	550
Fall 1990 black freshmen:	42, or 7.6 percent.
Annual tuition:	$1,350 for state residents.

Source: GNS research

Frank Pompa, Gannett News Service

The Wittenberg Review gives WC a chance

Washington College is one of 87 leading liberal arts colleges and universities in the U.S. whose students will have the opportunity to be published in the first national, undergraduate, interdisciplinary journal of college writing.

The Wittenberg Review: An Undergraduate Journal of the Liberal Arts will be published twice each year by Wittenberg University. The journal will present some of the finest research and creative writing produced by students at many of the country's best liberal arts colleges.

Students at Washington may consult with department chairpersons about submissions to the journal.

Emphasis will be given to writing that displays knowledge of more than one academic discipline, and which deals with topics that are interdisciplinary.

In addition to research in the academic disciplines, some creative writing will be accepted, such as poems, short stories, one-act plays and librettos.

The journal is purposely being introduced at a time when undergraduate writing is being assailed by critics.

"This is an effort to show that something is being done to enhance the visibility of good writing by today's college students," said Wittenberg President William A. Kinnison.

Each issue will present approximately 12 works, and will run about 125 pages in length. A first issue printing will be 10 thousand copies.

Distribution will be mainly to university libraries and bookstores, university faculties and students, educational foundations, and high school counselors.

Editing the publication is Dr. Richard P. Veler, professor of English and university editor at Wittenberg. Dr. Barbara A. Flajnik, associate professor of mathematics, is business manager.

"We shall offer students the possibility to be published in a high-quality journal with a professional format and a nationally-recognized editorial board," Veler said.

A second objective is to influence students who could choose to become future writers, teachers of writing, and professors of literature and the humanities.

Serving as editorial board members are some of the nation's leading scholars and writers representing a variety of academic disciplines and careers.

They are David M. Bevington, Phyllis Fay Horton Professor in the Humanities at the University of Chicago; Eleanor Clift, Congressional and political correspondent for Newsweek magazine; Robert Coles, professor of psychiatry and medical humanities at Harvard University; Benjamin DeMott, professor of English at Amherst College; Gretchen M. Handwerger, special assistant to the senior vice president, policy planning and research, The World Bank.

Martin E. Marty, Fairfax M. Cone Distinguished Professor at the University of Chicago; Arthur E. Miller, Bruce Bromley Professor at Harvard Law School; Sheldon Rothblatt, professor of history and director of the center for the study of Higher Education at the University of California, Berkeley; Frank Tirro, professor of music at Yale University; and Lynn Arthur Steen, professor of mathematics at St. Olaf College.

Fifty professors around the country who are experts in their fields will serve as referees, joining Veler and editorial board members in judging submissions.

Over 80 leading liberal arts colleges, with geographic distribution across the country, have been solicited for manuscripts, along with some larger schools that are noted for outstanding liberal arts teaching.

West Hall dinner

by Patricia Karnes

To continue the festive atmosphere of the Celebration of the Sciences, the residents of West Hall recently planned and coordinated a dinner to do some celebrating of their own.

The informal dinner, attended by West Hall residents, science faculty, and administrators was held on March 7th in the basement of West Hall. At the dinner, the residents introduced their guests to their dorm library and proudly displayed its Wall of Fame.

The Wall of Fame is a dedicated to those alumni and past faculty who have contributed in one way or another to the College's science students and the science community. It includes portraits of Phil Wingate, Ted Kurze, Alonzo Decker, George Avery Bunting, Ralph Snyderman, Joseph McLain, Edward Schulman, William O. Baker, and Monica Jarmer.

By the end of the semester, a portrait of Dunning will also be placed on the Wall of Fame.

Dr. Kathleen Verville, who is West Hall's advisor said, "We are proud to have West Hall as part of our campus. It provides an atmosphere that is conducive to study and enhances the interactions between science students. The dinner was a great success, and I hope the first of many to come. We all felt as though we were part of a big family."

The most obvious difference between West Hall and other dorms is that the students who live in West Hall have different needs and priorities than students of other dorms.

According to Heather Scholtz, a resident of the building, "Living in West Hall is an invaluable experience. I find it advantageous living with people who are all striving for the same goal: to be successful in the final frontier. In other words, to pass organic!"

SAC reviews proposed Honor Code revisions

by Kyndra Ponder

The much-publicized Honor Code Committee has received the proposed Honor Code revisions from the Student Affairs Committee (SAC). The SAC has questions about two aspects of the new code.

The first point of the proposed honor code that the SAC would like to see change is enforcement. The proposed code, as it exist now, includes "first offense, social probation: second offense, suspension from the College: and third offense, expulsion from the College."

The SAC, according to Bill Kerbin, Chairman of the SGA's honor code committee, feels that enforcement should be more flexible.

The SAC also has serious reservations about the fact that students will be responsible for reporting the violations of other students under the proposed revisions. According to Kerbin, the SAC feels that the Honor Code "would put students in awkward positions."

Kerbin will be making revisions and will submit them to the SAC before the end of the school year. He welcomes input from the general student population.

Concerned students can feel free to contact him at 778-9176 or through Student Mail.

Special projects update

by Jennifer Gilday

Clint Baer, Director of Planning and Special Projects, has recently represented the student interests to the administration in advocating a resolution to the cable issue. However, he says, there is more involved than "wiring a few cables together."

Last year, students were outraged over the cable issue due to memos that posed the administration's "right" to decide what students should watch on television. Nevertheless, according to Baer, the deans still believe they will have to agree on whether or not they should even allow cable on campus.

In the meantime a task force, set up to investigate all concerned aspects, must decide if other various alternatives are worth the expense.

One of the alternatives is the satellite dish. It has been discovered that attaining the needed service is more complicated than previously thought. For example, the faculty wants a satellite dish that will enable them to pick up even more extensive programs such as German, Spanish or French programs.

Because of such complications, more reviews are needed before any decisions will be reached.

Whatever are the conclusions, says Baer, it will "most likely be next year before anything is chosen and it will be expensive."

The fire lane construction that was begun last semester has been completed, except for the staircase near the library. In two weeks, Baer stated, landscaping will begin and he requests that students stay off the muddy areas as new grass will be planted this month. New brick pathways should be adequate to assist the students.

The PCB leak that had students concerned earlier this school year is no longer a problem. Over spring break, transformers were cleaned. All violations have been corrected and the school is now in full compliance with EPA regulations.

The Student Union, included in the renovations of the Hodson Hall basement, will be completed on the outside by mid-April. Plans for the inside, however are not yet complete. For example, the snack bar designs still have to be finished and the decor remains a major decision.

SGA President Stuart Neiman will be taking a survey in the next few weeks to find out what the students want for the decor.

Clint Baer says that it is on a good schedule and will be completed next fall.

Wirth

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bill concerning the environment he is going to try to get passed through Congress.

He also has a population bill he wants to see passed. The population bill deals with planned parenthood. This type of bill has not been seriously introduced for quite a while, but now that the cold war is over he says we need to turn our attention to the population and the environment.

Population bills indirectly affect what has been the most controversial issue this past decade—abortion. Wirth hopes that with more planned parenting and professional guidance programs the rate of abortions will decrease. This decrease would not only be because of planned parenting, but also due to programs educating youth about birth control, which would decreaase the need for abortions considerably.

Senator Wirth is a graduate of Harvard and holds a Ph.D. degree from Stanford University. He served as a White House Fellow under President Lyndon Johnson, during which time he met and became friends with President Douglass Cater. Senator Wirth has been a US Congressman for six terms.

Library

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college systems. Computers are set up in the library and in the computing center for this purpose. Disinfecting prevents viruses that can damage the computers.

A Mac II has been placed in the library for the student assistants. There is also an ID card reader there so that track can be kept of disc circulation. The Mac II is reserved for the student assistants when they are in the library. During other times, any student may use it.

These two students will be employed for this semester. The administration will continue it next semester and onward if the program is successful.

"We needed someone knowledgeable available for the students who are working with the computers in the library. We can't expect the students who work at the front desk to be computer experts as well," stated Tubbs.

MOM'S COOKIE JAR

Here are a couple of fascinating facts I thought might interest you. Bananas are frequently mentioned as a food high in potassium, but potatoes actually contain nearly twice as much. One large banana has 450 milligrams of potassium, while a large baked potato with its skin contains about 850 milligrams. The skin of the potato alone has about 235 milligrams of potassium.

Saltwater fish are generally no higher in sodium than freshwater fish. Fish have an internal regulatory system that prevents their flesh from taking up sodium from the water. How about that?

Hoped you all enjoyed dinner Wednesday. I heard many favorable responses about the food show. The Italian Chicken Fingers seem to be a real favorite with everyone. Thanks to all of you who filled out the questionaire. And a special thanks to Mike Rogers and T. Furr & Company for all their assistance with the show.

Next Wednesday, April 4th, we will be featuring a Tyson Food Show. There will also be a Schwinn bicycle given away that evening, at 6:00P.M. More on how you can win the bicycle will appear in the Dining Hall beginning Sunday.

Congratulations to Mr. Howard Schultz for being selected W.C.D.S. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH for February. Way to go Mr. Howard!!!

A special note to the LAX team... if you are going to be late arriving for dinner, give us a call. I hate to see you guys come in after the meal has ended and not be able to get a hot meal. If you could give us some notice we would be more than glad to hold dinner for you.

Well, I guess that is it for another week. Until next time...................MOM

DO THE *RIGHT* THING

April 9, 1990
(2 hrs.)

Vibrant, skillful, humane and reckless, Spike Lee's third movie (after *She's Gotta Have It* and *School Daze*) is a charged account of the hottest day of the year on a block in Brooklyn's largely black Bedford-Stuyvesant section. As the neighborhood regulars surge forward, make jokes, blow off steam and recede into the background, Lee weaves the anecdotes together in a casual structure so that at any one moment we seem to be taking the pulse of the entire neighborhood. The movie's end is an open embrace of violence borne of futility; the detail is funny, moving and complexly imagined. An excellent performance by Danny Aiello as the white owner of the pizza shop on the corner, and memorable appearances by Bill Nunn, Ossie Davis, Ruby Dee and Lee himself playing a laid-back pizza delivery man.

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Changes in housing policy implemented

Underclassmen required to live on campus

by Laura Hopper
Staff writer

In its annual letter on housing, the Washington College Board of Visitors and Governors unveiled a new housing policy which requires freshmen and sophomores to live on campus.

Dated April 6, the letter reads "based on the belief...that the quality of campus life contributes significantly to the total educational experience of our students...the Board affirms that all freshmen and sophomores be required to live on campus. Students, for reasons of primary residence within the greater Chestertown area or medical or other pressing reasons, may make application to the Office of Student Affairs for special exception to this policy."

The new policy came as a surprise to many students who remembered last spring's housing letter.

Last spring, students were warned that a large incoming freshmen class would cause a housing shortage, and that as a result the College would not be able guarantee housing to this years' sophomores and juniors.

The housing crunch never happened, because more students moved off campus than originally anticipated. The sharp decrease in students on campus alarmed the administration.

"We created part of the problem ourselves by anticipating a larger freshman class," admits Dean of Students Maureen McIntire. Fearing a shortage of housing, the deans allowed incoming students to live off campus.

According to McIntire, they were concerned about the numbers of sophomores who had moved off campus. Incoming freshmen who expected a totally residential college were disappointed to find the campus dead, since off campus students, in McIntire's view, tend not to be as involved in on campus activities.

The Board is hoping that having all freshmen and sophomores on campus will improve the quality of life at the College. Freshmen will still be permitted to keep cars on campus, since there is no public transportation from Chestertown to any major metropolitan area.

McIntire hopes that improvements in residence hall maintenance, some possible dorm renovations over the summer, and new meal plan options will make the College a more attractive residence option.

With most major construction projects, such as the College Walk and the Academic Resources Center, nearly completed and additional renovations underway, McIntire praised the patience of the students who have spent a year "living in the middle of a construction site."

While the Board encourages "upperclass students to continue their residential experience on campus," McIntire admits the new policy "may throw us into a situation we can't handle," but strongly believes "freshmen and sophomores are better served by a few years of on campus living." While McIntire expressed distaste for the idea of students being forced to live on campus, "we're not going to lock people into dormitories." She pointed out that if the entire student body wanted to live on campus, the College would be unable to house all of them.

Students who have signed

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Last Saturday April 7 the Constance Stuart Larrabee Creative Arts Center was dedicated. This official opening was marked by a showing of its namesake's war photography.

(photo by Dave Johnson)

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Tuition increase announced

by Susie Mazzullo

Washington College's operating budget for the academic year 1990-91 has recently been approved. Chairman Goldstein and the Board of Visitors and Governors adopted the budget that includes an increase in tuition and room and board.

Tuition will increase $900 to a new total for the year of $11,400. Room rental will increase $100 and full board will increase $200 to bring the new total of room and board for the year up to $4,700. The total amount for students with on campus housing and a full board plan will be $16,100 for the year.

Though President Cater refused to comment in person, a letter from Cater was sent last week to both students and parents explaining the reasons for the tuition increase. While the College has been very successful in raising funds, he states in the letter that there are still a number of additional costs that need to be met. Costs of teaching, health benefits, and academic support programs are only a few.

"The quest for excellence represents a serious challenge," wrote President Cater in the letter.

The money raised from the students' tuition pays two out of every three dollars that is needed to fulfill the budget. The additional one third must be obtained from other sources. Such sources are federal and state grants, corporate and foundation grants, patrons, and a substantial amount from alumni gifts.

This increase in tuition comes directly after an increase for the 1989-90 academic year. Total increases for tuition plus room and board amounted to $1,260 after the operating budget was approved. The grand total for a student with on campus housing and a full meal plan for the 1989-90 academic year was $14,900.

The planning of this budget

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RA salary increase proposal accepted

by Kyndra Ponder

Washington College senior and resident assistant Ryder Daniels has developed a new plan which will bring about "a multi-faceted scale that will eventually bring RA salaries up to a room and board waiver."

In 1982, the student resident assistants at Washington College received a $1000 salary, roughly 44% of the $2500 that it cost to pay for room and board, from the school. Today, RAs receive $1320—about 30% of the $4400 price of room and board.

While the cost of living at WC has risen over 75% over the last 7 years, the salaries for RA's has increased by only about %10, much less than the annual 5.5% increase that other staff members have received.

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EDITORIAL

The 12 to 1 ratio is merely a myth

The 12 to 1 ratio. It's been praised and mythologized ad nauseum, but what does it mean? More importantly, why is it that students of history and English have failed to encounter this fabled and exalted ratio in their classes?

Bluntly put, the ratio is a crock. Oh sure, it looks good if faculty and students are placed on opposite sides of the room. Add them up, do a little division, and voilá—an impressive student-faculty ratio.

If you're looking to see that ratio translate into actual classroom situations, you're bound to be disappointed. In an English class, for example, the ratio is more likely to be 30 to 1.

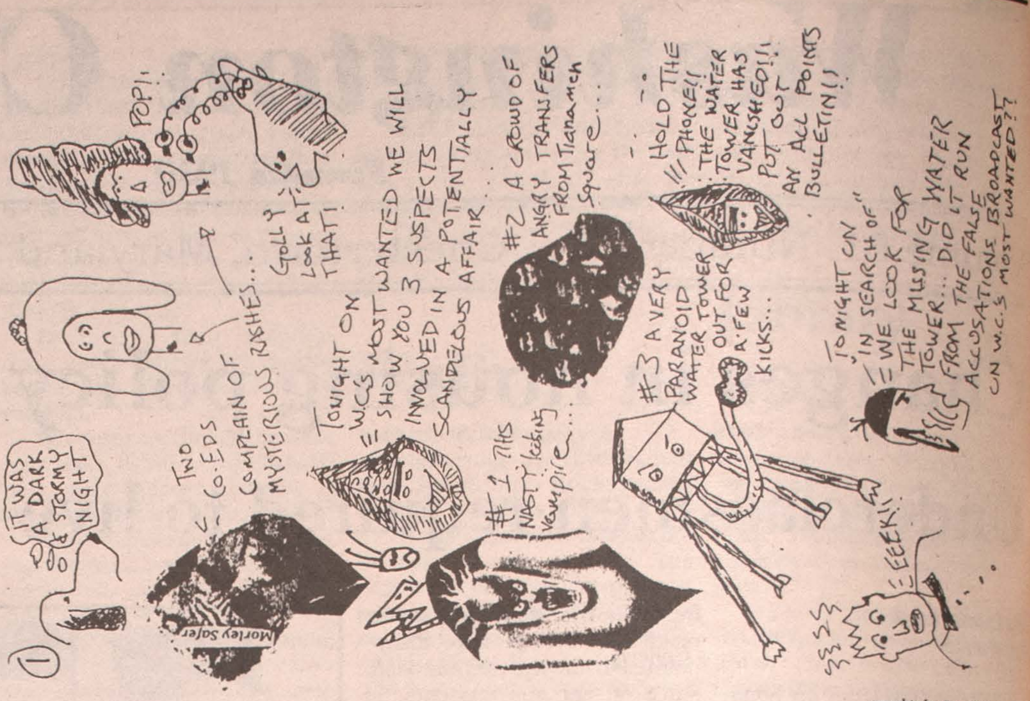
The 12 to 1 ratio isn't exactly false advertising on the College's part, but it is at the very least misleading. The less popular majors—like physics, which will have only one major next year—are what keeps the ratio intact. How many tour guides and Admissions officers are quick to inform eager prospective English majors that classes in that branch of study will not only be enrolled to the hilt, but may actually turn away as many students as they enroll?

If the Celebration of the Sciences achieves its desired results, it will become a party without a host. That is, if the College attracts as many students as the new facilites can support, the acclaimed ratio will skyrocket, making the hiring of additional faculty the only alternative. Why put off the inevitable?

Of course, it's much easier to point out problems than to detail a solution. But the solution is obvious—hire more faculty. Don't create a different registration process. Don't appoint a committee. Don't—for heaven's sake—hire an outside source to study the problem; we could probably hire another faculty member for the the cost of hiring a professional problem solving service.

The number of high school seniors applying to colleges is projected to decrease over the next few years; this is the reason why we're not supposed to need more faculty. But students who are attending packed classes now aren't likely to be sympathetic to this kind of planning.

Douglass Cater is right: if I had big money to give, this college would hire more full-time and part-time faculty.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TWO CO-EDS COMPLAIN OF MYSTERIOUS RASHES...
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EEEK!!
Morley Safer
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Letters to the Editor

Cater reiterates support for the fine arts

To the Editor:

It is gratifying to read the supportive commentary for the Fine Arts Major in the past two issues of The Elm even though it was triggered by idle rumor. The Arts Department is not in danger of transformation into a mere Program unless and until the faculty of Washington College determines that this would be the right way to organize the curriculum. No such proposal has ever reached my desk.

My own ambition has been to encourage and strengthen all the creative arts that enrich our campus—art, music, drama, creative writing—well beyond the head count of students who choose to major or even take a single course. Why else transform the O'Neill House and the old Boiler Plant? Why designate new merit scholarships for each of these disciplines?

To those, like the Editor, who grow exasperated over the limited number of courses and size of faculty, let me offer two reminders:

I. Our Trustees have mandated a student/faculty ratio of 12 to 1. I challenge anyone to locate another small liberal arts college with a better ratio or lower tuition.

II. Our fund raising successes prove conclusively that increased financial support for faculty salaries and student scholarships - and art supplies - goes hand in hand with bigger capital gifts that enhance the campus. The new College Walk helps swell Annual Giving for the College's operating budget. Replacing McAlpin House with the Larrabee Arts Center will help push the Alumni donations well past the fifty percentile mark - among the top twenty five colleges in the nation.

Perhaps the Editor and I might give our money differently if we had big money to give. But I exhort her to remember the ancient Chinese maxim: "He (or she) who tends to look the gift horse in the mouth too hard is apt to grow toothless."

Sincerely yours,
Douglass Cater

WC will not tolerate acts of hazing

To the Editor:

Attached is part of a letter I sent to three Washington College seniors whom I have placed on disciplinary probation for their participation in an act of hazing.

Sincerely,
Edward E. Maxcy
Associate Dean of Students

Word of the act of hazing was communicated to me by an officer from the national headquarters of the Theta Chi Fraternity, of which you were formerly a member. Washington College is extremely pleased that the national fraternities are working with colleges to stamp out all incidents of hazing on our campuses.

I remind you that according to Washington College policy, taken from that policy promulgated by the College Fraternity Executive Association, hazing is "an action taken or a situation created, intentionally, whether on or off fraternity premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule." This statement is found on p. 6 of the "Statement of Mutual Responsibility between Washington College and Its Social Fraternities and Sororities" signed by an officer of each Washington College fraternity and sorority.

The State of Maryland "Digest of Criminal Laws" states:

"Haze means doing any act or causing any situation which recklessly or intentionally subjects a student to the risk of serious bodily injury for the purpose of initiation into a student organization of a school, college, or university.

Conviction is subject to a fine of not more than $500, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both."

From our conversation, I think you already understand the potential danger in taking fellow students across the state line and leaving them to find their own way back to campus, and I am confident that you not only will avoid any similar actions but will work with your fellow students to prevent their participation in such behavior.

It is my sincere hope that you specifically, but also your friends associated with the fraternity chapters at Washington College, will get the message and know that acts of hazing will not be tolerated.

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OPINION

ISSUE: How will the removal of the water tower affect life at Washington College?

Tower loss indicates negative changes

Tracey Connell

The other day I met a prospective student and asked him how he liked Washington College. He replied innocently, "I think it's gonna look great!" Then he asked about academics.

I cringed.

Though I hate to admit it, the administration must be right after all, because the Master Plan isn't even complete yet and it's impressing these future freshmen.

The removal of the water tower is only one small part of all these grand changes being orchestrated around us (We do need the access to certain dorms its removal will allow). In addition, the tower issue alone is relatively insignificant as to whether or not I am getting a good education.

Maybe then the question "How will the removal of the water tower affect life at Washington College?" should be altered to "Is the removal of the water tower symptomatic of the changes in campus life?"

My answer to the latter question would be yes. The removal of the water tower means Master Plan and Master Plan leads us to various other issues: cable, the alcohol policy, tuition increase. They all reflect the administration's complete disregard for the students that are here NOW.

Most students actually LIKED the tower, and liked WC the way it used to be. But during the past few years it all seems to be disappearing around us, out of our control.

Did we find out that the administration thought better of cable on campus before or after the deed was done? After. Most students discovered the fact when they turned on their televisions and all they got was static.

The alcohol policy tightens year after year. In one way I understand the reasons why. The College certainly cannot afford the risk of alcohol related liabilities (though the administration sure seemed ready to run the risk of PCB related liabilities, didn't they?) In another I am simply a student looking for things to do on campus without having to walk home through a graveyard or drive drunk.

And finally, the tuition increase. Are we paying for improvements that will benefit us? Sometimes I wonder if money would be there for faculty and staff salaries, as well as faculty chairs etc., if the Master Plan were not so extensive and so concentrated on esthetics.

I am not writing this only to bitch and moan about Washington College. I came here because I like the school (and the water tower). There is an inordinate number of faculty and members of the administration that really do care about the student body. It's also true that the same changes are happening everywhere else. WC does not exist in a vacuum. It's just that sometimes the wonderful people are overshadowed by the ones that say, "Washington College would be great if it weren't for the students."

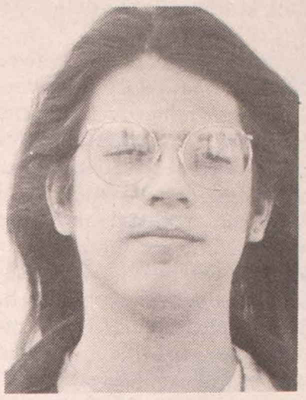
So, goodbye water tower.
Hello Master Plan.

Tracey Connell is the News Editor of The Elm.

CAMPUS VOICES by Amy L. Undercoffler

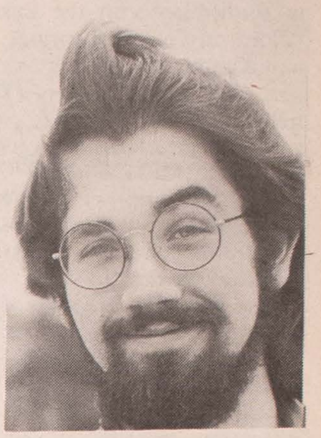
R.B. Belch
Annapolis, MD
Junior

Why? To meet the rigid aesthetics of the only campus that *used* to have its very own water? Doug, I loved that tower. It was like...the symbol of a struggling gerneration to me. Now it's gone. Thanks.



Stephen Fox Lorenz
Alexandria, VA
Senior

Sure, it was an ugly water tower, but it was our water tower. It was what first attracted me to this school, a steel billboard of free speech in the form of graffiti. It's fall fortells the collapse of all civilization.



Clay Eichelberger
Salisbury, MD
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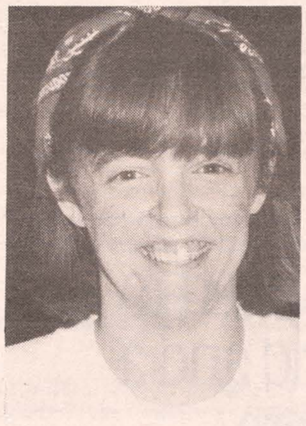
Well, the campus is sure to be a lot less picturesque without Chas' love notes to Cathy Jewell. I myself will miss the looming edifice, and my life will never be the same. Can we have cable now?

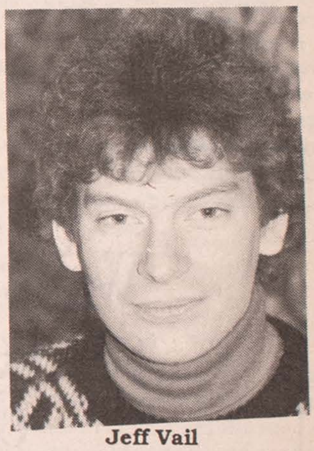


Lisa Woodcock
Plymouth Meeting, PA
Sophomore

Our sky is a little empty now. I'll miss my beacon in the air as I approach WC. In essence, one cannot truly say how drastically the removal of the water tower will affect the lives of this student body. Farewell.

Karyn Iacangelo
Silver Spring, MD
Sophomore

The removal of the water tower is a blessing in disguise. It was an eye sore to look at and without it, the campus is much better off. I was so glad to see it come down and I'm sure I am not alone.



Jeff Vail
State College, PA
Junior

Well, actually I rather liked the water tower, and I'm sure anyone who knows the Chas. story agrees. It was a fitting monument to that former campus god. He's still with us in spirit, however.

Without the water tower, the Buntagon must become our billboard

As a freshman, my mom loaded me and my junk into the car and we went off to school where the brick bric-a-brac buildings, the smell of cross mixed agricultural tradition, and large silver water tower decorate C-town like a Spanish lowrider. After a while the unfamiliar became commonplace; the bricks propagated and created long walks of red-brown paths. In spring cow dung still smells, and the fields are British Isle green. But the water tower, now decapitated, was soon to go. The benign was deemed unacceptable.

The water tower was a small piece of urban landscape Chestertown supported, and canonized, though soon was leveled. In a school that is so pasteurized by white, upper-middle class students they have deconstructed another icon that fought the normative. Shall we replace it with a monument to industry such as a large BMW or Rolex watch?

Bland, safe, content; we are Washington College students.

Diversity may degrade us if it is inappropriate or enlightening, or if enlivening. Those students who ascended to the water tower to write their messages could look upon the silver-gray tower on rainy days and see the message painted across the sky. Granted, nothing was ever put there that was truly insightful, or clever, or poetic, but the medium (a diverse medium) was available. They posited their Kilroy upon metal.

What next? What's forbidden now? Entry to Minta Martin? These healthy activities must be continued on long nights of studying, drinking, and loneliness away from loved ones. The alternative is Bunting Hall—the Buntagon...HQ...class-conscience central. Those pillars, brick walls, doorways, and windows are the NEW canvas of self-expression. Strike! Strike! Strike!

To some the idea of self-expression is gross, disgusting, and a real bummer, eh? Well, your young and only going to live once. Is your life worth an expression and an idea?

Faulkner said the reason he wrote was to leave his "Kilroy." Our worth, our essence, our need revolves around our desire to create. Viva la Revolution! Avenge the water tower! Create art out of Bunting Hall!

The desire to do something different bothers the provincial; any new idea always meets resistance. But the axiom of "make it new", of invention and creation, a medium of courage and self-expression is the noblest of all callings. The examples of this are so numerous that they hardly need mentioning. They are the cultural icons we now replace with material garbage.

The water tower is a great loss for the diversity of our life and our studies. It's a public medium, a milepost of expression. The loss of the water tower should not be forgotten.

Instead, at the risk of being redundant, I implore you, spraypaint, destroy the Buntagon!

The author wishes to remain anonymous.

PERSPECTIVES

News from around the world; Lithuanian stalemate

UNITED STATES:

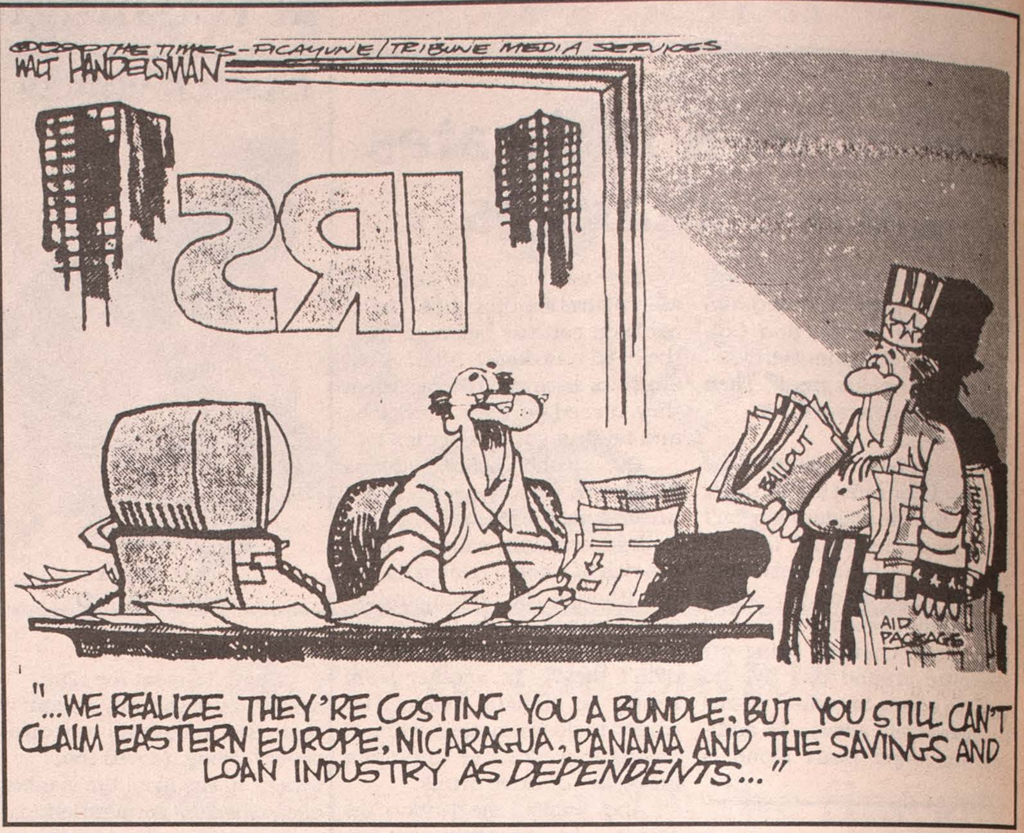
Exxon Shipping and its parent company Exxon pleaded innocent to breaking federal laws in connection with the Exxon Valdez oil spill last spring. If found guilty, the two companies face fines a minimum of $700 million. Exxon is currently involved in plea bargain negotiations with the Justice Department. The proposed plea bargain agreement would establish a $500 million fund to restore areas affected by the spill.

In Pittsburgh, the trial of 72 anti-abortion protesters began. The protesters were arrested after they charged police barricades outside a women's clinic (the Allegheny Reproductive Health Center). If convicted, the defendants could face a 2 year prison term and a fine of up to $2,500.

Following the visit of the Soviet Foreign minister, Eduard Shevardnadze, the White House is lessening its expectations about an arms control agreement coming out of next month's summit. President Bush's Press Secretary Marlin Fitzwater told reporters there is a question whether disputes over the strategic arms reduction treaty (START) can be resolved. Secretary of State James Baker cited the cruise missile as a major stumbling block to START, and aircraft a point of dispute in a conventional arms reduction treaty. US officials say the Lithuanian situation is adding to the difficulties.

LITHUANIA:

In the war of nerves between Gorbachev and the Lithuanians, Gorbachev refused a Lithuanian proposal of negotiations over Lithuania's declaration of independence. He threaten to use economic, political and other, unnamed, measures unless the republic rescinds its declaration of independence. Gorbachev has demanded that the Lithuanian Supreme court rule the declaration of independence unconstitutional. He could, if he wanted to, set up an economic blockade of the republic, require payment in hard currency (dollars) for oil shipments, or dissolve the Lithuanian parliament and institute direct presidential rule. A various times since the republic split away from the Soviet Union, the Red Army has occupied buildings belonging to the Lithuanian Communist Party, the printing facilities for Lithuanian newspapers (the majority of the republics newspapers are printed at one location) and the prosecutor's office.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A Soviet parliamentary group Soyuz called on Gorbachev to dissolve the Lithuanian parliament and call new elections. Soyuz's main goal is the preservation of the Soviet Union as one entity.

A Soviet law prohibits Gorbachev from using direct presidential rule except in the event of a natural disaster, a major accident, epidemics, and mass disorders. The Lithuanians are afraid the KGB will create disturbances and create a reason for Gorbachev to assume direct presidential power.

SOVIET UNION:

Deputy Prime Minister Leonid I. Abalkin, economic reform strategist warns the Soviet uSnion can not survive as a world power unless it switches to a market economy soon. Abalkin joined the government last year and is in favor of the adoption of a full western style economy, complete with price reform. Abalkin, in a statement to reporters, refers to his program, which includes references to money supply, banking systems, stock companies, inflation and currency convertibility (the rouble can not be exchanged for dollars currently), as a "regulated market economy" (this is how the US economy is described). Abalkin pointed out that the rouble can not be made convertible until the Soviet Union switches over to a full market economy, and prices are decentralized. This might not take place for many years.

NORTHERN IRELAND:

The Irish Republican Army claimed responsibility for the bombing that killed 4 soldiers in Northern Ireland. The soldiers were members of the Ulster Defense Regiment.

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher linked the bombing to the refusal of the Irish Supreme Court to extradite "terrorists" to stand trial in Great Britain. The Irish court states that it recognizes that Irish defendants are not always guerrenteed a fair and impartial trail in British courts. The British government accuses Ireland of providing a haven for terrorists.

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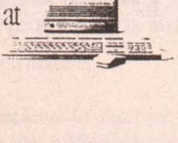

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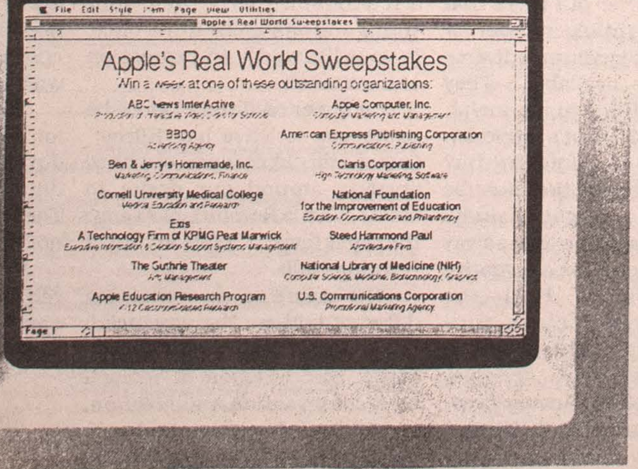
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T'ai Chi: an artistic exercise

by Katherine Absher

Staff Writer

T'ai Chi ch'uan is an ancient Chinese exercise of attack and defense. Its use as a means of self-defense, however, is regulated to the art of the movements. When observed, the T'ai Chi master's movements are strong, yet graceful and almost mystical; he appears to be a combination of Bruce Lee and Mikhail Baryshnikov.

Unlike any other exercise, T'ai Chi incorporates active and passive principles, leading to this appearance of strength combined with grace. The flowing, rhythmic movements strengthen the legs, especially the knees, as it lowers the heart rate and relaxes the participant.

Although T'ai Chi is considered a martial art and is sometimes performed with weapons, it is not a competitive sport. Unlike karate, T'ai Chi has no system of belts and levels. The competition lies within oneself, in one's concentration, one's fluidity, and one's overall consciousness of his center of gravity. At the advanced stages, T'ai Chi becomes a form of cooperation as two students "push hands" in a harmony of active and passive principles. Other than this, T'ai Chi is a sport of the individual, practicing his art with the occasional instruction of the master.

The Wu and the Yang are the two surviving schools of T'ai Chi. Teaching "Lee modified Yang," Peter Taillie is of the Yang school. He learned his skills from Fred Wu, a Chinese herbal and acupressure doctor from Columbus, Ohio.

He is presently working toward his master's degree in history at Washington College and is looking forward to imparting his knowledge of T'ai Chi to any interested students or faculty members. He says his style "is a bit more flowing and a bit more flowery than Yang long form."

Yet, the involved movements are part of one exercise: "The entire martial system is just one exercise. Each school is one exercise. By going through the exercise you are prepared to defend yourself," comments Taillie.

Defense, however, is not the primary goal of Taillie's instruction: "It is not really a classic fighting martial art. If you study intensely, it applies for self-defense. That's not really the focus of my teaching."

He tries to "improve peoples' balance, lower their heart rate, and I try to teach a special type of T'ai Chi breathing." T'ai Chi is not an exercise to strengthen the cardiovascular system, but to alleviate the stress upon the heart. "If you describe it in terms of any conventional exercises, it would be extremely low impact."

Because of the lack of strain upon the body from T'ai Chi, there exists no age barrier or handicap hindering the student of "Lee modified Yang." And since the concentration of T'ai Chi is mental rather than physical exertion, Taillie states, "You could even teach people who are paraplegic T'ai Chi"; it is enough for them to think the movements. Taillie adds that T'ai Chi attracts "people that are not attracted to more physical forms of exercise."

Many endurance athletes, however, study T'ai Chi chuan for alertness and balance, such as the first string linemen of University of Tennessee. And whereas other heavy impact sports, such as football, running, or skiing, wear and tear the knees, "you develop considerable leg strength because you bend at the knees," says Taillie.

Another positive aspect of T'ai Chi is that it is not a costly sport. There is really no money involved in buying equipment. Furthermore, the student does not need a huge gym to exercise in; a limited amount of space is all that is necessary.

Taillie's beginner's course is a series of 23 postures. Depending on the exercise in T'ai Chi, the forms vary from 24 to 108 or more. The forms are named for the image created by their execution, such as "White stork displays its wings," and "Fall back and twist like monkey." All start from one of three stances: weight on rear foot, weight forward, and horse riding on oblique. In Taillie's advanced courses the student will complete all 104 positions, known as the "kata." Then he will go on to instruct pairs of students in the "push hands" technique.

Peter Taillie practices the ancient Chinese art of T'ai Chi chuan.

(photo courtesy of Peter Taillie).

If a student or faculty member partakes of Taillie's instruction, he is participating in a sport practiced in China as early as the third century. Taillie says T'ai Chi is a "traditional thing. I feel that the T'ai Chi I teach is connected to the Chinese families back to 300 A.D. I try to teach what my teachers have taught me." Potential T'ai Chi enthusiasts can call Peter Taillie at 1-301-479-3529.

Let's party our way through arena registration

The last two weeks have been full of memorable days here at Washington College. The first landmark achievement came when the water tower was emptied into the streets of Chestertown. Obviously the school was planning a lovely performance in honor of our namesake. Instead of Washington crossing the Delaware, we could have had Clint Baer crossing Route 213. Some of the townspeople were forced to climb on top of their gun racks in an effort to avoid that tidal wave o' fun.

My favorite part of this little activity involved the reactions of the fine gentleman who unleashed the gallons and gallons of water. One of the guys who flooded the campus actually muttered, "Whoops." Could he possibly have been surprised that happened? What did he think would be the result of poking a hole at the bottom of a full water tower? Apparently the flood was just another example of WC actually bursting at the seams with pride over our campus.

Brett Lankford

Still, the highlight of my week, possibly my semester, came this past Saturday. I went over to the gym to get a little exercise and pull a few muscles, but I was unable to get in to shoot some baskets. You know why? Because half of the freshman class was still sitting in the bleachers, waiting to get into arena registration.

O.K., I may be exaggerating a bit. I heard that all of the students were done by Friday night. That's beside the point. The fact is that the new arena registration plan that was supposed to work to perfection was just as much of a bust as other plans have been.

My theory is that this year's plan was invented just so security could get back at those students who have given them a hard time this year. Did you see the grin on Lenny's face as he told the students to move? He hadn't had that much fun since the security department played the game of "Pin The Tail on Spike."

Freshman Class President Gordy "Please, Oh Please, Don't Call Me Lettuce Head" Scherer was the mastermind behind the arena registration debacle. He spent most of the time trying to reassure everyone that the festivities were moving along splendidly. I'm sure the KA's spent their time in line thinking about what horrible things they can do to their pledge. I think this is the only time in my life I have actually been in favor of hazing.

Let's try to figure out what the problems were when it came to arena registration. It started to go wrong when Lenny began his fun and directed all of the juniors and seniors away from the side door and into a very long line up against the wall. Security's power trip continued when they made the students walk under a little yellow rope three different times while directing them up to the gym. I can only assume this was Lenny allowing the students to practice their limbo before learning how to do the lambada this Wednesday in the Coffee House.

With this move, arena registration was finally bringing back memories of the good old days—put all of the students in the gym and make sure no one knows what the hell is going on. Gordy, in an effort to scare us all into ending our complaints, threatened to sick Lenny on us. That shut me up in a hurry. Believe me, nothing scares me more that the idea of Lenny and the men of security using the crowd control tactics of the British police force. The mere thought of Spike packing a billy club is enough to make a grown man cringe.

I must admit that once Gordy and Lenny managed to make an announcement to let people in on what was going on, things seemed to move smoothly and efficiently. Eventually the only problem was trying to figure out how to get around the line for history classes and get out of the building.

I will now introduce a surefire solution to the problems of arena registration. Turn it into a party. Have all of the students get together in the gym at one time, and put some kegs o' beer in the middle of the floor. Have Gene Hamilton perform live. Allow the students to show off the lambada steps they will have learned by then. When it's time for the seniors to go in to register, have Gene walk up to the mike and announce "Seniors may go in." That way everyone will be there on time, everyone will be in a good mood, and everyone will know what's going on. I can only hope that Gordy will take note of my plan and implement it in time for next year. In the meantime, I'm going to start my new movement—to construct a giant statue of Tony Randall in the place where the water tower once stood.

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Tennis loses to rival Swarthmore

by Greg Coss

The Washington College men's tennis team, currently ranked #3 in the nation, very easily could have been ranked number one in the nation by week's end had a few breaks gone their way in last Thursday's 6-3 loss to Swarthmore. Larry Gewer and Scott Read, the team's number one and two ranked players respectively, came through with big wins at the top of the lineup. Gewer ripped through the 12th ranked player in the country, Andy Mover in surprising fashion, 6-2,6-3. "I was playing with a lot of confidence and I'm feeling very fit as of late." said Gewer, "The key for me was to jump out ahead early because Andy and I know our games very well and what can happen if one shakes the other's confidence. Fortunately, I got ahead 4-1 and I never looked back."

Read also won his match, yet it was in much more difficult fashion. Read, ranked number three in the nation in singles behind teammate Larry Gewer and the defending national champion from Washington and Lee, won his first set against 14th ranked Steve Tignor easily, 6-2. He faltered in the second set, losing it 6-4, and then recovered to win the third 6-3. "It was the biggest match of the year," Read said, "and I knew that to have a chance to win we would have to at least split our six singles matches, so I knew I had to step up to the occasion."

Read and Gewer were both victorious, but the other four singles players were not as fortunate. Number five singles player Roman Inochovsky ran into a buzz saw in Andy Daly, falling 6-3,6-2. At number three singles, Peter Maller had two opportunities to serve for the second set and force a third in his match against Tom Cantire. He was unable to convert and lost 6-3,7-6(8-6). At number four, Scott Shepard was in a similar situation and could not quite pull it out. The singles players had nothing to be ashamed of, facing their toughest opponents since NAIA powerhouse Charleston College. Charleston was the only other team to defeat the 13-2 Shoremen this season, and will be going into Division I next fall.

The match that everyone, including Coach Wyman, called the turning point of the match was in #6 singles. Alberto Diaz, probably the year's brightest surprise, played a close match against Mark Levine. Washington was trailing 3-2 in singles when Diaz had won the first set in a tiebreaker. Levine won the second set 6-4, and it was 4-4 in the third set when the match turned. On a 3-3 point, Diaz called a shot of Levine's out, returning the ball to Levine. Levine caught the ball and then appealed for the lines judge for an overruling. The overruling was granted to him, automatically giving him the point and the game. Levine served out the set to win the match and give Swarthmore a big 4-2 cushion through singles play. "I told Alberto that he should not be upset with the call or feel like he let the team down." said Wyman. "Even if he wins that game, it doesn't necessarily mean he would have won the match. Alberto was upset, I know, but he's been such a bright spot all year and has surpassed all expectations of him, even though he is a tremendous player."

I asked coach Wyman what he told his players during the intermission before doubles play which found his netters needing to capture all three doubles matches to win the match. "Well, realistically, you really can't be too optimistic about your chances in a situation like that against the #2 team in the nation. But our doubles had been playing well all year, including bringing us from 4-2 down against American University. I kept them all optimistic with that reference."

The number two team in the nation, Read and Gewer, won their match 6-1,6-3 to close the gap to 4-3. Another chance went by the boards when Maller and Inochovsky lost their match. But by that time, Shepard and Diaz had lost to a very tough number three doubles team 6-4, 7-5, giving Swarthmore the win. The final match made the final match score 6-3, who could find themselves as the nation's number one one ranked team after previous #1 UC Santa Cruz was upset.

This Saturday, WC faces Rochester in a match which is crucial to both teams. If WC wins, they will be ranked #3 or #4 in the national tournament. A win for Rochester gets them into post season play and hurts Washington's seeding. Coach Wyman said, "I would like to see my boys resolved after the loss to Swarthmore and get ready to dig against Rochester. I'm looking to Larry for leadership for this team. Also, Scott, because players like this keep a win or loss in perspective and don't get hit with that Fat Cat Syndrome." What about WC's chance in the nationals, assuming they defeat #10 Rochester? "If everyone digs and we get good play from the lower seeds, we can beat anyone, " Wyman said. But first there's Rochester, and then look for WC to make some big waves in the national championships.

A frequent sight for WC lacrosse - Sarah Coste scores for the Shorewomen. (photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

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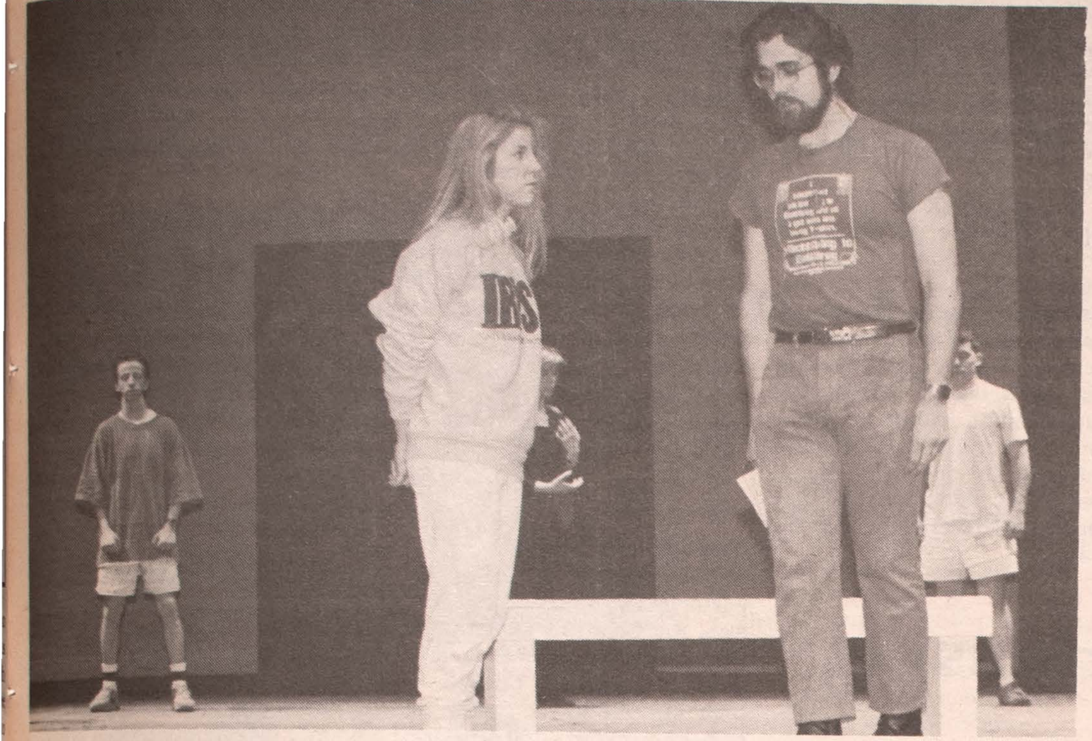

Richard Wilbur's translation of Racine's *Phaedra* will be performed under the direction of senior Drama major Ryder Daniels. The five-act play will be performed in Tawes Theater of the Gibson Fine Arts Center Thursday thru Saturday at 8 PM. Reservations are not required. *(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)*

by Stephanie Hess

Senior drama major Ryder Daniels calls Jean Racine's play, *Phaedra*, "one of the most beautiful plays I have ever read." It is *Phaedra* that Daniels has chosen as his senior project. Daniels' production of the Richard Wilbur translation opens this Thursday, April 19 at 8 PM in Tawes Theater.

Phaedra is a tragedy in five acts and was written by Racine in 1677. The play tells the ancient Greek story of Phaedra, a woman who finds herself in love with her husband's son. In the introduction to his English translation of the play, Wilbur describes Phaedra as, "a woman of conscience who perceives and abhors the evil in herself and, with such strength as she has been given, strives against it."

In his translation, Wilbur, a former Poet Laureate of the United States, preserves the rhymed verse of the original text by replacing the French alexandrine with English pentameter.

The rhymed verse has, as Daniels points out, become "a tremendous obstacle" for both the actors and himself. There is the danger in the delivery of rhymed verse on stage that it will sound unnatural and more like sing-song. At the same time, if it is presented correctly, rhymed verse can sound uniquely beautiful.

Daniels chose the play not only for its beauty, but for its universal value, explaining, "In addition to its poetic beauty, *Phaedra* is timeless because it deals with the responsibility and expression of human feelings that we all have."

Remembering back to freshman year, Daniels recalls how he "arrived at Washington College wanting to do this for [his] senior obligation." He tells of "going back and forth all the time thinking it could and couldn't be done."

Of all the *Phaedra* translations, Daniels chose Wilbur's work because he believes that of all the translations, Wilbur's is "the closest English equivalent to the original Racinian structure."

An exciting highlight for Daniels and the cast occurred last weekend when Richard Wilbur, Pulitzer Prizewinner in Poetry (1957 and 1989), attended a rehearsal and offered comments on the progress of the production. Wright was on campus as a speaker for the dedication of the Constance Stuart Larrabee Creative Arts Center. Wright's presence at the rehearsal was advantageous because, as Daniels points out, Wilbur provides no pronunciation guide in his translation, and many of Wright's suggestions to Daniels and the cast included corrections of the actors' pronunciations of names and places.

The production of *Phaedra* is Daniels' second stint as a director; he directed *Vinegar Tom* in his sophomore year.

When asked what he learned from the earlier production that has helped him with *Phaedra*, Daniels replies, "*Vinegar Tom* helped me understand the hard work involved in taking a show from auditions to opening night." According to Daniels, seeing a production through those steps "requires dedication, commitment and energy. Essentially those things that we don't have time for while we are in college."

The cast includes: Wendy Kloiber as Phaedra; Clay Eichelberger as her husband, the King of Athens; John McDanolds as Hippolytus, the son of Theseus; Carey Smith as Aricia; Carl Pupa as Theramenes, Hippolytus' tutor; Cindy Croot as Oenene, Phaedra's nurse; Lisa Woodcock as Ismene; Jennifer Griffin as Panope; and Kyndra Ponder, Karyn Iacangelo, Roxanne Seubert, Chris Spezio, Jason Imber and Jason West as gods and guards.

The production is stage managed by Deidre Riegel with Peter Johnson as Assistant Stage Manager, and Jennifer Eisberg is the Dramaturg. Musical Composition is by Michael Tyson, and Cindy Croot is designing costumes.

Phaedra will be performed Thursday, April 19 through Saturday, April 21. Performances begin at 8 PM in Tawes Theater of the Gibson Fine Arts Center. Reservations are not required.

Student music recital showcases WC talent

by Jennifer Del Nero
Staff writer

WC's Music Department presents its annual Student Recital, featuring both students and faculty, Wednesday afternoon at 4 PM in the Norman James Theater.

Garry Clarke, Chair of the Music Department predicts the concert to be an enjoyable one, adding, "There are some good performers in the group."

Performing a piano solo is Michael Tyson, followed by saxophone soloist Andrew Chandler. Greg Hickman, flutist and oboist, contributes to the recital in a flute sonata and two Vivaldi concertos. Also on flute is Renee King, performing both as a soloist and an ensemble member.

Students participating in the recital are not only those enrolled in the applied music class, but include some who play in ensembles as a hobby.

According to Clarke, "It's always a varied program of vocal and instrumental works." This year, the recital's vocals will be provided by soprano Laura Hopper in an aria from a Haydn opera.

Faculty members Elizabeth and Amzie Parcell, along with Clarke, will perform a selection. Also scheduled for the program are works by composers Poulenc, Bartok and Milhaud.

As Clarke explains, "This is a chance to come and hear students who have been working hard on their instruments." Admission to the recital is free, and the public is welcome.

Campus calendar: April 13-19

Friday, April 13

The WC Film Series presents *Scandal* in the Norman James Theater at 7:30 PM. Admission is $1 for students, faculty and staff; $2 for all others. Also showing, April 15 and 16 at 7:30 PM.

Monday, April 16

"Recent Works by Sihn Ja An" will be held in the Lit. House with a reception at 4:30 PM.

Paul Spitzer discusses "Birding on the Bay: Behavior and Ecology" in Dunning Lecture Hall at 7:30 PM.

Tuesday, April 17

The Career Development Office presents "Job Search Tips" at 7 PM in the Sophie Kerr Room.

Wednesday, April 18

The Music Department sponsors the Student Recital in the Norman James Theater at 4 PM.

Mario Molina discusses "The Antarctic Ozone Hole" in Norman James at 7:30 PM.

Thursday, April 19

"Ecology in Action," by Greenpeace representatives Michael Behan and Emily Schoenbaum and sponsored by the William James Forum, will be held at 7:30 PM in Hynson Lounge.

The WC Drama Department presents *Phaedra* in Tawes Theater at 8 PM.

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Sophie Kerr Prize

The Sophie Kerr Prize is awarded at commencement to the senior deemed by the Sophie Kerr Committee to have "the best ability and promise for future fulfillment in the field of literary endeavor." Students wishing to submit samples of their writing are invited to do so. All submissions must be in the hands of the committee by the last day of classes and may be brought to the office of the Chairman of the English department for convenience and safe-keeping. Manuscripts will be returned to their owners after commencement. All graduating seniors are eligible recipients of the award.

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RA salary

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Daniels, who is worked through the President's Office, made the accepted proposal on behalf of the student resident assistants here because he serves as the head RA. He actually offered two proposals to the administration to bring the Resident Assistant program at Washington College back to the level of excellence that it enjoyed in 1982 when the school's program "lead the way for many other undergraduate and graduate schools on the East Coast of the United States."

According to Daniels', the program has "become outdated in 1990."

The first proposal offered was to have the RA stipend "increase annually as a percentage of the room and board costs" for that year. Had the school continued to offer the 48% that it offered in 1983, the RA salary today would equal $2112—nearly $800 more than the amount that they currently receive.

Daniels points out that if the school had, at a minimum, given the RAs a 5.5% annual increase like the rest of the school staff, then they would still receive a $1750 salary. The first proposal points out that, although the school would not be a leader in the Resident Assistant programs, it would "adequately rectify the current stipend's inconsistency."

The second proposal, and the one received most favorably and which was accepted by the administration, is modeled after the resident assistant programs at schools such as Yale, Harvard, George Mason, Johns Hopkins, and the University of Maryland. At these schools, the RA positions are considered non-paying because the students do not receive a check from the school. Instead, the RA's receive a "room and board waiver."

Daniels cites the policy at Western Maryland College, which he said "leads the way in Resident Hall advising." Currently, the undergraduate RAs at Western Maryland do not pay for the room that they live in as the RA. They also pay a portion of the board plan and they receive a stipend of $600 to $1000. The salary level depends upon the experience of the RA and of what dormitory they are in charge.

The proposal also points out that, should the school adopt the room and board waiver plan to compensate RAs, it would save about $41,000 a year in salaries. Daniels states that the program would also serve to make RA's more equal because the $600-$1000 they would receive would truly serve as compensation instead of some students turning around and putting their RA check toward the cost of the room and board at Washington College.

Daniels' proposal has been approved by the President's office and will begin to be implemented next year. The RA salaries will increase to 44% of next year's room and board costs—an increase of more than 14% over this year's salary. The level of compensation would increase annually until RA's received a waiver for the cost of room and board. The plan should be fully implemented within the next few years.

Housing

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leases on apartments for next year are not exempt from the policy. Freshmen who have already made arrangements to live off campus should speak with McIntire.

Seniors have never actually been guaranteed singles by the College, but McIntire said a senior requesting a single will most likely get one.

The new policy is by no means the last word on the housing situation at Washington College. McIntire says the College realizes that the number of off-campus students this year might not, in fact, be the beginnings of a trend towards a commuter college.

The Board is not willing, however, to take that chance. The policy will be under observation in the coming year, and could be revised for next year's housing policy.

Tuition

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was very lengthy. All college departments were sent a directive from the Board of Visitors and Governors that required them to hold their support budgets at their current levels. Only increases in budgets that were necessary in order to prevent program jeopardy were reviewed.

Other costs, however, couldn't be ignored. The government regulation that hazardous material be removed, retirement and health insurance program increases, and increased food and utility costs, proved costly to the College.

Faculty salaries were also a main point in the increase of tuition. "We could not, however, ignore or defer our ongoing commitment to maintain salaries at a level which enables the College to attract and retain first-rate faculty and staff," said President Cater in the letter to parents and students dated April 5 of last year.

There is no word as to whether the costs of tuition, room, and board will continue to increase as they have repeatedly the past two years. Despite the increases, however, Washington College still ranks as a 'best buy' in the New York Times assessment of college costs.

Break In

At approximately 9:10 PM this Tuesday April 10, Washington College Security discovered that Dunning Hall had been broken into.

The individual forced entry was into two faculty offices with an attempt to break into a third office.

Four textbooks were stolen. Other damages or losses have not as yet been assessed.

The incident is currently under investigation. Anyone with information should contact Jerry Roderick, Director of Security.

MOM'S COOKIE JAR

Did you know that Americans eat more cheddar cheese that any other variety of cheese? Unfortunately, it's one of the highest-fat cheeses.

Seventy-four of the 114 calories in an ounce are contributed by fat.

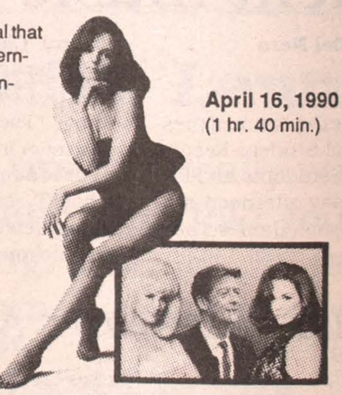
Next Wednesday, April 18th, the WCDS will have "Carnival Night" as it's dinner theme. Dinner will be served outside (hear that Mother Nature) in the walk lane between the hill dorms and Hodson Hall. The entire event was planned by our two work-study students, Otis Monroe, a senior from Queen Anne's County High School and Angela Bowden, a senior from Kent County High School. So, don't forget the date, Wednesday, April 18th. Come to dinner and I promise you will have a great time.

Many of you who attended this past Wednesday's dinner commented favorably to the Frozen Yogurt Bar. I am glad you enjoyed the different flavors. I won't promise that we will be able to serve frozen yogurt on a regular basis this semester, but we will see what can be done for next semester.

Well, that's it for this week. MOM

SCANDAL

The movie reconstructs the Profumo affair—the sex scandal that helped bring down Harold Macmillan's Conservative government in the early sixties. Director Michael Caton-Jones constructs a documentary apparatus around the scandal, with newsreels thrown in, and at the center is the strange, non-sexual love affair between teenage party girl Christine Keeler (Joanne Whalley-Kilmer) and her discoverer/ patron Dr. Stephen Ward (John Hurt). Hurt, as the wordly man who brings Christine out and introduces her to powerful men, gives Ward superb manners and qualities prized by the powerful—sympathy, usefulness and a boundless devotion to their pleasures. He never actually sleeps with Christine, and the movie's point of view is that Christine and Stephen's sweet nuzzling on the couch makes them innocent—more sinned against than sinning. The great actor Ian McKellen plays the hapless Profumo.



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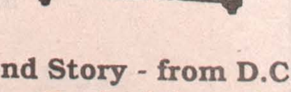

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Some students find time to enjoy the beautiful weather as summer break approaches. (But first the Rites of Spring and MayDay!)

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SGA holds meeting, President Cater attends

by Kyndra Ponder

President Douglass Cater, in his address to the Student Government Association, made some parting remarks to the students of Washington College. He began the meeting by saying that the next SGA "faced the most important challenge" because it would serve during the transition of the presidency of the College.

In his presentation to the student representatives, Cater asked that students next year "take an extra step to make President Trout feel welcome here," adding that during the next year, it will take the "best efforts of the President, faculty, administration and students to make WC what it can be."

Cater pointed out that the main job of the new president will be to build up the endowment of the College. Even though WC is in the top 25 percent of schools in the nation regarding the percentage of alumni who contribute to the College, Cater indicated that Trout will need to concentrate on seeing that contributions are made for student scholarships.

Expressing regret over not having gotten the chance to know the students at Washington College better, Cater said that his travels for the school kept him from being the kind of college president who could be found "sitting on the benches" outside of the Dining Hall. He then opened the floor to questions from the students about college policy.

SGA President Stuart Neiman began the round of questions by addressing two issues that are of concern to many students: arena registration and the controversial 12 to 1 student/faculty ratio. Cater responded that of all of the classes planned for next year, 44 have fewer than five students registered. He suggested that "one way to get a better faculty ratio would be to raise tuition." Upon questioning about the inclusion of library faculty in the ratio, Cater defended the school's practice, making the point that other schools determine their ratio in the identical manner and that the three tenured faculty who are considered in the ratio do not appreciably change it.

Former Treasurer Joe Van Name suggested that in order to improve the ratio, professors should be added in vital areas where classes always seem to be full—history, English, economics and biology.

Dorm senator Sean Murphy mentioned the idea of having a floating faculty which would help in departments where there are crunches.

In regard to the issue of arena registration, Cater agreed that the idea is "a farce" and will be changed next year.

Cater ended his address to the SGA with the announcement of a $350,000 grant from the Hodson Trust for a new program to reward deserving sophomores. The junior fellows program would reward sophomores who have worked hard during their first two years. of college with money to participate in outside fields of interest with financial support from the school. This idea will be implemented instead of a previously suggested program which would have provided full tuition merit-based scholarships to high-ranking freshmen. The total money raised for the Junior Fellows program has reached $720,000.

Social Chair Katie Simms announced that the band Determination will play at the Luau next Saturday night.

Brian Gimelson, SGA Treasurer, announced that the SGA made a profit of $490 from the Heineken Party, which the SGA

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Students look forward to studying abroad

by Susie Mazzullo

Six Washington College students have been chosen to participate in next year's Junior Year Abroad. They are junior Kathleen Feeney, and sophomores Troy Petenbrink, James Finlay, Kate Absher, Debbie Johnson, and Sharon Bonner.

According to Dean Lucille Sansing, Associate Dean of Washington College, Petenbrink, Feeney, and Finlay will be pursuing their studies at Manchester College in Oxford while Absher, Johnson, and Bonner will be attending St. Andrews in Scotland.

. Students who wish to go abroad may apply through one of two processes. The first process deals with Manchester College and St. Andrews, institutions which are formally affiliated with Washington College. Students may apply to either institution through Washington College while, through the second process, the student must apply individually to other schools for the study abroad program.

Student selection for Manchester and St. Andrews is done internally by a selection committee consisting of both Washington College faculty and administration. Sansing, Elizabeth Baer, Provost and Dean of the

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Earth Week speaker at International House

by Patricia Karnes

On Tuesday April 17, the International House sponsored a talk givent by Mario Molina, a chemist from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, lectured on "Green Tips for a Blue Earth." Students, faculty, and a number of members of the Chestertown community gathered together to discuss the existing and potential recycling programs. Industrial company involvement was also discussed in terms of conservation and their role in public awareness.

Jeff Chaffin, the International House advisor, and Mariella Ruiz, a dorm resident, made an effort

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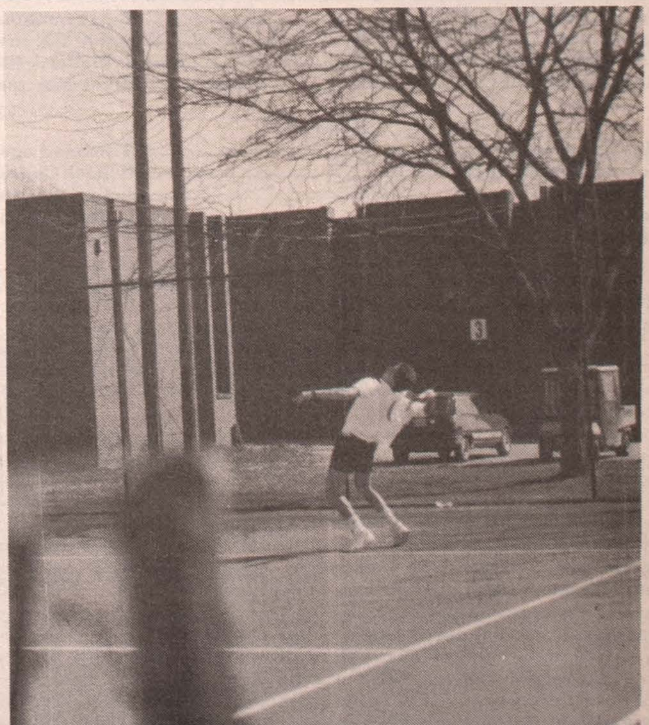


The Washington College Men's Tennis team is still going strong. See page 8 for story.

(photo by Jeffrey Hopkins)

EDITORIAL

The ratio rage continues...

In his latest letter to *The Elm*, Douglass Cater poses a challenge to the editor: "let us link arms to raise funds for the endowment of additional faculty," his argument seeming to be that since we are both leaving Washington College at the end of the year, we ought not to let Mr. Trout bear the burden of both of our shortcomings.

Let me respond.

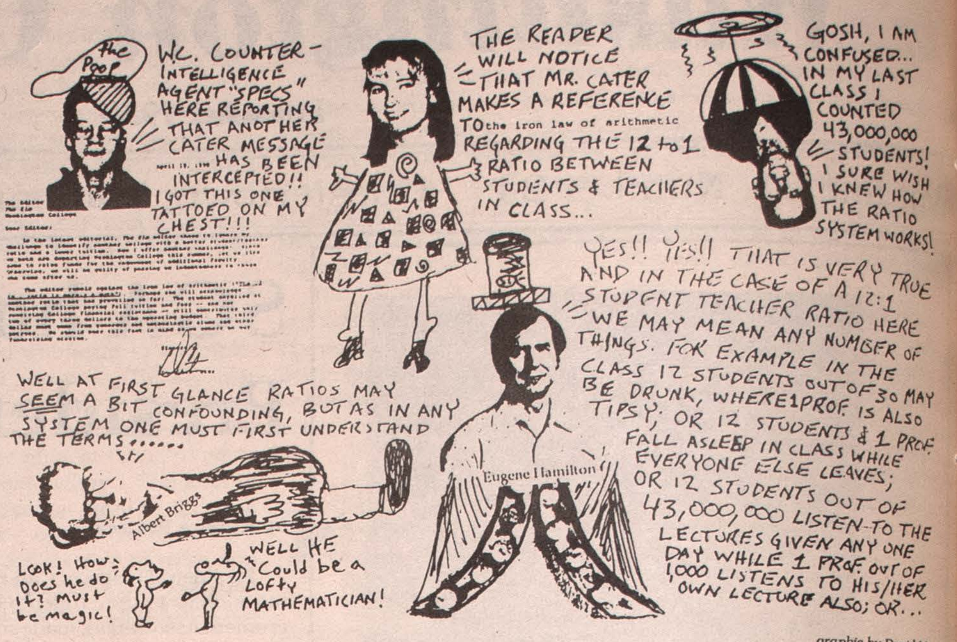
First of all, President Cater is mistaken when he assumes that I will be leaving the College after this year; being a rising senior, I plan to stick around.

Second, Mr. Cater implies that I'm naive and unconstructive in my charges. Let me make my position clear. I know that money often comes with strings, that some donors will donate bricks and only bricks. But can't some smart fundraiser at this college convince a donor to help fill the need for more faculty? Isn't it true that not one additional permanent faculty position has been added since 1982—even as enrollment has increased? Is this a case of lack of funds, or of skewed priorities? Do we need the new Lifetime Fitness Center more than we need more faculty?

Third, I reject Mr. Cater's suggestion that I take up fundraising in my spare time. That was his job, not mine. My job, apart from working toward a degree in English, is to speak for students as best I can in the capacity of editor-in-chief.

Finally, I will continue to disobey zealously "the iron law of arithmetic" which compels Mr. Cater to chant the 12 to 1 *mantra*, which means absolutely nothing to those of us in over-enrolled classes and others of us who are closed out of classes.

Perhaps the next president, Charles Trout, will be more responsive to the students' most urgent current concerns.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W.C. COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE AGENT "SPECS" HERE REPORTING THAT ANOTHER CATER MESSAGE HAS BEEN INTERCEPTED!! I GOT THIS ONE TATTOOED ON MY CHEST!!!
THE READER WILL NOTICE THAT MR. CATER MAKES A REFERENCE TO the iron law of arithmetic REGARDING THE 12 to 1 RATIO BETWEEN STUDENTS & TEACHERS IN CLASS...
GOSH, I AM CONFUSED... IN MY LAST CLASS I COUNTED 43,000,000 STUDENTS! I SURE WISH I KNEW HOW THE RATIO SYSTEM WORKS!
YES!! YES!! THAT IS VERY TRUE AND IN THE CASE OF A 12:1 STUDENT TEACHER RATIO HERE WE MAY MEAN ANY NUMBER OF THINGS. FOR EXAMPLE IN THE CLASS 12 STUDENTS OUT OF 30 MAY BE DRUNK, WHERE 1 PROF. IS ALSO TIPSY; OR 12 STUDENTS & 1 PROF. FALL ASLEEP IN CLASS WHILE EVERYONE ELSE LEAVES; OR 12 STUDENTS OUT OF 43,000,000 LISTEN TO THE LECTURES GIVEN ANY ONE DAY WHILE 1 PROF. OUT OF 1,000 LISTENS TO HIS/HER OWN LECTURE ALSO; OR...
WELL AT FIRST GLANCE RATIOS MAY SEEM A BIT CONFOUNDING, BUT AS IN ANY SYSTEM ONE MUST FIRST UNDERSTAND THE TERMS......
Albert Briggs
Eugene Hamilton
LOOK! HOW DOES HE DO IT? MUST BE MAGIC!
WELL HE COULD BE A LOFTY MATHEMATICIAN!

graphic by David Morrison

Letters to the Editor

Cater issues fundraising challenge

To the Editor:

In the latest editorial, *The Elm* editor chose to ignore my challenge to identify another college with a better student/teacher ratio and a lower tuition. Now I offer another challenge: since we both are departing Washington College this summer, let us link arms to raise funds for the endowment of additional faculty. Otherwise, we will be guilty of passing on indebtedness to those who come after us.

The editor rebels against the iron law of arithmetic ("The 12 to 1 ration is merely a myth"). Perhaps she will acknowledge another ratio that has prevailed so far: The student enrolled at Washington College paying full tuition and fees – and not receiving College financial assistance – still contributes only two of every three dollars to the operating budget. That third dollar must come from generous and enthusiastic alums and other patrons. We should bear this fact in mind as we embark on our fundraising mission.

Sincerely,
Douglass Cater

Keehan wins NCAA scholarship

To the Editor:

The award of an NCAA post-graduate scholarship to Tim Keehan is a tribute to a truly fine young man. Tim has received one of only ten awards given nationwide to basketball players in all three NCAA divisions. I have personally enjoyed working with Tim in the Faculty Athletic Committee where he has been a thoughtful participant, a good listener, and an articulate spokesman for student-athletes. The award is an affirmation of our approach at Washington College – it says it is possible to excel and be noticed athletically when the first priority is, should be, and will continue to be, academics. Congratulations to Tim, his teammates, his coaches, and his professors.

Sincerely,
Rosette M. Roat
Chair, Faculty Athletic Committee

Angry mud gods?

Dear Editor of Thy Most Esteemed Newspaper of the Wac:

I have a question. If there are so many sidewalks already in existence on this campus, and Bob's Backhoe is adding more, why must we slosh through them almost every day? What do they do? Dredge the Chester River and dump the silt on campus? The only answer I've been able to come up with is that the Administration possibly angered the mud gods.

Since My Creation,
James L. Jenkins, Jr.

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Cater Journalism Awards

Entries for the annual Douglass Cater Journalism Awards are now being accepted. Categories are Editorials, Long and Short Features, Sports, Arts & Entertainment (including reviews), and Photojournalism. Entries must have been printed by a campus publication between January 1989 and May 1990. Prints and tearsheets are due in Robert Day's Literary House mailbox by Tuesday, May 15. Questions? Contact Robert Day or Susan Di Leo.

OPINION

ISSUE: Should freshmen and sophomores be required to live on campus?

Only freshmen should be required to live in dorms

Shawn Shults

I think that freshman should be required to live on campus for both semesters. Dorm life socializes freshmen. It allows them to become familiar with Washington College and what it has to offer. If you don't live on campus your first year, at least, it is hard to find out abut the available resources. It is also much more difficult to make friends here, as a freshman, if you don't live in the dorms. Classes do not provide the best opportunities to make friends. Living on campus freshman year can make the adjustment to college a little easier. It can also enhance the college experience. For me, living on campus my freshman year made college more rewarding. If freshmen don't try dorm life, then they can't make an informed decision about living off-campus.

Sophomores, on the other hand, should not be required to live on campus. They are people who have experienced living on campus and, for their own personal reasons, have decided not to do so. They have, or should I say had, the right to do this. Forcing them to live in a dorm takes away some of the independence they acquired by going away to college.

One of the main reasons the College is doing this is for the money. With all of the empty or half full dorms rooms this year, they must have lost quite a bit of expected income. Instead of forcing students to live on campus, they should work on making dorm life more attractive.

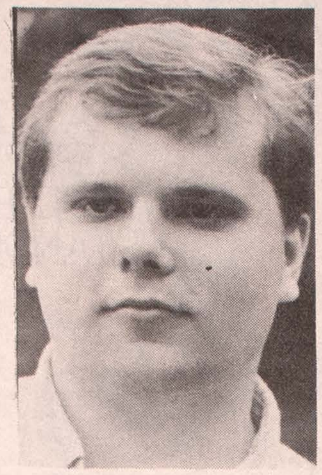
Take Queen Anne and Caroline dorms (both are dorms that house mostly freshmen and sophomores) for example. The rooms are nothing but four cement walls. There is no carpet on the floors of the hallways, and the bathroom facilities are ancient. The housekeepers do their best to keep it clean, neat and spruced up, but there is only so much you can do with the dorms. Relatives who come to visit are often appalled that we spend this much money to live in such a dreary place. I notice that room costs went up again for next year. I wonder if their appearance will improve as a result.

Another reason that the College may have made this requirement concerns the attitude of the students toward the campus. Students just aren't involved in life at the College as they used to be. Many people living on campus go home for the weekend regularly, or go to off-campus parties. Campus involvement just isn't that strong anymore. The solution to this problem isn't an easy one to find. However, forcing students to live on campus surely won't solve it. This requirement is going to elicit anger from sophomores who want to live off-campus. You cannot force someone to live somewhere and then expect them to be happy about it. You also cannot force students to get involved in life at WC. They have to want to do that. Perhaps making all aspects of campus life more attractive will solve the problem.

Regardless of any solutions to the residential problems of the College, sophomores have had the dorm experience and are old enough to make and informed decision abut where they want to live. It is unfair for the College to make this decision for them.

Shawn Shults is a junior.

CAMPUS VOICES by Amy L. Undercoffler

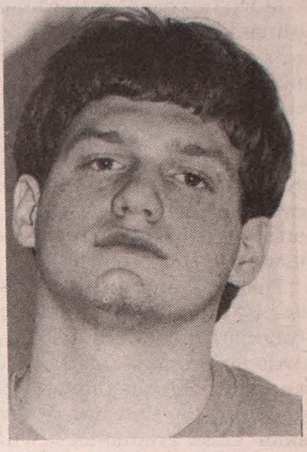


Kevin Holland
Junior
Berlin, MD

It was always my understanding that freshmen were already required to live on campus. By requiring sophomores as well, the administration is only covering the surface of the larger problem, which is lack of excitement in campus life.

Fred Connolly
Senior
Easton, MD

As an Economics major I see the administration solving a campus housing surplus problem by requiring students to live on campus. Why not make campus living better meet students needs so they will want to live on campus?



Brian Heubeck
Bel Air, MD
Sophomore

Not all Freshman and Sophomores are directly out of high school, so I think if you are responsible enough and have lived independently in a house before, I don't think you are required to live in the dorms.

Tanya Cunic
Denville, NJ
Freshman

No. Part of college is discovering one's own limitations and responsibilities. The administration should not be allowed to regulate when and where one lives in order to insure these responsibilities are met according to their own standards.

Mindy Stark
Towson, MD
Junior

Yes, I think it should be required for underclassman to live on campus because that is a major part of their college experience.

Cathy Smithmyer
Queenstown, MD
Senior

I think it is unreasonable to expect all freshmen and sophomores to live on campus. Many students who find more affordable housing off campus would experience financial difficulties if they had to live on campus.

Board should have sought student input before making decision

Kyndra Ponder

When I found out that the Board of Visitors and Governors had voted to make it mandatory for all freshmen and sophomores to live on campus, I was, at best, only half-enthused. I think that this can be a good idea, because on-campus living is an important of a college experience and that everyone should spend at least one year in a dorm room. However, I don't think that the Board should try to force anything on students.

I am most offended by the Board's obvious disregard for the opinions of the students. At NO TIME in the decision process, were students asked for their input. In a situation that will affect students so dramatically, I would think that students would—or at least, should—be contacted and their input should be given consideration before a final decision is made.

In addition, I think that one of the main reasons that students choose to go away to college is grow-up—to learn to make important decisions on their own. The Board took that chance away from students because it essentially became a new set of parents who dictate orders about decisions that students should be allowed to make for themselves.

While I am upset at the manner in which the Board of Visitors and Governors handled the situation, I must agree with them on one point, on-campus living provides a richer experience for students.

I have had the opportunity to experience both aspects of college life— living off-campus and living on-campus. I can truthfully say that I have grown more this year that I have lived in a dorm than I did last year when I lived off-campus. I have also had the chance to experience having a roommate, co-ed bathrooms and the Heineken Party without worrying how I will drive home afterwards.

All during last year, when I commuted to school every day, I wanted to have a room on campus. I wanted to be a part of the school and I didn't feel like I was able to do that by living off campus. Granted, I lived 45 miles away from school, so even driving in for class was an inconvenience. Unfortunately, it was especially inconvenient for other things. I never got the chance to go to sporting events at the school. I skipped most of the parties too, just because I had to drive so far to get home. By living off-campus, I really felt like my first year of college was nothing more than a continuation of high school—just a little harder.

When I transferred here, I was glad to have the chance to live on campus. My experience here this year has been dramatically different from my off-campus time last year. I am here— in the middle of everything. My day doesn't end when classes are over and I am not limited to participating in things just because they are going on when I am here. I have gotten a lot more out of being around school this year.

I really think that all students should have the opportunity to have the experience to live on-campus. Dorm life is completely different from life off-campus and I think that everyone should have the chance to experience it during at least one of their four years in college. I just don't think that anyone— including parent, or members of the Board of Visitors and Governors should force them to.

No easy answers to the Lithuanian question

By Laura Hopper
staff writer

Much has been written about Lithuania and Gorbachev. There are people who think and say that Lithuania should return peacefully to the Soviet fold. There are people who think and say the Lithuanians should stand up for what they believe in and truly desire, freedom. One thing is perfectly clear, there are no easy answers to this problem.

The next month will be the test. By an estimate of the Deputy Prime Minister, Lithuania can survive an economic blockade for one month. So something should happen by the time our current senior class graduates. What happens after one month? What happens when food becomes scare and fuel is nonexistent? The government in Moscow already reduced fuel supplies to the Baltic States in December.

Maybe in this story there is a parallel with China. Is China an example of what happens to a totalitarian regime when they attempt to modernize the economy without changing the political system? Is the Soviet Union an example of what happens when a totalitarian regime attempts to modernize its political system so it can change the economy.

It is easy for us here to say the Baltic States, along with Georgia, Azerbaijan and the rest of the republics should wait five years, ten years for their independence. It is not easy for them to wait, because, in a way some have been waiting since after the revolution. Following the initial Soviet reaction to the Lithuania declaration of independence, both Latvia and Estonia announced they would seek to break away gradually from the Soviet Union. Even that is unacceptable to the Soviets.

It is easy to draw parallels between the situation in the Soviet Union, and the situation in the United States prior to the civil war. But remember, the Estonians, Lithuanians, Latvians, Azerbaijanis, Armenians, etc all speak different languages. Many of the republics have competing and antagonistic religions. An Azerbaijani thinks of himself as an Azerbaijani first, not a Soviet citizen. If the US was a nation comprised of 50 little countries with linguistic and cultural differences, the parallel would be far more accurate.

So where is there middle ground? The Soviets seem unwilling to create three little Finlands, complete with special trade agreements. The Baltic States seem unwilling to back down. And the US does nothing.

It must be a difficult choice for President Bush. Since 1945, no US government has recognized Soviet domination of these, yes, tiny states. But now open support by the US of the Lithuanian government could topple Gorbachev and send the Soviet Union spinning into a civil war. This is not what price victory, but what price Gorbachev.

True, many parts of the Soviet Union have never known democracy or capitalism. Yes, these little republics will have a hard time surviving and catching up with the western world. The free world the Baltic states now yearn to be part of is light years away from the one they were part of.

In the end, what ever happens will effect Gorbachev, and Bush, and whomever follows behind them. Change will come to the Soviet Union, it is a question of when.

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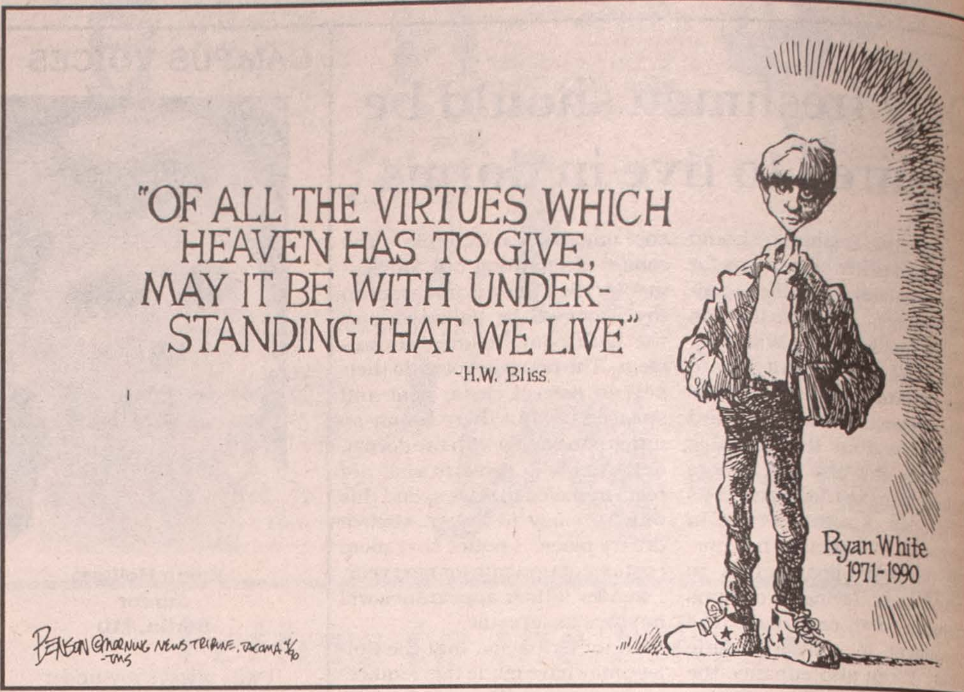
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What Americans are following in the news

By John Omicinski

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WASHINGTON – Faced with a continuing rush of news from overseas, Americans are most captivated by events in the Soviet Union and least interested in Central America and South Africa, a Gannett News Service poll shows.

Almost half – 49 percent – of the nearly 1,000 Americans polled said they were "very interested" in news of Mikhail Gorbachev and the Soviet Union. But the figure trails off to only about one-third who said they were keenly interested in South African or Nicaraguan events.

Eastern Europe and Panama, for most, fell somewhere in the middle.

Yet, 70 percent of blacks are "very interested" in South Africa. Conversely, 51 percent of whites were "very interested" in Soviet news, compared to 30 percent among blacks.

"The Soviet Union, Eastern Europe, is news with a human face," said Robert Hurd, a pollster for Gordon Black Corp., which conducted the poll for Gannett News Service. "That wasn't true for Nicaragua. For your average Joe, Daniel Ortega just didn't resonate, and people never got stirred up about the Contras.

"As for South Africa, we see that it's very immediate for blacks, and not so much for whites."

Foreign news triggers fascination and suspicion in many Americans.

"We grew up in the Cold War and were always looking over our shoulders," said poll respondent Beverly Walker, 41, of Kansas City, Mo. "You wonder if something's really happening or if there's something sneaky going on.

"Gorbachev's got charisma, but I'm suspicious of people with charisma – they usually have something to hide."

Generally, men took a greater interest in the tidal wave of news from abroad. About 55 percent said they were "very interested" in it, as opposed to 43 percent of women.

There also was a correlation between a person's wealth and interest in foreign affairs. Of those earning $50,000 or more annually, 65 percent said they were "very interested" in world events. Meanwhile, only 36 percent of those making $15,000 or less said they were "very interested."

Those between 35 and 54 seemed to have the biggest appetite for overseas news – 53 percent said they were "very interested," compared to 45 percent among those 18 to 34.

Americans' interest in European and Soviet news has connections to the century's hot and cold wars.

"I guess it's because I'm a retired Navy chief that I'm most interested in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe," said Vincent Konsavage, 51, of Jacksonville, Florida. "I'm attuned to the military aspect, the military threat. South Africa's further down the list. It's an internal situation."

Edmund Digre, 67, of Hendricks, Minnesota., a World War II veteran, pays attention to East European and Soviet news "because it all seems too good to be true – I remember how Hitler fooled a lot of people.

"We've had no direct involvement in South Africa," he said. "And as for Central America, I'm suspicious. It's hard to know what the CIA has going on down there."

"I spent three years in Europe," said Jimmie Garner, 57, of Arlington, Arizona., "so I usually read the articles about that part of the world. Sure looks like communism is a little bit of history now.

"As for Nicaragua and Panama, I don't pay much attention. I shouldn't say it, but it seems like a whole bunch of sugar-plantation dictators down there.

"I don't pay a whole lot of attention to South Africa, either. I watched what was happening in Ethiopia till I realized it was all political and there was enough food over there to feed half of Europe, but they wouldn't get it to the people."

To many, events in South Africa seem to have less immediate impact on the United States.

"European news just seems to have more interest to most people who have a European background," said Donald Carver, 23, a service engineer from Manheim, Pa., who said his interest is waning.

"It's kind of turned me off in the last couple of weeks. I'm ready to let them take care of themselves for a while," he said.

But again, South Africa held more interest for blacks polled:

– Willis Branch, 41, a Sugarland, Texas, computer services manager, said he has been closely watching South African events since the 1970s because of similarities to the experiences of blacks in the United States.

"What's happening in South Africa is stronger than anything that happened in the United States," said Branch, "but it's sort of a mirror of society in the United States."

– Kathleen Dunn, 40, a nurse from Dayton, Ohio, commented: "Right now, South Africa looks like it's splitting into three different parts – the whites, those who follow (Nelson) Mandela and that other man (Mangosuthu Buthelezi).

"Seems like the whole country will blow apart in a civil war."

The March 9 telephone poll of 923 people has a margin of error of 3 percentage points.

(Omicinski writes for Gannett News Service in Washington.)

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PERSPECTIVES

News from around the world: bus shooting

UNITED STATES:

A study of the short term effects of Ibuprofen at Johns Hopkins has shown that the drug can cause kidney failure in people who have mild kidney disease. In an editorial, two scientists are urging the Food and Drug Administration to place stronger warning labels on Ibuprofen products.

Ibuprofen, marketed under the names Advil, Motrin, Nuprin, and Medipren, was approved for non-prescription forms in 1985. Sales of Ibuprofen pain relievers account for 20% of the annual $2.5 billion sales of over-the-counter pain relievers.

Ibuprofen relieves pain by interfering with the body's production of an inflammatory agent, prostaglandin, but also constricts blood flow. This caused reversible kidney failure in test subjects. The scientists are urging stronger warning labels on Ibuprofen products, and further testing.

In Columbus, a striking Greyhound worker was arrested in connection with the shooting of a Greyhound bus. The bus, en route from Columbus to Cincinnati, was hit by three shots, but none of the 29 passengers were hurt. On Monday, a Greyhound bus en route between Nashville and Birmingham was shot at, but the shot missed and no one was injured.

LITHUANIA:

Lithuanian Prime Minister Kazimera Prunskiene stated that the Lithuanian legislature is willing to compromise on several issues; among them allowing people living in the republic to retain their Soviet citizenship, and protecting the rights off all people living on Lithuanian soil. Lithuania, according to Prunskiene, would also allow young men to voluntarily serve in the Red Army, and the Lithuanian Communist Party would seek a compromise in property disputes with the national (Soviet) Communist Party.

Prunskiene called an economic blockade "a cold, and very harsh war against the people of Lithuania." Gorbachev threatened an economic blockade against the Lithuanians last week, if the republic did not rescind several laws that violate the Soviet constitution. (Lithuania's declaration of independence is not among them.) Gorbachev gave the republic until Monday, at which point supplies, such as oil and gas, would be cut off. Prunskiene remarked that she saw no shortages of any goods beyond the shortages common in the Soviet system.

Moscow claims the Lithuanian declaration of independence ignores the rights of Polish, Russian, and other ethnic minorities. Lithuania claims the 3 Baltic states of Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia were illegally incorporated into the Soviet Union in 1940. Deputy Prime Minister Romualdus Ozolas announced Tuesday that Lithuania and Estonia have appointed and exchanged ambassadors. Ozolas also urged the Lithuanian people not to panic and to avoid hoarding. Ozolas said the republic can withstand an economic blockade for a month.

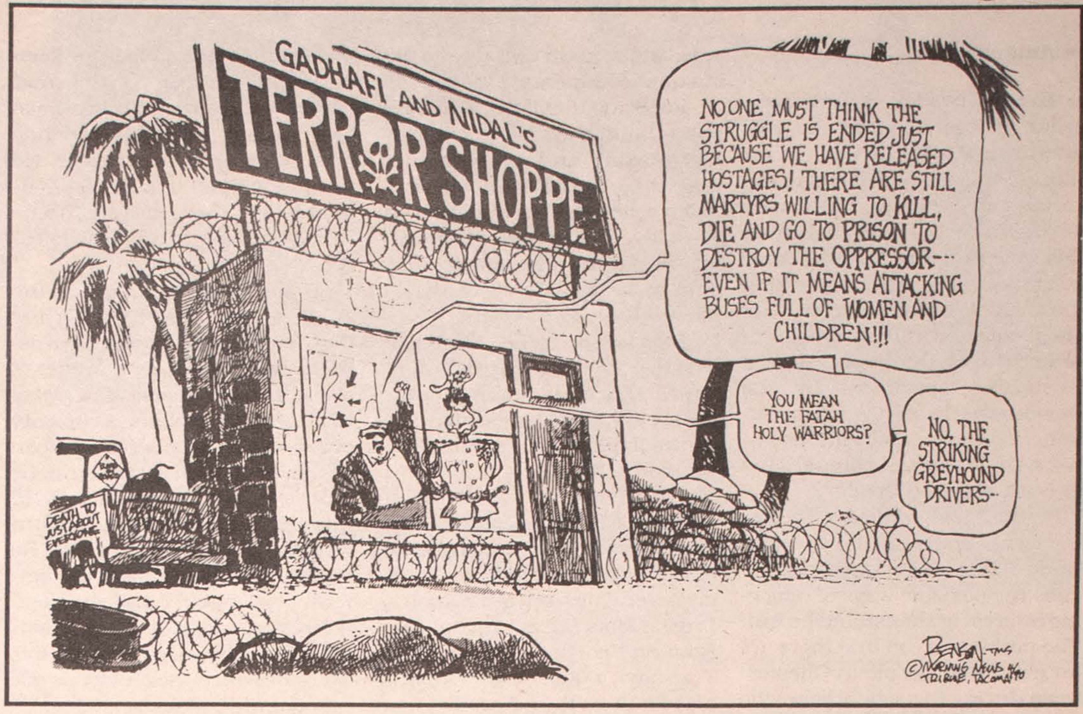
NEPAL:

King Birenda of Nepal has asked the Nepali Congress Party to form a government. Earlier, Birenda dissolved the national assembly and announced the resignation of the 10 day old government of Prime Minister Lokendra Bahedur Chand.

The Nepali Congress Party and the 7 party United Left Front have been responsible for nationwide pro-democracy demonstrations in Nepal since February. It was after police opened fire on demonstrators that the King agreed to lift the 29 year old ban on political parties. Under the present system, the King holds all executive, legislative and judicial powers.

The Nepali Congress Party and the United Left Front have expressed hopes that the King wishes to make Nepal a constitutional monarchy. The two groups are demanding multiparty elections and a new constitution.

The head of the new government, Krishna Prasad Bhattari, said his first priorities would be improving the economy and relations with India, a neighbor of Nepal.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NICARAGUA:

In Honduras, 260 contras laid down their weapons to UN troops. The weapons were then destroyed by a platoon of Venezuelan paratroopers under UN command.

In Nicaragua, the government of Violetta Chamorro is scheduled to take power in a week. While other contra disarmament ceremonies, such as the one in Honduras, are planned, many contra units within Nicaragua continue to skirmish with Sandinista patrols in the northern and central regions of the country. Current president Daniel Ortega, whose Sandinista group lost the election to Chamorro's National Opposition Union in February, warned that the active contra units in Nicaragua are jeopardizing a peaceful government transition, "We are very close to peace, and very close to war."

Since the election of Chamorro, 6000 contras have returned to Nicaragua from bases in Honduras. The demobilization of the contras is being overseen by ONUCA (the UN observer force for Central America). ONUCA is to set up security zones within Nicaragua. Demobilized contras will return to these zones by an unspecified date in accordance with an agreement between the contras and Chamorro's advisors.

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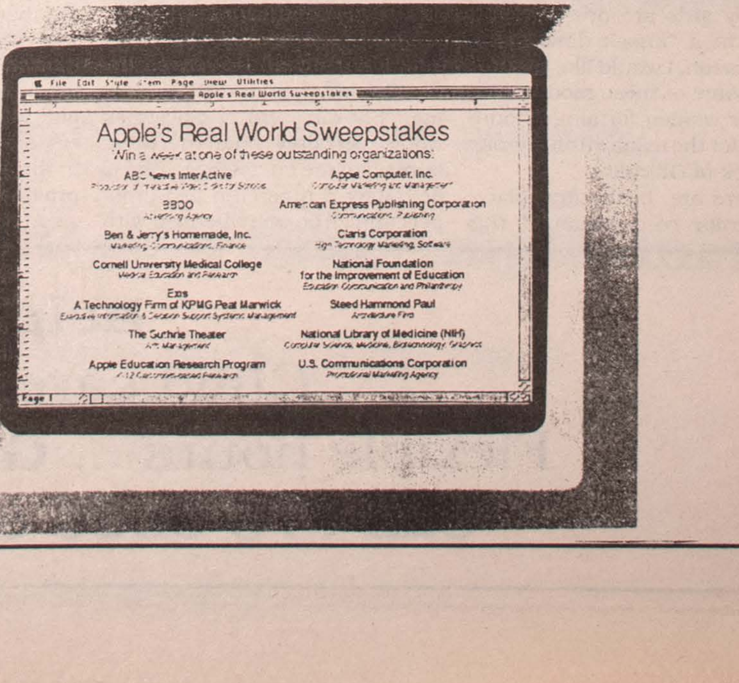
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FEATURES

Students rejuvenate the Chestertown movie theater

by Amanda Burt

Every Tuesday is now two-dollar college night at the Chestertown Movie Theater. In an effort to spark new interest in the family-run theater, business major Vince Maximo instituted this new program for his senior obligation. The idea of making the theater a more integral part of Chestertown was first presented to Washington College's Business Department by the Downtown Chestertown Association. After speaking with his advisor, Dr. Wierda, Maximo elected to work with the theater.

He then met with Mrs. Prince, the owner of the theater who was unavailable for comment, to discuss the possible ways of renewing interest in the establishment. The problem lay in that there are an extra 800 people in Chestertown during the school year who do not attend the theater. The general feeling among students is that the theater is essential for this area, but often people will head to see more recent movies at the bigger malls, such as Dover.

Furthermore, there is always the possibility of videos, and even then there is a wait for recent movies. And videos in the home do not create the theater experience.

Problems with vandalism (a mirror had been damaged along with a bathroom sink), loud noise in the theater, and teenagers sneaking past the ticket booth also detract adults from going to the theater. "A family might come to the theater and see a group of teenagers hanging around outside, and wouldn't want to go in," Maximo comments.

Realizing that there is income potential in the college community, Maximo and Prince decided that they would install a two-dollar college night, running every Tuesday. The first night was not successful, and Maximo says that part of it "had to do with the movies that were playing."

In order to get a First Run Release, a movie theater must pay $3,000 and usually guarantee six weeks playing time. This makes it difficult for small establishments like the Chestertown Movie Theater to both obtain recent releases and compete with larger malls. But Maximo and Prince have succeeded in acquiring several new releases, such as *Driving Miss Daisy*, *Always* and *Born on the Fourth of July*. The Tuesday night that *Always* played, 25 of the 27 people present were students.

"Since Mrs. Prince's theater is part of the DC metropolitan area, we would see what movies were playing each week and then decide which one might be the best to play," explains Maximo. The theater played *Born on the Fourth of July* before the Academy Awards and *Driving Miss Daisy* after, a combination which proved successful, as the theater was able to keep *Driving Miss Daisy* for one more week.

Part of the success of college night is due to bouncer and ticket-taker Peter Hagen, employed by Prince at the recommendation of Maximo. Hagen says he works the first show, and part of the second show if there is a decent turnout. He has helped to keep the theater under control, and Maximo notes that "things have been quieter" since Hagen has been working at the theater. He recently helped to stifle an incident where the police had to be called because of a loud adolescent.

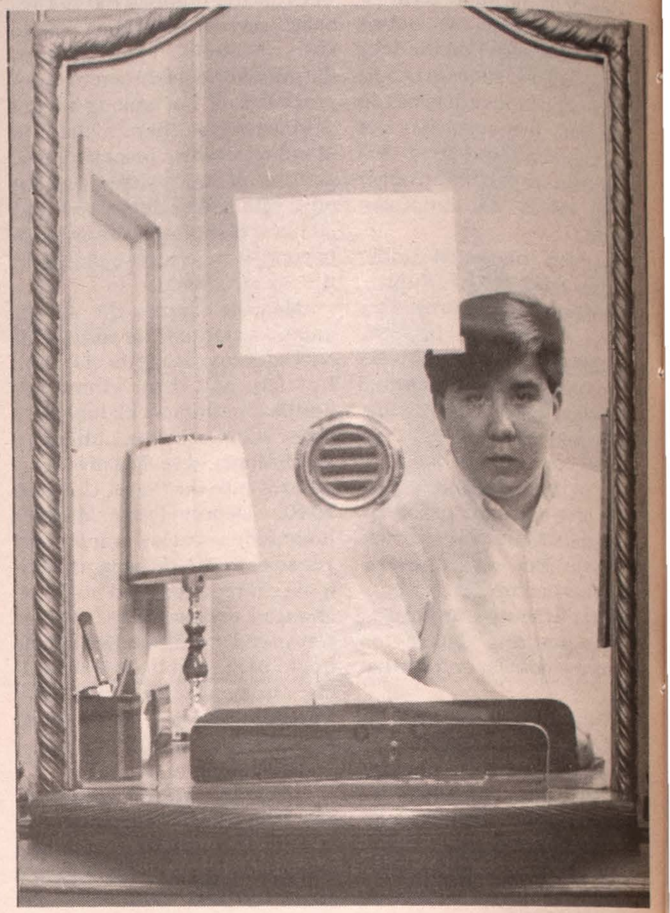
Hagen also comments on the success of college night, saying that "after the Academy Awards, there were 85 college students present to see *Driving Miss Daisy* in the theater, holding a capacity of 225 people." College Night can also help the movie theater if, by cutting the ticket prices in half, more people come. This in turn would generate some profit. He continues to state that "the better movies have helped the theater to gain recognition." As ticket-taker and bouncer, Hagen has noticed an increase of older people present at the movies.

Senior Citizens' Night is yet another program added to the theater. It occurs every Monday night, and advertisements for it run weekly in *The Kent County News*.

College Night will continue at the Chestertown Movie Theater after Maximo graduates. Even though his thesis was accepted, Maximo continues to work for the theater as a volunteer. He hopes the program will become popular enough so that posting flyers advertising College Night will not be necessary. High-cost advertising is not possible in the family-run theater, and as a result there is more dependency on word of mouth.

Maximo observes that people have begun to look at the theater in a new light, and the installation of the programs have helped to "raise the profile of the theater in the community and in the college. Revenue was never really the point." He also thinks the theater has ultimately improved since Mrs. Prince has taken control of the theater.

"It was with the permission of Mrs. Prince," Maximo says, "and her willingness to allow the school to use her facility, that all of this was possible. The experience was both enlightening and worthwhile. I've learned a lot about the Movie Industry."



Senior Vince Maximo works at the theater as part of his thesis.

(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

Slice comments upon the women's softball season

As the weather warms up and one begins to yearn for worthwhile outdoor activities, I would like to suggest a trek across the footbridge, over the railroad tracks to the exciting, addictive game of Division III women's softball. All it takes is one game to get hooked and soon you'll be counting the minutes between home games. How do I know these girls are so fun and exciting to watch? I know, I've seen 'em practice. Opponents become another victim to the wrath of Sho'women softball. While these scrappy girls are presently engaged in a "knock down, drag out" season, I would like to introduce some of these modern day wonder women forming a foundation for the team, stronger than the rock of Gibraltar.

There are, in the first place, the senior co-captains of this school's female version of the '27 Yankees: Sharon Orser and Tracey Coleman. Sharon is the defensive stalwart anchoring the left side of the infield. "Little O's" stellar play at the "hot corner" has thwarted many players to hit the ball away from her.

Phil "Slice" Macek

Truth be told, the Orioles contacted Sharon a few seasons back with the hopes she would solve their perplexing third base problems caused by the departures of Brooks Robinson and Doug DeCinces. Indeed, Cal Ripken, the all-star shortstop of the Orioles, was quoted as saying, "Sharon's crafty glovework would certainly take the pressure off of me on defense. She is definitely a blue-chip pro prospect and I'll be overwhelmed with joy when she is finally wearing an Oriole uniform."

Tracey, for her part, takes a back seat to nobody when it comes to playing the field. She plays first base with the precision of a neurosurgeon.

Whether she is guarding the line, charging a bunt, or handling relays from the outfield, Tracey's knowledge of the game makes her an invaluable cog in Coach Fall's championship caliber softball machine. Tracey's offensive skills are not to be overlooked either. Her deftness with the bat makes her a definite stand-out in the line-up. Overall, the sure-handedness and quality of Sharon and Tracey's play make them the perfect leaders for this team as it marches on to the title. I know, I've seen 'em practice.

At second base, stands a stranger to making errors, Jill "Wheels" Reppert. "Wheels" is so quick it is like having two people at second base. Jill's exceptional, blinding speed gives her tremendous range, helping take some of the defensive pressure off her teammates.

It would do no justice to Jill's abilities, however, if one neglected to mention her offensive skills. As Teddy Roosevelt would say if he saw Jill play ball, "Jill speaks softly but carries a big stick." Opponents have been left gawking as they witness Jill's artistry in laying down a perfect bunt. Her superior speed on the basepaths makes her a mere blur to the naked eye as she completes "the grand tour" for yet another run. Yes, Jill has certainly turned playing second base into an art form, and she is one of the reasons the defense is as tight as an army bedspread. I know, I've seen 'em practice.

On the mound, stands the player that makes everything happen for the Sho'women: Shannon "Blood and Guts" Cupka. In all honesty, this girl has a better delivery than a skilled obstetrician. She mows down batters like a John Deere, setting them up with a flaming fastball then knocking them out with a subtle change-up. She leaves opponents groping for runs like a thirsty man in the desert gropes for a precious drop of water. Like the others, Shannon pulls her weight when it comes to shutting down the enemy. I know, I've seen 'em practice.

In the side open pastures of the outfield lurks Becky Bow-

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Shorewomen knock off Dickinson

by Greg Coss

In one of the biggest matches of the season, the WC women's tennis team gave themselves a chance to win the MAC title as they defeated sectional rival Dickinson on April 8, 6-3. The victory raised the Shorewomen's record to 5-6.

It was Dickinson's first sectional match of the year, and the Red Devils' number one player Mags Randazzo would be happy if it were the last. She had the misfortune of facing Washington's standout Tracy Peel, ranked in the top ten in the nation. Peel rolled right over Randazzo, 6-0,6-3, and Jennifer Sloan, the number six singles player, also won easily to give the Shorewomen an early 2-0 lead. Miriam Dittman handled Valery Herrington 6-2,6-3 to extend the lead to 3-0. After Monica Blanco and Meg Wheatley lost heartbreakers to close the gap to 3-2, Rachel Rice won a huge three set match to give the Shorewomen a 4-2 lead after singles play.

In doubles, Meg Wheatley and Susan Sloan won the clinching match in impressive fashion, 6-3,6-2. Miriam Dittman and Rachel Rice won Washington's sixth match in a real struggle, showing the team's toughness with a 6-3,5-7,6-4 victory. In the real shocker of the match, nationally ranked Monica Blanco and Tracy Peel were upset by a very agressive team in Randazzo and Alena Spielberg. The doubles victory for Randazzo avenged her loss to Peel in singles. Peel and Blanco lost the first set 6-4, then dropped the second set in a tiebreaker. Despite the loss by the team's #1 doubles team, the Shorewomen were more than happy with their 6-3 victory. The win maintained the team's strong record in the Middle Atlantic Conference.

Coach Holly Bramble seemed to be most impressed with the play of Wheatley and Sloan in the third doubles spot. She said the two played decisive tennis in their clinching victory. Like the men's tennis team, the Shorewomen have great depth, as the play of Meg Wheatley and others in the lower seeds have proven all year long. This is a very strong women's team which has an excellent chance to win the MAC's. Dickinson was 4-0 until it ran into the Shorewomen, and the Washington College women will try to play giant killer some more in the spring. This year, it looks like the team has the talent up top and the depth to pull off some big victories in the Middle Atlantic Conference and postseason play.

Coach Fred Wyman looks on with interest during the tennis team's recent match against Salisbury State. The netters are now preparing for the postseason. *(photo by Jeff Hopkins)*

Women's lacrosse loses first

by Julie Schram

The WC women's lacrosse team, ranked twelfth nationally, met up against number ten Johns Hopkins University on a cold and windy Kibler Field on April 12. Despite an impressive rally in the second half, WC was unable to pull a victory out of this longstanding rivalry. The loss was the team's first of the season.

Within the first two minutes of the first half, Hopkins scored, but Amy Tiehel answered with an unassisted goal fifteen seconds later. Hopkins scored on goalie Kristy Hilgartner three more times until Jenny Blenckstone scored midway through the first half. The Jays then went on to score six more times before halftime.

Blenckstone then launched the team's second half rally by scoring twice within the first five minutes. The team played tight defense while the offense continued to surge. Sarah Coste led the attack with four goals. The Shorewomen kept the pressure going until the end of the game, when freshman Sam Clements scored with nine seconds left. Hilgartner registered thirteen saves to the eleven registered by Hopkins.

Coach Diane Guinan commented, "Hopkins was the first team to press us all year, but we came back tremendously against stiff odds."

WC refused to let the loss effect them, beating Frostburg State 13-9 last Saturday. They travel to Gettysburg tomorrow to play their final MAC contest.

Baseball's new role on television

by Brett Lankford
Staff writer

How many of you out there have turned on the television lately? I can only assume that the majority of you have, and odds that you probably caught at least part of a baseball game on the tube. This is especially true for those fortunate people who have access to cable TV. Between CBS, TBS, WGN, WOR, WMAR and ESPN, we have more than enough initials broadcasting the national pastime.

ESPN is the main source for baseball this season. It seems that what has always been called "The Total Sports Network" may have to change their title, at least from April to September. Baseball's Opening Day brought three consecutive games to viewers in some areas. Unfortunately, television blackouts conspired to limit the Baltimore metropolitan area to a little more than one game. Orioles fans wound up getting nailed twice, since radio announcer extraordinaire Jon Miller was busy calling the game for ESPN and could not be heard over the airwaves.

Still, all of this baseball on television must be an absolute dream for every die hard fan of the game. Just flip on the set, settle down for nine hours of baseball, drive the entire family crazy, right? Well, not exactly. These hours of viewing pleasure are only limited to those fans who have cable television.

When ESPN bought the rights to broadcast 587,842 games this season, everyone thought that baseball would be on 24 hours a day. This is true if you have cable, but there are plenty of less fortunate souls who now have to wait until late June before seeing another game on national television. This is because CBS is now the network that owns the rights to major league baseball, and they have turned their backs on the sport until the All-Star Game arrives.

CBS bought the rights because they want to have the potential to broadcast every major sporting event. They already have the NCAA Tournament and the NBA Playoffs. They spent millions and billions of dollars for the All-Star Game, the Championship Series and the World Series. Regular season games are not a worry for them. This is unfortunate, because CBS has two classy announcers in Jack Buck and Tim McCarver. Baseball is permeating the television cable medium, but unfortunately some true fans of the game are being left out. One can only hope that CBS broadcasts more regular season games next year and makes sure that every baseball fan can appreciate the sport on television.

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Men's tennis team dominates Rochester

by Greg Coss

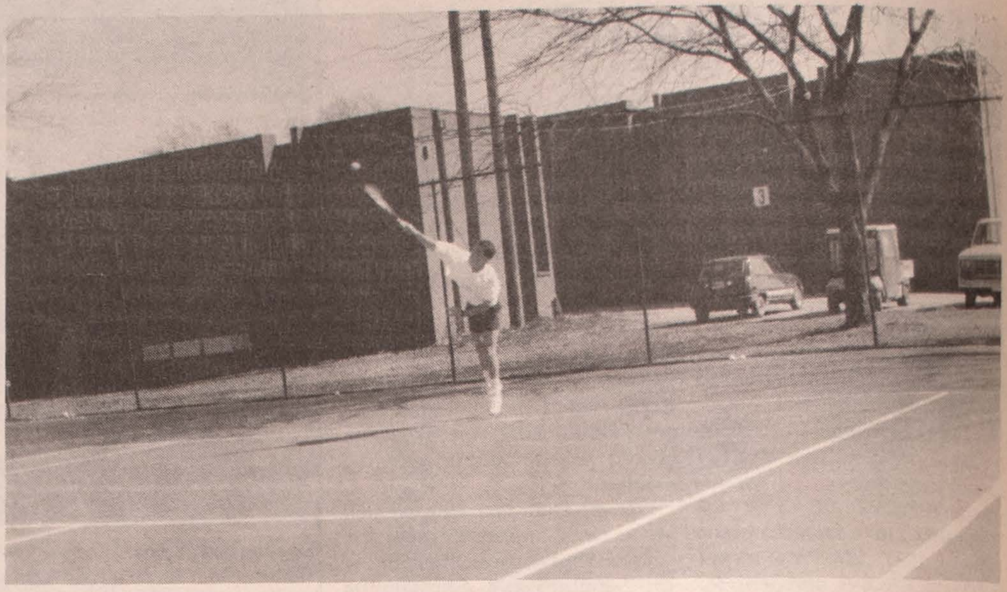
The WC men's netters put themselves in excellent position for the national championships, to be held at Swarthmore in June, with an extremely impressive 8-1 victory over the University of Rochester. The win was a huge one for the Shoremen and detrimental to the Yellow Jackets because it gave WC either a number three or four seeding for the national tournament and eliminated Rochester from post-season play. It was a match which worried coach Wyman and several of the players, who saw this match as do or die for the Shoremen. They responded in grand fashion, peaking just at the right time, the final match of the season.

Roman Inochovsky was very strong at the number six position, defeating Ben Austen of the Yellow Jackets handily by a score of 6-0,6-2. The depth of WC was simply too much as Alberto Diaz, playing at number five singles, defeated Mike Kuening 6-2,6-4. Scott Read handled 28th ranked Juan Patta after a shaky first set, 7-6,6-2, giving WC a 2-0 lead in the match. Peter Maller, ranked #16 in the South Atlantic, lost a tough one at number three singles to #29 Bobby Hessien. Maller lost 6-3,6-2, closing the gap to 2-1. The Shoremen responded to the threat, however, as Scott Shepard fought off Chris O'Brien 6-4,6-4. Larry Gewer then beat Sal Mauroby by the same score to clinch the match for the Shoremen.

WC further exposed their depth when Allon Rock and Andy Bohutinsky stepped in at #3 doubles and won in three sets. Read and Gewer defeated the #7 ranked team in the country by a score of 6-3,6-3, while Maller and Inochovsky pulled out a big three set win at number two doubles. This clinched an 8-1 victory for the Shoremen.

This match followed a 6-3 victory over Division II foe West Chester University. In this match, Larry Gewer crushed Darren Kostival 6-1,6-0. Maller made it 2-0 with a 6-2,6-2 victory over Dave Sorrell. Scott Read won his 30th match of the season with a 6-3,6-4 defeat of Christian Roucoutes. Scott Shepard and Allon Rock clinched the match for the Shoremen with singles victories. Read and Gewer won easily in doubles, accounting for the Shoremen's sixth win and the icing on the cake, making WC's record 14-2. After the team's win over Rochester, the Shoremen closed the regular spring season with a 15-2 record.

Washington College, avoiding a late season loss to a lesser opponent, helped themselves tremendously and have given themselves an excellent chance at big success in the nationals. Instead of competing in a playoff involving several teams vying for the number seven and eight positions in the tournament, WC will once again be one of the premier teams in the country. They will attempt to climb a few spots above last year's fourth place finish in the nationals.



Freshman sensation Alberto Diaz lets loose a serve against Salisbury State. (photo by Jeff Hopkins)

Women's softball battles injuries, tough schedule

by Amy R. Caddle

The Washington College women's softball team has had to deal with some serious setbacks the past few weeks. Three team players, as well as Coach Penny Fall, have suffered from illnesses and injuries. Senior Sheri Christopher was hospitalized and underwent an operation and pitcher Shannon Cupka fractured her toe. In addition, Marie Mohler suffered a broken thumb and had to have the injury surgically pinned, and Coach Penny Fall was hospitalized for an illness. These setbacks all took place within a ten day period, and the injuries have contributed to many internal team problems. "The morale of the team was low for a while, but we seem to be on an upswing now," says Coach Fall. With only 11 varsity players, it is essential that everyone remain healthy and able to play. The recent setbacks forced the Shorewomen to make many adjustments in the field and forced Coach Fall to place people in new positions. "Shannon Cupka can still pitch, but she's lost a bit of her speed. However, she can't run at all," says Fall. Christopher is back on the field, but her loss of time will result in more hard work. Mohler will be out for the rest of the season. "Marie was a solid center fielder and an excellent hitter. Her injury has resulted in a major team loss," says Fall.

Creativity has been the key word for position changes within the team. "Everybody's playing at least two positions. That puts a lot of demands on the players, but they have been very flexible. Considering all of the setbacks we have suffered, our playing has not been bad," adds Fall. The Shorewomen had a 8-4 victory over Essex Community College, a team that has been a challenge to the Washington College softball team in the past. Sharon Orser at third base and Edna Diefenderfer at shortstop had 11 assists combined. WC's strong defense, particularly the outfield and left side of the infield, helped lead the team to victory. "It was the best fielding game a Washington College softball team has ever played," says Coach Penny Fall.

The Shorewomen have suffered a recent string of losses, which is not a true indication of their level of play. Swarthmore beat WC 10-0, and in a doubleheader against Gettysburg, the Shorewomen lost 9-8, and 14-4. The first game against Gettysburg proved the strength of the Washington College team. "Gettysburg is tough. I am not unhappy with the level of play from our team," says Fall. The Shorewomen then rallied for a 9-4 win over Galaudet. In this victory, Sharon Orser, Tracy Coleman, Kathy Brewster and Jill Reppert scoring all nine runs. Edna Diefenderfer also provided some solid hitting for the WC Shorewomen against Gallaudet.

In the team's recent home game against Hunter College, the score was 1-1 until the first half of the 7th inning, when Hunter was able to tally two runs. The women were unable to score in the bottom of the seventh, resulting in a 3-1 loss for WC. Despite the loss, Reppert proved her mettle again by scoring the only run of the game for the Shorewomen.

The only disappointing game of the season thus far was the doubleheader against Wastern Maryland, resulting in a 4-1 and 9-2 loss for Washington College. Coach Fall says, "It just was not a good game. We were tough until the fifth inning, and then we fell apart."

The Shorewomen now have a large number of games coming up in a short period of time. The schedule includes games against Cecil Community College, a doubleheader against Essex Community College, as well as five more games that have not been rescheduled as of this date. Coach Fall has planned to rescedule only intraleague Middle Atlantic Conference rain-outs, due to a lack of time remaining in the spring season.

Lacrosse continues to roll over their opponents

by Matt Giller

In a home game on April 7, in front of an impressive alumni crowd, the Shoremen were able to escape the pesky Roanoke netters(6-4) by the score of 5-4.

Good goaltending, a tight zone, and the everpresent quagmire were the main defenders in the game Saturday agaainst the WAC juggernauts. The Shoremen scored four goals in the opening frame, but were unable to add anything until Tim Hormes scored at 8:29 of the third quarter to give them the lead and the game wining goal at 5-4.

The last six minutes of the game, the Shoremen sealed a victory when Coach Corcoran inserted Nick Darcangelo to help control the ball and run out the clock without allowing any threat by the visitors. Along with Hormes's two goals, Jed Cronin supplied a hat trick to supplement the scoring for the Shoremen.

Coach Terry Corcoran was extremely enthusiastic about his team's play on the defensive end, as they were able to shut down the big guns of Roanoke with excellent individual efforts from Kevin "Duck" Doyle and Dave Cromwell. The team also benefited from a solid performance from Kevin Colbeck, who played his first game since returning from the injured reserve.

Last Saturday the Shoremen(6-3) went north, where they outdueled the Dips of Franklin & Marshall(7-4), 19-14. The rain stayed away but the goals were poured on as senior All-Americans Bob Martino and Tim Hormes combined for 9 goals to lead the #2 ranked Shoremen over the previously ranked #4 F&M Diplomats.

Although Franklin & Marshall played a tight zone as anticipated, the dry field made it easier for the deer to run wild and work an impressive and effective fast break against the Diplomats. The Shoremen shot out to a 7-3 first quarter lead and never looked in the rear view mirror as they were in the driver's seat the rest of the way.

Franklin & Marshall did manage to cut the Shoremen lead to 12-9 before the halftime horn sounded. Washington College spread the lead to 16-11 after three frames, and they received a boost from the defense late in the game. Dave Slomkowski was excellent in the second half between the pipes, never allowing the Diplomats to threaten.

Hormes led all WAC scorers with five goals. Martino excelled with four goals and three assists, while Hank Miller netted three and assisted on another on the same middie line. Jed Cronin and Greg Rupert each scored two goals, while Nick Darcangelo and Bennie Lamanna tallied one goal and two assists apiece. Freshman Dave Lipinski scored a goal and Mark Cavallaro completed the scoring with an assist. Standout Shoremen goalie Dave Slomkowski finished with 16 saves in goal.

The Shoremen are on the road this weekend at Washington & Lee, a vastly improved team that is ranked #11 in the latest poll. The Juggernauts end their two game road trip and return home to Kibler Field and Washington College the following Saturday, April 28th, to face off against the #6 ranked Sea Gulls of Salisbury State. This game is the final regular season home game for the Shoremen, and the festivities begin at 1:30. The WAC ends their regular season on Friday, May 4 with a game at West Chester St., then move on to a promising postseason.

Helen Marcus exhibits literary portraits

(photo by Carl Fischer)

by Jennifer Del Nero
Staff writer

Freelance photographer Helen Marcus, recognized for her corporate portraiture, annual reports, and world-wide food and travel works, presents "Literary Portraits: Photographs by Helen Marcus," an exhibit on display in the O'Neill Literary House beginning Friday, April 27.

Publications including the *New York Times* and *Town & Country* have featured Marcus' works, which have also been highlighted as solo exhibitions for the Asia Society, the New York Public Library and the Overseas Press Club.

Showcasing the familiar names Anne Tyler, Irvine Shaw, Tom Wolfe, Joseph Heller and John Barth in her display, Marcus has also photographed authors Norman Mailer, Robert Ludlum and Kitty Carlisle. Included in the featured works will be a photograph of Toni Morrison, one of Marcus' favorites.

"What I try to do when I'm photographing people is to get onto a page something that I see that attracts them to me," explains Marcus as she describes her approach to the portraits.

Conceding that it is virtually impossible to capture the "essence" of a person, Marcus instead concentrates on portraying her subject in a way that "makes them seem important, that they have a presence and a humanity," and adds, "I want to show them the way they want to be seen."

For Marcus, photography is "an extension of biography. I am interested in who you are, where you came from, what you do and how you do it."

As a theater major in college, Marcus initially worked various theater jobs, including on technical crews and as a production assistant. At one point she helped in the production of a Broadway show and participated in the Theater Guild.

In search of a less sporatic livelihood, Marcus turned to television, which was responsible for many of the connections that sparked her second career switch to photography. As a TV producer with Goodson-Todman Productions, she worked on programs such as To Tell the Truth, What's My Line and Beat the Clock.

Marcus, whose interest in photography began at the age of ten, had done occasional portraits for friends and was asked to do one of Bob Creighton for his novel. The novel was a bestseller, and Marcus received extensive credit for her work as well. It was then that she decided to pursue photography as a profession.

Among Marcus' first clients were American Express, Simon & Schuster and Alfred A. Knopf. One of Marcus' recent photographs for Schuster was of former president Richard Nixon.

Praised for her strong corporate portraits and evocative lighting, Marcus has also photographed for International Paper Co., Western Union and Fortune, in addition to the magazines *Time, Travel and Leisure, Food and Wine, Vogue, Gourmet* and *Forbes*. Although, Marcus admits, photographs for annual reports aren't as glamorous as literary portraits, she says, "You can do better financially...And there are challenges."

Marcus, one of the founders of New York's Chapter of the American Society of Magazine Photographers, was its first president and presently fills the position for a third term. Professionally, she is affiliated as well with Advertising Photographers of America, Overseas Press Club, Graphic Artists Guild and Women in Communications.

Recently, Marcus has been a regular lecturer at the Maine Photographic Workshop and a spokeswoman for Conference Management, discussing executive portraiture and business practices in photography.

Assignments have led Marcus across the world, including China, Japan, Soviet Union, India, Egypt, Mexico and Europe, and her name is listed not only in Who's Who in American Women, but in the World Who's Who in Women.

With regard to her future, Marcus plans to "do more of what I'm doing and to do it better."

On display form Friday, April 27 thru Sunday, April 29, "Literary Portraits: Photographs by Helen Marcus" will debut at the Literary House with a reception Friday, April 27 at 4:30 PM. Admission is free and open to the public.

Campus calendar

Friday, April 20

Racine's *Phaedra*, translated by Richard Wilbur, will be performed by the WC Drama Department under the direction of Ryder Daniels. Reservations are not required for the 8 PM show in Tawes Theater of the Gibson Fine Arts Center. Also performed Saturday, April 21 at 8 PM.

The WC Film Series presents *Sex, Lies, and Videotape* in the Norman James Theater at 7:30 PM. Tickets are $1 for students, faculty and staff; $2 for all others. Also showing Sunday, April 22 and Monday, April 23 at 7:30 PM.

Saturday, April 21

The Kent Mass Choir presents its spring concert in the Norman James Theater at 7 PM.

"Open Mike Night" will be held in the Coffee House at 9 PM. There is no admission fee, and alcoholic beverages will be available to those with proper I.D.

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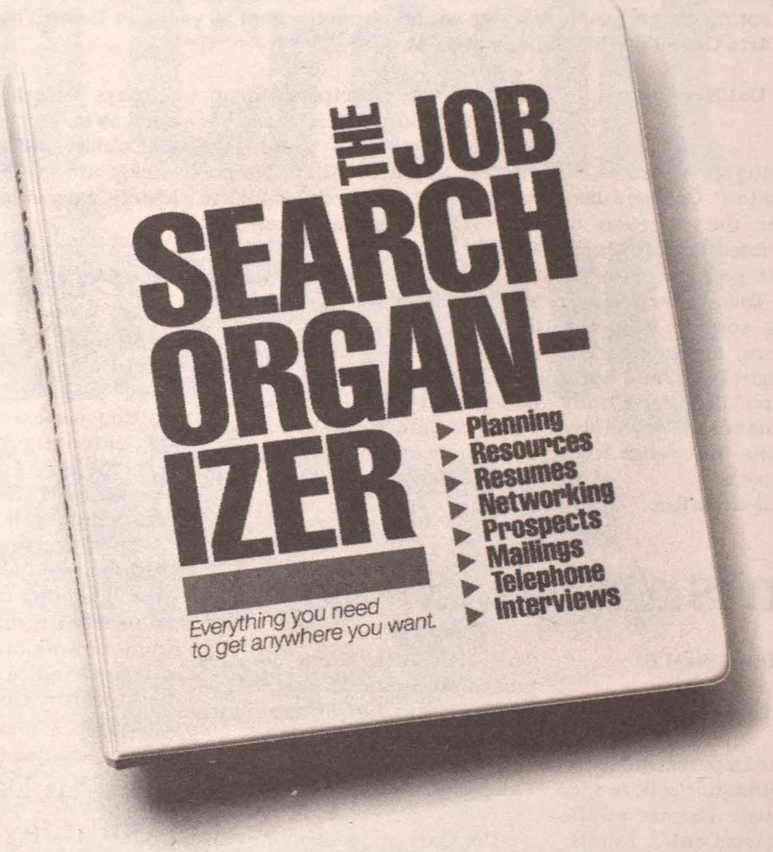
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Band jazzes it up in spring performance

The Washington College Jazz Band, under the direction of Associate Professor of Music Amzie Parcell, performs its spring concert, featuring jazz sounds from the past 50 years, in Tawes Theater of the Gibson Fine Arts Center on this Sunday at 4 PM. (photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

by Jennifer Del Nero
Staff writer

Culminating spring semester, the Washington College Jazz Band, under the direction of Associate Professor of Music Amzie Parcell, performs Sunday afternoon in Tawes Theater.

Featuring sounds from the Big Band era, including "I'm Gonna Sit Right Down and Write Myself a Letter" and "My Funny Valentine," the ensemble will also play selections that range from slow to jazz rock.

As Parcell describes, "There will be a wide spectrum of composition," adding, "it is jazz in the broadest sense of what jazz means." Some of the contemporary jazz works scheduled for the concert are "Channel Three" and "Firestar."

Chris Goldenberg, freshman and drummer for the band predicts the performance to be an enjoyable one: "I'm very excited about the upcoming concert. I believe that our second show will be better than the first because of the variety of songs and because of the talented members in the band."

Says Parcell, "The group is open to all students with requisite ability, with the necessary background to play the music." Ideally, he would like to see the ensemble as a completely WC student-composed group of 18 instrumentalists and one or two vocalists. Currently, members include both students and local community members.

Should this ideal be actualized, Parcell would like the jazz band to perform off campus. Since its organization four years ago, the ensemble has only played in the Coffee House besides its semester performances.

Freshman Michelle Harrison, who contacted Parcell about a jazz group before her arrival to WC, would also like to see the band perform off campus. "A lot of people on campus don't know about it [the jazz band], and playing off campus would give us an opportunity to go out there and show everybody what we're doing," she explains.

The jazz group grew out of student interest and Parcell's agreement to participate as director. According to Parcell, the ensemble, which started out on a small basis, still has room for advancement. However, he does admit, "Our net isn't cast quite far enough. We don't take in all the students who are capable to do it," and says, "we're always looking for new personnel." Non-music majors are encouraged to join in the band as well as music majors.

As sophomore Todd Kagler points out, the ensemble provides a "nice opportunity for students who don't want to be music majors to play the instruments they played in high school." He adds, "It's something we all do because we want to do it; it's not like we're obligated."

Kagler, desiring to perform in front of a larger audience, says, "We've been working really hard. We hope to have a lot of school support." Goldenberg and Parcell agree.

The jazz band, which rehearses Wednesday evenings, is comprised of: Michelle Harrison, Todd Kagler, Andrew Chandler and Charles Bishop, saxophone; Keith Wharton, Bill Faulkner, William Parcell and Robert Fleetwood, trumpet; John Blakelock, euphonium; Victor Belanger, bass; Chris Premo, guitar; Michael Tyson, piano; and Chris Goldenberg, drums. Vocal accompaniment is provided by Kate Bennett and Cynthia Croot.

The spring performance of the Washington College Jazz Band will begin at 4 PM in Tawes Theater of the Gibson Fine Arts Center. Admission is free and open to the public.

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Sunday, April 22

The Music Department sponsors the Washington College Jazz Band in Tawes Theater of the Gibson Fine Arts Center. Admission to the 4 PM performance is free and open to the public.

Wednesday, April 25

"Diversifying Leadership for the 21st Century," a talk by Brigadier-General Clara Adams-Ender, Chief of the Army Nurse Corps, is presented by the Margaret-Horsley Society in the Norman James Theater at 8 PM.

Thursday, April 26

The Career Development Office offers a seminar, "Entrepreneurship," at 7 PM in the Sophie Kerr Room.

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Levy on 'fantastic' literature

Maurice Levy, professor of English at the University of Toulouse and currently serving as visiting professor of English at the University of Ohio, will discuss "Critical Approaches to the Literature of the Fantastic" on Thursday, April 26.

Levy, whose specialty is the Gothic novel, will examine ways of interpreting Gothic literature in his lecture, drawing examples from the work of such authors as Edgar Allan Poe and early twentieth-century Gothic writer, H.P. Lovecraft.

Schools of criticism, such as historical analysis, thematic criticism, structuralism and psychoanalysis, and their respective limitations will be explored in connection with fantastic literature.

Levy comes to Washington College partly through the efforts of Associate Professor Thomas Cousineau, who has been friends with Levy for several years. "While the focus of [Levy's] talk will be on the literature of the fantastic," Cousineau says, "its larger ambition is to examine methods of interpretation applicable to the study of literature in general."

The talk is sponsored as part of the Sophie Kerr Lecture Series and will take place in the Sophie Kerr Room at 5 PM. Admission is free and open to the public.

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Women's softball

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man, the alias "softball magnet." She covers the ground like a gazelle, eating up lazy fly-balls, constantly conjuring up similarities to Willie Mays . And if she's Mays in the outfield, she is certainly Hank Aaron at the plate. Becky's hitting prowess has been the backbone for many offensive outbursts. It's a simple case of the offense complementing the defense. I know, I've seen 'em practice.

To be sure, the rest of the team deserves recognition. Each girl makes substantial contributions to the team, and their efforts should be applauded. For example, there is the timely hitting of Debbie Smethurst and Jen Brown, usually driving in key runs that help secure a Sho'women victory. There is also the rock steady defense of catcher Kathy Brewster. She reminds one of Johnny Bench in his prime, and if Division III handed out gold gloves, Kathy's name would be at the top of the list. Without a doubt, the depth of this team gives it a strong chance to bring the softball title back to Chestertown. I know, I've seen 'em practice.

I would now like to pay homage to the great mastermind behind this team...Coach Fall. Coach Fall is a pure technician of the game and should take the credit for knitting the team into one cohesive unit. She uses bold strategic moves that would surely evoke envy from some of the greatest coaches whoever lived—people like Casey Stengel and Whitey Herzog. With a strict practice regimen Coach Fall has assembled a group of seasoned veterans and eager rookies ready to face the challenges of life in the slam-bang, live on the razor's edge, laugh in the face of death world of Division III women's softball. I know, I've seen 'em practice.

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Study abroad

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College, Dr. Emilie Amt, Assistant Professor of History, Professor Bennett Lamond, Chair of the English Department, Dr. Peter Tapke, Professor of Philosophy and Religion, and Dr. Rosette Roat, Associate Professor of the Department of Chemistry, are the members of this committee.

Applicants to either of the WC affiliated schools schools must meet a few criteria. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 is required. Three letters of recommendation from faculty members must then be submitted to the committee, along with an essay that states the request to go abroad as well as the student's intent. The essay must describe what the student wants to study and why that subject matter is important to them. It must also show how this course of study will fit in with their projected major.

Based on these criteria, the committee considers all of the entrants and makes its selection; all of the chosen students applied through this process.

The second process involves students sending their own individual applications to the institution of their choice. These applications do not go through the college selection committee, but are considered by the individual schools which sponsor the programs. Each school sets its own criteria for selection.

Sansing was unaware as to the and number of students accepted to schools to study abroad in this manner.

"Going abroad gives the student an opportunity to study different subjects in a different environment, at a time in your life when you have less responsibilities and commitments. Too soon in life we get involved in families and jobs and this is an opportunity for the student to grow on his or her own," said Sansing.

"I haven't spent very much time traveling and I haven't been away from home and my family for the amount of time that I will be next year, but being a history major I think England will be a fascinating area to study and visit, " said Feeney.

Feeney is planning to study British history next year at Manchester and its tutorial teaching style is one of the reasons that she picked this institution. She will take one class per semester. Instead of attending class regularly, she will meet with a tutor once a week to discuss that week's assignment.

Said Kate Absher, a double major in English and history: "When I decided to attend Washington College, I felt I needed the security of a small school. But now I think I'm ready to try something bigger. St. Andrews is a large university with many international students in the heart of Scotland. By going there, I'll be breaking ties with my family, my friends, my country for a whole year...not a very secure thing to do. It will be good for me."

Molina

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to find companies that advocated the push to protect the environment. They found that Kelloggs, General Mills, and Post are the only cereal companies which use recycled paper for their boxes.

When they looked at detergents, they discovered that the liquid detergents have a small amount of phosophorous, which is harmful to the environment, or no phosphorous at all, whereas powder detergent had a substantial amount.

A member of the Chestertown community said, "One of the major problems with commercial products and the environment is that the public has not demanded the use of recycled products. Because of this, companies do not boldly show that their products are environmentally safe."

Molina discussed one of the most important world problems that exists several times during his visit to classes, and during the talk: the ozone hole. Chlorofloro-carbons (CFC's) deplete the ozone. The following equations and text will illustrate the problem and why it exists.

First of all ozone makes up the stratosphere. When elemental chlorine and chlorine oxide are present in the atmosphere a radical chlorine is formed. It is this radical chlorine that causes the problem because it attacks the ozone and creates another radical chlorine, so that the newly created radical chlorine will attack another ozone molecule; therefore, the vicious cycle continues infinitely unless the CFC's are cut down drastically. This process can be reversed and ozone can be created by (1) adding nitrogen oxide to oxygen to form a radical oxygen. Then (2) the radical oxygen will attach to elemental oxygen.

"Society as a whole has to do something about it, it can't be just the scientists. Conservation does not mean that we have to lower our standard of living to reduce the risk. We only need to change our habits," said Molina.

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co-sponsored with the Theta Chi fraternity.

Elections Committee Chair Kristen Kujowski later reported the election results: Senior Class President—Steve Bruchey, 42 votes; Vice-President—Suzanne Hughes, 32 votes, Wendy Kerr, 16 votes; Secretary /Treasurer—Kyndra Ponder, 41 votes. Junior Class President— R.J. Eldridge, 17 votes, Sam Gessner, 18 votes, John Kelly 29 votes; Vice-President—Adriane Beane, 38 votes, Gerry Scully, 21 votes; Secretary—Jennifer Griffin, 55 votes; Treasurer—Lara Buchanan, 50 votes. Sophomore Class President—Whitney Hyrus, 49 votes, Gordy Scherer, 44 votes; Vice-President—Lynn Clifford, 40 votes; Lisa Pruett, 52 votes; Secretary/Treasurer—Lori Hastings, 83 votes.

Finally, Neiman handed out polls to the senators, which will be distributed to the student body. Senators will go around next week to collect student ideas and opinions about the decor of the renovated Student Center and about whether the freshmen and sophomores should be required to live on campus.

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MOM'S COOKIE JAR

Boy, what a wild time there was in the Dining Hall Wednesday, at dinner! Carnival Night was truly one of the best special events held in the Dining Hall in quite a while. Congradulations to Angela Bowden and Otis Monroe for all their hard work and creativity. A special thanks to all the W.C.D.S. staff for helping make the evening come together. We could not have done it without you.

While I'm at it, I would like to extend congradulations to James Anderson. He was chosen W.C.D.S. Employee of the Month for April. Way to go James and keep up the good work.

Now for some "cultural information" that should be of interest to all of you. Calcium is the most abundant mineral found in the human body, most being found in the bones (97%) and teeth (1%). The remainder is found in the soft tissues of the body where it performs a variety of pertinent functions.

Bone is constantly being broken down and rebuilt; thus the body's constant need for calcium does not stop after childhood, but continues throughout life. If calcium consumption is inadequate over time, calcium will be released from bones, weakening the skeleton, resulting in osteoprorosis (porous bones). As you may know women are more prone to osteoprorosis than men, mainly due to a smaller bone structure.

Next Wednesday will be Steak Night. The menu will feature Broiled T-Bone or Cajun Steaks, Baked Lemon & Pepper Catfish Fillets, Twiced Baked Potatoes, Steamed Carrots and fresh Strawberry Shortcake with homemade whipped topping. Sounds delicious. I'll be there, sure hope you will be, too.

Before I forget, there are only 23 more shopping days until MOTHER'S DAY. Was that too suttle a reminder?

Until next week..MOM

April 23, 1990
(1 hr. 40 min.) *

sex, lies, and videotape
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MIRAMAX

In this movie, truly about sex, lies, and videotape, 26-year-old Stephen Soderbergh has hold of a good filmmaker's idea, and a funny one, too—that sexual confession is itself a sexual act and can be more erotic than sex itself. The four central characters are a beautiful and frigid wife, her adulterous husband, her vengeful sister with whom he's having an affair, and his old college friend who videotapes women as they take off their clothes and reveal their innermost sexual secrets. They talk softly to one another, about one another, and we are drawn gently but insistently into a labyrinth of lust and betrayal. The dialogue reveals the power of lies and, surprisingly, the greater power of truth. This purring little movie is highly erotic, yet also rather ethical. A fascinating, eccentric first feature.

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State of the Majors Reports submitted

seventy percent of majors need more faculty

Plaid Rabbit is one band that played at the Chestertown Earth Day celebration. Many Washington College students attended to show their support. *Plaid Rabbit* will be playing at a local bar this Saturday night.

(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

by Tracey Connell
Staff writer

The 1989-90 State of the Major Reports were recently submitted to the administration by former Student Academic Board Chairperson and Student Government Vice President Tracey Coleman. The need for more faculty was the recurrent theme.

Coleman compiled the reports, which were written by student representatives of almost every major based on results of polling both students and faculty. Only two departments of twenty went unrepresented in the Student Academic Board: Art and Drama. One other major was unrepresented in the report; student Jin Pak voiced concerns of the Chemistry Department at meetings but was unable to submit a report as she was serving as an intern this semester.

State of the Majors Reports are submitted on an annual basis. Coleman stated that she sent copies of this year's document to President Cater, Provost and Dean of the College Elizabeth Baer, Associate Dean Lucille Sansing, the Student Government Association and The Washington College Elm. According to Coleman, Baer suggested that copies should also be sent out to faculty chairpersons of majors.

Fourteen of the twenty student major representatives stated unequivocally that their departments were in need of faculty. One representative, Jerome Connolly for Economics, cited "instability" in his department "among existing professors" but stated that the lossof two professors within the same year was "unforeseeable." Only two majors did not cite a need for additional faculty.

Seventy percent of the academic departments at Washington College are in need of more faculty, according to student representatives on the Student Academic Board. No other concern was voiced with such uniformity.

This does not indicate that students are unhappy at WC. While the desire for increased staffing was evident, most of the representatives stated that students were generally happy in their major. Most stated that while staffing is inadequate, faculty members that are employed here are caring and talented.

Students Jeanne King and Peter Maller are two representatives of the largest major at, business management.

They wrote in their report, "Students and faculty were interviewed regarding the State of the Business Major. Both groups seemed to find the progress that has been made quite adequate. There were however a few common recommendations touched on by both students and faculty...It was recommended that maybe one more full time professor be employed. It would make the major easier to administer and would help with the teaching of upper level courses...It must be noted that the present Business Professors are all well respected."

Other concerns ranged from inadequate resources, for example, in the History Department—"The most pressing problem in the major is funds"— to new course suggestions. Heather Donovan, the philosophy major representative, suggested that courses be offered in "contemporary philosophy. Some of the particular philosophers mentioned were Spinoza, Leibniz, Hegel, Heideggar, and Nietzsche. A separate section of medieval history was also proposed."

Only one representative seemed dissatisfied with almost every aspect of her major.

Student Jennifer Eisberg wrote of the Foreign Languages Department, "The foreign language major at Washington College is in jeopardy. It has arrived at a critical point and will go in one of two directions: it will either die, or it will be saved. The death of the foreign language major rests on lack of interest on both the professors' part and the students' part. Professors believe that students are no longer interested in studying foreign languages. This is partly true. They are no longer interested because there is nothing to keep them interested."

The Student Academic Board accomplished much more in addition to compiling the report. According to Coleman, "our major goal this year was to change requirements for the senior obligation." This eventually led to the addition of a document to each student's transcript identifying and recognizing each students' completion of senior obligations. This new practice will go into effect for the graduates of 1990.

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Master Plan moves into the summer break

by Laura Hopper
Staff writer

As the academic year draws to a close, things are beginning to shape up around the Washington College campus, according to Clint Baer, Director of Planning and Special Projects. Baer recently updated results of the Master Plan and outlined summer construction projects.

Construction in the college lane is now complete. The walkways are repaired, and the area will be landscaped with trees, bushes, shrubs, and grass. Baer stressed that this is usually one of the best times of the year for planting grass, but this year the ground is too wet. By autumn, the grass should be well established.

The Casey Academic Resources Center is now slated for opening on October 1, 1990. Landscaping around the building and along the new access road will be done at that time. Returning students should eventually see trees planted along the road. The Bookstore, Admissions Office, Student Affairs Office, classrooms, and student mailboxes will be located in the Casey Center.

During summer break, Dunning Hall and possibly two of the new dorms are scheduled for renovations. Cecil and Dorchester are the most likely candidates for renovations. The dorms will be repainted, carpeted, and repaired. This is part of a program where, according to Baer, "each summer we try to isolate a particular priority area." Any dorms renovated this summer will not be used for housing during the summer programs.

Also scheduled for construction this summer is a new parking lot located where Foxwell Hall once stood. The lot will be roughly the same size as the parking lot behind Tawes Theater. Eventually, the William Smith parking lot will be replaced by a pedestrian mall and a small parking lot near Bunting Hall.

Many students are concerned that new parking areas will not compensate for the loss of the

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EDITORIAL

How to cure the state of major: additional faculty

The State of the Major reports are in, and the verdict is almost unanimous—this college needs more faculty. This problem no longer manifests itself merely as bickering between the editor and the president in the pages of The Elm—it is foremost among students' concerns about academia at Washington College.

As English representative Sarah Hamlin eloquently states, "The students' responses to the survey suggested that much is adequate about the English major, but their comments and recommendations show that they are interested in a more than just adequate education." Here's what you, the students, said about your respective majors:

In the American studies major, representative Matthew Woolston writes, "the students feel that there should be at least one full time American Studies faculty member. Not only would this be helpful to the American Studies department, but it would also relieve pressure on members of faculty in the social science departments who currently guide the writing of the senior obligation of some American Studies majors."

Biology representative Sharon Orser addresses the issue of increasing majors in that department. "If the number of majors does increase, it would be necessary to increase the number of professors...the general consensus is that the biology department is operating at the minimum number of professors."

In English, Hamlin is decisive: "As with the course offerings, the staffing and its quality is in need of expansion and diversification...Classes need to be smaller and need to be taught by a wider variety of teachers."

Music representative Jim Doran states unequivocally, "The staff size...needs to be increased. A small department is wonderful in its intimacy, but the staff can't always provide enough personal time to suit the individual needs of the student."

According to Noel Breger, history representative, "The students do not feel that the staffing is adequate though the staff here is excellent." He also cites the problem of lack of funds in that major.

"It is difficult to handle the large enrollments with only four professors. The growing popularity of some of the classes has made it difficult to reach some teaching goals," according to psychology representative Beth Bozic.

Education representative Cecilia Victor writes, "All those who responded agreed that although Dr. O'Connor was outstanding, he must be overworked, and definitely needs assistance."

Representatives in international studies, mathematics, philosophy, political science, and physics also cited a need for additional faculty.

Now it's my turn to issue a challenge: President-elect Trout, cultivate programs which will raise funds for academia, not buildings. Students don't expect miracles, but we do expect a concentrated effort.

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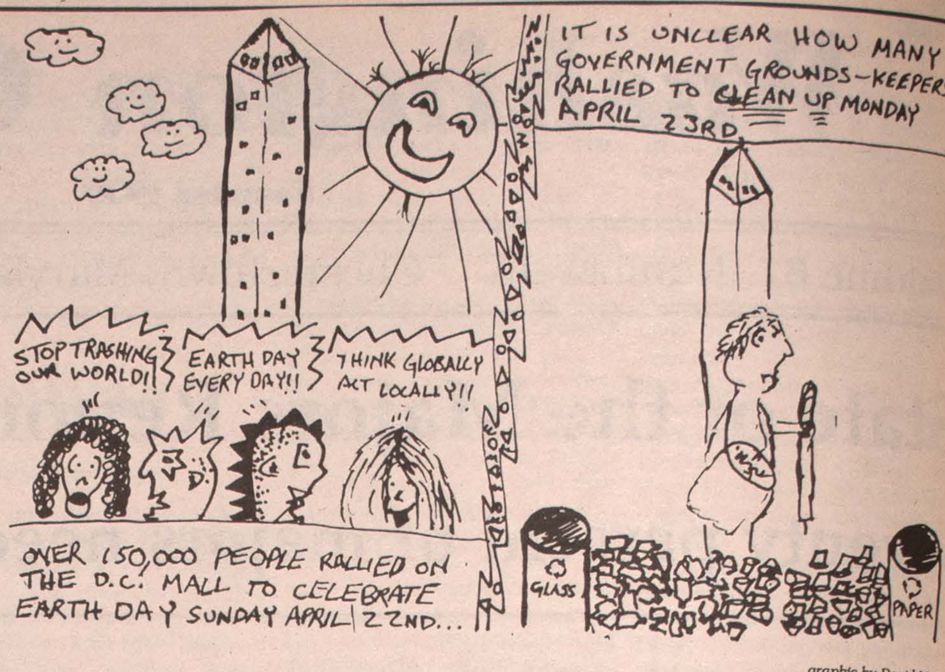
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Letters to the Editor

Student expresses discontent with SGA president

To the Editor:

I usually do not like to voice my discontent with the job of student leaders on this campus because I think that they are trying at least, to do a good job. However, I can not say that about our newly elected SGA President, Stuart Neiman.

When I first met Stuart last semester, I felt that he was a strong leader who, although very political, was working in the best interest of the school and the students. He had a lot of good ideas and initiated them into the SGA. He created the Inter-Fraternity Council, the Student Ombudsman position in the SCC and he served as an interested speaker on campus to problems that both plagued and concerned students. I voted for him for SGA President because I believed that he would carry on his strong leadership role in that office.

Unfortunately, Stu has proved me wrong. I realize that the transition of power from one SGA Administration to another is a difficult one that requires time and patience. That is supposedly the reason why Stuart proposed that elections for executive positions be moved-up to late March instead of continuing to have them in late April. I am more than willing to give someone a chance to learn his job, because contrary to the popular belief, there is no such thing as a BORN LEADER. Stuart, however, has not learned his job.

Three of the last four meetings that have been held have been unofficial because there have not been enough Senators there to hold a quorum. However Stu waived the quorum requirement - a move that was strictly unconstitutional - so that the SGA could at least look like they were accomplishing something. However, at none of the meetings was anything of such tremendous value discussed that could not have waited until a legal meeting was held. Stu ran on the platform that "the Attias administration brought integrity to the SGA, I will work to give it power." He, unfortunately, has not.

Senate meetings are now conducted in a farcical manner. Neiman sits in the front of the room and has behaved sarcastically and pompously. As one of the senators said, "He is trying to win everyone's respect by being witty and that is just not how you do it." Instead of acting like a leader, Stuart is acting like a little boy with a very swelled head.

I am disappointed with his performance up until now. The show that Stuart Neiman presented to the students at Washington College this year portrayed him as a competent and caring student who would do his best to see that the best interests of the students were not being overlooked by faculty or administration. The Stuart Neiman who is now in office has not lived up to that portrayal at all. Without an effective SGA President, next year's student government will not get the power - and will lose the integrity - that Attias worked hard to attain.

Sincerely,
Kyndra Ponder

Cater responds to editorial

To the Editor:

As a veteran journalist, I should have known better than to match wits with *The Elm* editor. Forgive me for suggesting that she will depart College this summer. Congratulations to her on a successful year at the helm of *The Elm* and for her election to next year's *Collegian*.

Meanwhile, I will not walk away from the College without further feelings of stewardship, always trying to respond to "current student concern" as well as the longer term needs of a College seeking at least one more century.

Sincerely,
Douglass Cater

P.S. Next autumn, I am reliably told, there will be forty-four classes with enrollments of five or less. I hope the Collegian editor and others will help to swell their ranks.

Editor's note: These figures reflect enrollments prior to the registration of freshmen and transfer students. After fall registration, these figures may change.

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Editors-in-chief chosen

Congratulations to Laura Hopper, Perspectives Editor, who has been appointed Editor-in-chief of *The Elm* for 1990-1991. Application for editorial and managerial positions are available outside of *The Elm* office in Reid basement. Applications are due this Monday, April 30. Questions should be directed to Laura Hopper at extension 490, or through Campus Mail.

Congratulations also to Renee King, who will again serve as Pegasus Editor-in-chief, 1990-1991.

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Cater Journalism Awards

Entries for the Douglass Cater Journalism Awards are now being accepted until May 15 in Robert Day's faculty or Literary House mailbox, or through Campus Mail. Categories are Editorial, News, Short Features, Long Features, Sports, Arts/Entertainment (including reviews), and Photo Journalism. Original prints of photographs and photocopies of tearsheets are acceptable forms by which to submit material. Entries must have been printed by a campus publication between Spring 1989 and Spring 1990. Questions should be directed to Robert Day or Susan Di Leo.

OPINION

ISSUE: Should classes at Washington College have mandatory attendance policies? Why or why not?

No policy for lecture courses

Melissa G. Grim

I was recently warned that my grade in a 400-level class was in jeopardy due to my lack of attendance. This warning infuriated me and is the impetus behind this article. My infuriation arises from the fact that my grade, which I have strictly earned through exams and papers, could possibly be reduced because I have missed more than the alotted absences.

This class is a lecture-oriented class not a seminar, and by lecture- oriented class I mean a class where there is no discussion whatsoever unless someone asks for clarification. In this type of situation my participation is completely unnecessary to make the class a more enriching experience. (One must note that my argument does not apply to classes that are seminar oriented or where participation is an integral part of the experience. I've never quite understood the reasoning behind the attendance policy, except of course, that it is suppose to compel me to go to class.)

Now if the experience is not effected one way or the other by my participation then why is my presence necessary? If the answer to this question is that I would have all the notes for the exam or paper then my reply is Xerox. Some people might retort that one's grades could be higher if they were present in class to get the notes for themselves; well, my grades are an indication that this is not always true. In one class I have received an A on an exam where I was present at all the classes prior to the test and an A on an exam where I was not present, thanks to the Xerox machine. So why is my grade in jeopardy if my presence is unnecessary? The only answer I can come up with is that I am not following class policy.

Well, I will be so bold as to say that a formalized attendance policy is ludicrous in classes oriented around lecture without participation. We are all familiar with this type of class where the student is just writing down what is said and possibly only lending to the lecture if he/she were to ask a question. The absurdity of this policy arises from the fact that if it is not followed, the professor has the power to lower your grade, the one you obtained by taking exams and/or writing papers, not one obtained through class participation.

If you think about, it there could not possibly be a participation component or otherwise there would be a lot of disruption as students tried to fulfill that component. The policy leads to a double jeopardy of sorts where grade reductions may come from two sources.

The first source is your possible poor performance on the graded material and the second source is the professor who penalizes you because you are not present. Well, folks, I think we are old enough and intelligent enough to figure out that if our grades are poor because we are not present then we must change the situation. We do not need to be penalized to make us aware of such a consequence.

The student who does well and still misses class is the one who is treated most unfairly because their final grade is not a reflection of a certain level of achievement as they expected, but it is also a reflection of a participation policy that only exists when they miss.

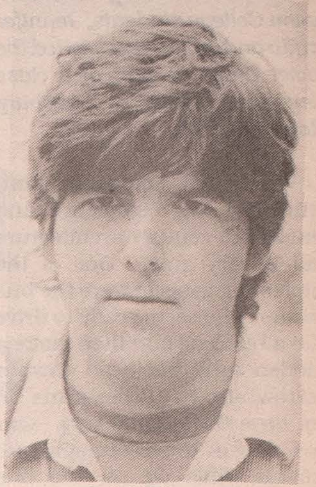
CAMPUS VOICES by Amy L. Undercoffler

Don Steele
Easton-on-the-Hill, England
Junior

I really don't see why there should be one unless you are on academic probation. People, by now, should be able to take care of themselves. And besides, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy."

Kris Wallenburg
Chestertown, MD
Junior

A mandatory attendance policy would treat students as children, not as adults. If students are not responsible enough to go to class, then it is their loss. We pay for the classes we attend and if students wish to waste that money then that is their choice.

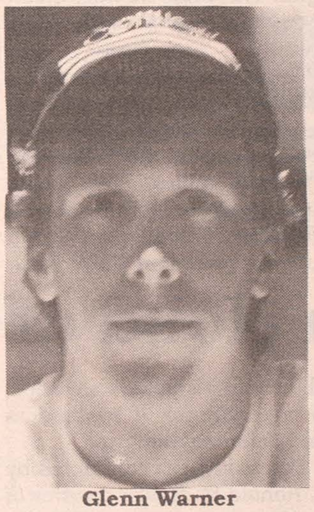


Greg Boone
Fallston, MD
Senior

Students should take enough pride in themselves to attend classes. An attendance policy only encourages a passive pursuit of education.

Amy Usilton
Worton, MD
Sophomore

No. This is one of the reasons that I enjoy college much more than high school. Here you are not told you have to go to class. If you don't and you miss something it's your own fault.



Glenn Warner
Vestal, NY
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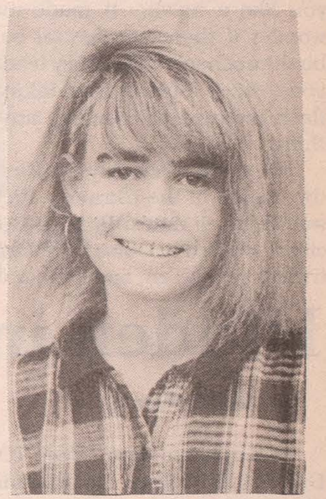
Yes. I feel there should be an attendance policy for freshmen and students on AP.



Sabrina Kenny
Baltimore, MD
Sophomore

No— it's our education. It's our lives. I'd like to be able to make my own choice. I'd like to be able to make my own choice. If I miss a class I have my own reasons and I think that the college should respect that.

Attendance should not be an issue of legislation

John Goebel

There seem to be three types of legislation: moral decisions where the ideas are obscured by sentimental attachments, periodic revamping of past decisions which are outdated, and issues of group stupidity.

Wade vs. Roe, the flag burning legislature, the Helms amendment, and the class attendance issue all are decisions involving stupidity in a variety of degrees and varying conditions of appropriateness. Of these four the most stupid is class attendance as an issue of legislation (next to of course the Helms' Amendment, for no one can top Jesse Helms in recalcitrant ignorance and reactionary didactic ideals). Let us see if we can elucidate the idea behind this laziness and behind the desire to govern that the class attendance issue seems to tote along with itself.

Numbers have a definiteness which poetry lacks, therefore how much does missing a single class cost a student (this is an approximation). A semester of just classes with no room or board cost 5,300 dollars. Say that a student wants 16 credit hours a semester, so that he or she can relax and not kill him or her self but still get the hell out in four years. 16 credit hours breaks down into four classes at 3 hours a week, which is of course 12 hours in the class per week. There are 23 weeks of school in a semester. Therefore, 12 hours (23 weeks)=176 hours for a 16 credit hour semester. How many dollars an hour? About 30 dollars.

I pay for my schooling. I'm not going to repay a loan I received nothing for at 12 percent interest. Sorry, the diploma is a mere formality.

What about the legislative side of the class attendance deal? There are probably not many things that advance the deterioration of respect and believability than legislating responsibility away from an individual. I would want someone to trust me enough to make decision even at eighteen or nineteen years old.

Where is the rationale in demanding student to attend classes and expect them to enjoy learning and want to be educated? Blah, Blah, Blah...

There is nothing likable or cool or even desirable about being stupid, but can you tell some motorcyclist that if you fall off a motorcycle at 8 miles an hour you will die, or that burning a flag doesn't prove your ability in expressing yourself? Class attendance is a decision left to students as a intelligence test. Some will undoubtedly fail, so let them.

Or Washington College will probably legislate mandatory attendance.

Stupidity issues are bile-like and stickly. Intelligence on both sides regarding the monetary side of missing the class and respecting the students appears to be the real issue. The summary sentence will be answered in the future; who will win?

John Goebel is a freshman.

An American in the Soviet Union

By Julie Green

This past January, two Washington College students, Jennifer Griffin and Julie Green visited the Soviet Union as part of a class they were taking at Salisbury State University.

We visited Leningrad first. Leningrad has eighteenth and nineteenth century architecture and is very gray. One of the interesting aspects were the bus drivers, who seem ready to drive into a building and then make a sudden turn and head down a narrow street. Pedestrians do not have the right of way. Our bus drivers drove straight into crowds while we on the bus watched people run for the sidewalks.

The Hermitage, a large art museum, is also located in Leningrad. I nicknamed it the "Hall of Birdbaths." The birdbaths come in all sizes and colors, and if you touch one a babushka (grandmother) comes after you yelling not to touch them. There was one babushka in each room of the museum and she watched you like a hawk. It made me wonder if there are special babushka schools where they teach you to keep tourists from taking flash pictures or touching anything.

We spent a few days in Kiev, the capital of the Ukraine. Kiev was the most naturally beautiful city we visited because the country was very green, and there was little obvious pollution. In Kiev, we visited the Arch of Friendship between Russian and Ukrainians, and three Ukrainian boys were throwing snowballs at it.

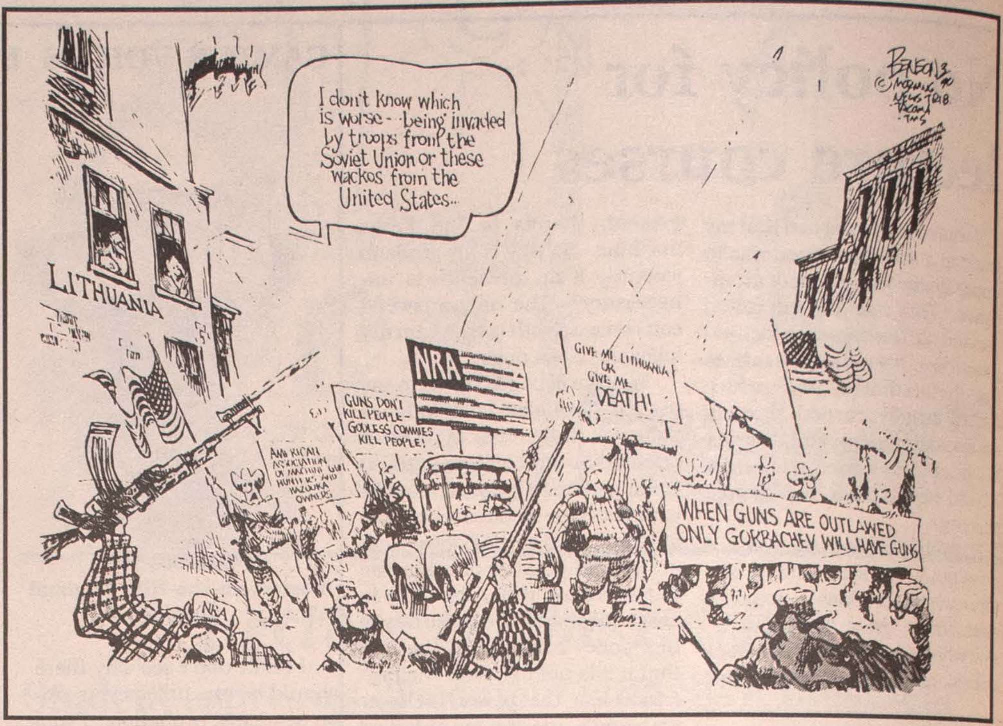
Our last stop was Moscow. Near Red Square there is now an electric message board like the one in Times Square, with ads for Coca-Cola and other American products. Moscow must to have the most beautiful subway in the world. The materials were brought in from each republic. Each station has a different pattern of marble. Beautiful chandeliers hang from the ceiling, while bronze statues, mosaics, or colorful paintings decorate the walls.

One night, we tried to enter Red Square, and the guards pointed their rifles at us and told us to scat. We found our way in through a different entrance. It was very beautiful. Lights shown on St Basil's and Lenin's Tomb. There was a very important meeting going on because we saw limousines racing across the square. When we came back to the US, we found out the Red Army had been sent into Azerbaijan. But while we were there, we did not hear a single thing about it.

The official exchange rate in the Soviet Union is one ruble to one dollar and sixty cents, but the black market rate is one dollar to ten rubles. The black market can be found almost anywhere; the hotel room next to you, your waiter in the restaurant, kids hanging around tourist stops, and people in cars who stop you and ask if you want a Red Army hat (I finally gave in and bought one). The waiter in our hotel offered us a pilot hat. I bought a Red Army pin from a little kid for a stick of gum, and then turned around and saw a soldier wearing the same hat and pin. It was kind of funny.

The food in the Soviet Union leaves something to be desired. Sausage in the US, and sausage there are two totally different things. Soviet sausage is mostly fat with little pieces of meat in between. They also serve a lot of fish, both raw and cooked. Lunch is the big meal in the Soviet Union. It includes an appetizer, soup, entree and dessert. Soviet chocolate is much sweeter than our own.

Ten years ago, mention of the Soviet Union brought to mind Communist soldiers, nuclear war, and the enemy. These feelings are changing. The people of the Soviet Union that I met do not wish to be enemies; they were curious, in a pleasant way, and both friendly and helpful. The Soviet Union is the most complex country I have ever studied. Each republic has its own language and culture. They are a melting pot of their own. And once you see crowds of people standing in line for a small loaf of hard, crusty bread you begin to realize how lucky we are.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Hidden in a cloud of smoke, a new trend

By Dan Sperling

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A third of all smokers won't smoke around others, far more than those who refrained a decade ago, according to a study in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

But the fallout created by the smoking debate shows: Barely half as many smokers as a decade ago will ask if bystanders mind before lighting up.

The study was conducted by Dr. Ronald M. Davis, director of the Office on Smoking and Health, who analyzed 22,000 interviews with adults in 1987. Davis found that although 80 percent of nonsmokers are bothered by the smoke, only four percent ask smokers to stop.

"The bottom line is that most nonsmokers are suffering in silence," said Davis. "I think most nonsmokers find it very uncomfortable to ask smokers to put out their cigarettes."

The researchers found that in public indoor areas, 33 percent of smokers said they don't smoke around others – a considerable increase from 4 percent in a 1978 poll.

But only 14 percent of smokers said they ask if those around them mind before lighting up – down from 26 percent in 1978. And 47 percent said they light up without asking – vs. 59 percent in 1978.

Stricter anti-smoking laws would remedy that, Davis said "If there are signs on the walls saying, 'Smoking is not allowed here,' nonsmokers would feel more comfortable in asking smokers to put out their cigarettes – and smokers would be less likely to light up in the first place."

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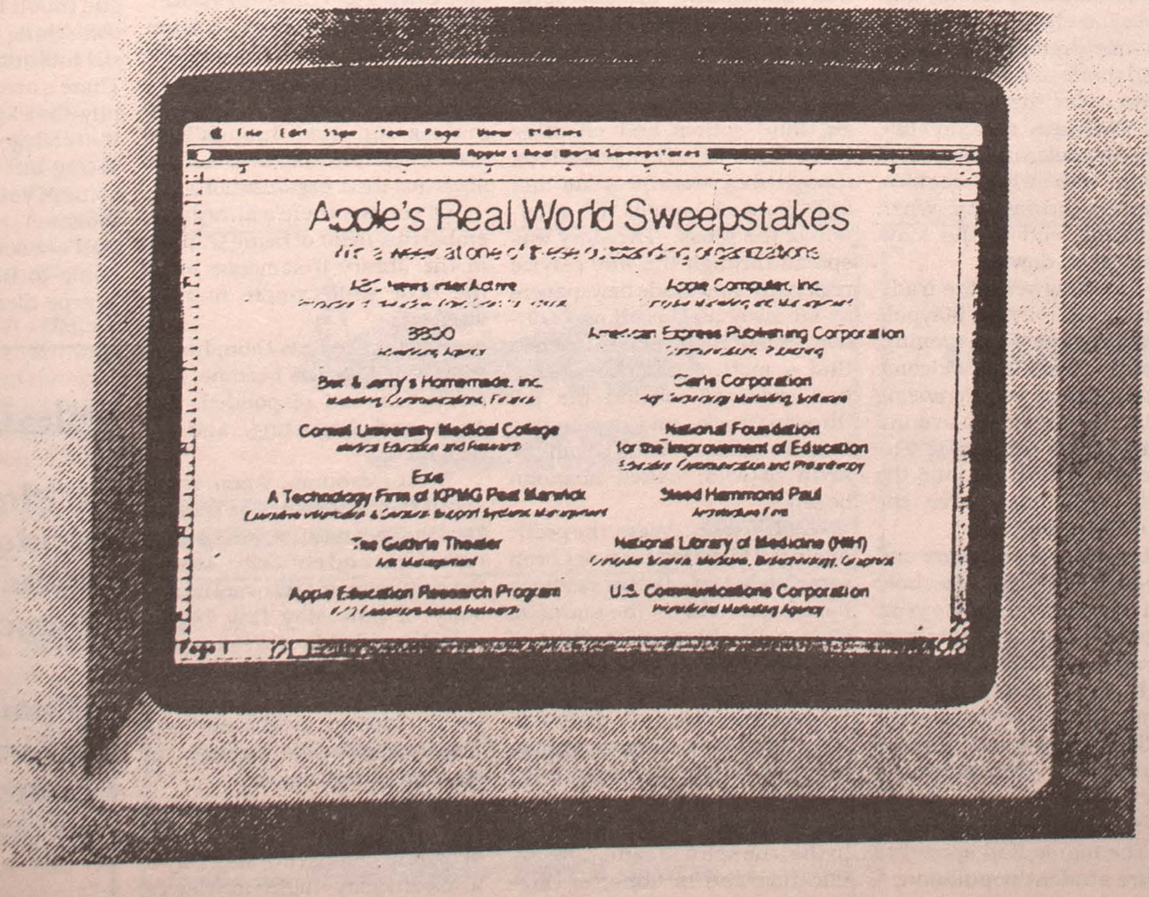
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FEATURES

WC's wet, wild, and wonderful May Day

For one day of the year Washington College undergoes a unique transformation-the student body literally shows its body. That's right, Washington College turns into one big "carnival of flesh." However, there is no need for alarm; there is a perfectly sound explanation for this eye-opening occurrence. It is the school's annual May Day. A time to bare body and soul to the healing powers of Spring. Seniors, in particular, have an extra incentive to show off their birthday suits: they are being paroled from this four year prison and this is their last chance to experience all the hedonistic pleasures WC has to offer.

Phil 'Slice'' Macek

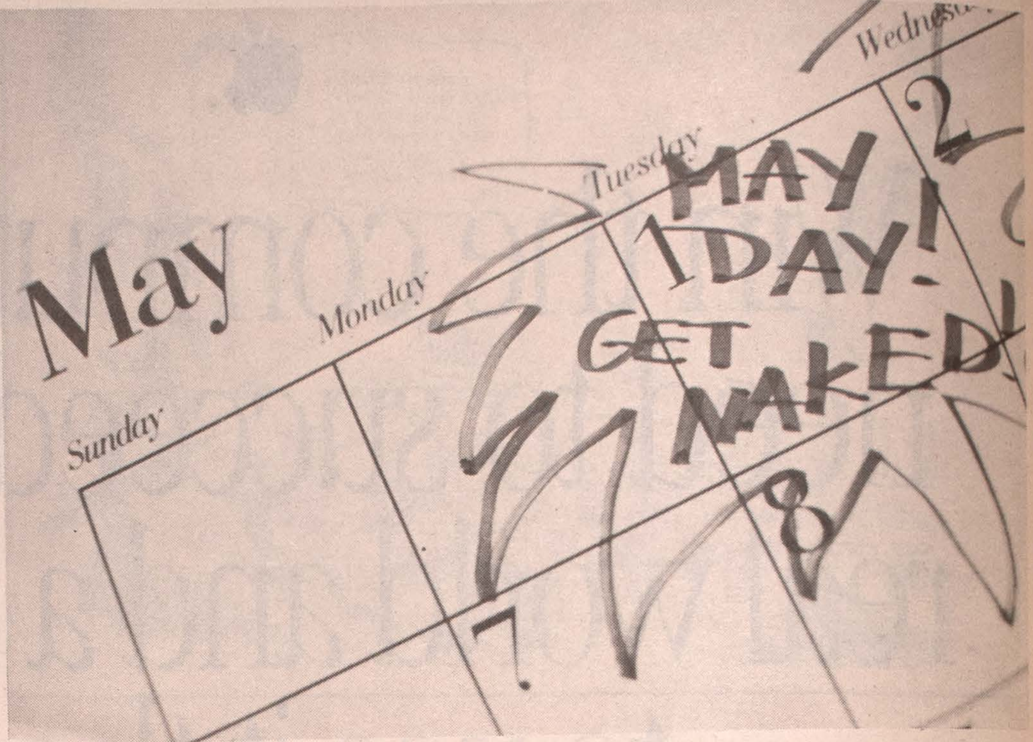
Now just because for one day WC looks like it got hit by the "Nude Bomb," which instantly disintegrates all clothing on impact, is no reason to call out the S.W.A.T. team of moral decency. This nudity is all in good fun; it's no different than sitting in on Dr. Munson's sex lecture in "Baby Bio." There are no drug-induced, steaming orgies (at least not that I know of) on campus.

There have been some good friendly competitions, however, waged around campus. The field in front of Kent House has played host to quite a few nude softball games in recent history. To be sure, these games are taken quite seriously, and surely prove to be a true "Clash of the Titans" every year. The Lit. House is also a happening spot for joyous May Day frolic. Nude volleyball games are in abundance, and a poetry reading is offered as intellectual stimulation for all nocturnal thrill seekers.

While places like Kent House and the Lit. House are good places to get drunk and naked, they definitely play second fiddle to the main site for viewing one's academic colleagues in the buff: the Fire Lane. Activity should be even more enthusiastic this year due to the renovations of the new Fire Lane. What better way to "christen" our new student viaduct than with a nighttime nude festival.

One of my most vivid college memories occurred on May Day 1988. As I stood in the Fire Lane seeing things I had only seen before in my older brother's secret stash of Playboys, I watched Ed DeWaters proceed to literally inhale an entire case of Budweiser by himself. I cannot tell a lie, it was a true revelation, a definite turning point, and I woke up the next day a different person.

The activities engaged in on May Day are very much dependent on Mother Nature. However, come hell or high water there is always some type of fun to be had. On sunny days, the school takes on the appearance of a tropical setting in a Jimmy Buffett song. As sunbathers glistening with oil out in front of Minta Martin, beer and daiquiri parties abound out in Cardinal, and the all-important cookouts dominate the scene in front of Kent House. Yes, for one day the rigors of academics are drowned in kegs of cold beer and blenders full of sweet, tropical frozen concoctions.



May Day is just around the corner. It is a time to peel off those clothes and celebrate Spring.

(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

Now it's time for a little reality break. This is Chestertown, and if typical weather prevails, it will be raining cats and dogs on May Day. However, don't let the sour weather put a damper on your spirit. For example, last year it was raining buckets, and still some claim it was the best May Day ever. There was some serious mud-sliding going on in front of Kent House, and everybody was drinking and having a good time. I think everybody would prefer a nice sunny day, but if the rains come, don't fret; just get out there, grab a beer and have a good time. Hell, beauty parlors charge an arm and a leg for mud packs and you end up getting them for nothing when you dive face first into the mud.

In conclusion, May Day is one of the most highly anticipated days on the Washington College calendar of special events. It's a time for students to come together and share in a celebration of the long-awaited rebirth of the world. I hope everyone will participate in at least some of the activities going on that day.

Furthermore, I would also like to extend a special invitation to Doug and Libby, the administration, and all the faculty to stay on campus and get naked and dance with the students. Believe me, this is no time to think about grading papers and tests. You guys deserve a break just like the students do. I hope to see you all in the Fire Lane on Tuesday night enjoying the spirit of the moment. By the way, I'll be on the steps of the new building conducting my own "best body on campus" contest.

On the first of May - - seize the day!

by Jenifer Grindle

Around mid-April, you begin to hear the murmurs around Washington College campus.

"Do people really go to the dining hall and the library naked?"

"A couple of years ago some guy took his clothes off in the middle of English class."

"Is there really nude volleyball out in front of the Lit. House?"

"The only ones that do it are frat. guys and Lit. House people."

"I heard that everybody strips and then goes sliding in the mud."

"Do you have to take your clothes off?"

"You mean I have to get naked and dirty?"

It all started innocently enough, believe it or not. It started with the reading of poetry, dancing and the drinking of wine in celebration of spring. Its foundation is in the words of Gerard Manley Hopkins, as well as in the phrases "gather ye rosebuds while ye may" and "carpe diem." May Day, the beer guzzling, mud sliding nude fest that Washington College is famous for comes from these intellectual ideas.

It was the spring semester of 1967. Professor Bennett Lamond's freshman English class was discussing Gerard Manley Hopkins' poem "Spring," the traditions of May Day and how its rituals demonstrate that "Nothing is so beautiful as Spring." Caught up in the spirit of the poetry, Professor Lamond suggested to his class that they go beyond simply reading about May Day and hold a celebration of their own. On the morning of May 1, the class met outside, erected a Maypole, and welcomed in spring with wine, cookies, strawberries and dancing. When the festivities ended, the Maypole was taken down.

The following year, the tradition continued, only the Maypole was left standing. That evening, one student decided to welcome in spring his own way, removing his clothes and dancing around the Maypole in the buff. The precedent had been set, and the students soon took over the events on May Day.

Within a few years, more and more young men became bold enough to participate. One year, a group of naked students who were part of a band marched down the fire lane playing their instruments as another student rolled by doing a handstand on his skateboard. Two girls on a motorcycle rode by, bare-skinned, their hair flying in the wind. The mania had spread to the entire student population.

WC became famous, or infamous, for its May Day celebrations some years later when a student named Miami ventured nude outside the campus. He was summarily arrested and transported, without his clothes, to the local jail.

A group of students went to protest his mistreatment, bringing him clothes and chanting "Free Miami!" The protesters, though they were peaceful and fully dressed, caught the attention of the press. The story was spread through the wire service regionally, and made newspapers as far away as Hawaii and London, except their version claimed that a mob of naked students had swarmed around the jail throwing rocks and demanding Miami's release. Thus began the myth of wild, naked abandon began.

Still, in recent years, the poetic origins of May Day have not been completely lost. Poetry readings have been held by the statue of George Washington in front of the Hill Dorms and nudity is always encouraged. The Literary House has sponsored a party with a live band for a more contemporary way of dancing around the Maypole. There was also a certain creativity to last year's events. In the true spirit of campus beautification and in honor of three straight months of rain, students mudslid their way into spring.

More and more students are finding the courage to celebrate May Day the WC way with the help of a six-pack or two. Result: the wild, drunken, naked abandon of the last few years. Streaking remains a favorite May Day activity. A few of the fraternities make group runs through Reid Hall and Minta Martin to make a show for their organization.

Of course, there's always the embarrassment of being trapped in the library if someone locks the door while you're in mid-streak.

When asked his thoughts on what May Day has become, Professor Lamond responded, "It's gross and disgusting...and I'm delighted."

Most freshman, when asked about their expectations for May Day this year, react with a mixture of fear and curiosity. Most of the confusion is still over the real story of how May Day began, even though this story has periodically been reprinted over the years. Rumors also fly that the entire campus, faculty and students alike, walks through the day completely naked.

Upperclassman perpetuate the myths, and take a certain delight in comparing May Day to a Wednesday night at Newt's, without clothes.

Through the myths, nudity becomes the purpose rather than the manifestation of the spirit of the day. Though some may argue that it is pretentious, there's something to be said of the original intention of May Day at WC. There's an element in its philosophy that appeals particularly to the college student, who is till young but who is about to lose some of youth's freedom. Robin Williams' character in "Dead Poet's Society" brings the idea home to us when he whispers, "Carpe diem...seize the day!"

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Lacrosse ends regular season

by Julie Schram

The Washington College women's lacrosse team collected another win last Saturday, April 21 as they travelled to Gettysburg. They ran up against the Bullets on a muggy overcast field and played what proved to be a highly intense Middle Atlantic Conference game.

Beth Matthews started the Shorewomen off by scoring three minutes into the first half off of a pass from Sarah Coste. Jenny Blenckstone scored unassisted five minutes after, but then Gettysburg managed to sneak past Washington's defense to score twice against goalie Kristy Hilgartner. Amy Tiehel answered their second goal by scoring off a Coste pass seven seconds later. Each team went on to score once more before halftime, giving the Shorewomen a 4-3 lead. Coste notched the team's last goal of the half.

Washington, determined to maintain their lead going into the second half, saw outstanding defensive play from Beth Matthews, Erin O'Neal, LeeAnne Ludwig and Angela Henneman, who had four interceptions from her defensive wing position. Sam Clements scored twice in the half and managed to spark the offense. Blenckstone collected her second goal of the game with sixteen minutes remaining. Gettysburg scored twice, but Tiehel responded with a goal of her own both times. Although unable to pull ahead, Gettysburg did score the final goal of the game with six minutes remaining.

Coach Diane Guinan, commenting on the Shorewomen's close 9-6 victory, credited the team for having "worked hard, hustled, and played well. We worked harder than we should have had to, though," she commented.

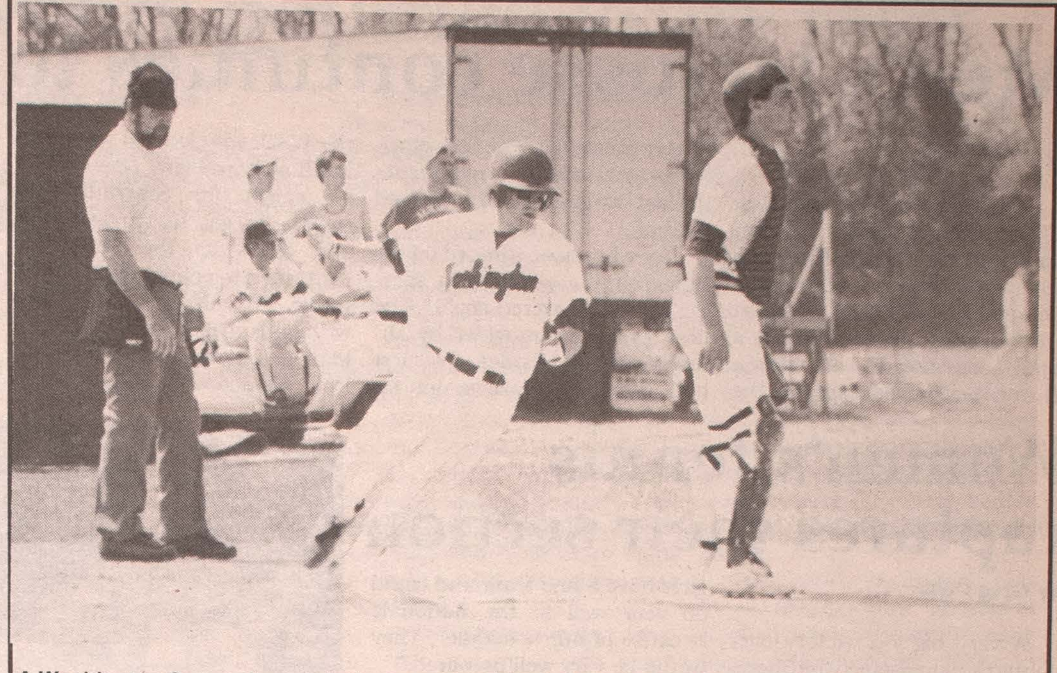
Coming off of this victory, the Shorewomen hosted the Haverford Quakers last Wednesday. They played their final regular season game under beautiful weather conditions, but were unable to defeat this quick MAC opponent.

Clements scored off a Blenckstone pass within the first minute, but Haverford kept the score tied, even after a goal by Coste. With seven minutes remaining in the half, coverpoint Donna White carried the ball from midfield to score unassisted. Haverford still had time to push two more goals past Hilgartner in the half.

The Quakers dominated the second half, scoring nine times, despite Washington's efforts to gain control of the game. Coste netted her second goal and assisted Blenckstone, who scored midway through the half and assisted Tiehel on a goal. Erin O'Neal scored twice, and Clements added her second goal of the game. Haverford had the final goal of the game and pulled off a 14-9 victory.

"I don't think we played as well as we are capable," Coach Guinan said. "Haverford played a better game and deserved to win. Talent-wise we could've beaten them. We just didn't rise to the occasion."

The WC Shorewomen finished their regular season with a 10-2 record, and they are now looking forward to postseason play. The team particpates in the MWCLA tournament this weekend, then will play in the Middle Atlantic Conference playoffs that take place the following weekend, May 4-5. No opponents are known for the MAC tournament, although the games may very well take place right here at WC.



A Washington College baseball player crosses the plate in a recent home game. The team is coming off of a huge win over Johns Hopkins, and they have a doubleheader at home this Saturday against Widener University.
(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

The problems of college athletics

by Brett Lankford

Washington College can be used as an example for many different subjects. The college is an example of a good liberal arts school, the campus is an example of the rewards of renovation, and the town is a wonderful example of a tropical rain forest(although you wouldn't know it from the weather this past week). In addition, Washington College and the people around it can be used as evidence to how successful college athletics can be. The WC athletic program is solid from top to bottom, and the fans in the area are responding to the performances of the teams.

The prominence of collegiate athletics is even greater at the Division I level. The college basketball Final Four and championship game bring in all sorts of money for both the NCAA and the networks who broadcast the games. On any given Saturday during the fall, you can turn to ten different stations and watch a college football game. CBS shelled out huge amounts of dollars to retain the rights to the broadcast of the sport, only to have Notre Dame jump ship and receive nearly as much to play weekly on ABC.

It's now at the point where young boys and girls are not so worried about being a professional athlete when they grow up, since college teams and players get just as much exposure. Instead of dreaming of playing for the Lakers, the Dodgers or the 49'ers, kids now dream of playing in Ann Arbor, Michigan or South Bend, Indiana or Norman, Oklahoma. College athletics is at an all-time high, and things seem to be getting only better for everyone involved.

Or is it? Now that college athletics has completely hit the big time, isn't it time we look at some of the messages that these programs and players are sending to parents and children across the country?

The most obvious message is that winning is more important than anything else. At UNLV, coach Jerry Tarkanian recruited a player named Lloyd Daniels a few years ago. Daniels received unbelievably low scores on his SAT's and had been in high school for six years when Tarkanian signed him on to attend the college. Not surprisingly, Daniels never made it into college basketball. Chris Washburn was able to get into NC State with a 450 SAT score. That's right, 450. You get a 400 just for writing your name. Washburn wasn't even a good guesser.

In addition, a program like UNLV basketball or Oklahoma football gets wonderful exposure. These teams do not run the cleanest programs in the world, but they make millions of dollars a year in television contracts and are consistently hyped by the media. Oklahoma football finally received the punishment they deserved last year, but it took the NCAA an awfully long time to do anything about a program they new was crooked. This win-at-all-costs attitude is being supported far too frequently.

Some schools that used to be known as wonderful schools for academics are now known as sports schools and nothing more. Georgetown University was and still is among the top schools in the nation in regards to academics. Unfortunately, the university is now known as nothing more than a basketball school. You never hear about education anymore when it comes to Georgetown, and that is a shame.

The biggest problem, however, is the fact that almost everyone forgets that the people playing these sports are college students as well as college athletes. It seems that people forget that the main goal of these schools should be to graduate these student/athletes, and the athletes themselves should be seeking out their college degree. What kind of message is being sent when a coach with a .500 record who graduates all of his players is fired, while a coach who is always among the top programs in the nation is able to stay on despite the fact that less than half of his players get a diploma? Coaches want job security, and it is unfortunate that it seems they can only achieve it by going all out for victories and putting education on the backburner.

College athletics has turned into a big business, and it seems that the main goals of these schools should now be to return the academic aspect of college to the forefront.

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Men's lacrosse continues to beat top schools

by Matt Giller

Although Washington and Lee (7-4) is a much improved team under their new coach, they were outclassed by the #2 ranked Shoremen (7-3) 12-4. Hobart and Washington are arguably a head above the rest of Division III, and they proved it again in the victory over W&L. The Shoremen have outscored their opponents the last two games by a combined total of 31-17.

The Shoremen jumped on top right from the opening gun, scoring five unanswered goals. The first three were provided by All-American Tim Hormes. The first half was an impressive one for the WAC, who led 7-2 when the halftime horn blew. New Generals coach Jim Stagnitta was unable to get his juggernauts any closer as the Shoremen continued to pepper shots at his goalie. WC outshot W&L 51-25, with both goalies turning in brilliant games between the pipes. Dave Slomkowski turned away nine shots, while the General netminder stabbed eighteen shots but still could not prevent a Shoremen win.

While Hormes paced the scoring with his hat trick, Bob Martino and Ron Council each scored two goals. Middies Steve Klein and Mark Cavallero netted one apiece, and the other goals were supplemented by Nick Darcangelo with a goal and an assist and Brian Johnson dished out three assists to go with his goal.

This Saturday the WAC hosts their Eastern Shore rivals #5 ranked Salisbury State Sea Gulls with the face-off at 1:30. This is the team's final home game of the regular season.

The men's lacrosse team plays their final home game of the regular season this Saturday at 1:30.
(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

Women's tennis captures their section

by Greg Coss

A very big 7-2 victory over Johns Hopkins helped the Shorewomen take an enormous step for WC athletics. It was the first woman's athletic program at Washington College to win a sectional championship, and the women netters aren't through yet. After Western Maryland defaulted to the Shorewomen after hearing that the Southeastern Sectional was clinched, Washington College now has time to prepare for the biggest match of the year. This all-important match pits the WC netters against Franklin and Marshall at F&M Saturday for the South Sectional Championship. If they were to win this match, coach Holly Bramble said it would be likely that the team would capture the entire conference championship, which would be a tremendous feat for the Shorewomen.

If the women were to win the conference championship, it would leave them at 14-6, which would be remarkable considering their very difficult schedule. The Shorewomen's six losses were to three Division I schools and three top ten teams in Division III. One of their wins was over Holland College, the sixth ranked team in the nation and a likely participant in the NCAA tournament when it takes place this May.

The difficulty of this schedule would leave one hard pressed to understand why the Shorewomen wouldn't be invited to the national party of 12. "In men's tennis," said Coach Wyman, "strength of schedule is critical in determining who makes it and who doesn't. In women's tennis, the committee seems to be concerned strictly with record. I think it's a shame because our girls have a fine team and could do very well in the nationals because of our schedule. They would be very well prepared."

The Washington College women showed their skills while trouncing Johns Hopkins on April 19. Tracy Peel set the Shorewomen on the right foot with a 6-1,6-1 victory over the Blue Jays' Tamar Hausman. Monica Blanco, the #2 player, downed Dawn Stoner 6-1,6-3, and Miriam Dittman polished off Cham Nautiyal 6-3,6-2. After setbacks at fourth and fifth singles, Jennifer Sloan crushed Kathy Buglaw 6-0,6-0 to give the Washington College women a 4-2 lead after singles play.

The WC women netters then swept doubles play in convincing fashion. Tracy Peel and Monica Blanco won in straight sets, as did Miriam Dittman and Rachael Rice. Meg Wheatley and Jennifer Sloan were also winners in two sets, giving the Shorewomen a 7-2 victory. This win set the Shorewomen up for this weekend's grudge match against Franklin and Marshall.

"This one will be a test, but I'm sure the girls can do it," said Wyman. "I look for them to win the conference - they're the best team. We've faced teams much tougher than Franklin and Marshall and faired well. We're very prepared for them."

Who knows what might happen after a Washington College conference championship. A victory at the national championships appear to be a very slim possibility, but you never know. Nevertheless, whatever happens, it's already been a tremendous year for the record setting women's tennis team. Coach Holly Bramble's women netters have already set one record and are looking for more.

Tennis moves to postseason

by Greg Coss

Although very surprised and befuddled by their drop in the national polls from #3 to #7, the men's tennis team kept their composure in defeating Johns Hopkins and Salisbury State. The wins helped them capture the Southeastern Sectional Championship for the fifth straight year. If the team captures victories over Widener and Franklin and Marshall, they will have an opportunity to win the conference championship on Saturday. Their probable opponent in the championship will be Drew, their postseason nemesis from each of the past three years. "Drew has a gine team and this should be a good match," number four singles player Peter Maller said, "We're going to need some support from the students for this one."

The Shoremen whitewashed Johns Hopkins University on April 16, not yielding one set out of the eighteen played in the match. #3 WC singles player Scott Shepard spearheaded the onslaught, defeating Ted Roth 6-0,6-0. Alberto Diaz continued his incredible season in beating the Blue Jays' Bill Braude 6-1,6-1. Peter Maller and Andy Bohutinsky won handily as well, and Allon Rock clinched it for Washington College, defeating John Missner 6-3,6-2. Scott Read rounded out the singles with a 6-4,6-2 victory over Ryu Awai, giving the Shoremen an insurmountable 6-0 lead.

At doubles, the teams of Read and Maller, Shepard and Diaz, and Bohutinsky and Rock all won their matches convincingly. This made the final score 9-0 and gave the Shoremen a record of 16-2. It was a pretty impressive win for WC, since Hopkins had been previously unbeaten in Middle Atlantic Conference play.

The netters' record would be upped to 17-2 after another resounding 9-0 victory, this one over Salisbury State University. In an effort to give Peter Maller, 16th ranked in the South Atlantic Conference, preparation for the upcoming nationals, Coach Wyman placed him at #1 singles. Not by mere coincidence, his opponent was 17th ranked Ron Soliday. Maller responded by coming up with his biggest win of the season, a 6-1,6-1 thrashing over his counterpart. "If we want a shot at the nationals, we need solid play from top to bottom. Peter showed me a lot today," Coach Wyman said.

Roman Inochovsky and Andy Bohutinsky also won easily, and then Scott Shepard won 6-4,7-6 to clinch another Shoremen victory. Allon Rock, at #6 singles, came up with a gutsy 6-1,2-6,6-4 win over the Sea Gulls' Dave Hardesty to round out the singles matches.

Gewer and Read, the nation's second ranked doubles team, won their match 6-0,6-0. Inochovsky and Diaz edged Moore and Lumes, 6-2,7-6, and Bohutinsky and Lim won their match to account for their ninth victory. Peter Maller, however, was the star of the show this day. "That was a big win for me," said Maller. "Now I'm looking for some really big ones."

After Washington College most likely wins its South Atlantic Conference championship Saturday against Drew, they will prepare for the national tournament. Coach Wyman explained why he thought the team's seeding dropped. "It's just one of those things," he answered. "All of the teams behind us had some big wins, and after our loss, even though we beat Swarthmore, the teams vaulted over us. I see no reason to complain, though. These teams are deserving of their rankings and so are we." Despite the recent and sudden drop in their ranking, the Shoremen will get ready to dig in for the championships, and they will look for your support in their match this Saturday at home against Drew University.

After the MAC team event, the Washington College netters continue their tournament play. Aside from a definite bid in the national tournament, the MAC will also hold its individual tournament on May 4-5. This postseason match will give the likes of Read, Gewer, Shepard, Maller and Diaz the opportunity to show off their talents.

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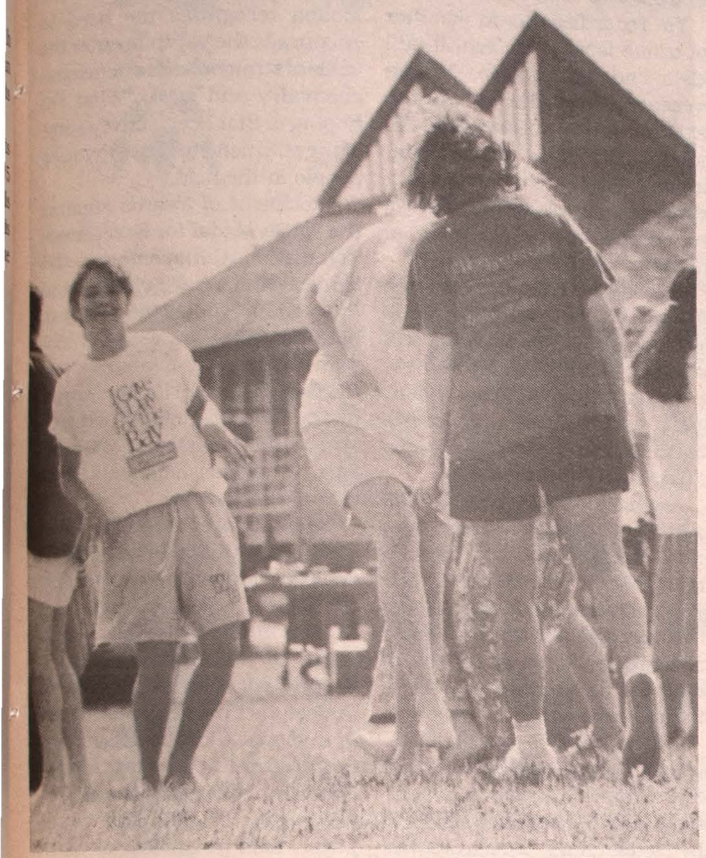

Chestertown contibutes to Earthday 1990. (photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

by Bruce Hamilton

The twentieth anniversary of Earth Day was celebrated at Merriweather Post Pavilion last Saturday, April 21. It was one of many benefit concerts that if nothing else, attempted to expose problems facing the world.

This concert, however, was a success. It was good music and a good atmosphere. Even if you only bought one of those silly light sticks everybody was waving and wearing, your money went to a good cause.

I got there late and missed a few of the beginning acts, but it was typical Merriweather. People were playing hacky-sack and tossing a frisbee.

A really bad comedian/emcee introduced Crack the Sky, who opened with a great "Across the universe."

Boogie Down Productions was next, incensing the crowd with a dynamic "you must learn," as they criticized the government. The Fabulous Thunderbirds performed a rowdy "My Babe" as well as "Tuff Enuff" and "Wrap It Up". Hornsby did "Mandolin Rain" and "The Way It Is".

Each act had something to say about our relationship to the earth and gave examples of how to take action to halt the destruction of our planet.

The Indigo Girls came on and brought out Michael Stipe. They sang "Kid Fears" as if they'd been singing together for years. Stipe brought out Billy Bragg and sang "Hairshirt."

10,000 Maniacs were probably the summit of the show. Natalie Merchant launched into a 45 minute set of selections from their repetoire. Natalie fell to her knees as she sang, "Poison in the Well". The band also played "Dustbowl", "Trouble Me", "What's the Matter Here?" as well as a powerful "Hey Jack Kerouac". The Maniacs elicited the greatest response from the crowd, people twirled their neon-sticks, making circles in the darkness.

On the way out I bought a magazine from somebody outside the gates. It was a publication filled with organizations and information. It doesn't matter if you don't donate or read any literature. Forget the facts, figures and statistics— stick to things you can do.

Any effort, no matter how small, is important. Recycle at least paper or aluminum. Snip those six-pack rings. Make an effort to stop litter and pick up what you see. Think Globally, act Locally.

Concert features tenor Swenson

by Amy Klamberg

The Washington College Concert Series presents prize winning tenor Robert Swenson this Saturday in Tawes Theater for its final performance of the semester.

A respected performer in the music community who resides in New York and Munich, Swenson has undertaken an impressive variety of performances which have brought him international acclaim.

Swenson studied at the University of Arizona, the Juillard School and the University of Southern California, where his rincipal teachers were Igor Goin nd Charles Roe.

Recognition for his career ulminated in 1987 when Swen-on became the first tenor in early 20 years to win first prize t the Concert Artists Guild In-ernational, New York competi-on. Most recently, he was sec-nd prize recipient in the Concert nd Opera Division for the 1988 lunich International Competi-on.

Over the years, Swenson's erformances at home and road have covered a wide range material, demonstrating his and musical scope that en-mpasses opera and recital for-ats. Debuting in 1988 at Merkin oncert Hall, NY, he has also erformed as part of the San rancisco Opera Schwabacher ebut Series.

His solo presentations have cluded Elliot Carter's *In Sleep* *Thunder*, which he performed ith the Los Angeles Philhar-onic in 1985, and he has also een accompanied by the Stock-on Symphony, the Santa Rosa Symphony, the Gottenger Symphony Orchestra in West Germany and the Schaffenhauser Symphony Orchestra in Switzerland.

Swenson's operatic career has brought him in contact with many different people and as well as styles of music; his tours with opera companies have taken him throughout the the US, the People's Republic of China and Europe. Some of the operettic characters he has portrayed include: Almavia in the *Barber of Seville* ; Alfredo in *La Traviata* ; Rodolfo in *La Boheme*; Tamino in the *Magic Flute* ; and Don Ottavio, in *Don Giovanni* .

The quality of Swenson's voice has been described by Patrick Franklin of the *Peninsula Herald* as "near baritone" with a range that "approaches seamlessness." He has a strong handle on the German language and its pronunciation, which has enabled him to gain wide critical acclaim for his German Schubert and Grieg performances.

In reviews of his *Barber of Seville* performances, Swenson's voice was described as a "refined" and "warm" tenor. Originality is the key to Swenson's winning vocal style. "Even fighting an apparent head cold, he produced sounds that were his own, and lovely to hear with no reference to anyone else, " writes the*Peninsula Herald* .

Swenson's concert will begin at 8 PM in Tawes Theater of the Gibson Fine Arts Center. Students, faculty and staff may use the tickets issued to them last semester. Otherwise, tickets are $8 for adults, and children will be admitted free.

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ARTS

Chemist Molina's environmental crusade

MIT professor Mario J. Molina recently addressed the WC community on pressing global concerns. (photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

by Jennifer Del Nero
Staff writer

Dr. Mario J. Molina, pioneer researcher of ozone destruction over Antarctica, contributed to Washington College's year-long Celebration of the Sciences by speaking to students, faculty and local community members on the foremost environmental issues confronting the world today.

Molina, who received his Ph.D. in physical chemistry from the University of California, Berkeley, and his team of researchers, including Tai-Ly Tso, Luisa T. Molina and Frank C-Y Wang, meticulously observed and recorded the reactions of chlorine species on ice particles at the National Aeronautics & Space Administration's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, CA.

From the experiment it was concluded that particular reactions occurring on and in the ice surfaces of the Antarctican clouds produce large amounts of the very species of chlorine which actively deplete ozone, O_3. High concentrations of chlorine in its active forms, diatomic chlorine molecules (Cl_2) and chlorinemonoxide (ClO) speed up the destruction of ozone, the layer in the stratosphere that reflects ultraviolet rays and prohibits them from entering the earth's atmosphere.

What these active chlorine particles indicate are low levels of odd nitrogen, nitrogen containing molecules that attach to other molecules because of an unpaired electron in their structure. Otherwise, the reaction would create chlorine nitrate, $ClONO_2$, which is inert with respect to ozone.

Molina and his co-workers discovered that on the polar stratospheric clouds above Antarctica, where the temperature drops below -90 degrees Celsius, chlorine nitrate is rapidly reduced to nitric acid, HNO_3, and hypochlorous acid, $HOCl$—substances which catalyze the destruction of ozone.

The speed of the reaction is affected not only by the hydrogen chloride, HCl, on the ice surface, but by the hydrogen chloride trapped in the ice as well. Molina points out that while ice is not, chemically speaking, a particularly active species, "the surface layers [of ice in the clouds] behave more like a liquid than solid ice." This results in the occurrence of reactions which normally would not take place in ice, reactions which produce the active chlorine particles.

In order to conduct appropriate experiments and to interpret the data, Molina had to take what he describes as an "interdisciplinary approach" combining atmospheric science and chemistry.

What is under current investigation that also requires this interdisciplinary approach is the examination of the role of sulfuric acid, H_2SO_4, in the haze of the stratosphere. Says Molina, "It is conceivable that sulfuric acid particles themselves might behave like ice particles."

At low temperatures and in closer proximity to the Poles, these particles absorb larger amounts of hydrogen chloride, whereas at low latitudes, the acid is concentrated and fails to promote chemical reactions. Over the Poles, the haze grows in direct proportion with the growth of ice.

While research continues in the area of sulfuric acid, there has been an overwhelming response to Molina's findings of chlorofluorocarbons, CFCs, which began in 1974 with the ban of spray cans containing CFCs. The second wave of active response came in '84 when ozone theories were first introduced. Because of published discoveries such as his, Molina says, "Industry agreed to phase out CFCs, and the government eventually responded by regulating CFCs."

Molina believes that governments should get involved in saving the environment, clarifying that "it has to be done on an international level." His pragmatic approach to the problem is to add "some cost to the manufacture and sale of these particles [CFCs] and let the market forces decide who emits what."

Without a doubt, Molina believes that once environmental concerns are expressed to a group of people, they will take action. He feels that for the most part "people are willing to pay to get resources to clean it up," even if it means a few extra tax dollars. But, he emphasizes, people must be educated and effectively change their habits.

The main concern of environmentalists for the future, predicts Molina, is what he refers to as "global change—changes in climate as a result of changes in the atmosphere are big challenges to society." With respect to ozone depletion, Molina maintains that "environmentalists perceive it as a solved problem because people are willing to deal with it."

Yet regardless as to whether the ozone issue is solved, it still exists and will remain, Molina foresees, at least throughout the next century in Antarctica. Although the hole will remain, Molina's goal is that it will not become more severe "because we are preventing the emission of chlorine."

"We know there will be some effects," he concedes, but adds that hopefully, "technology will evolve by the middle of the next century so that one can essentially eliminate chlorine particles...and even the less damaging replacements."

According to Molina, in the future consumers will be more knowledgeable and will flock to organizations displaying an active interest in global conditions: "The stronger industries, those providing a higher standard of living and those that are environmentally concerned, will survive.

It is exactly this type of awareness and action of all people that Molina hopes his research facilitates. "It [his work] is intellectually challenging," he agrees, but stresses, "it is rewarding that it might have some beneficial effects."

The appeal to his work also lies in the fact that "it is an applied, yet fundamental science....You can see the effects of what you do, and simultaneously, the type of chemistry we do is fundamental."

Always thinking of the future, Molina recognizes the need to encourage the youth to enter the fields of stratospheric science and chemistry and says, "What I'm hoping is that I can convey some of the enthusiasm I have to young people in the field."

Recipient of awards such as the NASA Medal for Exceptional Scientific Achievement, the United Nations Environmental Programme Global 500 Award, both for 1989, 47 year-old Molina is currently a professor in the Department of Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences and in the Department of Chemistry at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Member of both the American Chemical and American Physical Societies, Molina presently serves on NASA's Advisory Committee to Oversee the Scientific Assessment of Atmospheric Effects Associated with Stratospheric Emissions from High Speed Civil Transports. Globally, Molina participated in the UN Environment Program, entitled Scientific Review of the Depletion of the Ozone Layer, held in October of '88 at the Hague in the Netherlands. Also for the UN Environment Program, he authored "Scientific Assessment of Stratospheric Ozone: 1989."

Molina's most recent publications can be found in *Science*, *Journal of Geophysical Research* and *Oceanus*, in which his "The Antarctic Ozone Hole" is printed.

Campus calendar: April 27-May 3

Friday, April 27

"Literary Portraits: Photographs by Helen Marcus" will be on exhibit in the O'Neill Literary House until Sunday, April 29. A reception will be held Friday at 4:30 in the afternoon.

The Annual Student Art Show will be on display in the Constance Stuart Larrabee Arts Center with an opening reception at 5 PM.

The WC Film Series presents *Enemies, a Love Story* in the Norman James Theater at 7:30 PM. Admission is $1 for students, faculty and staff; $2 for all others. Also showing Sunday, April 29 and Monday, April 30 at 7:30 PM.

Saturday, April 28

To celebrate Parent's Day, the SGA Luau, featuring the band Determination, will take place on the campus lawn at 5 PM with dinner at 7 PM in Hynson Lounge.

Tenor Robert Swenson will perform in the final program sponsored by the Concert Series in Tawes Theater of the Gibson Fine Arts Center at 8 PM. Students, faculty and staff may use the tickets issued to them last semester for admission. Otherwise, tickets are $8 for adults, children free.

"A Smell of Burning" and "Then," one-act plays by David Campton will be performed by the WC Drama Department in the Norman James Theater at 8 PM. The second and final show is scheduled for Sunday, April 29 at 1 PM in Norman James. Admission is free and open to the public.

Sunday, April 29

The WC Golf Classic, sponsored by the junior class will begin at noon at the flagpole.

The Writer's Union presents "The Senior Reading" at 7:30 PM in the O'Neill Literary House.

Monday, April 30

Bill Bradlee, Executive Editor of the *Washington Post*, will participate in a symposium at 3 PM in the O'Neill Literary House. Among the participants are President Douglass Cater, Ombudsman of the *Post* Richard Harwood, Elm Editor-in-Chief Susan Di Leo and SGA President Stuart Neiman. Bradlee will discuss "How to Read a Newspaper" at 7 PM in Hynson Lounge.

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NEWS

Bradlee to speak

Ben Bradlee, the Executive Editor of the Washington Post who led the breakthrough of the Watergate case in 1973, will visit Washington College on Monday, April 30 to participate in a symposium on journalism and deliver a lecture on his experiences as a newspaper reporter and editor. The symposium will take place at 3 PM in the O'Neill Literary House, and the lecture, titled "How to Read a Newspaper," will be held in Hynson Lounge of Hodson Hall at 7 PM on April 30. Both events are free and open to the public.

The symposium, which will take the form of an informal, wide-ranging discussion moderated by President Douglass Cater, will include many representatives from the world of journalism. Cater (formerly the Washington Bureau Chief for the London-based reporter magazine) and Bradlee will be joined by Washington Post Managing Editor Richard Harwood; Julian Scheer, Senior Vice President at LTV Corporation; Roy Hoopes, Washington Bureau Chief for Modern Maturity magazine; H. Hurtt Deringer, Managing Editor of the Kent County News; Susan Di Leo, Editor-in-chief of The Washington College Elm; Tracey Connell, News Editor of The Washington College Elm; Robert Day, fiction writer and Professor of English; and political science Professor Daniel Premo.

In his evening lecture, sponsored by the William James Forum, Bradlee will discuss his work on a new book, tentatibely to be titled "How to Read a Newspaper."

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"Bill Smith" lot, especially due to the fact that adequate parking has been such an issue this past year.

Currently in the design stage is a plan to relocate the tennis courts next to the Kibler practice field. Eight courts will be built, but it is not yet decided whether or not they will have lights. This is despite the fact that the tennis team has been at a loss for a lit court this year, having to move inside the gym in order to see when playing.

The Student Center renovations are scheduled to begin in December. Baer stated as soon as results of the SGA survey are available, they will be passed on to the architect. The College also plans to bring in a snack bar consultant who will know "the best way to furnish and organize" the new snack bar. The menu will combine "the best of Miss Dee's with new options" so students will still be able to get their cheese steaks, hamburgers and cheese eggs.

As for cable, Baer says bringing cable back to campus is "not a simple proposition." At this stage, Baer says, the cost is "prohibitively expensive." The College is seeking a long term solution that will network the campus at the lowest cost.

While students who attended the on campus housing lottery conducted by Student Affairs discovered a sign up sheet for students who support their right to have cable on campus, Baer was inconclusive about whether the Washington College administration considers cable beneficial or harmful to the students, saying only that it had been through the proper channels.

Baer concluded by praising the students, who, he says, made it through a "difficult year" of mud and construction.

He also denied rumors that the Elm tree is dying. The tree, Baer says, is "at a very mature stage" and will lose many of its larger limbs. They have started a sapling Elm. American Elms, such as ours, are, in Baer's words, fast growing trees with shorter life spans, and the College wants to ensure that the Big Elm survives as long as possible.

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Coleman cited this as an example of student power. "This goes to support the idea that communication can go a long way. With the help of the faculty, administration, and students, this desire became a reality...This situation should provide an example for the future." When asked about the faculty staffing issue in relation to the administration, Coleman stated, "I think they know."

Sarah Hamlin, who represented the English Department, summed up this obvious problem of staffing: "The students' responses to the survey suggested that much is adequate...but their comments and recommendations show that they are interested in more than just adequate education...."

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The evening event will be a Eastern Shore Luau sponsored by the SGA to be held in the Lelia Hynson Pavillion. The buffet will open at 5 p.m. and run until 7 p.m. The menu will include:

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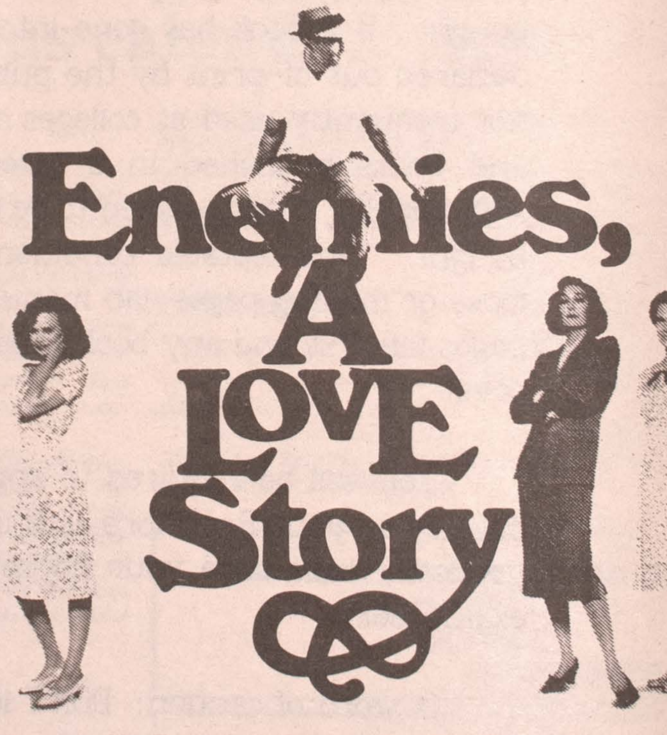

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May Day revelers visited by local police

Students may have to defend May Day tradition

by Tracey Connell
Staff writer

Many students felt they had to defend their May Day traditions this year when both Chestertown police officers and Washington College Security visited the O'Neill Literary House.

The police interrupted the annual May Day poetry reading on charges that it was "too loud." They threatened that a second visit would enable them to press charges, but according to the local department no information was available to the public as to who filed the complaint or of any of the ensuing events.

According to Director of Security, Jerry Roderick, Security then visited the Literary House after "the noise level went up again. Security attempted to intervene before the police would have to come back, but students were not cooperative."

Security ordered everyone vacate the building.

Roderick stated that subsequently several nude students crossed the road at the crosswalk.

"Passing motorists were not pleased."

The Chestertown Police were summoned again, but, according to Roderick, no other problems occurred on May Day.

Students also dealt with the administration. The Incorrigibles had planned to play at May Day festivities in the Coffee House but were denied the required administrative permission. According to band member Todd Karr, the reason given was that the administration "did not want to sponsor that kind of activity."

According to Dean Maureen McIntire of Student Affairs, the band was denied permission for two reasons.

"We don't do major all campus events during the week," she stated. "And to make an exception during the last week of school before exams...encourages students to do things other than study. If an individual student makes that decision then that's the individual's choice. I just don't think that it's up to the institution to make those endorsements."

McIntire recognized May Day as a traditional student event but felt that the administration should not sanction it. "We've never tried to interfere," she said. As for students, "The best that they can hope for and all we can do is turn a blind eye."

Senior David Johnson thinks this administrative move is "a great double standard. In previous years it's been supported and it's really quite obvious that this year its been suppressed. I know changes in the alcohol policy put them in a difficult position, but in years past we"ve been allowed to have parties. At least they could let a band play." In fact last May Day The Incorrigibles played on Monday of the week before exams.

At the same time Johnson wanted to "speak out for" Secu-

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Some students celebrate May Day clothed. The tradition reportedly begen that way but was quickly transformed into something more adventerous. It is a time honored one that symbolizes what is left of W.C.'s free spirit. *(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)*

Stenger to move propane tanks

by Susie Mazzullo

The Stenger gas and propane tanks located behind the Cardinal dorms may be removed by the beginning of next semester.

Last week's Kent County News ran the article that announced the relocation of these tanks. Gene Hessey, the Senior Vice President for Management and Finance at Washington College, stated that he had recently confirmed the facts of the article with Carl Stenger, owner of the Stenger Gas Corporation.

According to Hessey, the Chestertown Zoning Commission approved the relocation of the tanks to a location outside of Worton on two conditions: the Stenger corporation must submit a sediment control plan and a landscaping plan to the Zoning Commission before final approval

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Trout adresses students' interests

by Tracey Connell
Staff writer

Washington College President-elect Charles Trout addressed a issues from academics to campus cosmetics to Greek organizations in an interview on Saturday, April 28.

Trout began by stating some reasons why Washington College appealed to him. Size and unique opportunities were paramount in his decision to accept the position of president.

He stated, "I think Washington College is an institution that is small enough and vibrant enough to be responsive to change and enhancement." He added that the "liberal arts...commitment at Washington College is clearly attractive."

Trout thanked President Cater for "laying the groundwork" which will make his own job much easier. While many are criticizing Cater for allegedly placing "bricks and mortar" over academics, Trout supported the move to rebuild the campus.

"I don't think that Washington College had skewed priorities in the 1980's. What would those people [who criticize] think of the leadership had they not rebuilt the campus."

Trout then stated that "excellence of the physical plant" effects enrollment and enrollment effects everything else. "If nobody wants to come to Washington College, all the rest is irrelevant."

Because of all that Cater has accomplished, Trout feels that he will be "in a position to pay more attention to faculty and academics," but qualified the statement by adding that, "you're never fully done with bricks and mortar."

One problem area in terms of cosmetics, according to the new president, is the Hill Dorms. "The fraternity graffiti is an embarrassment," he stated.

This lead to Trout's addressing of another major concern that has been expressed by some Washington College students. Some are afraid that he will carry over prejudices against Greek

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SGA holds last meeting

by Kyndra Ponder

At its final meeting of the semester last Wednesday, the SGA addressed the quality of President Stuart Neiman's leadership, and heard arguments for four amendments to the Constitution, three of which were passed. Most controversial among them is the amendment which states that the president and vice-president must have at least a 2.00 grade point average to serve in office.

Neiman began the meeting by addressing last week's letter which appeared in The Elm by saying that he responded to the

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EDITORIAL

The new graduation requirement

"...the Senior Survey is a mandatory part of your graduation requirements similar to turning in your room key and returning library books."

This is the slippery and ambiguous statement from the letter—signed by Dean Baer and registrar Ermon Foster—which accompanied the grid survey sent to graduating seniors two weeks ago.

Let's try to figure out exactly what this sentence means. If the Senior Survey is a part of graduation requirements, this would mean that those seniors who fail to fill it out and return it will not graduate.

On the other hand, the letter states that the survey is a requirement akin to returning keys and library books. However, returning these materials is not a graduation requirement in itself.

What a pity that graduating seniors, in addition to all of their other obligations, must analyze a ridiculous sentence in a ridiculous letter accompanying a ridiculous survey.

Beyond the technical standpoint, the implied statement that students' thoughts are lent out to them, like library books and keys, and must be returned to the College upon graduation is ludicrous. Will the next administration mature beyond these childish "if-you-don't-do-what-I-say-I'll-make-your-life-miserable" tactics? It might have been less trouble to simply request that students fill out the Senior Survey, minus the threats. Period.

Furthermore, are students really supposed to believe that their confidentiality will be assured when they are instructed to include their name, social security number, and student ID number? Perhaps the inclusion of the social security number is for reference, when alumni giving time rolls around.

Offended seniors may be interested to know that there is no formal penalty for not handing in the survey. Furthermore, you are not required to answer any/all questions—you can simply turn in the blank survey with the necessary identifying information.

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Thanks to the 1989-1990 Elm staff for surviving an experience which no outsider can ever fully understand. Long hours of squinting, brooding, and putting up with an editor who winced (or screeched) each time she heard "I think it's a good idea and I can make it into a really good article." But really, it wasn't that bad.

Every ex-edtior learns to live by Elvis Costello's immortal words: *I used to be disgusted/ Now I try to be amused.*

And Kate, please stay away from angry lacrosse players. They have bad story ideas.

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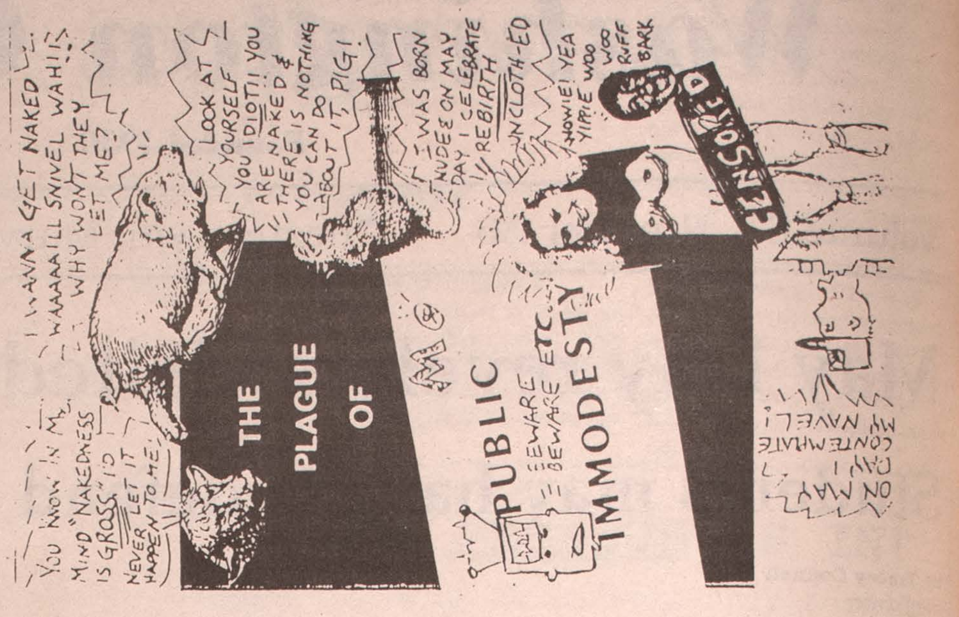
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Letters to the Editor

The grinch who stole May Day

To the Editor:

Well, it's finally happened. The enjoyment of liberal arts at a liberal arts college has been condemned. I refer to an incident which occurred this week at the May Day poetry reading at the Literary House. After a few poems had been read, a Chestertown police cat pulled into the fire lane next to the Lit. House, and an officer informed us that we were being too loud. Our "loudness" consisted of clapping hands and cheering the poetry and the people who read it. No obscenities were shouted, and it wasn't even that late in the evening (around 10 p.m.).

The policeman's reprimand surprised us. We hadn't been rude or offensive; we didn't even think that we'd been that loud. We'd been enjoying some good poems and the company of friends. There weren't hordes of nudists cavorting in the street, either; only two people were naked, and in fact they were both sitting down, relatively out of sight.

When it was pointed out to the officer that were just showing our appreciation for the poetry, his reply was that we didn't have to be so loud. Right. Heaven forbid we show any enthusiasm at all for art of any kind. (And we weren't even shouting, "You suck, you suck," either.) The policeman left us with the promise that if he had to come back, each of us - more than twenty people, mind you - would be hit with a $100 fine. This for applauding at a poetry reading. Wonder what nude cavorting in the streets would get us?

I just wanted to share the news of this event with the rest of the campus, and the campus, and to let them know that going to a reading isn't free after all. It isn't even cheap. It might cost quite a pretty penny, in fact. Does this say something about people's freedoms, or have I just been reading too much poetry?

Thanks for listening,
Clay Eichelberger

Neiman responds to letter of criticism

To the Editor:

In response to Kyndra Ponder's letter to the editor last week, I wish it to be known for the record that with one exception, my actions have been both constitutional and in the best interest of the entire student body. The one exception was a misinterpretation of a clause in the constitution which I believed gave the president the power to set the procedure of the S.G.A. At the meeting prior to the printing of Miss Ponder's letter, I accepted that I was at fault and stood down on the point. Case closed.

As for the rest of her letter, I pay it no more mind than I would a slight pain. I try to analyze the cause and course of the nagging stimulus and having found it to be nothing serious, addresses it with as little effort as possible. Though this sounds like a overly proud approach to genuine complaints, I argue that it is a response to what amounts to nothing more than a personal attack on my personality. While she was kind enough to address my accomplishments (in part) while I HEld other offices, she neglected to recognize or give credit for the positive accomplishments that have been made since I took the office that I now hold. I do not list them here, as to point out that this letter is not meant to defend, rather to respond. Indeed the only aspect of her letter that made it deserving of response was the language that she used. I was indeed impressed with her ability to make use of all those adjectives. As for genuine substance, it seemed to emanate from a disgruntled dorm senator who had neither the guts, sense or diplomacy to face me with her complaints. This has indeed been a problem in much of the senate. I was not elected as president of this student body to be either liked or to increase the number of my friends. I have a job to do, I take it seriously and I get the job done.

If I believed that her opinion was a representation of even the minority of Washington College students, I would do everything in my power to make sure that I made the necessary changes. With all of the letters and comments of support that I have received since the printing of her letter, I am confident that students are happy with the kind of representation that they have received during this TRANSITIONAL period of student government. Based on this, I look forward to a successful year with many accomplishments emanating from the collective efforts of student government as a whole. As for Miss Ponder's letter, I hope that the rest of the student body will forget these immature and baseless comments and will take comfort in the knowledge that she will soon be graduating and thus we will be cured of this remote and insignificant pain.

P.S. I feel a bit funny about coming to the level of a personal attack, but my ego feels much better. Best of luck to everyone in the coming week and the summer months.

Sincerely,
Stuart Neiman

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OPINION

ISSUE: What was your most memorable college experience?

Stefan Strein
Bel Air, MD
Senior

Most of my memories have been told to me second hand by people who were sober. But starting a small racial riot at Smiles and then driving my friend's car into a cornfield to hide out would have to top it.

David Johnson
Queenstown, MD
Senior

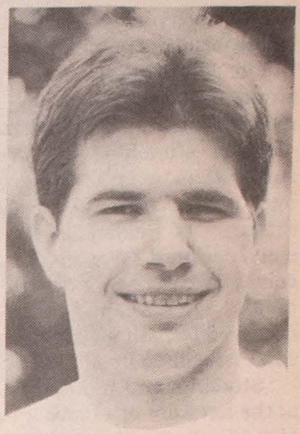
May Day.

Pixie Walbert
Queenstown, MD
Senior

Sig parties in the basement of East Hall, the famous Pharaoh Benjamin Henkel, and building fires in the lounge of Dorchester.

Shelly Jarvis
Ocean City, MD
Senior

Getting drunk and trying to beat up Leigh Mendelson my sophomore year.



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Participating in May Day activities!

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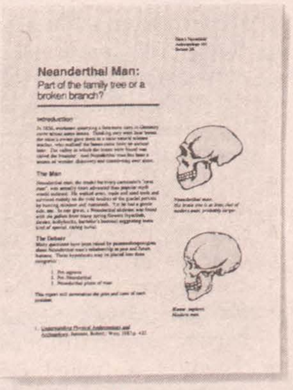

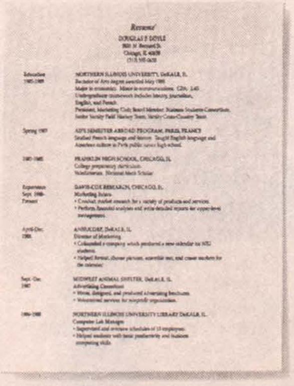

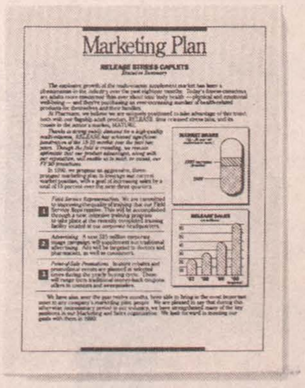

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Lithuania as seen from the inside

By Roy Kesey

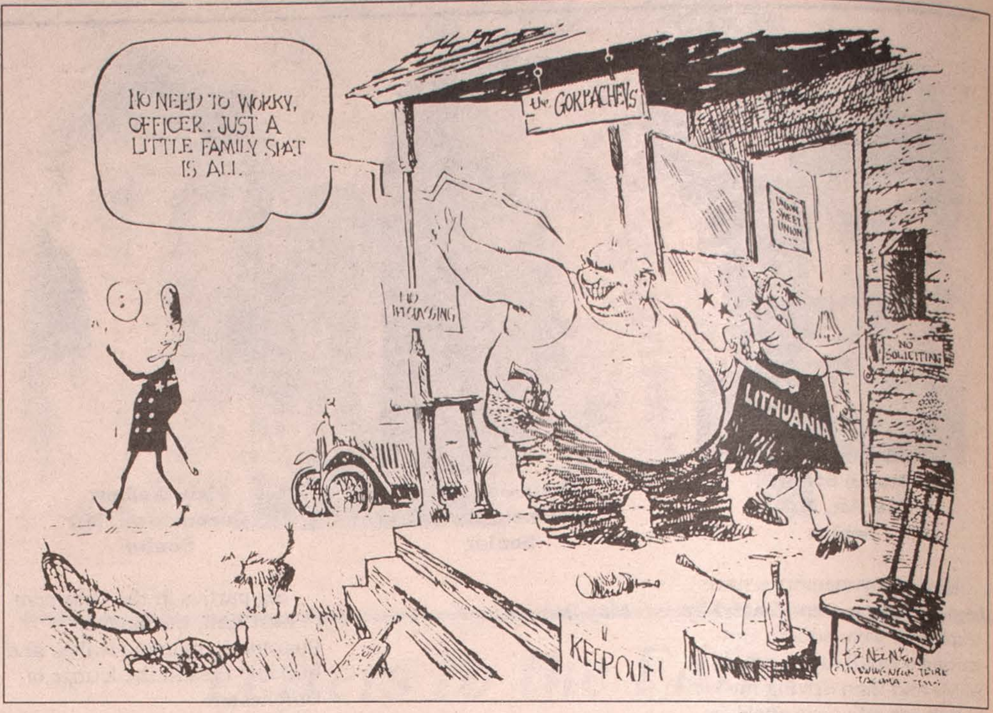
"Tell everyone you meet that we are no longer part of the Soviet Union," said Vilnius University student Elfegas Sinusas. His message was echoed by dozens of other students and faculty gathered in a large classroom here in the Lithuanian capital. Professor of English, Rose Veisaite, declared, "We were never a colony. We were an independent nation. We have been forcefully occupied for half a century, and soon we will be free."

Students and professors are at the forefront of a move toward sovereignty by the Lithuanian people. They always have been. When the Baltic States were occupied by the Red Army at the end of the second World War, the armed resistance was primarily students. They attacked Soviet supply trains and outposts with weapons left behind by the Nazis. These resistance groups took refuge in the forest to elude the NKVD death squads. These 'forest brotherhoods" lasted until 1953, when a final sweep of the forests resulted in the executions of the last Lithuanian soldiers and those suspected of aiding them.

While the forests were cleared of opposition to the Soviet regime, so were the universities. All texts that reflected the non-Soviet history of Lithuania were replaced by a standardized curriculum, designed by Stalin to suppress any latent nationalism.

Now, university libraries are beginning to restock their library shelves with literature from the West. In bookstores across the Lithuanian republic, while forty volume sets of Lenin's memoirs gather dust, Lithuanian, English, German texts are immediately sold out. Technical books are harder to find. "We are caught in a vicious circle," said mathematics professor Algis Kaucikas, "Without hard currency we cannot purchase adequate books and equipment. Without books and equipment, it is almost impossible to rebuild the economy that the Soviet have destroyed, and if we cannot rebuild the economy..."

Still more disturbing has been the repeated Soviet occupation of Lithuanian civil service buildings. The seizures of the National Archives, the National Front headquarters, and most important, the printing plant, have been blatant attempts to provoke violence by the Lithuanian people. If Gorbachev succeeds in this, he will have an excuse to invoke martial law. Male students still face compulsory "national" service in the Red Army. Those that refuse can be, like the ones who took refuge in the Vilnius hospitals, arrested for desertion, which carries a mandatory labor camp sentence.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KEEP OUT!

The Lithuanian people have been, thus far, equal to the challenge, and the students have led the way. The day the Army occupied the printing plant, they also moved on the television tower. There, they were met by hundreds of students who, arms linked to form a protective circle, blocked their way. The Soviet soldiers retreated.

There is little doubt the attempts at provocation will continue. Added to these problems is the economic blockade, which has exhausted supplies of oil and natural gas. But these student activists are not the violent radicals that made headlines on both sides of the Atlantic in the 1960's. They know that a military confrontation would bring only a swift and crushing defeat. They believe at some point, international censure will force Gorbachev to recognize their right to self-determination.

To be sure, desire for freedom burns in the people of Lithuania. But the patience of these people is also unshakeable. Or as Juras Banys said, "we have waited fifty years for our freedom. What Gorbachev does not realize is that if necessary, we will wait another fifty."

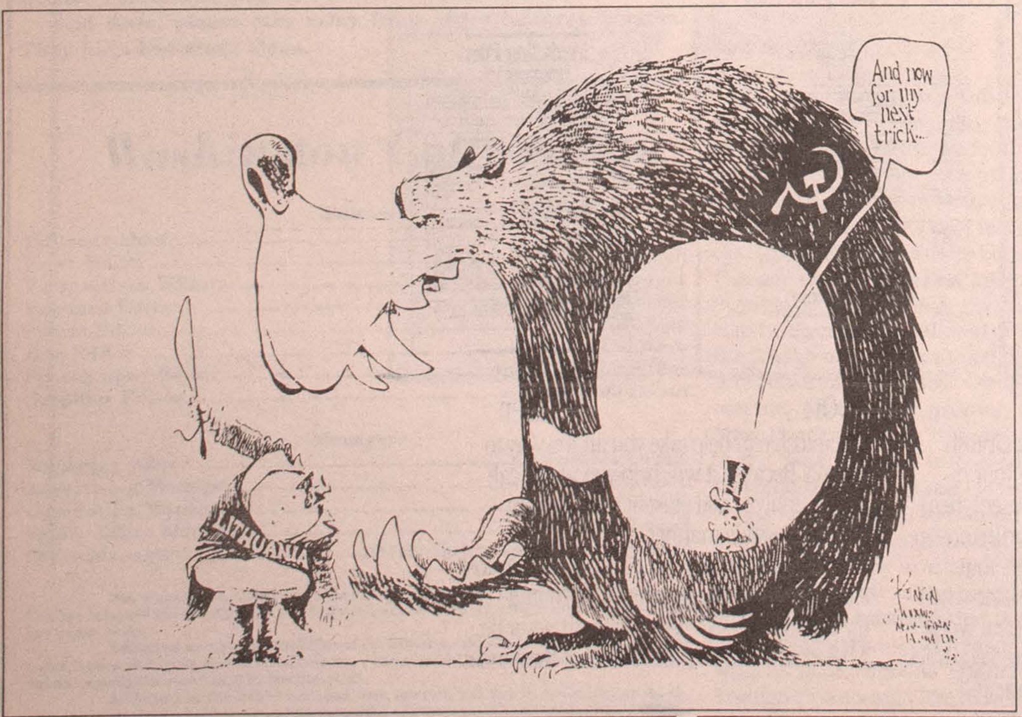
Roy Kesey is a junior spending a year at Manchester College. He visited Lithuania this spring as a member of the Oxford Soccer team.

News from around the world: adultery trial

In Wisconsin, Donna E. Carrol, 28, will be arraingned next month on charges of adultery, which carries a $10,000 fine and up to a 2 year prison term. Many states still have laws prohibiting and punishing adultery. Her lawyers, including one from the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) want the law declared unconstitutional, on the grounds the law violates the defendants right to privacy, equal protection under the law, due process and freedom form cruel and unusual punishment. They have also called into question the justness of the charge, filed by her husband, since he admitted to having an extra-marital affair. And the ACLU has requested the law be stricken from the books since adultery is no longer grounds for divorce in Wisconsin.

Vietnam

Nguyen Van Thieu and Nguyen Cao Ky, former leaders of South Vietnam have been touring the US, Europe, and Asia in an attempt to build a personal following, and to find roles for themselves in Vietnam's future. The two have denied any personal ambition instead offering to help rebuild a post-Communist Vietnam. Both, in separate interviews, however, made it clear the Vietnam War is not over for them. They view the fall of Communist governments in Eastern Europe as a sign that change will come to Vietnam soon as well. The two men were political rivals in Vietnam and have led relatively quiet lives since leaving the country.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East Germany

The newly elected East German prime minister called for changes in the "structure and strategy" of Nato while visiting Moscow. Soviet President Gorbachev repeated the Soviet opposition to a united Germany's membership in Nato. Although, de Maiziere said he and Gorbachev had expressed differing opinions on Nato membership, he expressed optimism that differences could be resolved at the upcoming negotiations on German reunification to be held between the foreign ministers of both Germanies and the 4 allies powers of World War II, the US, Soviet Union, Britain and France. Gorbachev stressed the need for the synchronization of the issues of German Reunification and a new security structure in Europe. American and Western European officials say they believe the Soviets will want to maintain troops in eastern Germany for several years, since Gorbachev could be under pressure from veterans and military men.

Romania

In Timisoara, tens of thousands of demonstrators called for the resignation of interim president Ion Iliescu whom the accuse of seeking to reestablish some form of Communism in Romania. Iliescu is the head of the National Salvation Front which will run the government until the elections on May 20. Iliescu is also running for President in the election. Communist Party Secretary under Ceausescu, Iliescu fell out of favor and was only given unimportant posts. Iliescu and the National Salvation Front have been the targets of many protests.

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FEATURES

Phallic symbols dominate WC's campus

As a student at Washington College, I can hardly help but notice the new visual imagery in the firelane. This imagery strikes me as a monument to white male superiority.

The new Academic Resources Center (the ARC) is supported by hollow, white, synthetic columns. These plastic pillars tower over the obviously inferior, black lampposts leading down the firelane to the crosswalk. There the firelane ends with three short black posts. This visual imagery merely adds to the racial prejudices at Washington College and in the surrounding community.

Another excellent example of obvious racism is the painting over the Deans' and President's secretaries' desks in the lobby of the Buntagon. Note the slave on one knee in the foreground, working below the tall, rich, well-dressed, highly esteemed, white educated men receiving degrees. What kind of image does this project to someone visiting our campus?

The answer lies in the Kappa Alpha Handbook under "Old South Day." These displays of blatant bigotry reflect neither a moral nor a respectable point of view. They reflect a racist point of view similar to the KKK (only we use poles instead of violence). As a liberal arts college, we should do something to change the tides flooding our system, but these things take time.

As an artist, my first inclination is to change the visual imagery so that it does not encourage racial prejudices and tensions. All of the columns ornamenting the ARC and the lampposts lining the firelane should be painted gray. Then it is no longer a matter of black or white; it's just another shade of gray. As for the three small black posts at the end of the firelane, they should be alternately painted black and white to display integration and unity. Fine.

Denise O'Connell

Problem solved? No. What we have failed to consider is that all of these black and white poles are phallic. Phallic symbols are springing up all over the campus. The firelane is lined with phallic symbols. What is this, ancient Greece?

The large synthetic pillars of the new ARC and the lampposts are phallic enough, or so you would think until you reach the end of the firelane at the crosswalk where three giant phallus protrude from the ground.

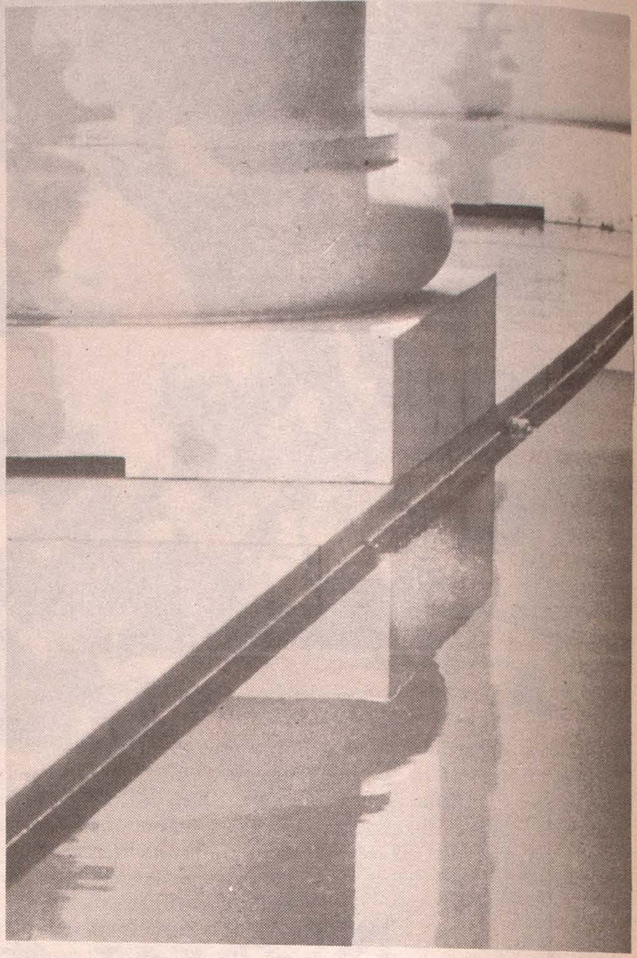
These phallus, erected to prevent cars—and fire trucks—from driving up the firelane, "visually rape women," stated a casual observer. They imply male superiority by "towering over" and "dominating" the firelane space. The female form has been seriously neglected visually on campus. However, these spatially positive forms, the poles representing the masculine, do not compare to the spatially negative space, the air representing the feminine; this theory does not allow for the visual awareness of the female presence.

In order to provoke awareness of the feminine gender, I have designed two feminine sculptures to balance out the crosswalk section of the firelane (models of these sculptures are on display in the design studio of the Constance Stuart Larabee Arts Center).

Made of cardboard, glass, rubber, wax paper, paint and corn syrup, "Born Again" and "Born Again Clone 1," accentuate female sexuality while they imply the process of birth. When done in actual size (7 1/4 ft. X 3 1/2 ft. X 3 1/2 ft.), these sculptures will be placed behind the brick entrance's benches in the firelane. From the firelane side, one can look through the table (4 3/4 ft. to 6 1/4 ft. high, 1 1/2 ft. in diameter), as if looking through the birth canal, while watching the embryo-like form "floating" inside the base. The crosswalk's and Route 213's view shows the flower-like, curved, semi-closed end of the tube projecting out toward the street.

This takes some attention away from the phallic "car-stoppers" while keeping an even balance within the space. The sculptures, made in actual size, will be donated to the school for the firelane in care of the Washington College Art Department. They will stimulate the visual interest of the community as well as display the female form as something positive.

This visually solves the firelane problem, however, with a problem so all en"campus"ing, the firelane is only the beginning. I suggest that the members of the first sculpture class at Washington College each design and build a gray sculpture, implying the sculptors' opposite sex, to be placed where it is needed most.


"This imagery strikes me as a monument to white male superiority."
(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

Perhaps to replace our recently lost, biggest phallic symbol on campus, the water tower, or maybe behind Kent House. The artists will decide where it is needed most.

Perhaps they should erect a phallic sculpture in the lobby of the Buntagon, and take down that horrible painting! Visually, the problem of the dichotomy of blacks and whites, and males and females is solved.

However, with such a deep rooted problem, curing the symptoms only begins to help the problem—what we need is a change of attitude.

The Washington College 1990 year in review

Profound, concluding words from Slice

While the academic year winds down and summer plans are being made, I'd like to take this opportunity to look back on the year that Washington College has endured. Overall, I would like to reminisce about the events, both good and bad, that helped redefine the school's direction for the 1990's and beyond

First off, there were the physical changes modifying the look of the campus. This institutional "face-lift", as proposed by President Cater's "Master Plan", gave us a new fire -lane chock full o' benches and lampposts with little eagles on them- as well as a new building that will house new offices along with other student resources.

While these new facilities will eventually prove to be very beneficial to the college in the future, lit's not forget the negative side effects of all this construction. Mainly, this construction drowned the school in mud and plenty of it. Secondly, there was the presence of WC's "adopted brothers"- the workers of Bob's Backhoe Service.tm Some of these guys, while working very slowly and sporting beards of ZZ Top proportions, would look at our fine female students with bulging eyes becoming of sex-starved men stranded on a tropical island for forty years. Come on guys, take your eye off "the prize" and get our new building finished before this year's freshman graduate.

Phil "Slice" Macek

Lastly, there was the recent addition of a fine mound of cow manure in front of Kent House. I remember walking by it for the first time, thinking it was dirt, until my olfactory nerves clearly told me that the scent I was catching certainly wasn't Chanel No. 5.tm Who suggested that we get a big pile of foul-smelling fecal remnants anyway?

Finally, on the opposite side of construction, I tearfully lament the evil dismantling of one of the greatest structures human hands have ever produced: Washington College's answer to the Eiffel Tower, the Water Tower. Yes, this edifice was truly a grand landmark, and I think that the perpetrators of its downfall are war-seeking, Satan-worshipping, Geraldo-watching communists.

At this point , I would like to get away from the physical look of the campus and focus on the people of Washington College- the people that make this school the finest, friendliest damn little college in the world.

Throughout the year, as everyone knows, there have been certain student outbursts that the administration has deemed simple unacceptable. Mainly, I refer to the malicious and purely evil behavior of the those damn drunken basketball fans. You "sons of Satan" know who you are, and you better repent and change your wicked ways before next season. If you don't mind your manners, other weather beaten country bumpkins will write the President claiming never to attend another WC sporting event as long as they live.

While some students can be held responsible for the deterioration of the human race, there are times when students can join together in angelic harmony to produce an atmosphere of pure love and joy. I speak mainly of the Birthday Ball and the recent SGA Luau. These social functions produced in the students a complete sense of euphoria, consequently suppressing all feelings of demonic evil and belligerence.

However, while applauding this school's fine students for making their college unique, don don't underestimate our wonderful faculty and administration that strive to make this school and academic have for all intellectually minded individuals.

I would, at this point, like to give due respect to the man who has rejuvenated the pursuit for rigorous academic challenge at this college; a man who has put the "wackiness" back in the WAC: President Cater. His doctrine of "writing across the curriculum" has instilled a new vigor in the classrooms of this institution. His trail-blazing fundraising schemes raised this college to a new status, and put this school head and shoulders above other small liberal arts colleges. If I may be so informal, Doug, congratulations on all your success, and we, the people of Washington College, your adopted children for eight glorious years, thank you for guiding us to the threshold of the 21st century.

In conclusion, while this year was filled with ups and down. I think real progress has been made in improving the school. I , for one, look forward to the completion of the "Master Plan." Yet, there are some in our midst who will not be around next year to see the fruition of Cater's grand vision.

Thus, to our graduating seniors I'd just like to say "Bon Voyage," and if any of you ever cone back to visit, look me up, and I'll buy your a beer down at Andy's. Just remember that when your walking down that brick walkway for the last time, diploma securely in hand, George Washington himself is smiling down upon you with special favor because you were truly an asset to this magnificent school. In closing, I would like to say, "Have a good day and a better one tomorrow. Peace."

Congratulations to Slice on becoming next year's feature s editor. I know he will add spice to these pages.

Highlights and downfalls of freshman year

by Amy Klamberg

Well, it's that time of year again! Softball games on the lawn, May Day, sunbathers by the pool, and reggae music blasting from dorm room windows all let us know spring is here, and the 1989-90 school year is almost over. Spring, and the end of school, are seen by many as a time of reflection. As you stare out the classroom window to a clear blue sky, it is easy to find yourself in mid-daydream, pondering what the past school year has brought.

> **The positive aspect of my freshman year was becoming more independent by not depending on my family so much and in affect becoming more of my own person and realizing that in order to achieve my goals, I must work towards them myself and not allow someone else to do it for me.**
> **—Lisa Jones, freshman**

For freshman, this period of introspection and reflection has a special meaning. Having gone through the first year of college, they can proudly say they have survived one of the biggest adjustments they will probably have to face in their lives.

When asked to look back on their first year, freshmen responded with a wide variety of emotions and memories. One freshmen summed up her year with the adage "school is hell, men are scum, life is pain!" to Lori Hastings who commented "It was great! Two thumbs up! I laughed, I cried, I became a part of Washington College."

Freshman year consisted of highs and lows. One major frustration of the year, for all students but particularly for the freshmen waiting in line forever, was arena registration. Cheryl Rinehart recalled, "Bring a freshman at registration took about fifteen years off my life. Unless it gets better I'll have lost 40 years by the time I'm a senior!"

Hectic class registration was just one of the many aspects of college life freshman found they had to adjust to . Many discovered that strict schedules are more difficult to keep on campus. The consensus was that a person has to be more spontaneous in college because life is just a little more unpredictable, like the real world. "Balancing more work and social life has been the hardest thing to adjust to since I've been here" reflected Tad Hershey.

> **The most positive aspect was meeting new people and making friends while being totally independent and responsible for your own life.**
> **—Michelle Harrison, freshman**

Freshman students have found freedom, as well as frustration and increased responsibility in their new lifestyle. In addition to the new academic opportunities they have found open to them, freshman discovered that they can take the initiative and start clubs, fraternities, or ritually pursue any interest they like on campus "Helping create the Phi Delta Fraternity was one of the most successful, memorable aspect of my freshman year. That is definitely not the type of thing I could have done in high school," Hershey added.

Along with the new opportunities of college comes the meeting and dealing with a variety of new people. These new influences, academically and socially, along with a new sense of independence, are what cause people to change so much their freshman year. Andy McKim concluded that in the future "When I look back on my freshman year, the thing I'm going to remember the most is how much I changed from orientation weekend to this point!" The freshman interviewed agreed that their independence, and new friends have been the most memorable aspects of their freshman year.

When asked what word or phrase might describe her freshman year, Kelly Huber responded with a smile, "It's been utter insanity!" At this point in the year, right before exams, it's no wonder that people are looking back on their freshman year and feeling that it has been crazy or exhausting; for the most part, this feeling of exhaustion reflects a sense of fulfillment that comes from successfully adjusting to a new way of life.

> **The most positive thing was meeting new people and starting over from high school. It's good to get new look.**
> **—Curtis Campbell, freshman**

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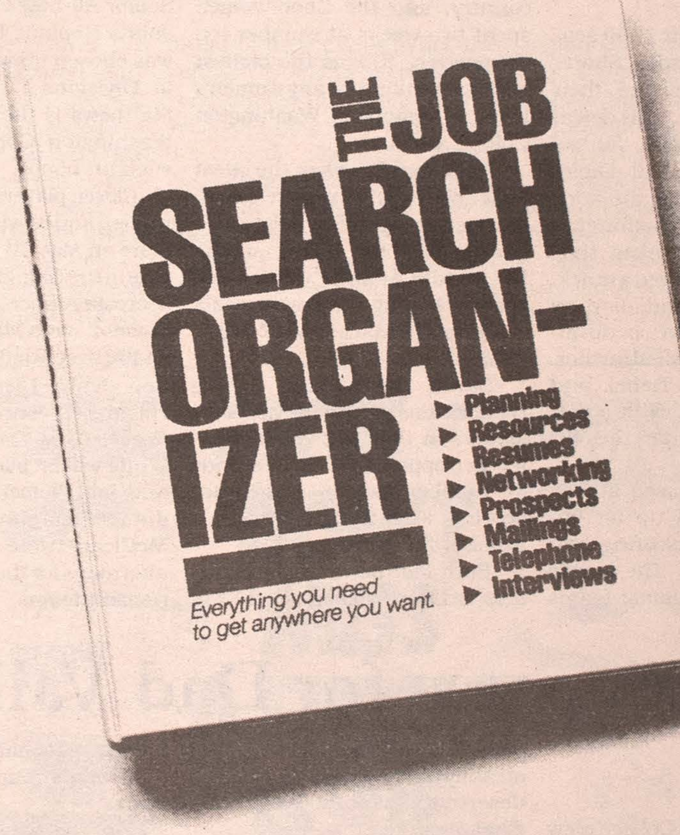

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SPORTS

The women's lacrosse players have earned more than their share of postseason honors so far this year. The team finished the regular season with a 9-3 record.
(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

Women's lacrosse earns honors

by Julie Schram

Wrapping up their 1990 season at home last Tuesday, Shorewomen lacrosse suffered their third loss of the year. This defeat came against the fifth ranked Franklin and Marshall Diplomats, 13-4. Despite the wide scoring margin, Washington College (currently ranked thirteenth nationally) played a quick, aggressive game, and saw an exceptional defensive performance by goalie Kristy Hilgartner. Donna White, Amy Tiehel, and Jennie Blenckstone, with a pair of goals, combined for the WC scoring.

Finishing the season at 9-3, Washington wound up an impressive season, outscoring their opponents 151-89. The team's only losses came against teams ranked in the top ten in the country, and the Shorewomen spent two weeks at number ten themselves. This is the highest national ranking for any women's team in history of Washington College athletics.

As of April 21, when the latest polls and statistics were released, first-year goaltender Kristy Hilgartner was the leader among the Middle Atlantic Conference goalies, having the fewest goals scored on her by her MAC opponents.

Sarah Coste and Jennie Blenckstone are among the point leaders in the MAC versus conference opponents. Coste stands at number two in conference scoring, while Blenckstone is at number five.

Beth Matthews was recently selected to participate in the Lacrosse Foundation North/South Senior All-Star Game in June at Johns Hopkins University. She was chosen from seniors playing in Divisions I, II, and III and Matthews is the first woman at Washington College to achieve such an honor.

Eleven players from the Shorewomen squad will travel to Baltimore on May 12 and will participate in the United States Women's Lacrosse Association South Tournament. Beth Matthews will play on the first select team. In addition, Jennie Blenckstone, Kristy Hilgartner, Erin O'Neal, Carole Reece, Amy Tiehel and Donna White will be playing on Team II, and Sam Clements, Sarah Coste, Jamee Dammon and Amy McCleary were all selected as alternates for these USWLA tournament teams.

Tennis captures MAC championship

by Greg Coss

As expected, the Washington College men's tennis team won the Middle Atlantic Conference championships, but their opponents were a big surprise. Albright College stunned Drew University 6-0 in the MAC semifinals, ending a four year run in which WC and Drew met in the finals. Drew had given WC problems in the past, so the consensus feeling among the Shoremen players was that this championship would be tightly played. This was not the case, however, as WC played as though they were out to prove the polls wrong.

The championship was quickly decided, probably in about the first 45 minutes, as the top singles players rolled to victory. #1 singles player Larry Gewer won his match with little problem, 6-3,6-1. Scott Read, playing at #2 singles, wiped up his opponent 6-0,6-1. Peter Maller, at #3 singles, continued his hot streak, winning 6-3,6-1. Scott Shepard and Roman Inochovsky also scored big singles victories to clinch the match, and then Andy Bohutinsky provided the icing on the cake. After winning his match's first set 6-1, Bohutinsky seemed to run out of gas, trailing 5-2, 40-15 in the second set. Amazingly, Bohutinsky was able to survive the two set points and pulled the set out in a tiebreaker(7-1) to win the match.

The doubles teams continued the onslaught. Read and Gewer won again, this time by a score of 6-1,6-2. Alberto Diaz and Jim Lim also won in straight sets, 6-3,6-1, and Shepard and Allon Rock were victorious to finish off the drubbing of Albright 9-0.

To reach the championship, WC knocked off Widener and Franklin & Marshall. Both victories were just as resounding as the Albright match, 9-0. Against Widener, which was a home match with an excellent turnout, the men only lost eight games total in their singles matches. It was the most convincing victory of the year, as the doubles teams were just as dominant.

In the Franklin & Marshall match, held at F&M, Scott Read had the toughest match, winning 6-4,7-5 at #1 singles. Outside of that match, the rest of the scores were almost as convincing as the Widener match.

Now WC looks ahead to the individual events at the MAC tournament. Peter Maller, last year's singles champion, looks forward to defending his title. Washington College's other participant in the singles event, Andy Bohutinsky, should put pressure on Maller to retain his title. The sole doubles team will be Alberto Diaz and Allon Rock, the likely favorites in the event. After these events come the nationals, where the Shoremen hope to show some heart and challenge for the national championship.

Crew prepares for Dad Vails

by Brett Lankford
Staff writer

The Washington College crew team has been preparing for the Dad Vail Regatta this entire spring season. The Dad Vails are extremely prestigious, and coaches Mickey Dulin and Don Chatellier have been anxiously awaiting this event since the team first hit the Chester River this past fall. Three boats from the WC crew team will compete in the Cadle Cup this weekend, then race move on to Philadelphia and the Dad Vails on May 11-12.

The team will not send any eight boats to the regatta, and instead they will be represented by three four boats. A men's varsity four, a men's novice four and a women's varsity four will all take the water for WC. These four boats will all train together for the next two weeks in order to refine their technique.

The women's varsity four boat will be made up of Elizabeth McGee, Elizabeth Speer, Stacy Maenner and Jennifer Mauser, and they will be coxed by Kristin Schneeloch. "This boat has improved a lot within a span of one week, and they have improved steadily all season. These women deserve a shot at the Vails," said Chatellier.

The men's varsity four is blessed with an abundance of power in the boat. Greg Terry, Whit Maroney, Vicco von Voss and Than Hansen will row in the varsity four, and Mindy Stark will be their coxswain. "This boat has been up and down this year," Chatellier commented. "They won earlier this year against LaSalle, and this past weekend they missed an opportunity to row in the finals at Bucknell by 3/100 of a second. Still, this will be the first time they have been able to train together as a four boat for almost two weeks, and they should be ready."

The other men's boat at the Vails will be the novice four. That boat will be comprised of John McCarthy, John Mulvany, Todd Sowden and Rod Benson, and they will by coxed by Liz Carone. "They have not had much of a chance to row as a novice four this year," Chatellier noted. "They raced together once and rowed very well. They're working together a little bit, and I think they have a reasonably good chance to have a strong showing at the Vails."

On the whole, the coaches seem very optimistic about their prospects for the Dad Vails. Chatellier noted that everyone was reasonably healthy at this time, and that they should be relaxed and in control going into the race. "We don't have any pressure on us, because no one is really expecting us to compete. We might be able to surprise a few people."

Before the Dad Vail Regatta, the boats will first compete in the Cadle Cup. Chatellier called this race a "Dad Vail Preview", since they would be rowing against such stiff competition as Georgetown and George Washington. The heats at the Dad Vails begin on Friday, May 11, and if any WC boats qualify they would advance to the finals on Saturday, May 12. Coaches Dulin and Chatellier hope that their three solid boats will be able to perform well and bring respect to the Washington College crew program. It seems that the Dad Vails may be the perfect opportunity for WC to gain this respect.

Keehan earns two scholarships

by Matt Giller

During the last couple of weeks another chapter was added to the Shoremen basketball storybook season. Captain Tim Keehan received one of four postgraduate scholarships awarded to basketball players in Division II-III. Along with this $4,000 scholarship, Keehan was offered the outstanding opportunity to be graduate assistant at Mount St. Mary's College in Emmitsburg, Maryland, which includes $6,000 plus tuition remission in the MBA.

Besides providing leadership as captain and 4 year letterman, Tim has proven himself in the classroom as well, compiling a 3.310 GPA. He is a member of the Omicron Delta Kappa National Honor Fraternity and has been on the Dean's List for the last three years.

Tim is also an active member of both the Faculty Athletic Committee and Athletic Advisory Committee. He was named first team All-American for the MAC region in 1988-89 and was named to six all-tourney teams. Keehan led the basketball team to the winningest four years in Washington College history that included 3 NCAA appearences. He personally locked himself into the record books by scoring over 1500 career points, placing him second in the school's long and distinctive history.

With those accomplishments behind him, only a bright future lies ahead. "Being a scholar-athlete has opened up a lot of doors that wouldn't have been available otherwise," Keehan affirms. Not only can his academic dreams be fulfilled, but his strength on the hardwood has given him another option he hopes he can fulfill as well. This summer he plans to travel to Somerville, N.Y. with Chris Jamke to tryout for a select team that hails from Holland. Keehan realizes that a quality education lies ahead of him, but would like to test the waters of European professional basketball in hopes that it will prepare him more for whatever his future endeavors may be.

Although no speeches were granted at the athletic banquet Tuesday night, Tim would like to thank all the faculty and peers that supported his efforts. Tim Keehan, who has never taken his fine education at Washington College for granted, will certainly not waste the tremendous opportunities that await him. Whichever road Tim decides to take, he will make the most of it.

Lacrosse shoots down Salisbury's Sea Gulls

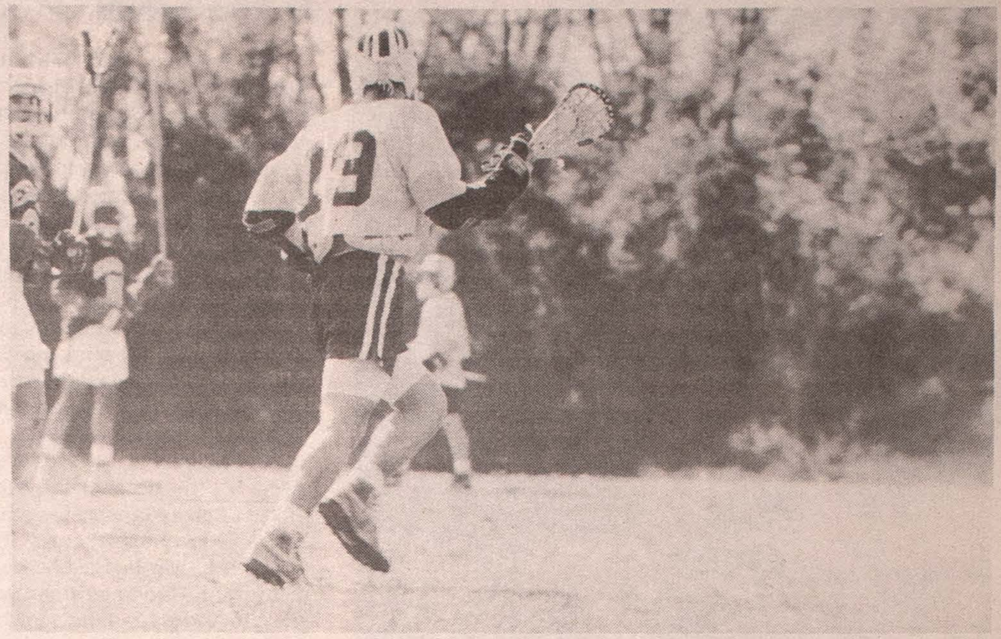
by Matt Giller

Last Saturday afternoon the Shoremen (8-3) increased their win streak over their Eastern Shore rivals Salisbury State University (9-3) to ten straight. The Shoremen were able to fight off the 90 degree heat and the Kibler Field dust to defeat the Sea Gulls 14-12.

Bob Martino, who played one of his most inspiring games of the year with a hat trick, opened up the scoring on the Shoremen's first shot. Steve Klein and Tim Hormes followed, stretching their first quarter lead to 3-0. But then the visitors netted two of their own. Jed Cronin and Greg Mouracade completed the scoring for the first half as the horn sounded, with WAC leading precariously 5-4.

The third quarter saw the two teams trading goals. Martino and Cronin scored for the Sho'men, making the score 7-6 Washington before Salisbury got it by Dave Slomkowski two straight times. But when they needed it, Martino was able to supply another key goal and Cronin followed. Junior Geoff Hall's two goals and Cronin's blast opened the fourth frame with a few scores, increasing the home team's lead to 11-8. But the Sea Gulls' juggernauts never let up, scoring three goals of their own and cutting the lead to 12-11. Greg Rupert and Hormes completed the scoring to fatally wound the Gulls and send them squawking back to their nest.

The Shoremen travel north to lock sticks against West Chester State this Saturday. Hormes' two goals this week increased his season total to match his uniform number at 33 and added on to his career sum of 178 goals. Only Ray "Flip" Wood, who netted 187, and John Cheek at 212 are in front of Tim on the career goal scoring list.



The men's lacrosse team won last Saturday over Salisbury State, and they begin their playoff run with a home game on May 9th.

(photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

WC athletics continue on to postseason play

by Brett Lankford
Staff writer

The month of May has finally rolled around, and that means that the Washington College athletic programs are preparing for postseason performances. Four of this school's seven spring sports have earned the right to participate in an assortment of tournaments, and they hope to equal their regular season success this month.

The men's tennis team will move on to the Division III championships at Swarthmore from May 13-20. Coach Fred Wyman's crew is seeded fourth in the tournament, a ranking that pleases the tennis coach. The team receives a first round bye as a result of this high seeding, and they should be able to go far in the NCAA's.

Coach Holly Bramble's women's tennis team were knocked from postseason play by Franklin & Marshall, but they will still be represented in the singles competition. Tracy Peel, WC's top women netter, will play in the Division III singles tourney at Trenton State later this month. Peel has been dominant in both singles and doubles this season, and she is sure to have a high ranking in the tournament.

Men's lacrosse has continued its streak of dominance this year, registering a record of 8-3 and earning the #2 ranking in Division III lax. Barring a shocking upset at the hands of West Chester State this weekend, the Shoremen will begin the playoffs at home on May 9. The team does not know their opponent at this date, but they hope to meet Hobart in the finals.

The Dad Vail Regatta is the equivalent of a postseason tournament for crew, and the WC boaters will head to Philadelphia to compete in these races on May 11-12. The coaches will send a men's varsity four boat, a women's varsity four boat and a men's novice four to the Vails.

Those programs that did not make the playoffs should still be proud of their performance this spring. Women's lacrosse has been ranked in the top ten this year, and they presently have a 9-3 record. The team suffered two devastating late-season losses to top five opponents to knock them out of the playoffs.

The men's baseball team has an 8-13-1 record with one game remaining, away against Washington Bible College this Saturday. Despite their sub-.500 record, the Shoremen have knocked off top opponents Johns Hopkins and Widener during this season. The women's softball team has been decimated by injuries and illnesses to both players and coaches, but their 3-15 record is not indicative of the bright future that lies before the program.

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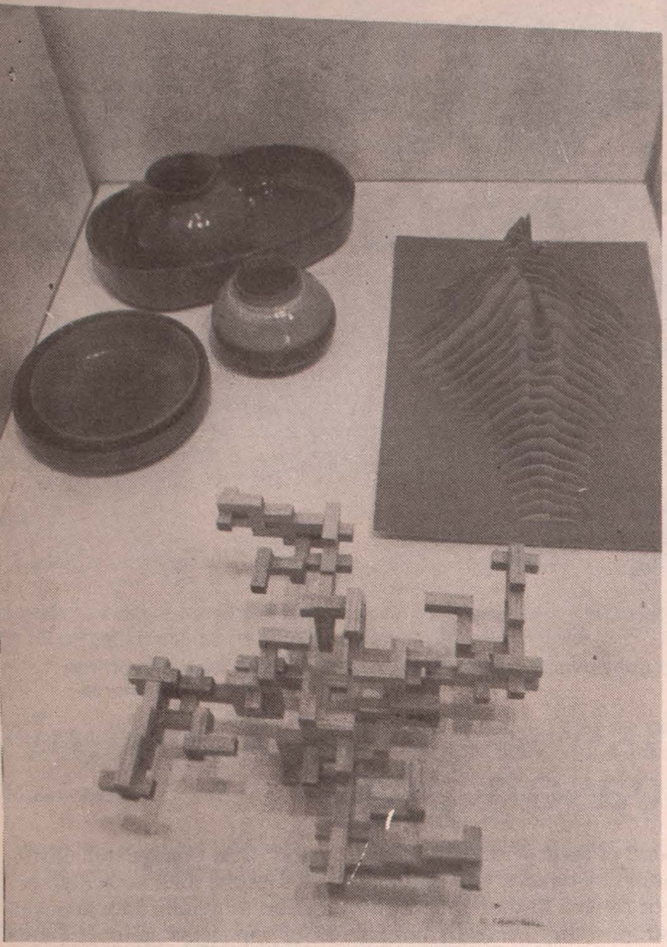

The annual student art exhibition, which opened last Friday, will run until May 20. The display can be viewed during class hours in the Constance Stuart Larrabee Arts Center. (photo by Amy L. Undercoffler)

by Bruce Hamilton

On Friday, April 27th, the Student Art Exhibition opened in the Constance Stuart Larrabee Art Center. The exhibition is a selection of works from a group of art classes, including Visual Design, Advanced Design, Beginning Drawing, Advanced Drawing, Beginning Painting, Silkscreen and Pottery. All of these courses are taught by professors Susan Tessem and Tex Andrews, who selected the works from completed assignments within each respective class.

The Neilsen art awards were given by the decision of three judges: Robert Janson-LaPalme, Marcie Dunn Ramsey, and Shin Ja An. The Award of Best Achievement by an Underclassman was given to Andrea Butchart for her study of apples. The award of Best in Show was given to Becca Hutchinson for her silkscreen, entitled "Spamanimal."

Tessem believes this year's show is more polished than past years and that she was "most emphatic" that the sophistication of image is "more apparent" due to the addition of new equipment. This, she adds, was especially true of the Silkscreen and Advanced Design classes. Tessem says the works in the show were clear evidence of the Art Department's emphasis on "traditional skills of drawing and design." She says, optimistically, that these pieces were "strong," predicting that the "prospects for next year are good."

The show is incredibly diverse. The "Spamanimal" piece is a silkscreen, a fantastic pop representation with tremendous energy and a vibrant sense of color composition.

Butchart's apple piece is a triptych study of Cezanne. It demonstrates a deep understanding of impressionism in a very emotive flow.

Certain works stood out in the show, such as the pop paint-by-numbers American flag by Jackie Wheeler. The flag is presented in an unfinished fashion, with the numbers appearing where the stars are outlined. Placed on the wall in subtle but conspicuous folds, the flag is a confrontational piece.

There are a number of impressive and original three-dimensional works: small geometric structures and shapes in cardboard, wood and plastic. The pottery is beautiful as well, but it is from a previous semester's class and the amount of works to select from was limited.

There are a series of chalk pieces by Dan Helgerman. One pastel is a startling juxtaposition of a fish and a plant. Most of this series depict different scenes of the old boiler plant. These are intricate studies of color and composition with a bold, geometric feel.

One individual piece by Chris Smith is almost breathtaking: an acrylic painting of a butterfly presented as a postcard and an almost completed puzzle, with a few fragments below.

Vicco Voss contributed some ingenious silkscreens, including a self-portrait entitled "Fate."

Students whose work was highlighted expressed tsatisfaction with the show. Sophomore Kristen Lewis, in Beginning Drawing, explains, "I like the fact that they chose a wide variety of students."

Andrews said that the show was more "even" this year, describing how there is usually a great variance in the level of each artist while this year "everyone was close to the same level." Many students praised the efforts of Tessem and Andrews in the Art Department.

If these works are evidence of talent and ability, then they are also proof of the integrity of the department.

The exhibit is open from now until May 20 during class hours in the Constance Stuart Larrabee Arts Center.

Vega's *Days of Open Hand* : returning with a new vision

by Raphael Koster

After far too long a hiatus, Suzanne Vega has returned to the listening public's ear with a new album, entitled *Days of Open Hand*. This time around, in the wake of the success of her single "Luka" from *Solitude Standing*, she has changed her style substantially. Joined by Shawn Colvin on back-up vocals, Vega and her collaborator, Anton Sanko, have produced a tight, classy album full of instrumental surprises and peculiar lyrics.

Vega's work, until now, has been hard to categorize. She is based in New York, and her success with "Luka," in the midst of the Madonna craze, led Time Magazine to term her "the ethereal girl." Her first, eponymous album was highly incisive and occasionally hard on the ear. Still fairly unknown, she began to be recognized by rock stars such as Sting, who is a admirer of her work.

Vega's moderate success on the charts opened the floodgates for many new female singer-songwriters with such instantly recognizable names as Etheridge, Chapman, Brickell and Shocked. *Solitude Standing*, featured increasingly ornamented music, along with an emphasis on her simple vocal style and her poetic lyrics. Those who bought the album based on "Luka" found that the rest of the material differed greatly.

And now she is here, in the new decade, with eleven new songs. How do they stack up against the old?

The first single, "Book of Dreams," is already playing on 99.1 FM, WHFS, and even some mainstream stations. It is not hard to tell why. The tune is catchy, simple and recognizable. The steel acoustic guitar in the background sounds suspiciously like "Luka." The lyrics, however, tackle a more abstract subject than child abuse, dealing instead with a sort of philosophy for being a songwriter. Yet lyrically and musically, "Book of Dreams" has to be dismissed as disappointing.

So, never mind the single designed for the public ear. It's the rest of the album that is worth listening to: songs like "Men in a War," "Institution Green," "Fifty-Fifty Chance," and "Pilgrimage." Narrative songs, one of Vega's strengths, pepper the album with vignettes of frightening situations. Simple images like "Those whole girls/ hurl down words/ run in packs/ with bloom to spare" make up brief songs that fall into your memory and linger somewhere near the memories of your first school and your first kiss.

"Men in a War" is a simple song with an interesting arrangement. "Men/ in a war/ if they've lost a limb/ still feel that limb/ as they did/ before," Vega sings. It is not until Vega sings the very last verse that we realize where all this discourse has been heading: "And she lay on her back/ she made sure she was hid/ she was mute and staring/ not feeling the thing/ that she did." With this idea of sexual debasement and loss of innocence, the refrain of "You just make do with what what you've got" turns the song into a thoroughly frightening listening experience, likening the life of an amputee to the troubles inherent in a woman's sexual identity.

The bizarre twists continue in "Institution Green," a terrifying picture of voting cloaked in music that resembles a horror movie soundtrack written by Philip Glass. A martial drum occasionally rattles a reminder of the mechanical nature of the process as Vega quietly sings about the loss of individuality she undergoes. "Teach me how to pull the lever/ push the curtain closed/ take what's needed then just/ let me go," ends the song.

The general stylistic change that Vega has undergone is evident in the instrumentation she uses. Perhaps the most obvious musical development of the past few years has been the exploration of international rhythms, instruments and melodies such as Byrne's *Rei Momo*, Simon's *Graceland*, and most of Peter Gabriel's, particularly *Passion*.

Songs like "Room Off the Street" and "Big Space" use exotic instruments like the ney, dumbek, chinese drum, and shaker. Percussion ranges from high-tech blastics to hand-claps. Background orchestration is not limited to strings— even orchestral bass drums make an appearance.

A song like "Pilgrimage" will appeal to those of us who love the complex instrumentals of old Genesis— I'm specifically thinking of Abacab— Gabriel's *Passion*, some Floyd, and even the Alan Parsons Project before they went completely pop. It has the same smooth, atmospheric feel. It also reminds me of certain "cool jazz" performers, although there is not a horn to be heard on the whole album.

And the down side? Well, there are some clunkers. One of the most notable is the most memorable lyric on the album. "Fifty-Fifty Chance" is backed by a simple chord progression played by strings, over and over again. It sounds like warmed over Sinead O'Connor but without her voice. The lyrics are blunt to the point of obtuseness: "50-50 chance/ the doctor said/ in the cardiac room/ as she's lying in bed" In the next verse we learn that the is something black in a pan on the floor. After some fairly predictable lyrics about love, we get the climax: "She's going home/ tomorrow at ten/ the question is/ will she do it again." The problem is not that suicide is the topic. The problem is that it is treated like a third-grade textbook, with music to match.

So why is this song one of the most memorable on the album? Perhaps because we have forgotten when song lyrics did not tell us what they were about. In a day when Heart's latest single goes dedicated "From Frank to Linda with love" maybe we need bluntness. I sometimes wonder if "Frank" recognizes that the song is about a woman who sleeps with the first man she picks off the street in order to gain a child for her sterile husband? Maybe it was the pop cloaking that fooled "Frank." "Fifty-Fifty Chance" emerges as a frightening tune for several reasons.

Days of Open Hand is an excellent outing for Suzanne Vega. Often hard-hitting lyrics are coupled with complex, fascinating music that is overall a more commercially savvy affair. Her less than distinguished voice is treated well by Padgham. Also, the album is mixed so that it must be played fairly loud to be appreciated. The arrangements and instrumental work are often more appealing than the lyrics, as opposed to her stark debut album and the vocal-favoring *Solitude Standing*.

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Senator Wirth to speak at commencement

United States Senator Timothy E. Wirth (D., Col.), a leading advocate for environmental protection legislation, will address Washington College's 208th commencement class on Sunday, May 20, and will receive the College's honorary Doctor of Laws degree. It will be the final Commencement for outgoing President Douglas Cater.

In making the announcement, President Cater stated: "This is another first for Washington College. Senator Wirth spoke on campus in March, and has been invited back by popular demand to deliver the Commencement Address. Those who heard the Senator speak I feel certain will welcome his return."

Wirth, who was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1986, visited the Chestertown, Maryland, campus in March to discuss the global environment in a lecture and special seminar with political science students. An avid outdoorsman, he has paid special attention to Colorado's conservation, public health and environmental issues and has been a leading spokesman for stronger federal clean air laws. He is the author of the major Senate legislation addressing the issue of global warming.

Wirth is a member of four Senate Committees: Armed Services, Budget, Banking, and Energy and Natural Resources. He also serves on the Board of Visitors of the Air Force Academy, is National Chairman of the Alliance to Save Energy, and co-chairs the Northern Atlantic Assembly's working group on conventional arms control.

He earned his bachelor's degree and master's degree in education at Harvard University, and his doctorate from Stanford University. He was an enlisted man in the United States Army, and prior to his election to Congress, taught school and then was in private business in Colorado. He was a White House Fellow under President Lyndon B. Johnson, and has served as a member of the Board of Planned Parenthood and of Denver Head Start. From 1974 to 1986, he served six terms in the U.S. House of Representatives, where he led efforts that dramatically altered American telecommunications policy.

He is married to the former Wren Winslow of Baltimore, Maryland, who is national vice-chair of the Environmental Defense Fund and a leader of Congressional Wives for Soviet Jewry. They have two children in college.

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letter in a personal manner. He expressed regret at having to "stoop" to a personal level, but felt that such a move was needed.

He then asked for a motion from any student who would like to see him impeached. No student spoke. He then stated that if a majority of the students thought that he was not doing his job, then he would voluntarily step down as SGA President.

On that note, Neiman officially called the meeting to order. A quorum was present and the meeting was official.

Under the first order of New Business, Gordy Scherer was voted on and approved as the SGA Parliamentarian and installed officially into that office.

During the second order of New Business, Senator, Sean Murphy proposed amendments for the SGA Constitution. The amendments were voted on as follows:

Amendment One: to Article 2, Section I

The Senate shall be composed of the executive board, elected senators, and class presidents, or their Vice-Presidents provided that twenty-four hours notice is given by the Class President to the President of the Student Government Association. Also, a faculty observer shall sit in at meetings but shall have not vote.

-to Article 5, Section 2

Each Class President, or their Vice-President, provided due notice has been given, has one vote during Senate Proceedings. Other class officers have no vote, but are welcome to attend all Senate Proceedings.

-to Article 9, Section 7

Every constituency has a right to full representation at all Senate and SAB meetings. In the event of a representative's absence, a substitute may sit in his place, but will have no vote. Class presidents, however, may send their Vice-Presidents given that due notice has been provided who will be given the right to vote.

This amendment in three parts passed with a unanimous vote of the Senate.

Amendment Two: to Article 2, Section 2

It shall be the duties of the Senate:

h) to provide a check (through attendance and as guardians of the Constitution) on the SGA President and the Executive Board so as to establish and maintain the accountability of these officers to the student body.

This amendment was lost with a unanimous vote of the SGA because it was seen as unnecessary and redundant of Article 4, Section 3.

Amendment Three: to Article 3, Section 1

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rity. According to Johnson and other students who were at the Literary House celebrating the Rites of Spring, the festivities drew a small group of non Washington College residents whom Security asked to leave.

"Security understands that the students do this every year and helped us out by protecting the largely defenseless nudist crowd against a bunch gawking townies."

Johnson concluded by stating, "It's really quite a fantastic day and it's the only unique tradition that this school has. I don't know of any other school that does this. May Day is not going to disappear so the administration should at least recognize it, if not support it in some way."

As for McIntire, he said, "May Day's been going on a lot longer than she's been here."

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organizations from Colgate University, where they are now considering abolishing their Greek systems. Trout is currently Dean of Faculty there.

He stated that the faculty vote against fraternities at Colgate was largely attributable to the "totally unacceptable behaviour" of a particular fraternity. Specifically,

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Letter to the editor

To the Editor:

In response to last week's letter by Kyndra Ponder, we would like to say thank you to Stuart Neiman and the entire SGA for helping put on a successful SGA Luau/Lambda Key West Party. The cooperation of the SGA and Lambda Pi Delta fraternity showed how well things can work for social events when the SGA supports the Greeks. Without the efforts of Stu and the SGA our party was going to be canceled; and it is this effort that shows the success of the present student government. We feel that Stuart is an excellent voice between student interests and the administration, and this quality will assure smooth social events in the future.

Sincerely,
Lambda Pi Delta

Correction - In the Volume 61, Number 23 issue of the Elm it was reported that Ryder Daniels is "Head Resident Assistant" in an article entitled "RA salary increase proposal accepted." According to Daniels, no such position exists.

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he stated that many faculty felt that academics were being damaged "by institutions that are anti-intellectual."

No such criminal suspicions are being investigated at Washington College, therefore he plans to have "a very open mind. I belonged to a fraternity in college and enjoyed that experience very much."

Trout commented that he is excited about meeting Washington College students and becoming acquainted with the community in all its aspects.

Trout stressed his excitement about the coming year. He declined to comment on specific plans, stating that he wanted to "allow President Cater his well deserved victory lap" and that "to start making sweeping comments about the future of Washington College would be folly."

Meeting

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a) The SGA President shall:

- maintain a minimum grade point average, cumulative, of 2.00 on a 4.0 scale.

- not be on Academic Probation (AP) when elected or anytime while serving in his or her capacity as President of the SGA.

Should this situation arise, the President will voluntarily resign and the Vice-President will assume the Presidency. The new President shall then appoint a new Vice-President, who must be approved by a simple majority of the senate. If both the President and the Vice-President fail to maintain said GPA or are placed on AP, a special election will be held in which both offices will be filled in accordance with SGA procedure. Should the President refuse, impeachment proceedings will be initiated.

b) The Vice-President shall:

- maintain a minimum GPA of 2.00 on a 4.0 scale;

- not be on AP.

Should this situation arise, the Vice-President will voluntarily resign, or face the consequences of impeachment. The President will appoint a new Vice-President, who must be approved by a simple majority of the senate.

The chair of the SCC will be responsible for making sure that all such officers have the required GPA.

After a great deal of discussion, this amendment was voted on and was passed, with a vote of 2 nays and one abstention. Murphy pointed out that that amendment was presented because there are students and administrators who believe that the SGA President should be a representative "academically, socially and in other aspects of college life."

The fourth and final amendment cleared up a wording error in the Constitution as it is now printed. The amendment reads: Article 6, Section 3 b) candidates for all offices of the Student Government Association Executive Board must be taken from the rising sophomore, junior and senior classes. d) candidates from all senate offices will be taken from the freshman, sophomore, junior and senior classes.

It passed unanimously.

SGA Treasurer, Brian Gimelson then reported that the Luau was a success and that the SGA covered its alcohol and band costs and may have even broken even on other aspects of the night.

Gimelson added a report of club funding for the spring semester. Only five of the twenty-one clubs who received money spent all of their allotted sums. He requested that all clubs which have bills for the spring semester turn them into him by September 15, 1990. Clubs which do not meet that deadline must have prior approval from Gimelson before the September date.

After the meeting, Neiman commented on the third amendment which was made at the meeting.

He said "The senate has taken away the ability of the voters to elect the candidate of their choice., The students have had their right of choice limited and equated with success in the classroom. So much for 'government by the people, for the people.' I only hope that next year's student body realizes the implications established by this vote and will promote legislation to change this."

Propane tanks

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will be granted.

The next hearing held by the Zoning Commission will be at the end of May. If both plans have been submitted and approved the construction at the new Worton sight could begin in early summer.

No major problems are expected, according to Hessey. "These are minor conditions that need to be met and the plans should be approved easily."

Stenger's tanks were a source of concern for students who lived in the Cardinal Dormitories last year as well as a plague to local fire officials, who at one point last March, answered two alarms within three days.

Fireman are required to follow strict procedure at every alarm as propane leaks are potentially dangerous. Answering these types of calls most often involve evacuations of nearby buildings and stopping traffic.

According to Walter R. Strong and Jeff Thompson, two volunteer firemen who commented on this issue last year, tanks are relatively safe if properly maintained.

Stenger's tanks had been cited repeatedly in the past and had wrought three alarms on the fire department within one month. The two men stated that not only are Stenger's tanks subject to employee error inevitably, but they are situated in an active area of town and next to the college, thereby increasing the odds of vandalism.

Strong stated that in a worst case scenario an explosion of Stenger's tanks would effect an area with a radius measuring from the Cardinal Dorms to the Fire Station itself.

While Stenger was unavailable for comment at this writing, he stated last March that he had no immediate plans to satisfy requests that he move the yard and would not do so unless, in the interests of family members, "it would be profitable."

MOM'S COOKIE JAR

Here are a couple of fascinating facts I thought might interest you. Bananas are frequently mentioned as a food high in potassium, but potatoes actually contain nearly twice as much. One large banana has 450 milligrams of potassium, while a large baked potato with its skin contains about 850 milligrams. The skin of the potato alone has about 235 milligrams of potassium.

Saltwater fish are generally no higher in sodium than freshwater fish. Fish have an internal regulatory system that prevents their flesh from taking up sodium from the water. How about that?

Now for some "cultural information" that should be of interest to all of you. Calcium is the most abundant mineral found in the human body, most being found in the bones (97%) and teeth (1%). The remainder is found in the soft tissues of the body where it performs a variety of pertinent functions.

Bone is constantly being broken down and rebuilt; thus the body's constant need for calcium does not stop after childhood, but continues throughout life. If calcium consumption is inadequate over time, calcium will be released from bones, weakening the skeleton, resulting in osteoprorosis (porous bones). As you may know women are more prone to osteoprorosis than men, mainly due to a smaller bone structure.

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Students still waiting for ARC

Washington College students returned to campus last week to find many changes on campus. Most obvious is the near completion of the College Lane. Landscaping was put in last spring prior to graduation and the area around the lane has a pleasant green feeling to it, a marked contrast from the line of backhoes and other heavy construction equipment which greeted the student body last fall. The only areas of the lane which were not totally finished were the crosswalk in front of Reid Hall, and some limestone installation in front of Tawes Theater and the Casey Academic Resources Center. As soon as the work in front of Reid Hall is completed, the area will be cleaned up and grass will be planted.

Summer rain was again responsible for construction delays, including the building of eight new tennis courts near the Kibler practice field and Cardinal dormitories. The tennis courts will replace the old one presently located next to the Cain Gymnasium. Clint Baer, director of planning and special projects stressed that these new "fenced, state of the art courts" will be finished this fall, weather permitting. The courts will not, however, have lights.

The three Hill dorms were also subject to some improvements this summer. The back of the dorms were pressure cleaned to remove dirt and graffiti, and white panels will be installed over the bricked up windows. There are plans to rebuild the back porches on East and West Hall. Middle Hall will not have a back porch since the door and stairs which led to the first floor were removed some time ago. There are no plans by the architects, Bucher-Meyers Associates of Silver Spring, to bring back the shutters which were also removed.

Cecil House, in the new dorms quadrangle, was remodeled this summer. Maintenance replaced ceilings and stair treads, installed new lights, and partially re-carpeted the dorm. Baer stated that there are plans to refurbish all of the new dorms, one a summer, for the next summers. He also stressed the need for "good stewardship on the part of the occupants" and praised the maintenance for their accomplishments in the face of a full conference schedule.

The Casey Academic Resource Center is, in Baer's words, "still on target" for its October 1 opening, but some work will still remain to be finished at that time. The college is currently in the process of ordering Audio/visual for the ARC, and has already ordered furniture. The building will be open by "mid-fall" and ready for classes by the spring semester. Currently, work is almost completed on the third floor, but remains to be finished on the staircases and the forum. Landscaping will be done around the ARC and the north entrance to the college this fall.

The Dunning lecture hall was re-carpeted and re-tiled this summer. New seats were installed as well as enhanced Audio/Visual equipment. The top two floors of the O'Neil Literary House were renovated, and the offices were moved upstairs to provide more space for the print shop program. PCB transformer removals were completed, and Baer stated that the College is now in 100% compliance with the EPA regulations and that they are currently negotiating the reduction of the fine from $150,000 to $25,000. Power and water lines were extended to the athletic fields on the other side of the train tracks, and a new lamp was installed on the bridge to the athletic fields. The maintenance trucks were repainted tan with the college logo on the side.

But construction on campus is not behind us yet. In a few days, work will begin on a road which will provide access to the Cullen dorms, Kent House, and handicapped access to the Dining Hall. In addition to making it easier for residents of these dorms to move in and out at the beginning and end of the academic year and eliminate the necessity of parking on the lawn to do so. The new road should also help the drainage problems in that area. Construction will last, weather permitting, only until the beginning of November.

Back so soon?
Dazed students wonder where the summer went in such a hurry.

Faculty update:Eleven new faces on campus

by Kyndra Ponder

Welcome back to another year of fun and excitement at Washington College. As you have walked around campus this week, you have undoubtedly noticed some new faces - not only among the new Freshmen and Transfers, but also in the faculty.

There are eleven new faculty members who have joined the W.C. community this year. They range from the new Registrar - Dr. Jack Hamilton to several tenure track professors, guest lecturers and new library staff.

Dr. Hamilton, Registrar and Lecturer in the Education department comes to Washington College from Cornell University where he served as Graduate Registrar and Director of Records. He received his B.Sc. in English Education, his M.A. in Education and his Ph.D.in Education from Ohio State University.

Ms. Jannette Hartley has been appointed to serve as the Technical Services Coordinator in the Miller Library. She returns to Washington College after graduating from here in 1988. For the past two years, she has been working as a research assistant at the University of Michigan while working to earn her Master of Information and Library Studies degree.

Dr. Lida Baldwin has been appointed the new Assistant Professor of German after receiving her Ph.D. from Rutgers University in 1990. She has been a Teaching Assistant and Lecturer at Rutgers for the past eight years and has taught such courses as Advanced German, German Methodology and Introduction to German Literature. Dr. Baldwin received her B.A. from Queen's College in 1974 and her M.A. from the University of Georgia in 1976. In addition to wide classroom experience, Dr. Baldwin has a great deal of experience in language laboratory technology and pedagogy.

Dr. Tahir Shad will be serving as the new Assistant Professor of Political Science. He has a wide range of knowledge including African, Near Eastern, South Asian and West European Political Systems, Comparative Politics, International Relations and American Politics. Dr. Shad comes to Washington College from Wesley College, where he served as as the Chairman and Assistant Professor of Political Science. He received his B.A. from the University of Sussex, U.K. in 1979 and his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. David Russell, Assistant Professor of Biology brings to Washington College his expertise in Marine Biology. Dr. Russell received his B.A. from Claremont McKenna College in 1975, his M.S. from California State University in 1980 and his Ph.D. from George Washington University in 1987. He has served as the Senior

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If this had been an actual Elm there would have been Campus Voices, Sports, Features

The regular Elm will return next week...

Now everyone read Slice's piece on the back page

(while Laura beats up a couple computers)

New faculty continued

Marine Biologist at Cove Corporation in Lusby, Maryland from 1987-1989 where he worked to identify different invertebrates for an environmental study of the U.S. Atlantic Coast and the Puerto Rico coastline. In addition he has served as the Research assistant at the National Museum of Natural History at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

While Professor Richard De Prospo in on a year's sabbatical, Dr. Benjamin Alexander will replace him in the English Department. Dr. Alexander received his B.A. from the University of the South in 1971, his M.A. from the University of Dallas in 1975 and his Ph.D. from the University of Dallas in 1979. He enjoys teaching American Literature, theology, Dante and Medieval Culture, rhetoric and social values.

Dr. Ruth Shoge, who is serving as Reference Librarian and Visiting Assistant Professor comes to Washington College from Upsala College in New Jersey. She received her B.A. from Howard University in 1973, her M.S. and Ph.D. from the School of Library Service at Columbia University. Dr. Shoge replaces Jeff Chaffin who will be on leave until 1992.

Ms. Louise Amick is replacing Dr. Eugene Hamilton for the Fall Term, 1990. She received her B.A. from Washington College in 1969 and her Master's Degree from the University of Delaware in 1975. Ms. Amick has previously served as an Assistant Professor of Mathematics at Lincoln University.

Mr. Joseph Bigott has been appointed Lecturer on History and will teach two courses each semester during this school year. He enjoys teaching various aspects of American History including 19th and 20th Century Social and Urban History, American Immigration History and American Religious History. Mr. Bigott is a Ph.D. candidate from the University of Delaware.

Ms. Renee Curry will be serving as a Lecturer in English and will also be teaching two courses each semester during this academic year. She enjoys teaching American Poetry, American Literature and Women's Studies. She is currently a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Maryland.

Dr. Metka Zupancic, visiting Assistant Professor of French for the Fall Term, will replacing Dr. Yon who is on sabbatical. She has served as the Visiting Associate Professor of French at the University of the South in Sewanee Tennessee in 1989-1990. Dr. Zupancic received her Ph.D. in Philology from the University of Zagreb, Yugoslavia in 1988.

Finally. let us not forget perhaps the most well known of Washington College's new faculty, Dr. Charles Trout. Dr. Trout comes to W.C. from Colgate University where he served as Provost and Dean of Faculty. He is replacing Douglass Cater and will serve as the college's 24th President.

The Elm wishes all of our new faculty members the best possible year at Washington College. We hope that your stay here is both pleasant and productive.

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A summer's view of German reunification

By Carolin Leibig

The events that have taken place during the past year have changed the face of Europe dramatically. The fall of the Berlin Wall on November 9, 1989 is a symbol of the changes that are underway: the oppressed people of eastern Europe have been freed. Besides the emergence of new governments from Poland to Hungary, East and West Germany will soon become one nation. Viewed from a distance, like, say in the U.S., the reunification of Germany seems like a joyous occasion for both the east and west. In the U.S., we hear only about the good parts, like relatives being reunited, communist dictators falling at the hands of the masses. We hear about the backwardness of the East and how the advanced West will assist its ailing other half. These things are true, but there is so much more to reunification that we do not really know about here in the United States.

I went to Germany for three weeks this past May and June. I arrived thinking that everyone was happy about the impending reunification. I knew that there were problems both economic and political, but assumed that goodwill and a sense of nationalism could override the major obstacles. There is goodwill, but nationalism is in scarce supply. The only people that are nationalistic are those who remember Germany before it was divided. They always maintained some hope that the Germanies would and should one day be reunited. This brings me to another point: vocabulary. I was corrected when I mentioned the "re"unification; I was told that East and West Germany are being unified, not reunified because the two sovereign nations as they exist today were never united in the first place. I heard this explanation in the West. West Germans of the post war generation, who have no ties to the East, see their eastern counterparts as foreigners. It is probably the same in the East. It is safe to say that nationalism is not a factor that led to the unification process Germany is now going through. Economic factors are most likely what led to the current situation.

East Germans entered the West in search of a better life. Most of the people who migrated were young, usually in their 20's, who were not yet leaving behind secure jobs and guaranteed pensions. These people were pulled to the West by the promise of opportunity and wealth. When the thousands of East Germans began arriving in West Germany, they were welcomed with open arms and even given 100 Marks as "Welcome Money". Eventually, there were too many people coming to the West to continue this policy. Some East Germans even entered the west more than one time so they could collect the 100 Marks each time. We did not hear about that in the U.S. Nor did we hear about West Germans going East to dine at the cheap restaurants there or otherwise taking advantage of their less fortunate neighbors. That great mass of Germans that came to the west does not, as I once thought, reflect the overall picture. Not all Germans, both east and west, necessarily want unification. However, most seem to feel that it is unavoidable and will probably be a benefit in the long run. East Germans, I learned, are quite satisfied with their lives and fear a western style capitalist economy. In the East they had to wait 15 years for a car, but they were taken care of for life and the price of bread has not gone up since the 50's. The East German work ethic is also much different from that in the west. A joke that I heard several times in West Germany summarizes the situation: An East German, who has recently arrived in West Germany, works at a construction site with West Germans. They begin work early in the morning, and work hard all day. Finally, after hours and hours of work the East German asks, "Don't you ever run out of cement here?" The joke is funny if you know that West Germans tend to be workaholics (which got them where they are today) and East Germans simply go home when they run out of material, which seemed to happen every day. It did not matter if it was 10:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m., they just left their place of work. Needless to say I heard many complaints about the East German inability to work, but most people in the west are willing to give easterners employment.

The main gripe that the West Germans have about the East Germans is that the latter seem to feel they are entitled to the benefits they have at home (guaranteed employment and pensions, state sponsored day care...) while enjoying the advantages of the west. Many West Germans do not want to pay higher taxes and give their poor neighbors a piece of the capitalist pie. West Germans make the point that they worked four decades to get where they are today, so the east should have to also (with help from the west). It is true that both East and West Germany started from the same point at the end of World War II, and today the west is represented by the Mercedes Benz, the Autobahn, and meticulously reconstructed ancient cities. The East, on the other hand looks pretty much the way it did when the war ended except now there is more pollution. In East Berlin, which is said to be the city which was given the most money and materials for reconstruction, I saw more than one building with bullet and shrapnel holes in it from the war. Our tour guide in East Berlin said (several times) as we drove through the city: "This area was 70% destroyed, unfortunately we have not been able to rebuild it yet." It will cost the West Germans billions of Marks to help the east rebuild and catch up and the western "yuppies" are not enthusiastic about sharing their prosperity. West Germans in their twenties or younger do not seem to care one way or the other about unification. They have not yet made a lot of money or settled into a well paying job, but they know they will because the East Germans (even those that went to universities) do not have the education to compete with westerners. In short, East Germans end up being waiters/waitresses, construction workers, etc.

After October third, history will let us all know if German unification is a good idea. One thing is for sure, the East Germans have much potential and West Germany is reluctantly willing to give them the help that they need to achieve it. The past four decades have seen the development of two very different Germanies, the next four will hopefully be decades of recovery; political, economic and social.

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News from around the world:

UNITED STATES:

In retaliation to the Iraqi order that the U.S. Embassy in Kuwait be shut down, the U.S. has expelled 36 people from the Iraqi Embassy in Washington. Among the expelled embassy employees were seven accredited diplomats and all of the embassy's commercial department. The commercial department was expelled because the United Nations officially approved the U.S. embargo of Iraq, thus making this department virtually nonfunctional. Those expelled are expected to take their families with them when they go back to Iraq. The Iraqi Ambassador to the U.S., Mohammed Sadiq Mashet, was informed of the expulsion by Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger when Mashet was summoned to the State Department on Monday. State Department spokesman Margaret Tutwiler issued this statement regarding the expulsion of the Iraqis: "Unlike how the Iraqi government is handling things, we are handling our diplomatic relations exactly by the letter of the law." The Iraqi Ambassador made no comments.

Statistics released by the census bureau yesterday show that population shifts are likely to effect the nations political lines. California and Florida, two key republican states, are likely to gain 7 and 4 house seats respectively. This change would give California a 52 person house delegation and the additional four seats in Florida equal the total number of the Arkansas congressional delegation. Political lines based on the Census Bureau population figures will be redrawn before the 1992 elections. Eight states are expected to gain seats while 13 are expected to lose them. Tentative developments include the addition of one seat to Georgia, Arizona and Washington. Louisiana and Kentucky will both lose a seat. The overall pattern favors the republican party. The findings also dispel democratic concern that republicans used counting techniques to reduce urban population.

IRAQ:

While daily protests demanding the whereabouts of U.S. citizens held in Iraq and Kuwait continue, more Americans are reported seized each day. President Bush has demanded the release of those held. Ambassador W. Nathaniel Howell and a small group of embassy employees remain at the embassy compound in Kuwait. Although electricity and water have been cut off by the Iraqis, those left at the embassy are said to have enough food and water to last for several more days. They also have an emergency generator.

Meanwhile, Americans and other non-arabs continue to escape Iraq in large numbers. It is estimated that some 240,000 Arab, Asian and Western evacuees have fled to Jordan. Because this mass influx of refugees will have an impact on the already ailing Jordanian economy, Jordan has asked for international aid to help handle the crisis. Another 10,000 foreigners and 4,000 Turks have escaped Iraq by fleeing to Turkey.

BULGARIA:

The headquarters of Bulgaria's ruling Socialist party were burned and looted Sunday night. The fire was started by demonstrators protesting the continued presence of a red star atop the building. A resolution passed by the parliament last month called for the removal of all symbols of the old regime, but the star on top of the building remained. The violence, which police were unable to control, is an indication of the troubling situation in Bulgaria. The Socialists, who won a majority in parliament in June's democratic elections, have not been able to deal with Bulgaria's vast economic problems including a $10.6 billion foreign debt. The Union of Democratic Forces, the Socalists chief rival, received only 38% of the vote in June, but now has the support of 57% of Bulgarians recently polled. Bulgaria's Prime Minister has said the only solution would be for the socialist and Union of Democratic Forces to join in a coalition. The U.D.F. has so far declined. The instability within the country has led to the loss of western investment, making recovery prospects bleak.

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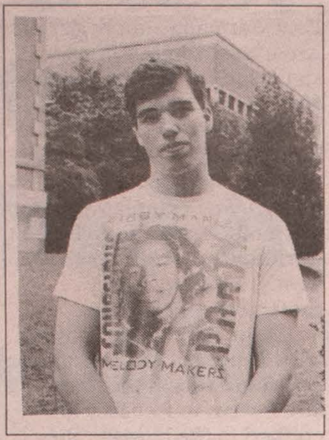

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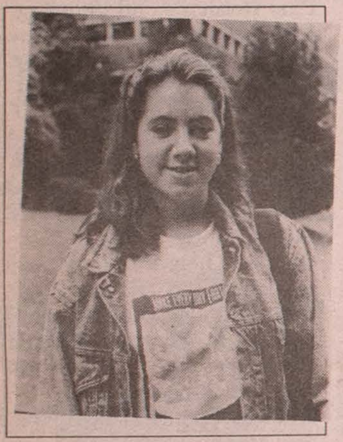

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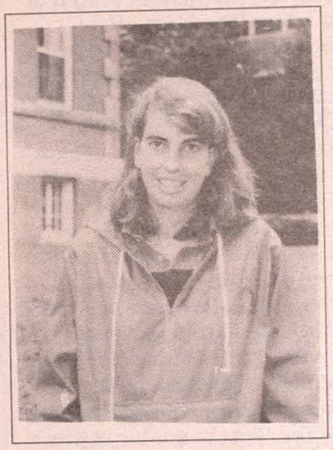

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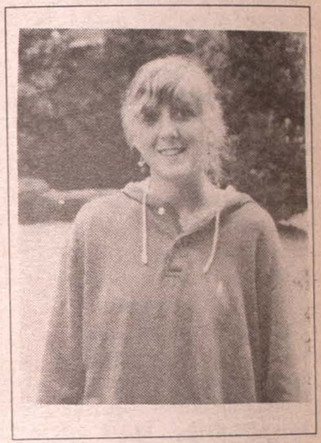

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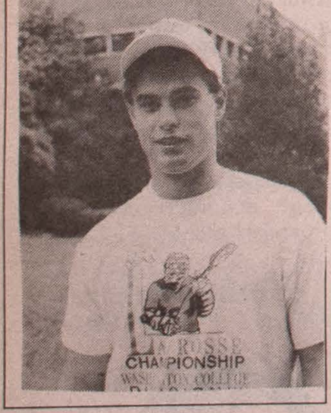

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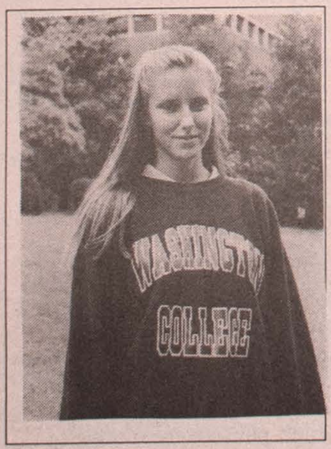

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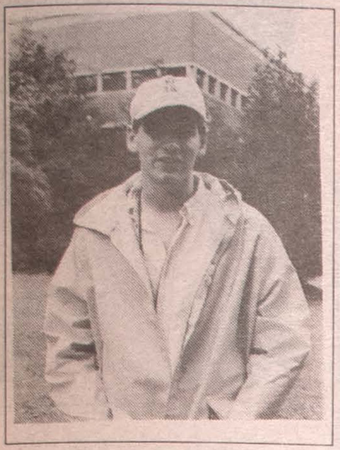

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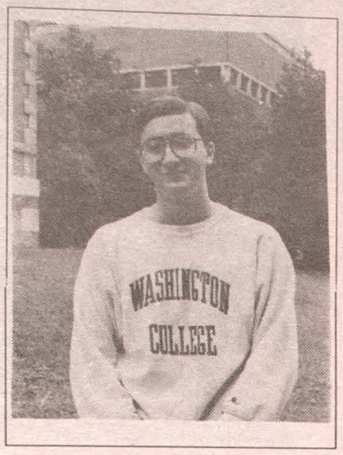

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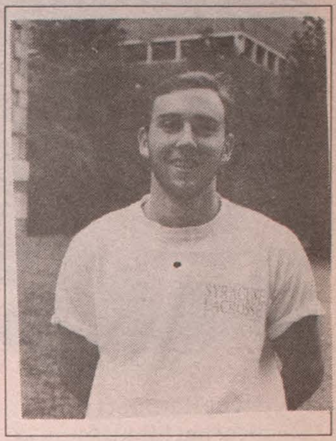

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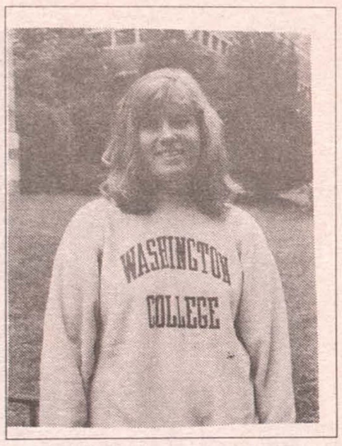

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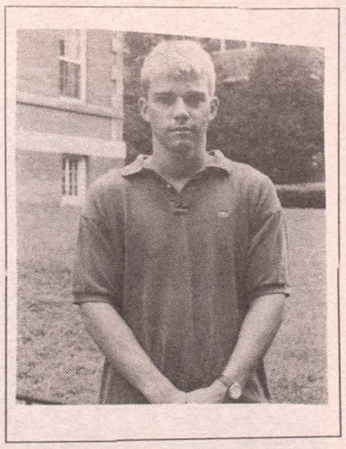

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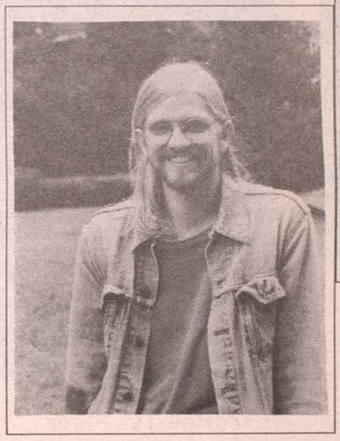

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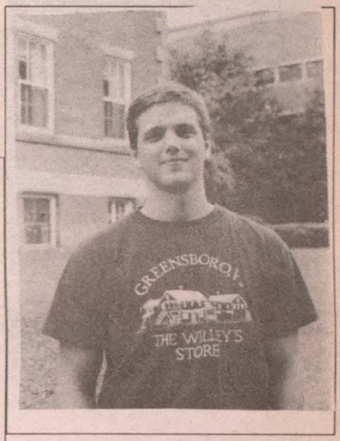

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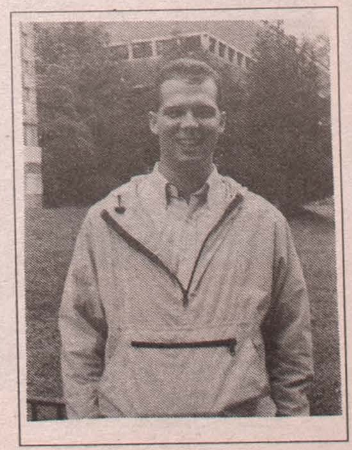

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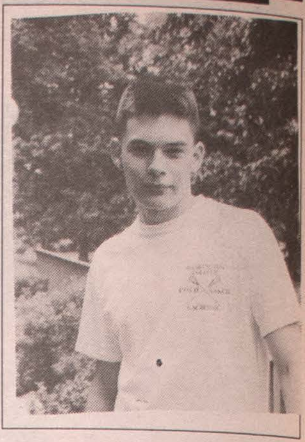

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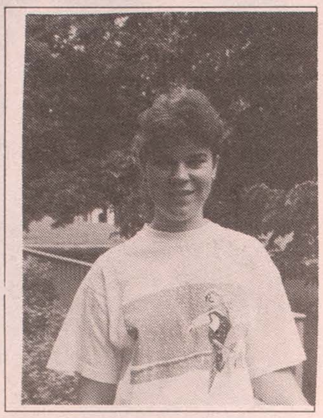

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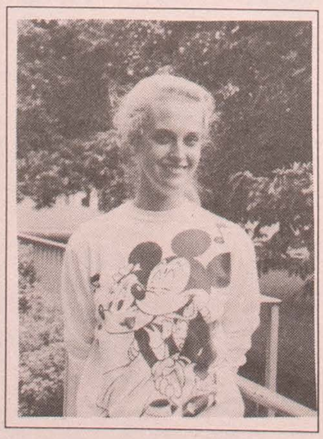

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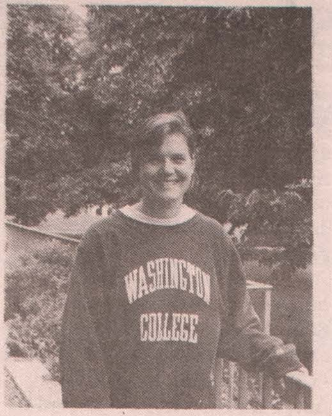

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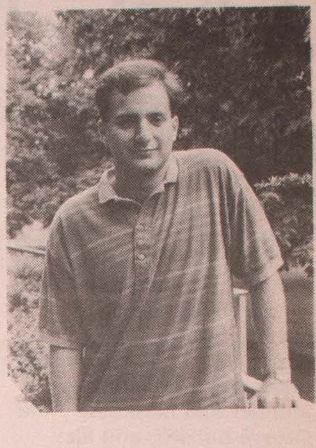

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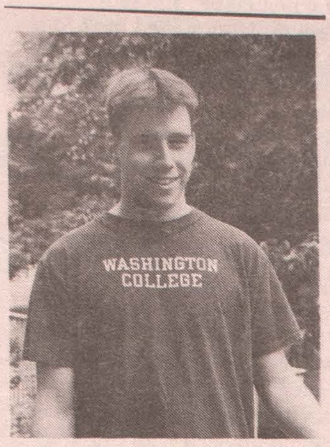

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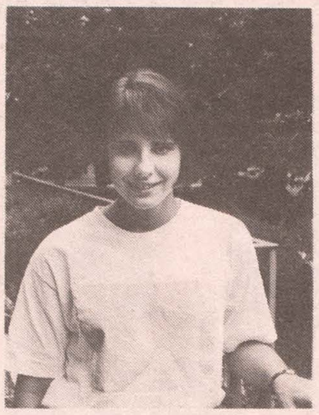

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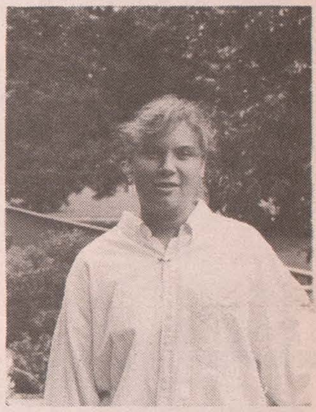

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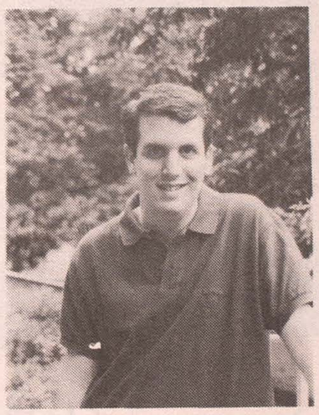

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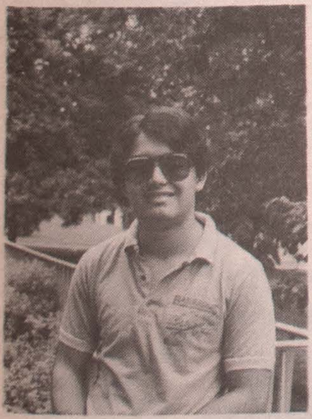

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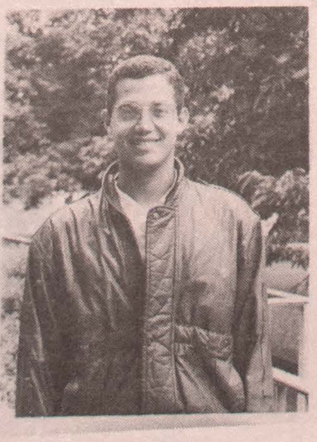

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FEATURES

A "slice" o'the Freshman experience

Hello all freshmen. Welcome to Washington College - the land of easy living. Yes sir, it's time to leave home and high school behind and move from the lap of luxury into the lap of lechery. Here at the college, we are committed to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happy hour. This fine college takes great pride in its founder and namesake - old George himself; and like George, the school places great emphasis on honesty, especially in one's schoolwork. Oh, by the way, I'd like to clear up this myth about George and the cherry tree once and for all. Do you know why George's father didn't punish little George when he found out what happened? Was it because he admired his son's commitment to honesty at all times? Hell no, it was simply because little George was holding an axe in his hand when his father caught him. This is the legacy that the school's honor code was built on, so if a teacher busts you for cheating, grab an axe, it'll be a big factor in determining your punishment.

Slice

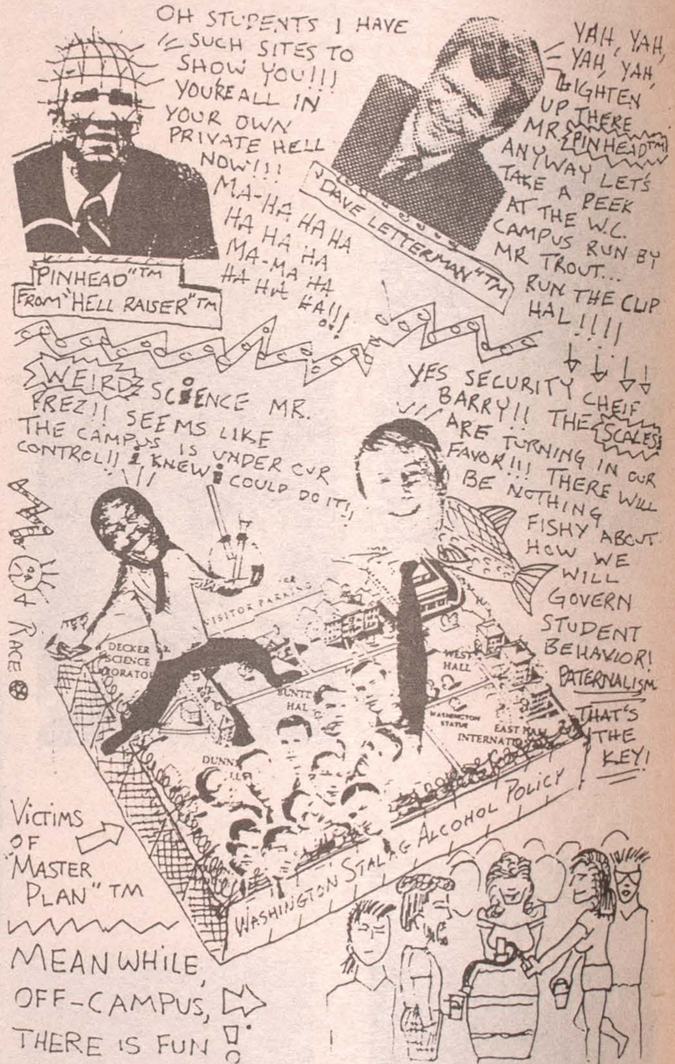
Besides the history of our school, I'd like to prepare the freshmen for their first real college weekend (otherwise known as two day "slop fests" complete with drunk people yelling loudly, urinating in phone booths and on furniture, and finally passing out in some shower stall curled up in the fetal position).

In all reality, weekend parties are really why we're all here. However, we are not social degenerates, and as civilized humans, we should never use alcohol as an end in itself. Alcohol should be the means to a more important end: hooking up with as many people as you can after getting good and sauced. Yet the real fun comes in the dining hall the next morning while telling your tall tales to your buddies over brunch. However I do find something a little strange about these drunken pursuits for flesh. Why does a guy wake up on Saturday morning with a severe hangover, an excruciating headache, and bad breath, lying naked next to a complete stranger who might have given him some strange fatal disease and say that he got lucky? I guess some mysteries of nature are just too deep for man's limited wisdom to grasp and comprehend.

While leaving one mystery, I'd like to uncover another mystery - dining hall food. Granted, this isn't Mom's home cooking but I am taken aback from hearing such things as, "Hey man, cut me off another hunk of that soup," or my personal favorite, "I think this orange juice should be labeled freshly killed." Yet, in the face of all this mystery food, try to dwell on the positive aspects of boarding at Washington College. Hell, this is probably the only place on Earth where you can get a good solid Chicken Gorilla Sandwich and for those who remember, A Steve Attias Sandwich.

In closing, I would just like to tell the freshmen that this college is certainly an unique experience, but if you stay drunk you can probably come out of here a better person than when you started.

Slice, alias Phil Macek is a senior psychology major and Elm features editor.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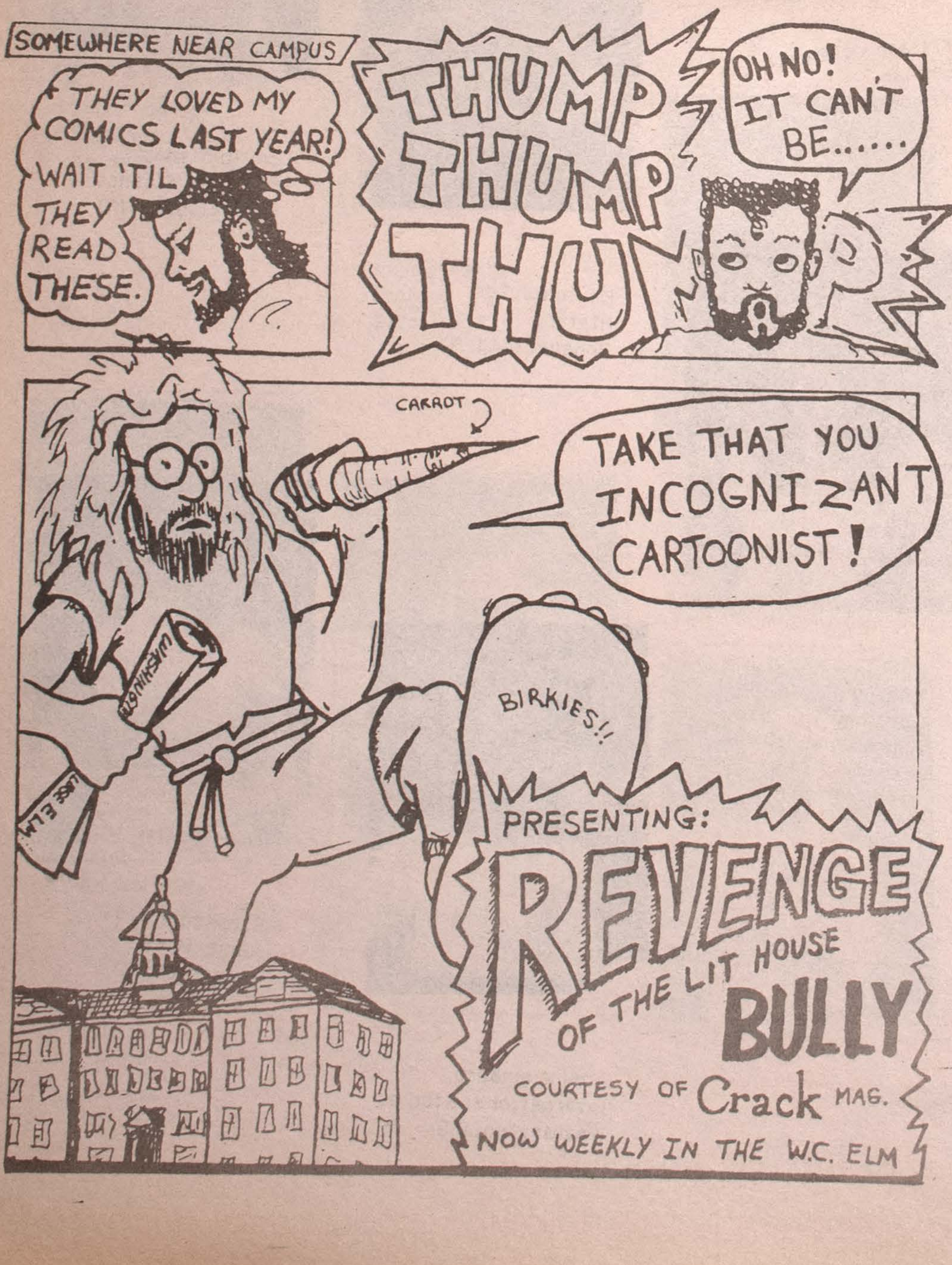
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Trout Reveals Future Goals for Washington College

by Susie Mazzullo

An interview with President Trout on Thursday, August 30 , revealed that his main goal this year is to listen and learn. "It's a mistake to arrive with preformed visions. I have arrived with questions," he said.

Making the strong stronger and then concentrating on strengthening other areas is what President Trout plans to do this year. W.C.'s areas of strength mentioned by Trout include an emphasis upon writing, academic computing, the rebuilding process that is currently in effect in the science programs, and the Senior Obligation in the form of a thesis. He also spoke admiringly of Washington College's athletic tradition. "I want to preserve that," he says.

He plans to encourage the changes taking place in the science areas. Possible ideas that he mentioned were the addition of environmental and neuroscience programs, as well as an increase in student/faculty interaction. According to Trout, one way of increasing this interaction is by having upperclassmen team up with members of the faculty on major research projects. A long term goal of President Trout's is to have some of these team efforts result in publication.

The Senior Obligation or Senior Thesis is important to Trout because he considers it the capstone to the college education. "Students should be exposed to evolving methodologies and therefore, more should be expected from them year after year. The senior obligation is a move on the student's part to intellectual independence."

President Trout is also looking to the future and to the college's needs then as well as now. Trout's long- term desire is to make Washington College as interesting as possible in all areas, for the students and faculty already here and also for those looking at the school as a possibility. "I have a respect for the total climate of the institution, not just the academic areas, although ultimately the learning experience is the most important."

Trout stated that there are many reasons he is looking to what will be best for the Washington College of the future as well as the W.C. of today. It is especially important to look ahead now, he says, because the college is not immune to external forces. The Mideast crisis, for instance, could easilyh trigger rampant inflation.

Within the next decade, Trout sees a fierce competition for faculty. "It will be a seller's market instead of a buyer's market." Washington College won't be at liberty to pick and choose but rather those looking for positions will have the upper hand. He explained that the faculty around the nation who began their careers in the 60's will begin to retire in the 90's. Therefore, institutions all around the country will be looking to replace them. Because the number of PHD's is declining, Washington College must compete handsomely for faculty who will positively enhance the students education.

Trout also sees competition for students within the next decade increasing. As Washington College must compete for faculty, it must also compete for the best possible students. Trout says that a student body must be vital and diverse. "Students need to learn from each other as well as from their professors," he says.

Washington College must also take advantage of it's location, according to Trout. "The Eastern Shore is very special." He describes it as an exciting laboratory that the college should experience. There are many areas of learning, including environmental studies, as well as the culture and the history of the area. Trout believes that it would be profitable for the students and the faculty to engage with the people of the region.

Although his goals at the moment are not

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Summer Programs Enhance College Visibility

by Susie Mazzullo

All was not quiet on campus this summer despite the fact that there were not any classes in session. For the fifteenth year, Washington College had conference and meeting facilities available. These meetings, organized by The Washington College Conference Programs are run primarily by Mary Brown, the Associate Director of Conference Services.

Groups come to the school to hold meetings on a variety of subjects. Brown says however, "that the main target is to attract programs with the same mission as Washington College. This means that the groups are academically oriented and that they contain students of possible recruiting potential. " Additional revenue and as well as visibility for the college are also goals of the program.

Not all of the groups that hold meetings here during the summer are for young people. Many adult groups also attend. This summer, the college hosted approximately thirty-three different programs with a total of approximately four thousand people.

Group such as the Maryland State Department of Education, The Maryland State Department of Education's Gifted and Talented Writing Program, the Maryland Leadership Workshop, Girls State sponsored by the American Legion Women's Auxilary, and various athletic camps were held her at the campus throughout the summer. Most of these groups are returning groups, that is, they hold conferences here each summer.

The athletic groups are a tennis camp that is held for two weeks, a girls basketball camp, a boys soccer camp, and a boys lacrosse camp.

New groups this summer included the Chemistry of Pyrotechnic group led by Dr. Conklin, chemistry professor here at Washington College and recently elected to the Board of Visitors and Governors, The Maryland Student Assistance Program, and the American Lung Association Bike Trek.

These groups stay anywhere from two to thirteen days. During their stay they are housed in various dorms and most meals are served in the dining hall. Almost all of the Washington College facilities, such as the Pavillion, the pool, the gym and the Coffee House are available to the groups for any special events upon departmental approval. Department heads meet weekly to discuss what facilities will be needed for the upcoming conference groups. Phone service in the dorms is also provided if requested.

According to Mary Brown, the success of the program takes an enormous amount of organization and cooperation between various departments within the college, and also requires the help of the students, both high school and college level, who are hired for the summer. "One of the best

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EDITORIAL

College is what we make of it

Stuart Neiman, most esteemed president of the student body, took a big risk at Convocation. His speech, a radical departure from Steve Attias's warm and heartfelt greetings last year, caught many people off guard and raised a bit of resentment in his audience. But hopefully, it made us think. College is, after all, what we, as adults, choose to make of it. It is a time to party and get drunk for some people, but it is also a time to prepare for what lies ahead for all.

If a student would rather drink than study, it is his right to make that choice. But that same student, especially the under age student, must understand that the college will not make it easy. The college is here, after all, to try and educate us. So much of our education and our future lies in our hands, shouldn't we be taking our responsibility to ourselves a bit more seriously?

The choices we make here at Washington College will effect us profoundly for some time. Yes, it is possible to overcome poor grades in college, but it is very hard. For some people, poor grades will translate into low paying jobs, or others, graduate schools will deny them entrance.

The only way to avoid a dry campus, is to use alcohol responsibly, and grades are an indicator of that success or failure .

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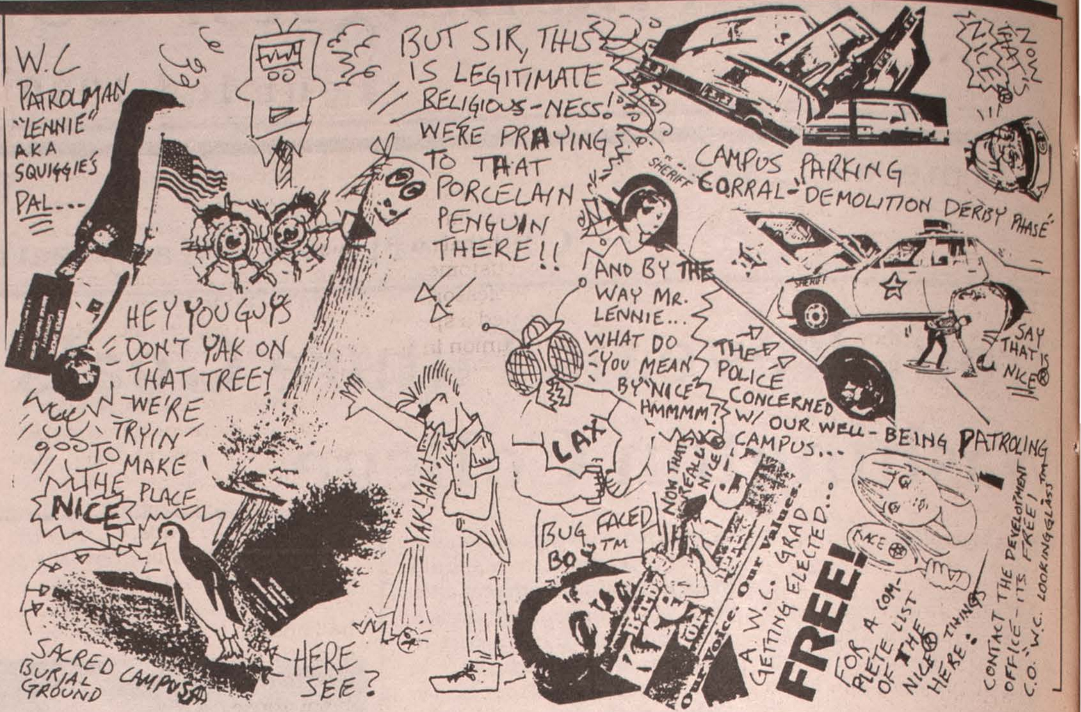
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Letters to the Editor

Senior takes offense at Slice's advice

Dear Editor,

I was quite offended by the closing advice of Mr. Macek. I really do not feel that staying drunk will do anyone any good. Have your fun and a few beers if you choose, but get real. If you stay drunk you'll be getting out of here a lot faster than planned, and you'll have to prove your worth at Detox or your local community college.

Sincerely,
Don Steele

The Washington College Snack Bar

Is Now Opened For Your Convenience

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Fall convocation: Neiman questions student lifestyle

by: Kyndra Ponder

Students returned to school last week to find that many things have changed during the summer. After moving in, unpacking, enduring the line at the bookstore and learning about how their lives would be devoted to books for the next semester, students had one more Washington College ritual to endure - Fall Convocation.

For many students familiar with the Cater years, the word convocation conjures images of extreme pomp and circumstance, professors in their gowns and LONG speeches on topics that are rarely interesting. This year however, students were greatly surprised. Convocation was marked by a friendly, short greeting from President Trout as well as an address by Professor Nate Smith which interested many of the students who attended. In addition, the Welcome by SGA President, Stuart Neiman, was far from the traditional speech that many students are so accustomed to.

History Professor, Dr. Nate Smith presented a speech on the state of the union in the U.S.S.R. In his lecture, Dr. Smith summed-up the efforts of Mikael Gorbachev to create a decentralized power structure in the Soviet Union and commented on how effective those efforts are proving to be. He stated that wile Gorbachev's ideas are good and are needed in the Soviet Union today, the actual chances of any significant changes occuring are slim.

Brian Gimelson, junior, reported that he enjoyed the convocation because " it was humorous, but it touched on some of the serious problems facing the freedom seekers across the sea." Many students in fact seemed to enjoy the 209th convocation of the college. Junior, Jennifer Stickney stated that this year's Fall Convocation was the first one that she "didn't want to fall asleep at."

Not only did the address by Dr. Smith change the tone of the convocation, but the Welcome given by Stuart Neiman added to the sense that this year, things have changed at Washington College. Neiman, instead of extending the usual greetings to the students, chose instead to talk about how the death of a friend in a drug-related incident this summer had pushed him to a new point of maturity and gave him very little tolerance for drug and alcohol abuse.

Neiman said that he mentioned the incident because he feels that at Washington College, the students often forget the reason that they are here is to learn and may be sacrificing the quality of their education for a lot of parties and nights in local bars. He urged students this year to not just "accept mediocrity" from themselves and their work, but to strive to make this school year the best that can be.

Many students applauded Neiman for having the courage to speak out about a problem that exists at the College. Carolyn Leibig stated that she felt that Neiman "has got a lot of nerve." Tamara Braunsten said that she "was glad that a student was saying this to other students."

Dean Baer then presented academic awards to those students who achieved academic excellence at Washington College last year. One student from the Senior, Junior and Sophomore classes received these awards. In addition, the Infraternity Loving Cups were presented to the Fraternity and Sorority with the highest Grade Point Averages for the last year. The Lambda Pi Delta fraternity and the Alpha Chi Omega sorority each received the award for their academic acheivements.

Finally, after a short one and a half hours, Fall Convocation 1990 came to a close. Students left Tawes Theater, with the shadow of the nearly completed Casey Acdemic Resources Center in the background, upbeat about some of the perhaps more subtle changes around campus this year.

Kyndra Ponder is a junior majoring in English. She is also Elm Circulation manager.

Dorm Senator Elections are TODAY!!
Do not forget to vote outside the dining hall for the candidate of your choice!

W.C. grads team up to take on Dyson

Julie Greene

Two of Washington College's alumni are involved in this Tuesday's Democratic Primary Election. Delegate Barbara Kreamer, class of '70, is running against three other candidates for Maryland's 1st District seat in the House of Representatives. Sean Murphy, who graduated last year, is her Field Director.

During Murphy's internship at the Maryland General Assembly, he introduced himself to Delegate Kreamer and asked if he could be on her campaign staff. He went through two interviews, the second for his current position as Field Director. He started a week and a half after graduation.

As Field Director, Murphy is responsible for Kreamer's visibility and name recognition. He is in charge of bumper stickers, lawn signs, hit-the-streets campaigns, and campaigning at grocery stores. Murphy does a great deal of traveling since the 1st District covers the entire Eastern Shore as well as Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's and part of Harford counties.

While at Washington College, Murphy studied both philosophy and political science. He feels that a liberal arts education is a good mix, and that it benefits him in his current role. "You can't come in with a certain mind set, you wouldn't be able to do it. You have to be able to adapt." He also stated that he received a good understanding of the system through Washington College's Political Science Department.

When asked how her Washington College education has influenced her life and career, Barbara Kreamer responded, "the reading, conference, and writing methods at Washington College were exactly what I needed for public office. Reading people, their concerns, and what they hope for is very important."

An English major at the College, Kreamer played the part of Lady MacBeth in Tim Mahoney's production of *MacBeth*. She remembers one dress rehearsal in which they were going over her murder scene. "The guy playing the murderer had such a convincing look that I screamed and ran off stage. I was told not to do that again."

Kreamer was a student senator for Queen Anne dorm, and the following year for Caroline. During her stay at WC the college made the transition from house mothers to resident assistants. Kreamer was an R.A. in Reid Hall. Both of these experiences taught her how to speak out, which is quite useful in her current role.

Kreamer feels her experiences at Washington College have fostered her participation and have given her confidence. She participated in many activities on campus including being a member of the Young Democrats and an officer of the William James Forum. She had the opportunity to meet and talk with Senator Joe Tidings and Julian Bond who was a Georgia state legislator nominated for the Vice Presidency. Kreamer noted that WC was able to attract many important speakers who found Washington College charming.

As a freshman Barbara Kreamer was a copy editor for *The Elm*; in later years she was a reporter and the news editor. Her job at *The Elm* gave her occasion to meet her husband, Robert, class of '68. She didn't have a car and had to get to the printer in Centreville. When she asked if she could borrow his car he replied, "Do you have a license?" He let her borrow his car and they later started dating.

Barbara Kreamer attended Johns Hopkins University and the University of Maryland Law School after graduating from Washington College. In 1978 she was elected to the Harford County Council and in 1982 she was the top vote-getter for the Maryland House of Delegates.

Today Kreamer is a member of the Visiting Committee of Washington College. While in town for a fund raiser at the White Swan Tavern last Thursday evening, she scheduled time to attend Fall Convocation. Kreamer said she enjoyed meeting our new president. She and President Trout discussed his concerns with the curriculum, mainly why more Washington College graduates do not attend law school.

Kreamer's campaign literature states she will not accept PAC contributions from defense contractors, contrary to her major opponent, incumbent Roy Dyson. Congressman Dyson has taken a great deal of honoraria from defense contractors within his ten years of office. One questionable dealing occurred when he had breakfast with representatives from Oshkosh Truck, a defense contractor, who gave him $2,000 in honoraria. Later that same afternoon Dyson voted for the Army to purchase over $100 million in military trucks from Oshkosh, that the Army did not even want.

The Washington Post recently uncovered that Representative Dyson did not go to the Vietnam War because he signed a statement saying he was "opposed" to the Vietnam War. In order to stay out of the draft a man must be opposed to all war. Congressman Dyson not only takes PAC contributions and honoraria from defense contractors, but supported the Panamanian Invasion and currently the sending of U.S. troops to Iraq. If Dyson is so morally opposed to war how can he condone such actions?

Del. Barbara Kreamer supports the Clean Air Act soon to be voted on in Congress as well as other steps to better our environment. She is supported by many environmental groups on the Eastern Shore, as well as the Sierra Club. Kreamer wants to "foster basic services such as recycling." She is also interested in building a coalition of the men and women of Congress to help landowners with restrictions concerning non-tidal wetlands. The law defining what is considered non-tidal wetlands is vague and needs to be more well-defined so that not all farmland will be taken away.

Kreamer is also supported by many women's rights groups. In the past Kreamer has gone out and initiated laws and followed through with them until they are passed. One such act mandated "that raises for state employees to be based on the principles of pay equity." Kreamer is also pro-choice and supports the idea of federal Medicaid funding for abortions.

As a County Councilwoman and as a State legislator, Kreamer has consistently supported laws which outlaw the sale of drugs, and the giving, as well as the selling, of alcohol to minors.

As a wife and mother of two children, as well as a former schoolteacher, Barbara Kreamer is adamant about improving education. She has started and completed legislation dealing with alternative educational programs for disruptive youth. She also believes that education should be improved starting at the preschool level and goes all the way to the teachers themselves. She realizes how few teachers there are compared to the great demand.

When asked about his feelings concerning the primary election Sean Murphy stated that he feels confident. Concerning the general election Murphy said "the Democratic Party is two-thirds of the district's population and if Barbara does win the primary the party will be behind her fully."

A great deal has been made in local publications, such as Salisbury's *The Daily Times* and *The Baltimore Sun*, about the punches Kreamer has been delivering to Dyson. Murphy stresses that there have been no personal attacks on Dyson. "It is not negative when comparing how candidates voted. If it seems negative then you are supporting the wrong guy."

If Kreamer survives the primary election she will most likely be up against Wayne T. Gilchrest who gave Dyson a close running in the last election. Gilchrest is for the family as is Kreamer, but he has no political experience compared to Kreamer's twelve years in public office.

Many of Washington College's students as well as faculty and staff are in the congressional district Mrs. Kreamer is running in and are strongly encouraged to vote. If anyone wishes to help Kreamer in her campaign they should contact her campaign headquarters in her hometown of Aberdeen at 118 Bel Air Avenue or call 1-301-272-7828. Don't forget to vote!

Julie Greene is a junior majoring in Political Science.

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In the world: Gulf crisis continues

United States

There is apparently no end to the conflict in the Persian Gulf to be seen in the immediate future. Although more than 700 Westerners have been allowed to leave Iraq and Kuwait, an estimated 11,000 still remain, and the numbers of those stranded increase daily as more and more Westerners are rounded up.

The cost of the continued deploying of American troops to the Persian Gulf is expected to reach an estimated $6 billion by the end of 1990. Even if war is avoided and the conflict resolved, American troops will reportedly remain in the area to constrain Suddam Hussein or any other Middle Eastern aggressor and to limit the risk of Iraq's use of its chemical, biological, or nuclear weapon potential.

In other news, a recent survey financed by the Partnership for a Drug-Free America found that an ever-increasing segment of the American public, including teenagers, is rejecting illegal drugs, regarding their use as dangerous and unattractive.

Soviet Union

Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev has ordered political reform of the Armed Forces, the KGB, and the police. This week, Gorbachev signed a decree providing for the reconstructing of political organs in the military and the police so that they now pursue the state's policy of defense instead of that of the Communist party. Previously all three units were controlled by and used for the benefit of the Party.

Koreas

The Prime Ministers of North and South Korea met for the first time on September 4. Formal talks were to take place over the next three days. These talks focussed on the easing of military and political confrontation and the launching of multilateral changes.

South Africa

Violence continues to erupt throughout South Africa. The most recent outbreak took place in the black township of Sebokeng. Thirty-six were killed, including eleven citizens shot by soldiers sent to reinforce the police. Ironically, this outburst occurred on the morning of President F.W. de Klerk's highly publicized tour of the troubled township of Soweto where he called for an end to the strife occurring throughout the country.

Citizens, supported by Nelson Mandella, accused the police and army units of assisting Zulu vigilantes in an attack on a migrant worker hostel located in the township. Eyewitness reports suggested the army 'came "determined to shoot. The army says its soldiers were attacked by an angry mob of 5,000 and acted entirely out of self defense. The shootings are being investigated, however, as this is not the first time the army has been accused of collaborating with the Zulu vigilantes.

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FEATURES

Putting this campus into a stupor

Phil "Slice" Macek

If one has the courage, one can venture down to the basement of Minta Martin. For down there lives a man combining the political savvy of Henry Kissinger, the military prowess of Napoleon Bonaparte, the oratory skills of Winston Churchill, the human compassion of Adolf Hitler, and the grand vision of Douglass Cater (remember the Master Plan?). Of course, I'm talking about Stuart L. Neiman, the president of the S.G.A. Stu has redecorated his apartment totally in black (even the silverware is black-now that is smooth). Somehow I have the same feeling that Stu would do the same thing to the White House if he were elected President of the United States.

In an effort to acquaint Stu with the new students and faculty, I sat down with him and conducted an informal interview. Hopefully, the questions reflect Stu as a complex individual with many sides to his personality (and yes, even an acute sense of humor-which should surprise some people.) While Stu's face was thinly veiled by blue-gray cigar smoke, I asked him the following questions:

Slice: What kind of pressure, if any, do you feel following Steve and all his success?

Stu: I don't really feel any pressure. Every S.G.A. President brings his own philosophy to the office, and one President's success or failure shouldn't have any bearing on his successor. Plus, Steve and I worked very closely last year and I intend to carry on the programs he has already established.

Slice: What is the state of the Honor Code? Is it being given a "face-lift" or not?

Stu: The Honor Code has not been changed. In order to change it a committee would have to be set up. The S.G.A., faculty, and administration would merely suggest changes; it would be up to the committee to actually implement these changes. The present deadlock is over whether the Honor Code should encompass social behavior as well as academic work. Personally, I feel the Honor Code should pertain only to academic work.

Slice: What kind of reaction do you get when you tell people you sleep with three different sororities every night?

Stu: I have always wanted to sleep with 250 women on top of me, and I figure this is the closest I'll ever get. Of course, I'll keep trying.

Slice: Your convocation speech was a radical departure from previous speeches from S.G.A. presidents. What has been the response?

Stu: At first, I thought it caught people by surprise by its bluntness. Since the initial reaction, I have received no fewer than 8 letters and dozens of comments in support of my stand. We don't need to make radical change. However, we do need gradual change in attitude towards what is considered normal social behavior.

Slice: Granted, we all know about your disgust in the alcohol/drug abuse at this school. Do you think that you, as S.G.A. President, can successfully deter this abuse?

Stu: In response to the wording of your question-No. I am not anti-alcohol. This has been one of the greatest political misconceptions since the time of the Carter administration. The only thing that I have a problem with is the flagrant stupidity that often accompanies flagrant drinking. As far as I'm concerned we are at an age where we must accept responsibility for each and every one of our actions, including those of launching appliances from the second floor of dorms and setting off fire extinguishers at 4 a.m. just to see a womens' dorm practice fire evacuation techniques. As for drugs, it's a problem everywhere. As an adolescent addiction counselor, I have attended too many funerals and tried to help people through too many bad trips to understand why people are so willing to put themselves at risk for a simple high.

Slice: So we can assume that you don't want this campus to be dry?

Stu: Absolutely, Slice. As a representative of the students I would fight any attempt to make this a completely dry campus. But, people have got to start acting more responsibly before someone gets really hurt or even killed and we are subsequently forced to make this a dry campus.

Slice: Where did you get the black silverware from?

Stu: Chesapeake Pottery. They have a fine assortment of black things. In fact, my whole room is black—a color which people seem to think represents an aspect of my personality.

Slice: How have you handled the negative things that were said about you last year? Have there been any repercussions?

Stu: Last year I made a very serious mistake—I fought the criticism instead of trying to use it constructively. Whenever someone puts themselves in this position they open themselves up to criticism. With the exception of one incident last year where I do admit fault, I feel the rest of the criticism was based on personality. I know that I can be difficult to get along with (Boy do I know this. Let's face it, not everyone likes cigar smoke.) In terms of repercussions, no, there have not been any. I'd like to work with those people this year, but I do wish that they would have the common decency to sit down and talk with me instead of writing notes in blood red ink on the backs of poll forms.

Slice: Do you have one main goal for this year?

Stu: My goal for this year is namely this: to get people to understand what it means to make a conscious decision about their own personal actions. The definition of a conscious decision is two-fold. First off, to know what you're doing presently and to know what the future ramifications of such actions will be. Secondly, you will not try to pass the blame when you get in trouble because of your decisions.

Slice: Do you have any brothers or sisters?

Stu: I was an only child and grandchild on both sides of my family until last October, when my stepmother gave birth to little Jaqui (a more spoiled child there never was.)

Slice: What sign are you?

Stu: Pisces. Just like one of my idols—Albert Einstein (the other idol being Peter Sellers). Old Al and I really have a lot in common: we both have big noses, we are both Jewish , we both smoke a pipe, we both have receding hairlines, we both have similar gastrointestinal problems, we both have the functional inability to learn a foreign language, and most importantly, we both have the same birthday (March 14).

Slice: O.K. Bush gets assassinated, Quayle is off playing Nintendo, and there is really nobody left to turn to. You are offered the position of President of the United States, do you accept?

Stu: Absolutely, if for no other reason than to prove that a five foot, five inch, Jewish bachelor could sit in the oval office. What's more, Slice, I would make you, Secretary of Defense; Nick D'arcangelo, Secretary of Education; Phil Tom Jackson, Secretary of the Treasury; and Doug Cater, Secretary of Health and Human Services. Thus guaranteeing one of the shortest presidencies in history.

Slice: Do you want a Stu Neiman sandwich in the dining hall?

Stu: No, but I do want a Stu Neiman drink at Miss Dee's. I also want the front porch of Kent House to have a plaque with a bronze cigar and my name on it.

Slice: What do you plan on doing once you graduate from Washington College?

Stu: I hope to finish my book on adolescent substance abuse, which could lead to a possible career in writing. I'm definitely going to graduate school for psychology so I can eventually practice in the field. Finally, regardless of what I do, I will continue to lecture in the country about adolescent substance abuse so that others will be able to make truly conscious decisions.

As I left Stu's apartment I couldn't help but feel a few tiny pangs of jealousy about Stu. After all, here was man with the school in the palm of his hand, the best movie collection I have ever seen, the respect and adoration of the entire free world, and 250 available women directly overhead. God Bless America.

Phil "Slice" Macek is a senior majoring in psychology. He is Elm Features editor.

What's up at WacHappenings

What is WacHappenings ? Basically it's the Washington College day in a nutshell. The paper is run, and compiled daily by Brian Gimelson, a Junior who is double-majoring in Business and Art History. "I had a couple of goals in mind when I got the idea of starting this kind of paper," says Brian. " First of all I thought that it would be convenient for the Washington College community to have a list of daily events all compiled into a single sheet. I thought this hopefully would give students who may not normally know of an event, any information they would need surrounding it. This I thought hopefully would cut down on some of the mailbox stuffing of flyers and information that students and faculty both are inundated with quite frequently. Also I had hoped that by starting some kind of a paper like this, that it would develop a better sense of community on the campus, by letting the community as a whole know what all of its' parts are doing at any one time." Gimelson says that he has received a lot of encouragement for this paper from students and staff alike, but he has also received some negativity as well as to the papers usefulness. "Some students question me with whether or not a daily paper is needed at WC, and I've heard some things like 'who has time to read a daily paper', to which I reply to all who doubt it's usefulness that if you want to be better informed WacHappenings is there for you, and it is there for you even if you don't. I feel that one of the reasons people go to college is to become better informed about one thing or another, and I am just trying to give people some insights into their surroundings that they may not otherwise be familiar with." The paper comes out on a daily basis before 8:30 A.M., and there is a copy placed in every classroom (in Bill Smith, Dunning/Decker, and Gibson, as well as posted up in high traffic areas such as in the foyer of Bill Smith, the faculty lounge near the mail room, and the corkboard leading up the steps to the Dining Hall. "A big problem that I've seen so far is that a lot of students see a copy of WacHappenings and they take it. The paper is meant to be read and left where it is. This way it will be there for the next people to read it as well. So if you want information from it, memorize it, write it down, or look at another copy of the paper later, but leave it where it is." Additions to the paper are free to all campus organizations and the Administration. Personal ads can be placed at a rate of $1 for the first 25 words, and 10 cents each additional word. In addition there are drop off boxes located in the mail room, student affairs, the faculty lounge. You can leave additions to the paper in these drop off boxes, up until 3:00 PM for the next days issue. Or you can leave additions to the paper at Somerset 205 up until 7:00 P.M. for the next days issue. Gimelson hopes that this paper will take off, and at one point receive funding out of the student activity fee. "This paper has a lot of possibilities for helping out the Washington College Community. However it is up to the students and the faculty to ultimately decide it's fate. I didn't design this paper to be a replacement or even a supplement to the Elm. The Elm reports a lot of the features that go on around campus, while WacHappenings merely reports the facts. Due to it's frequency though it can accomplish some more impromptu things that would require much more planning in order to get into the Elm ."

Washington College takes Bermuda by storm

As we embarked to this mysterious and primitive isle, feelings of uneasiness ran through our minds while we were on our way to the *Bermuda Triangle*.... Thoughts of lost ships and downed planes made us anxious when entering the "BERMUDA ZONE". All our anxieties were set aside when we saw the tranquil turquoise waters, the clear blue skies, and Dr. Munson waiting eagerly for us to get through customs (well, then again, maybe not all our anxieties – we were being graded).

ADVENTURE #1: TAKING A SHOWER

Due to the lack of precipitation, we had a choice of three different types of showers: military, two minute, or three minute – needless to say the majority chose the three minute option. During these three minutes of haste we were given the opportunity to reminisce of our homes; so far, yet so near (the government of Bermuda imported water from several New York springs).

ADVENTURE #2: THE DISCOURSE

Amidst all the fun and the folly, we were required to gain some knowledgeable insight about Bermuda and its coral reefs. We were lectured to by various members of the Bermuda Biological Station community, by Ben Walter – a graduate student assisting Dr. Munson, and by Dr. Munson. All persons were very experienced in their field of study which became apparent during these seminars. The lecture topics ranged from Bermudian Geology to the subtropical marine environment, and included Mangrove Swamps, Corals and Coral Reef Fishes, Fauna and Flora of Bermuda, Plankton Dynamics, and Reintroduction of Native Species.

ADVENTURE #3: FIELD STUDIES

It should be reminded to everyone that suntan lotion (waterproof, that is) is required for this trip. (One should bring their own for it tends to be a scare commodity on the island – unless you wish to spend approximately $14.99 for an 8 ounce bottle.) Most of our daytime was spent in the field (water) and some in the lab. We snorkeled about many different locations including Ferry Point, Nonsuch Island, South Beach, Harrington Sound, and North Rock. In the lab we entertained ourselves by identifying basic structures and functions of corals, tunicates, sea cucumbers, and various other specimens collected at the various field sites (it should be stressed that removal of corals and other organisms from the reefs is prohibited by Bermudian law and is strictly enforced. The Biological Station is permitted to gather specimens for scientific study and those specimens are latter returned to their respective field site.) One of the "highlighted" lab trips was the night-time plankton tow. We gathered plankton on the night-time plankton tow, after having disturbed people eating dinner on a cruise ship, and later returned to lab to identify the planktonic structures and to compare these specimens with our earlier daytime plankton tow.

ADVENTURE #4: COLLEGE CREDIT

This trip was the lab component for the Society, Ecology, and the Chesapeake Bay course, Biology 200. Our grades were based upon our performance in the lab, an exam (yes there was an exam) which was given on the Tuesday prior to our departure, and an oral presentation based on a library research topic. The preparation for each presentation consisted of many late nights in the bio station's more than adequate library. The topics for the presentation could be anything pertaining to the subtropical marine environment.

ADVENTURE #5: EDUCATIONAL VOYAGES

Apart from the regular field studies, we visited the Bermuda Aquarium and were given a tour of the facilities by the director of the aquarium. We also participated in several outings to Saint Georges and Hamilton, which are "cities" (but what we would consider towns). One should take note, shopping in Bermuda can cause severe financial deficit. Don't spend too much money – there is an exit tax of fifteen dollars.

It was a great trip and a terrific learning experience.

A long last look at orientation

by Stephanie Fidler

The place is Washington College located in Chestertown, MD. On August 23, each of the new members of the Washington College community arrived with eagerness as they congregated in the school cafeteria for registration prepared for four days of hectic fun. Greeted by the newcoming President., Charles H. Trout everyone was made welcome.

Lisa Katchadurian, a member of the Freshman class commented on her arrival at Washington College.: "I was really nervous about coming here, but when I saw the school my nerves were calmed. Eventually the friendliness of the people really made me feel comfortable here. In one way the school is exactly what I hoped for, because I feel so comfortable here. Coming from overseas it really hasn't been that difficult of a transition for me. "

Throughout the four day weekend there were programs entitled "Choices" including "Honor Code", "Academic Computing", "Academic Success", "Planning for the Future", and a variety of optional sessions which were all beneficial to college life and quite enjoyable. In addition, the peer and faculty advisors gave a lot of their valuable time to help make the weekend as enjoyable as possible for students as possible.

Sunday, the 26th of August the All-Campus picnic took place at the Lelia Hynson Boating Park. It gave all of the Washington College students as well as faculty members an opportunity to learn about one another while offering much enjoyment. Canoes, Sailboats, Volleyball, and eating great food were some of the festivities in progress until about 6:30 p.m.

Matthew Langan, a transfer student from Radford University in Virginia,

gave us his opinion on Washington College in comparison to Radford. "I like W.C. a lot more than Radford because the people are more open-minded and relaxed. It's a small school so people have little time to be ignorant of other people, which I like. The academic side to things is quite good—as far as student-faculty ratio. Washington College food in comparison to Radford blows it away!! But I think the cafeteria should serve Maryland crab soup three times a week with a touch of old Bay Seasoning."

Eventually the orientation weekend came to a close leaving behind fond memories and giant hopes for the upcoming four years. Spencer Beck, a freshman from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, had a few comments about orientation weekend. "Now that I've been here

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Changes in the Athletic Department

The Athletic Director's office was busier this summer than it has been in recent memory. Two new coaches had to replace two retired coaches; a new Cain Athletic Center Coordinator had to step into a vacancy left by Jeff Troester; furthermore the decision was made to drop men's cross country in favor of men's swimming.

Last spring Athletic Director Geoffrey Miller released the news that former assistant soccer coach Peter Allen was replacing Dr. Tom Bowman.

Bowman resigned as a result of the increasing demands of his veterinary medicine practice. Dr. Bowman joined the W.C. soccer staff in 1972 as an assistant to Ed Athey. Bowman took full duties as head coach in 1982 where he has since posted a career record of 45-76-9 for the Shoremen booters.

Allen is not new to Shoremen soccer; He has spent the last eight years as Bowman's assistant. Allen, this fall, will become only the third soccer coach in the last 34 years.

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A changing of the guard was made this summer in the water as well as the land. Washington College announced that former crew coach Don Chatellier, who is retiring from coaching after 35 years at the school, was replaced by former University of Albany coach Mike Davenport.

Although Chatellier's enthusiasm will be missed, Davenport comes to Chestertown with impressive credentials. In 1987 Davenport revamped a club program consisting of 20 to 90 members in just three years.

Davenport's other credentials include having been an assistant coach with the United States National team this past summer. His other coaching endeavors include assistant at University of Central Florida from 1986-87, and head coach of the women's team at the Florida Institute of Technology from 1980-85. He is a USRA certified coach, and has taught a variety of physical education classes including First Aid, CPR, Backpacking, Canoeing, and Cross Country.

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With the resignation of Jeff Troester from Cain Athletic Center Coordinator duties, it became evident this summer that a large void had to be filled. Geoffrey Miller filled the position with Todd Helbling, a graduate student in the University of Massachusetts Sport Management Program.

Helbling, who earned a B.B.A from Milsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi, replaces former coordinator Troester, who recently accepted an administrative position in the Kent County Parks and Recreation Program.

Helbling's responsibilities include security, supervision, and scheduling of activities in the gym. The first 13 weeks of Helbling's tenure will serve to complete an internship for the University of Massachusetts Sport Management Program.

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The most recent announcement was the decision to drop the men's cross country team in favor of a men's swim team thereby holding onto the 14-sport program at the College.

The decision was made in the wake of waning interest in cross-country during the last several years. Because of the increased interest in the men's swimming club, W.C. has decided to promote it to varsity status in 1990. Dennis Berry will guide the new varsity sport in conjunction with assistant Kim Lessard. Berry has coached the highly successful women's swim team during each of its first five years while Lessard has been his assistant the last two. Berry and Lessard will continue their duties on the women's coaching staff.

REC sports announcement

As REC Sports enters its third year, there is heightened anticipation as each day draws closer to the start of REC Football. Upperclassman, both men and women, have spent the long offseason reviewing tapes, recruiting players to cover-up there weaknesses, and holding informal minicamps.

Freshmen beware hence this is no kid's game. Each year the number of participants grow, this one should prove no exception.

The ALPHA BABIES and the PSEUDO LAMBDAS, women's and men's respective reigning champs, look just as strong this year. Make your rosters and see Frank Garlitz before September 5th.

There are softball tournaments and then there is the Theta Softball Tournament. This year promises to be the biggest one ever.

In an era lacking dynasties the Theta Tourney possesses the Surf and Turf team. They have taken home the cup the last three years and four of the last five(the author anchors 1b for S&T).

The first pitch for this gala weekend is September 22nd. Contact Matt Giller with your teams by September 21st.

REC Sports has added another event to its fall schedule by adding volleyball for both men and women. When schedule is posted see Matt Zeuch.

If you don't like contact sports and/or you just can't find the time in your busy schedule for much activity, REC Sports has something for you. Beginning September 10th on Mondays and Wednesdays at 5pm Aerobic Dance will be available. If interested contact Christy Hilgartner for more details.

At the end of the year, the team that wins the most tournaments and league play takes home the All-Sport Award. This award, by the way, can only be surpassed by the Sophie whatever-you-call-it prize.

Shoreman Soccer wins

Last Saturday the Shoremen(6-3) went north where they outdueled the Dips of F&M(7-4) 19-14. The rain stayed away but the goals were poured on as senior All-Americans Bob Martino and Tim Hormes combined for 9 goals to lead the #2 ranked Shoremen over the previously #4 ranked Diplomats.

Although F&M played a tight zone as anticipated, the dry field made it easier for the deer to run wild and work an impressive and effective fast break. The WAC shot out to a 7-3 first quarter lead and never looked in the rear view mirror as they were in the driver's seat the rest of the way.

The home team cut the lead, however, to 12-9 before the halftime horn blew. The Shoremen spread the lead to 16-11 after three frames; but Dave Slomkowski was excellent in the second half between the pipes not allowing the Dips to threaten.

Hormes led all scorers with five goals. Martino excelled with four goals and three assists while Hank Miller netted three and assisted on another on the same middie line. Jed Cronin and Greg Rupert each scored two while Nick Darcangelo and Bennie Lamanna tallied one goal and two assists apiece. Freshman Dave Lipinski scored a goal and Mark Cavallaro completed the scoring with an assist. Slomkowski finished with 16 saves.

The Shoremen are on the road this weekend at Washington and Lee and vastly improved team that is ranked #11 in the latest poll. The Juggernauts return home the following Saturday, April 28th, to face off against the #6 ranked Sea Gulls of Salisbury State.

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Bramble,Wyman honored by Volvo

Matt Giller

In August Holly Bramble and Fred Wyman, the women's and men's respective tennis coaches received coveted Volvo Tennis/Varsity Award Program Grants.

It was announced this summer by the Intercollegiate Tennis Coaches Association (ITCA), which administers the program, that the men's program will receive $750 and $100 will be awarded to the women's program.

Volvo North America awarded over $60,000 in grants to tennis programs across the United States through the unique, first-year program, which will continue in 1991. Coaches qualified for the grants by contributing a minimum of 10 hours of community service and documenting successful efforts to publicize their tennis programs.

Wyman's community service included giving free clinics to area players and running a local tournament. Bramble's community service included running an adult tennis clinic and donating equipment to local schools.

A maximum of five awards was given in each women's and men's Division I region and small college division (II, III, NAIA, Junior College), with first through fifth place determined by a team's position in the Volvo Tennis/Collegiate Rankings relative to the other schools that entered. Wildcard awards were available to unranked teams.

Washington's women's team finished the year unranked nationally in Division III. The $100 grant represents a wildcard award in Division III. However the men's team finished the year ranked No. 6. The $750 grant represents a third-place award in Division III.

On August 28th Volvo honored Wyman with the 1990 Coaches Community Service Award for Region I men's coaches.

Wyman's second award was selected by a special committee from the ITCA, Volvo Tennis, and the USTA. The committee tabbed one men's coach and one women's coach from each of the ITCA's eight regions. They were selected for their outstanding volunteer contributions to tennis in their communities.

Wyman, a full-time dentist who is a volunteer coach at W.C., is a frequent speaker in the Kent County area. In addition he gives clinics for juniors, seniors, and intermediate players throughout the year.

His men's team boasts the Division III singles Champion, Larry Gewer as well as the runner-up, senior Scott Reed. Larry Gewer made the 1990 Rolex All-Star Team.

The Great Sabha speaks...

It is an honor for me to welcome to the Elm sports staff one of the most respected psychics in the Milky Way, the Great Sabha. Although his name is of Indian origin, he journeyed to the United States five years ago and until now aided the intellectuals at the Institute for Advanced Studies in Princeton, New Jersey. At the Institute he worked for loaves of bread and monthly shelter; he will work for less on this staff. His credentials include predicting natural disasters, stock market trends, World Series runners-up, and both Bud-Bowl results-we are truly in awe. For our exclusive subscribers, he will flawlessly predict this year's pigskin events-the winners, the losers, as well as other tidbits that flow from his unearthly vibes.

College National Champion: Fordham - any program whose hardest competition is Hofstra should win it all. Scratch dat. Florida State - if they can get by Miami and Auburn in October (the month of the Indian) they should cruise to an undefeated season.

Heisman Trohy Winner: Ty Detmer - Let's just say BYU 's QB's are overdue.

Other events the Great Sabha foresees:

Lou Holtz will leave Notre Dame to be a forest ranger. Scratch dat. He will coach the Bears, not feed them.

A University of Miami football player will apply for a library card and be rejected.

The USC cheerleaders will propose marriage to the Great Sabha - religion will prevent him from marrying more than six of them.

Navy will beat Notre Dame. Scratch dat. All the Midshipmen are soaking in the Persian Gulf sights. The Irish will prevail.

The UNLV football team will have a better winning percentage than their basketball team.

Super Bowl Champ: San Francisco will be the first team to win 3 Bowls in a row. Moon will direct Houston's run-and-shoot offense to the annual toilet bowl; however they will prove to be better in defeat than the Orange Crush.

Surprises: New York Jets - The best offense coupled with the worst defense will get them a wild card bid in their weak conference.

Rookie Stars - Both Big Apple teams have them. Giants have got a great running back in Rodney Hampton from Georgia; the Jets have a Toon protege lining up on the opposite slot by the name of Rob Moore. The Colts front office has been smoking opium since they moved out of Baltimore - Jeff George is a Sudra (Indian for bumb).

Other events Sabha foresees:

Philadelphia Eagles coach Buddy Ryan will find religion as his guide in life. He will change into a loving man erasing all urges of vengeance. Scratch dat. He will sucker punch the team reverend during a pregame prayer.

Stadiums will properly enforce the limited use of alcohol of all ticket holders before and during games. The Great Sabha's vibes are not that strong here; however the Great Sabha's religious beliefs provoke him to wish this.

Atlanta Falcons coach Jerry Glanville will leave a ticket for the Great Sabha (and date).

Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder will be the proud grandfather of an eight pound six ounce baby boy named Tyrone.

Bo will meet the Great Sabha and will be heard saying to the prophet,"nice shoes."

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Christian Slater Pumps up the Volume

Christian Slater had gone a long way towards erasing the startling impression he made as the teenage anarchist in "Heathers" with a string of dogs typified by the dismal "Young Guns II". Certainly films like "The Wizard" and "Gleaming the Cube" were not about to sway Slater's detractors who accused him of being a mere brat pack Jack Nicholson impersonator. While his latest film, "Pump up the Volume", is no cinematic masterpiece there certainly seems to be a much more appealing continuity to Slater's career if his films between this one and "Heathers" are ignored.

Slater plays Mark Hunter, a shy alienated teenager attending a suburban high school in Arizona. Among his teachers and peers, Mark is painfully inarticulate; after school, Mark finds his voice by using a short wave radio console to broadcast his own pirate radio show aimed at similarly disaffected teens. Mark transforms himself into the radical Hard Harry with his own cynical live-to-shock personality and ends up becoming the cult spokesman of what could best be described as the "River's Edge" generation. When Mark targets his high school administration as central to many of the local teens problems, the adults in control strike back. The crisis worsens when a suicidal listener of Mark's kills himself and Mark suddenly finds himself in the the strangely familiar position of backing down or taking a stand. When the sensual, rebellious Nora (Samantha Mathis) discovers Mark's alter-ego she challenges him to take responsibility for what he started. It's easy to sympathize with writer-director's Allan Moyle's ambition to make a teen film along the lines of Oliver Stone's and Eric Bogosian's "Talk Radio"- after all, cult radio has become a potent metaphor for the dark undercurrents of the American psyche. The problem with the film is it is impossible to accept Hard Harry as some sort of incredible emotional catharsis for the teens in the film. It's too bad that Moyle settles on offering a series of easy answers for hard questions and glosses over the truly difficult part of being a teenager: knowing the right questions to ask in the first place. It is as if Moyle believes that giving teens a spokesman will solve the real problem of teenagers, which is finding an identity. In avoiding the hard issues of being a teenager, Moyle's screenplay ends up pandering and manipulating. The truly interesting aspects of the film are the performances of Slater and Mathis and the film's well chosen soundtrack. Finally Slater has found another film where he can unbridle his perverse manic intensity and come out smelling like a rose; too bad "Pump up the Volume" is little more than a showcase for his talents.

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Sinead O'Connor at Merriweather Post

There are vocalists and vocalists. Some have good material, and others bad. For example, if you go to see Whitney Houston in concert, or Anita Baker, you can expect some wonderful delivery of musical inanity. If you get to see Mariah Carey, you can hope to hear the full seven-octave range of her voice displayed in pop R&B that barely allows her to strut her stuff. And if you see Sinead O'Connor, you hope to get amazing vocal stunts *and* interesting songwriting. Her latest album, I Do Not Want What I Haven't Got, after weeks at number one, is now holding at eleventh on Billboard's charts in its sixteenth week. This is one 26-year old sensation who has the material to match the voice.

So why am I so ambivalent about her concert at Merriweather Post last Sunday night? Maybe it was the short set, the lack of a punch, or the use of prerecorded instrumentation. I certainly have no complaints about her vocals. They were like the album: alternating between strident and soft, rock and folk. When O'Connor opened with "Feel So Different", the song that has become her anthem, everything seemed fine. The song sounded much as it had on the album, but there's not much you can do to it. But after listening to "The Emperor's New Clothes," which also sounded exactly like the album cut, I began to get worried. The crowd was standing, but the dancing was not enthusiastic.

One of the reasons one goes to a concert is to hear new twists on songs one already knows. In the case of O'Connor, whose dancing is not exactly professional caliber, new arrangements would have been the best reason. So what approach does she take? Upon beginning "I Want Your (Hands On Me)" she removes her jacket and starts to dance in a white swimsuit. It approached the point of self-parody- why does Sinead O'Connor have to dance on stage with her hands grabbing her crotch? Then came an acoustic set.

"Three Babies" sounded just like the album version, until the very end, when she finished it with a refrain of "I'm lonely" that got plenty of applause. "Black Boys on Mopeds" was emotionally charged, but again, was unchanged. At the beginning of "Last Day of Our Acquaintance," she asked how many women in the crowd had been screwed over by men. She then dedicated the song to them, and proceeded to render the song quietly, punctuating the chorus with "Fuck off" until the band burst in near the end of the song. It was the highlight of the evening- and it was followed by a remarkably bland "Nothing Compares 2 U" dedicated to the men, "who are nice- sometimes."

"Jackie" was followed by "I Am Stretched On Your Grave." It also sounded just like the album version, which is not surprising, considering everything but the vocals was prerecorded. The lights kept flashing on an empty drum set. For those who don't know the song, it consists entirely of drums and O'Connor's voice, except for a violin solo at the end which was provided by a hard disc. The lush string sounds of the album were provided by keyboards that controlled a recording: no fingers were flying over that Roland. And that was the end of the concert.

Oh, there was an encore, consisting of an Irish folk song that was a vocal marvel but little else, and an unremarkable new song with mostly unintelligible lyrics, but the crowd just stood through it, expecting a searing finale, perhaps "Troy," or "Mandinka," or "I Do Not Want What I Haven't Got." It never came, and when the lights went on, people just looked at their watches, realized that an hour and fifteen minutes were all they were going to get, and left. Ambivalence in a review is unusual, I suppose, but it is confusing and saddening to see an artist of Sinead O'Connor's caliber stoop to Madonna moves like pre-recordings and bathing suits. It was a great light show, but where's the $22.50 worth of performance?

Perhaps the 26-year old Irish lass lacks the stage experience to do the best job with the wonderful material she's got. Perhaps her extremely short set stems from the extraordinary difficulty of her vocal lines- but if so, an intermission for a brief rest, and perhaps a lower price tag, might help. One should not walk away from a concert ready to play the album because one hopes it will excite more.

In memoriam: Stevie Ray Vaughan, one of the premier guitar artists in the rock and blues world, died this week in a helicopter crash. Born in Texas in the mid-'50's, he was best known for his work with his band Double Trouble, and won several Grammy's for his guitar artistry, as well as being nominated for best rock performance and blues performance on several occasions. Also killed in the crash were some non-performing members of Eric Clapton's entourage.

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Parental advisory : explicit lyrics

I have never been asked to produce identification when purchasing a record album. Before a few days ago, I had never seen a record with a warning printed on the cover. I picked up the new Jane's Addiction compact disc and there was a small rectangle in the upper right hand corner which read "parental advisory/ explicit lyrics". The same is true of Prince's new "Graffiti Bridge". This same warning will probably start popping up all over your own record collection in the future.

There was a letter to the editor in the latest *Rolling Stone* from a thirteen year old claiming that until 2live Crew had received all of the negative publicity none of his friends had heard of them. Now all of them own a copy of their album. Rather than provide a warning for parents, this new advisory may have the same negative effect. When I was younger, I wanted to see 'R' movies because they were more graphic. Will this warning become the same sort of stigma?

I don't mean to say that record companies really care if parents are filtering out all the explicit music for their children. It's something they've done in response to the efforts of organizations like the P.M.R.C. and other philistines. I mean to say that this kind of negative hype has a way of heightening the problem. There's a real market out there for crudity, violence and sexism. That and all the media attention has been the key to 2live Crew's success.

Some people read an article about art and obscenity with 2live Crew's album cover printed as on of the chief examples and they organize a record burning in their town; some people force their local record store not to sell 'obscene music' by way of pickets or boycott. Some people want to know what all the fuss is about and they buy the album right away, and then they're stuck with a record that has no aesthetic value at all. Just drum machines, a string of spoken expletives and a synthesizer. If they ever played 2live Crew on the radio, there'd be one long continual beep.

Perhaps 2live Crew's lyrics are obscene. Perhaps they're down right obnoxious. But do

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Freshmen

for about a week I have discovered Natty Boh and an unlimited amount of preying mantis."

The hustle-bustle of the four day orientation may have ended but with all of the activities going on such as the play, the cookout, the dance, and the movie, students realized where they desired to be—Washington College.

Caroline Jensen, a freshman in Minta Martin noted her rough schedule throughout the weekend and commented: "During freshman orientation weekend, mixing field hockey with seminars and trying to grab something to eat at the same time was virtually impossible! Student affairs packed my schedule so tightly that I only saw my roommates when I woke up and went to bed."

It is easy to see that Washington College has a lot to offer all of its students and hopefully everyone will take advantage of all of the opportunities here. One final comment from Matthew Langan, "Bring back the Phi Sigs!"

parental advisory

you want to have a little idiotic rectangle warning you away from every record for years to come just because 'darn' was what the guitarist muttered during a solo and the microphone picked it up? Censorship is not the answer. There aren't many of us out there that don't know what's being said during that beep when 'Darling Nikki" is played on the radio.

There aren't many adolescents out there that actually let their parents do their record shopping for them (unless they're parents are extremely generous and they're broke). Besides, 2live Crew is nothing other than amusing. That someone could record that type of boring and crude rap *and* it would be taken seriously is laughable. That is has sold as well as it had is humorous.

This type of 'music' sells on the pretense of shock value and attitude. As long as there is someone to say that it's offensive and obscene, there will be someone to listen to it. I just hope they don't start printing up those annoying little boxes on everything. I can see it now: John Denver, G. New Kids on the Block, P.G.-13. The Doors, P.G. Prince, R. 2live Crew, X. And when you just have to pick up the latest: sonny, do you have I.D.?

THE CHEF'S CORNER

Welcome Back....

The Washington College Dining Services Staff welcomes all returning students, incoming freshman and transfers. We wish you well during this academic year in all your endeavors in our community. Do not hesitate to stop in and talk with the Supervisor on Duty if we can be of further service to you.

"**Congratulations and Welcome**" to several new members of the WCDS staff:

Mr. Joseph Lill (formerly of Morrison's Food Management Company) joins us as Dining Service Supervisor II. Joe's credits include training at the Culinary Institute of America and extensive food preparation in many restaurants and hotels along the East Coast.

Mrs. Sharon Crew now serves as your Snack Bar Manager.

Mrs. Ruth Dickerson and Mrs. Sharon Hurd also join us as "Cook Emeritus" and Assistant Manager of the Snack Bar, respectively.

Mrs. Lisa Travis (Dining Service Supervisor I), became a proud mother for the second time with the birth of Joseph Michael Travis on 4 August 90.

Several special meals are planned for you this year. The **Welcome Back Dinner** will be held as part of the **Fall Convocation Celebration** on **August 30th**. Also, get ready for our **Beach Party, coming on September 5th.** The menu will include Eastern Shore Fried Fish, Steamed Clams, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Beach Fries, Steamed Zuccini & Yellow Squash, Fozen Yogurt, Almond Ginger Sand Tarts and Pina Colada Punch. The event will feature live entertainment on the Hynson Lounge Terrace; limbo contest to be held, prizes will be awarded.

As always, we have a few general reminders for your convenience. The serving line closes promptly at the designated time and the Main Dining Room closes to all patrons 30 minutes later. If your are involved in late-running athletic events, have your coach call the Dining Service Office and talk with the Supervisor on duty.

FURTHER INFORMATION

1. **I.D. cards must be presented to the numbers person during every meal. One grace meal is permissible during each week.**
2. NO CREDIT is given on any WC board or ticket program for meals missed.
3. Washington College operates with 19,14 or 10 meal board plans. The 19 meal package is the most inexpensive per meal cost. Should you want to change your meal plan, please see the Student Affairs Office.
4. Box lunches are available for both boarding students or cash if ordered 36 hours in advance. See a WCDS manager for more information.
5. Menus are posted at the entrance of the Dining Hall and sent out to all RA's, academic and staff offices. The daily menu is located at the entrance of the serving line.
6. All checks concerning the WCDS should be made out to Washington College. Billings should be paid at the business office.
7. **Please be sure to read the Dining Services Information packet. It includes all meal times, carry-out policies, meal plans and other info. If you did not receive one during registration, please ask for one at the dining hall.**

Trout

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detailed, he has many plans to make this campus the best that it can be. He hopes to do this by meeting and interacting with the students and faculty and hearing what their concerns are. "My long term goal is to integrate living and learning, and to show students that alcohol is not the only lubricant of social discourse on campus," says Trout.

Trout believes that Washington College is not only to affect the lives of the students here, but to educate them so that they will in turn be able to affect the world in which we live in a positive way.

In his Convocation night speech, he spoke of some of the problems in the world and what Washington College's role was in dealing with them. These problems included drug dealing and drug use, the homeless, acid rain and pollution. "Washington college is a citadel of intelligence," he says. Students, according to Trout, are supposed to take what they have learned here at W.C. and turn it into 'know-how' when dealing with the many problems that plague the nation.

President Trout is starting his first year at Washington College and like the freshmen who began a week ago, he needs to watch and listen in order to see what W.C. is all about:— its strengths and weaknesses and all the areas in between.

Summer

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things about this program is that it provides employment for the full time staff like those who work in maid service, " says Brown. Because of this program, many people do not find themselves unemployed for the summer months.

Approximately thirty Washington College students stayed in Chestertown this summer to work under this program along with the twenty five high school students who were also hired to work part time.

Each college department hires their own employees. For instance, the dining hall and conference staff is hired by Mary Brown. Admissions, Maintenance, Student Services, the Library, as well as any other department that requires summer help will each hire individually.

Admissions duties include giving tours to prospective students while those who work for Maintenance are hired to repair those things that need attention over the summer and throughout the programs. Those who work for the Library may be working on completing special projects for the college by continuing in the research process or even beginning research on another project.

The Dining Hall Staff throughout the summer conferences serve all the meals, arranges any picnics and rest breaks that might be planned, provide catering services, make beds and change linen in the rooms between the departure of one group and the arrival of another, as well as just being available to the guests to provide for their needs.

Brown also has three assistants, the Liasons, who are to fill in when one of the workers can not show up for work, help when extra assistance is needed and generally oversee everything and check to see that every detail has been attended to. This summer, Teresa Alborn, Jen Jefferson, and Jon Longest were the three assistants. Each of them has over two years of experience in working for this program.

Mary Brown, a graduate of W.C., worked herself as a Liason during her summers while attending college. She then worked in admissions as a traveling recruiter for approximately six months and following that she obtained her current position in Dining Services.

During the summer, Brown attends to the needs and organizes the activities of the groups staying here at W.C. "It is challenging to meet the needs of so many different groups, especially the last two years with all of the construction that has been taking place," she said. "The complete college team effort" is what she says attributes to the success of the program.

Even though her job may seem like it should end at the end of the summer, when all of the conference groups are gone, Mary Brown is already hard at work for next year. She must recruit new groups and organize contracts, take an inventory of the supplies that will be available to the groups, complete the bills, as well as help out in the Dining Hall during special events such as the Beach Party Dinner.

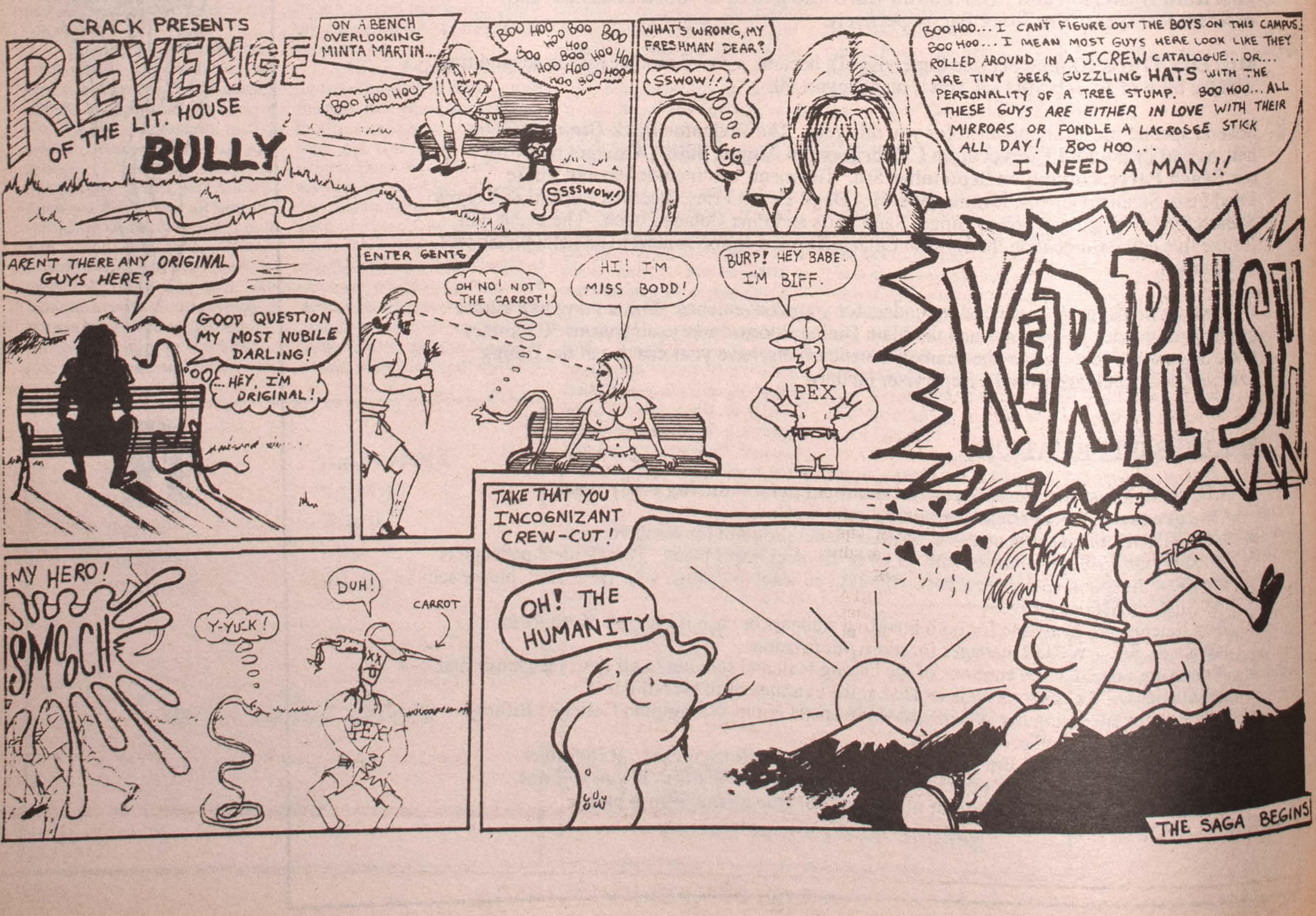
Recruiting the new groups is very time consuming as she wants to pick those groups that will be beneficial to the college as well as benefit from the college. "I am very selective and want to pick the cream of the crop," she says.

Students interested in working for this program must go through an application and interview process. Applications are accepted starting in the beginning of the spring semester through February first. Interviews are held from then until the start of Spring Break and those selected are notified by April first.

Brown says that she is looking for those students that are adept in the areas of public relations and customer service, and those who are willing to work hard. "The work is sometimes grueling. It isn't unusual to have three eighteen hour days in a row."

Most of those employed are paid on a salary basis and live in the dorms free of charge. This must be approved every year by the administration and is subject to change.

The conference services are held a week after graduation and continue through the second week of August. Brown's main goal for the summer coming up is to improve the transition between Commencement Exercises and the beginning of the conference program and then the transition back to the beginning of the school year. "I am also looking to continue the open lines of communication between departments as that is a major factor in the running and organizing of all the programs."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Loving Cups Awarded at Convocation

The 1989 - 1990 Loving Cups were won by the Alpha Chi Omega sorority and the Lambda Pi Delta fraternity.

Each year the sorority and the fraternity with the highest grade point average are awarded the Loving Cups at Fall Convocation. These averages are computed by the registrars office.

At the end of the year, the registrar requests that each sorority and fraternity turn in a membership list to them. This list must include active members as well as pledges. From there, the average grade point average is computed by computer. In the years past, before computers, this must all be done by hand.

In the past decade the Alpha Chis have won five times. This is the first win for the Lambdas.

Since 1980 the Kappa Alpha fraternity has won six times and the Phi Sigma fraternity has won three. On the sorority side the Alpha Omicrom Pi sorority has won twice, as have the ZTA's.

The Loving Cups are the highest honor for the sororities and the fraternities. It may also help to end some of the stereotypes that students and faculty may have about a particular fraternity or sorority, as said by Steve Kline, the Lambda Social Chairman. "Everyone thinks that the Lambdas are a bunch of lacrosse players and jocks. Maybe now they will see that at the same time we do get some work done."

The earliest report of the Loving Cups was found in the Washington College Catalogue for 1932-1933. According to the catalogue the Loving Cups were originally called the Erroll L. Fox Loving Cups. They were donated by Mrs. Fox in honor of her late husband Dr. Erroll Fox. Dr. Fox was a professor of chemistry here at Washington College.

Professors on Sabbatical

by Tracey Connell

A number of Washington College faculty members are scheduled to be on sabbatical this academic year.

Dr. Richard DeProspo, Assistant Professor Department of English, is currently in .
He....blah blah blah

William Jeffords Chaffin, Assistant Librarian and Director of Reader's Services, will be away from Washington for two years. Chaffin is at the University of Loyolla's Chicago branch in Rome.

Dr. David Newell, Chairman of the Philosophy Department, is currently at Westpoint. Newell was granted sabbatical to teach philosophy there through the 1988-89 academic year. He was granted an extension and so will remain at Westpoint until Fall semester 1991.

Three professors were granted shorter sabbaticals. Dr. Eugene P. Hamilton, Assistant Professor Department of Math and Computer Sciences, stated that he is planning to commute to the University of Delaware to conduct joint research in the area of "Derivational Derivatives, a form of mathematical analysis". He will return to classes Spring semester.

Dr. Andre F. Yon, Professor of French in the Department Modern Languages, is blah blah blah Yon will also return to classes for Spring semester.

Dr. Daniel Premo, Professor and Chair Department of Political Science and International Studies, plans to spend the second half of this academic year in Central America. He will first be returning to the site of a previous sabbatical to conduct follow up research on the Guatemalan political process. Premo visited Guatemala in 1979 and again in 1987. He stated that he will also visit Nicaragua, which is of extreme interest as elections were held last February, and Costa Rica. The third major site of research will be the Mayan ruins on the Yucatan Peninsula.

Premo commented on the value of such sabbaticals in that professors can return to Washington College and its students bringing with them a fresher outlook as well as a wealth of new information.

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Stenger Tanks Still not Moved

The Stenger gas and propane tanks located behind Cardinal dorms have yet to be moved. A possible relocation site was announced early last May by Mr. Stenger and at the end of last semester it was under consideration by the Zoning Commission and was to be voted upon at the end of May. To gain final approval, the Stenger corporation had to submit a sediment control plan and also a landscaping plan to the Commission. The site is located outside of Wharton.

According to Mr. Gene Hessey, Senior Vice President for Management and Finance here at Washington college, the situation has undergone some significant changes since last spring. The Zoning Commission did vote on the proposal at the end of May and voted to permit the rezoning of the tanks. Between then and this fall, however, a minimal amount was done to move the tanks by the Stenger Gas Company.

In the last few weeks a halt to the whole relocation process has been in effect. The Fire Marshall of Chestertown has just recently closed the Stenger Gas Company. According to Hessey, this was done because the area was not properly maintained and because the Fire Marshall couldn't find enough evidence of constant upkeep to the machines and facilities.

The question now is whether Mr. Stenger will make the necessary changes in order to reopen his business and then relocate the propane tanks to the new site, or whether he will simply go out of businness altogether. It is not known at this time what will happen to the tanks if Mr. Stenger does indeed go out of business.

Mr. Hessey commented that he doesn't know the supply level of the tanks upon the closing of the business but he does know that there aren't any deliveries or gas operations.

The location of these tanks is a concern to both the students who live in Cardinal as well as anyone who works in the nearby buildings and the local fire officials as propane leaks could be very dangerous.

The fire department answered two alarms within three days last year. These officials are required to follow strict procedure at every alarm which often includes the evacuations of nearby buildings and stopping traffic that is near the area.

Fire officials stated last year at the time of these incidents that the tanks were relatively safe if they were properly maintained. Being in a very active part of town, however, they were subject to an increased odds of vandalism. They also claimed that eventual employee error is inevitable.

One official described the worst case of an explosion as effecting an area with a radius measuring from the Cardinal Dorms to the Fire Station itself. Although the tanks are considered to be relatively safe at the moment, this type of explosion should be of concern to all of those who live in the area.

EDITORIAL

Turn on the lights

Are we safe on campus?

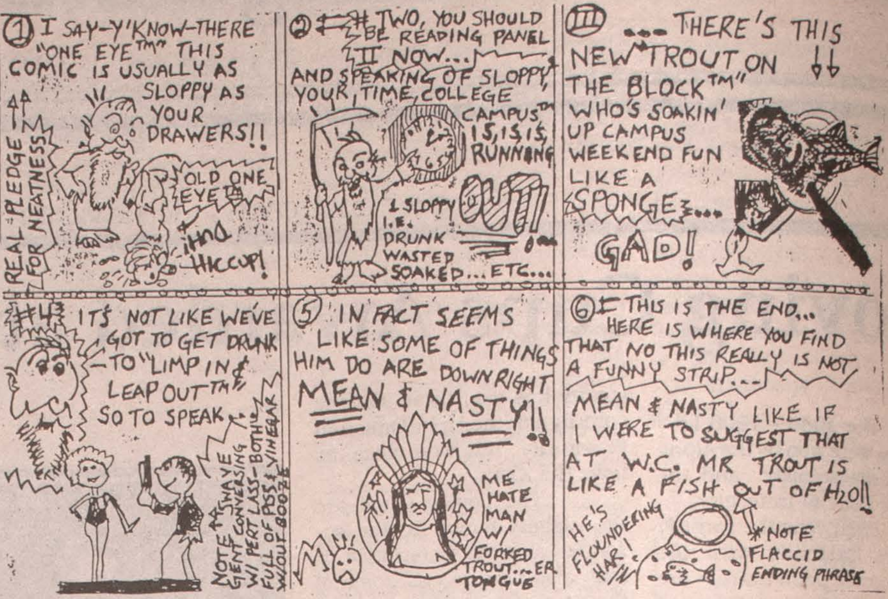
It is a question that pops into mind walking down the very dark path from Bill Smith to Minta Martin, or walking from the Cecil parking lot back over to any of the women's dorms on the other side of 213.

With rumors flying about the campus about date rape and attacks on female college students, one would think the college would make an effort to at least install more lighting along paths that people use.

A well lit parking lot is a wonderful thing, but not if it's on the other side of the campus from where people live. Most of the women on this campus live on the east side of 213. There are two parking lots for four dorms if one excludes Kent House, and East Hall from wanting to park there. The next closest parking lots are Bill Smith and Fine Arts. There is no path leading from the Cecil lot, and there are not lights either. Must everyone who moves around the campus after dark either use the fire lane or travel in a group of thirteen to feel safe? Has the Master Plan forgotten where the students live on this campus?

There are no lights next to the brick staircase in front of Middle Hall. A tumble down those stairs could easily break a couple bones, and cost the college a hefty settlement, after all, the lights are there. They were once lit after dark, but now they are as dark as the Reid parking lot by the hedge, or the campus north of Somerset, or the walk from Bill Smith to Minta Martin.

Will someone please turn on the lights?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Letters to the Editor

Students protest alcohol policy

To the Editor,

A few good friends were relaxing on Labor Day, while enjoying one of Maryland's most popular pastimes: a feast of crabs and hops. The energy of thoughts moved the conversation through a broad range of ideas, not the least of which was the beginning school year. Rumors of ensuing changes at W.C. flew back and forth across the table, with conclusions as scrambled as the pile of crab remnants. Clarification was necessary.

As freshmen we were told that our handbook was our contract with the school but there is no parallel between what is documented there and what seems to be the case. Nowhere is it stated that kegs are not allowed on campus yet we were told this by our R.A.'s. nowhere is it stated that students are not allowed to attend off campus bars yet it seems that the college is taking action to prohibit this.

The section of the handbook concerning the alcohal policy states as one of it's goals "the practice of responsible social behavior." Last year a group of students planned an off campus party, where alcohal would be served, and asked for a school van with which to provide safe transportation. The administration denied this request. This year when the same group of people organized a similar event they took money from their own pockets to provide a van. Although the need for safe transportation seemed unimportant to the school, it was not to this group of people. They were rewarded for their endeavors. The company from which they rented the van gave them a ten percent discount for keeping the roads safe. This was definitely a show of "responisble social behavior" and why did the school not uphold a goal set for itself?

Although this action on the part of the school occured last year, it evoked concerns in students that did not fade over the summer. It seems that new, and undocumented changes concerning alcohal are occuring. Is a dry campus the goal of our new president? And if so, when is he going to let us know?

The problems concerning the school which have been alcohol related have been fairly insignificant. Washington College students are not stupid. Learning to handle society's drug i.e. alcohol, is a part of social education. We have been

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lay out the Sports section.

Issue: What do you think the alcohol policy should be?

The myth of responsible behavior

Laura Hopper

Enough rumors about a dry campus and an anti-alcohol president. President Trout does not, to my knowledge, want a dry campus. He does want us to behave like adults, responsible adults who "know when to say when."

But do we, as a group, know our limits? On an individual basis, we most likely do, but as a group no is the most appropriate answer.

The proof-The Coffee House is dry. Few students remember but prior to 1987, the C-House did serve all students. And the seniors should remember when a student was hospitalized after being beaten by another drunk student.

The problem always lies in the handful of individuals who abuse alcohol and cause damage. The punishment will always be levied against the entire college, as a warning not to repeat the excesses of the past. But they always seem to be repeated.

The only solution is for each and every student to be responsible for their behavior. Responsible behavior is not getting into a car when you're drunk, not ripping a pay phone out of a wall, not dropping a fellow student down a flight of stairs, not date-raping a girlfriend, not starting a fire in the dorm, and not pulling the fire alarm in Reid Hall at 3 a.m.

If we can handle alcohol responsibly as a group, then we should be allowed to drink. If we can't, then say hello to a dry campus. No more excuses, and no forgetting the behavior that got us into our current bind. It's wonderful when a group of students are concerned about the safety of their guests at a party, but it's the exception rather than the rule around here. The group means everyone, from the fraternities and sororities to the sports teams to the students both in the dorms and off campus. We are responsible for the conditions on this campus, and until we can change our behavior, nothing is going to get any better.

And while we're at it, how about some peer pressure. Lean on people who cause trouble when they're drunk, and show them how much better it would be if they did behave within the rather nebulous boundaries of "responsible behavior." It would be a great thing for this college, if the alcohol policy was no longer an issue, because the administration knew we were a group of adults, instead of 937 children

After all, we're all in this together.

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A dry sea of troubles

Brian Gimelson

To drink or not to drink. This is not really the question. The administration is familiar with the seas of troubles that exist on the campus, and one would like to think that they do everything they can do to resolve them. However, there is always a single thorn rearing its' ugly head in the campuses well trimmed hedges. This thorn of course is the alcohol policy. What is it, who does it apply to and what are the consequences of it being enforced are three of the biggest questions which are commonly asked, by both the students and the administration. Like any debate, there are many facets which are being troweled over. The actual alcohol policy here has a lot of problems with it. Although clearly stated (on pages 26-28 of the student handbook), the words behind the policy have little or no meaning if they are not enforced. The school does not honestly expect students who are minors to avoid drinking alcohol at parties if they are offered. It is natural to experiment with different ways of life, and have new experiences and the administration knows this, they would just like your experiences here to be good ones. At the same time, they do not want to bully the students for fear of 'revolts' of the magnitude that almost the entire student body talks about, each time a strengthening of the alcohol policy is mentioned, be it only in passing. So what's the problem, you may ask, as long as everyone's drinking that wants to drink, everyone is happy right ? Wrong. If students on campus knew how to have a good time, and drink responsibly then this might be the case, but as it turns out there are quite a few people that are unhappy about the policy.

The school has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars designing, landscaping, and rebuilding the campus to get as far as it has come now. Anyone that was or is still involved with any part of this should be upset with what happens to their campus every time you pump a couple dozen gallons of beer through the students' veins. This year after almost every weekend, maintenance and grounds are hit with a big list of new projects to finish, because some group of people left a beer can monument all over the quad, or some other group just trashed a newly refinished dorm. This enjoyment, and misuse of college property gets expensive. Property is one thing, but very often at a party, due to practically nothing else but the presence of alcohol a fight breaks out. On top of severe dorm damage, now the school could wind up being liable for a lawsuit which would wipe out 200 students financial aid, or some endowment to a department. Luckily this hasn't happened, yet. How important is drinking to you if you can't afford to go to school here anymore, because one of your so-called friends hit some one crossing the street ?

The school puts quite a deal of trust in the student body to be responsible. They don't do this blindly, but as a form of trust and hope for the future. A great deal of the faculty are here because they want to improve the future through education. As one teacher from the Business Department recently put it "..knowledge is the only commodity..." The students of this school perhaps do not realize how important this trust that the administration has placed in their laps is, and how vital it is in order for the school to survive. Ideally the school would like to eliminate alcohol from the campus, because it would eliminate a lot of problems. It would however create quite a few more. The students would like to have free reign to do as they please, which would work, if and only if students did not abuse this privilege, a highly unlikely scenario. So, the solution for the administration is to create a happy medium. Which works, until something goes wrong. Ultimately, the students will decide the fate of the alcohol policy; However, if the student body heads in the general direction it has been heading in for the past couple years, the sea of troubles that was mentioned earlier will be a very dry one when it comes to Washington College.

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OUTLOOK

Don't drink your youth away

Kyndra Ponder

What is college really all about? Is it about parties every weekend, the Vern and Newt's on their respective "days of debauchery" or seeing just how many cans o' beer one can down in just one sitting? I realize that it is far from midterms or - heaven forbid, finals - yet, but I do hope that some of you have at least asked yourselves just why you are putting your sanity through this thing called College.

Presumably, the general idea of getting a college education is to develop a foundation upon which we, as the young bankers, teachers and doctors can build a strong future. Today, that "strong future" has taken on the meaning of property holdings, how many BMW's are in the garage and overall personal monetary value. Steven and Elise Keaton would shudder!

In the days when our parents went to college, the foundation - the reasons why someone went to college - were more important than the probable increase in earnings that they would receive as a result of the Bachelor's Degree that they held. College was supposed to be a place where minds were opened and hearts made aware of the multitude of dreams that were waiting to be seized. The education was important because it gave our parents the knowledge to help and the ability for their lives to make a difference.

We, the offspring of perhaps the most well-educated and affluent generation in America have taken those ideals and distorted them. Success is not measured by how much your life counts, but instead, how long it takes to count all of the hedonistic pleasures that surround your life.

We accept mediocrity from ourselves and from the world around us. Our literature and other forms of art are fairly base. The level of our sciences have fallen behind those people who, just 40 years ago, were considered backwards. We sit by and watch our promiscuity take its toll on us - in many varied forms. Yet we still continue on, partying our way through college and saying, "I really don't care about getting A's, just as long as I pass!"

When I came to college, I thought that I had become the most mature individual in the world - after all, I was moving away from home. I'm sure that many of you felt the same way, but if we are ALL honest to ourselves, none of us is as mature as we would like to think. Our world is far from ideal, yet just getting by is good enough!

I certainly do not mean to lecture anyone because I am far from perfect myself. I like to have a good time and I enjoy spending time with my friends. I like a little innocent fun from time to time, but I also like to act really bizarre too. We are allowed to do that, we're young. I am just saying lets have this youthful exuberance count for a little more than profits in Miller Brewing Company's pockets.

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taught to identify the adverse effects of alcohol and that education has not been ignored. We know the repercussions. Yes, alcohol should be controlled, as it has been through the Cater years, but to eliminate it completely is to overstep what is responsible action toward our education.

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OUTLOOK

In the world; Gulf crisis continues

UNITED STATES

President Bush has asked Congress to approve a budget agreement tailored to his specifications that he says will keep the U.S. "strong and vital". While the President used the situation in the Persian Gulf to backup the agreement, he also stated that Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait will fail. Noting that many countries have been working together for a common cause in the Persian Gulf, Bush called on congressional factions to work together on the budget agreement. He declared: "It is Iraq against the world." Bush's message to a joint session of Congress did not indicate how long U.S. intervention will be needed in the Gulf region, or how much it would cost. It also did not indicate whether military hostilities are likely. He did, however, say: "Let no one doubt our staying power. We will stand by our friends." He also laid out the four goals of the intervention: Iraq's unconditional withdrawal from Kuwait, restoration of Kuwait's government, assured stability and security in the Persian Gulf region, and protection of U.S. citizens in Iraq and Kuwait. In his message, Bush indicated a fifth goal: replacing the the cold war era east/west conflict with a "new world order."

The National Transportation Safety Board said yesterday that a U.S.Air Boeing 727, on approach to Kansas City International Airport last year, was flown through electric transmission lines. The plane was damaged and four of the high tension wires were severed. The mishap was blamed on controller and crew error. The plane's crew, landing in poor weather, apparently descended to a few feet above the ground several thousand feet from the runway. The controllers provided the crew "inadequate and deficient services", which helped cause the incident. Because the crew was unaware of the potential danger of the situation and because no one was hurt, the incident was not publicized. However, the NTSB wants to use the incident to bring attention to the need for improved airline crew training and greater quality control in the air traffic control system.

LIBERIA

Liberian president Samuel Doe apparently died Sunday of gunshot wounds he received during a struggle with the rebels who captured him a day earlier. Although loyalists named a successor for Doe, rebel leader Prince Johnson named himself the new head of Liberia. The rebels vowed to continue their struggle, making chances for a possible settlement and end to the nearly nine month old civil war remote. The National Patriotic Front, led by Charles Taylor, demanded that the West African force sent to Monrovia, in Liberia, be withdrawn. Johnson's army controls Monrovia, but Taylor's troops have control of the rest of Liberia. Most reports say that President Doe did indeed die at the hands of the rebels. The U.S. State Department considers the reports confirmation of Doe's death. Gambia President Sir Dawda Jawara, who helps sponsor the peace keeping force in Monrovia, said yesterday: "Now that Doe has been toppled by Prince Johnson...it might help the peace process in Liberia." Both Johnson and Taylor had demanded that Doe step down, although neither are ready for real negotiations to end the civil war.

IRAQ

Full diplomatic relations between Iran and Iraq were restored yesterday. In an attempt to undermine the international blockade, Iraq hopes to to be able to import food and arms in an agreement with Iran. In a television message, Saddam Hussein offered free oil to third world countries to show his solidarity to the poor. Hussein contended that the free oil should not be subject to the economic blockade restrictions. The countries offered the oil need only to find a way past the blockade, Hussein said. The reason for the offer is Hussein's concern about the effects of higher oil prices and he added: "We are all brothers and sisters and we share the same fate." The Iraqi restoration of relations with Iran came one day after Iraq lost any hope of gaining support from the Soviet Union. Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani said nothing to indicate his approval of Iraqi actions in the Persian Gulf region, but did say that although Iran has upheld United Nations sanctions, it may offer "humanitarian" food aid and that this policy kept "with its position toward the region and Kuwait.

compiled by Carolin Leibig. Ms. Leibig is a senior International Studies major.

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"Congratnlations"

The true essence of small town living

Phil "Slice" Macek

O.K. let's face it, most of you people (myself included) did not make a conscious decision to attend Washington College. For me, it happened like this: it was the summer after my senior year in high school and I was cruising down to the Eastern Shore to do a little bass fishing. Well I was supposed to go to Pocomoke City, but as luck would have it, I turned left on Route 213 instead of right. So while I'm lost, I happen upon this place called Chestertown (no one has a real reason to come to Chestertown, they get lost and happen upon it.) So I'm driving through this place, asking people for directions to Pocomoke City, and all of a sudden, I see this school called Washington College. I'm sitting there in my car looking at this fine school (at least I thought it was fine until I saw the inside of Kent House) and I said to myself, "What the hell, I'm free for the next four years. I think I'll go to college for a few years and get some kind of weird degree." With that, I applied for admission, and for better or for worse, I was accepted.

Now mind you, I come from a suburban area, close to a major city (as I suspect most of you do,) so it took me a little time to adjust to small town living. I remember one day in particular early in my freshman year. I was walking down High Street taking in the sights when I got to talking with one of the locals. Well, I'm telling him about my background and he's telling me about his, when he suddenly excuses himself. You see, he had to go check the traps to see if his family would be having muskrat for dinner. As fate would have it, he took me with him and before long we had ourselves three large muskrats. As we drove back to his house in his dull red pick-up truck (I didn't know if it was red from being painted or from being ravaged by rust) he said to me, "These three tender rats will make one powerful good stew. How 'bout stayin' for dinner?" While I appreciated the hospitality of this "townie" I declined his invitation. I just could not bring my self to eat something that I had seen struggling to get out of a steel trap. Actually, I made a worse mistake, I ate in the dining hall that night. If I remember correctly, they were serving pumpkin casserole marinated in tuna juice.

Another thing that took some time adjusting to was the sense of trust between neighbors. You know, people not having to worry about locking their doors or windows. So with my big city mentality I came across a local farmer and asked, "Hey, does Chestertown have a dependable police force?" "Yeah, but he's sick," was the reply. Rest assured, I slept easy that night. I also enjoyed going down to the local barber shop and hearing all the day's gossip. Hell, I felt like an extra on the set of the Andy Griffith Show. I must admit that I was a bit unaccustomed to hearing some "townies" say things like, "Hi there, this is my brother Darryl, and this my other brother Darryl," and my personal favorite, "I take a shower once a week– whether I need it or not."

This is a typical scene of small-town life. Note the people sitting on their front porch

-photo by Jeff Hopkins

Now in all reality, I really do love Chestertown. I find its rustic beauty and charming grace to be like no other place I have ever come across. I find the town's inhabitants to be friendly, warm, and receptive, and their kindness has really made my stay here an enjoyable one. Also, I love this town's slowed down pace. It is quite a world away from the break-neck speed of city life. Moreover, I'll always appreciate the time I took to get to know this town and its people. I feel like I could come back here twenty years after I graduate and nothing would have changed. In fact, I was talking to a real estate agent one day and he told me that the town's population had not changed since 1750. "No wonder," I said, "that's probably because the same people are still living here."

I guess as a Senior, you would have to excuse me for getting a little sentimental about this school. After I graduate (and if I want to I guess I better start that damn thesis) there will certainly be things about this school that I will sorely miss. For example, I'll miss all those rowdy weekend parties, especially the ones in the C-House. I'll miss playing intramural football against all those fine Lambda teams, I'll miss the nice view of the rusted propane tanks that my room in Cardinal offered me, and most importantly, I'll miss almost being thrown out of basketball games for obnoxious behavior (after all, it sure is nice to feel needed.)

Overall, I feel like I have given a piece of myself to this school for the past four years. Granted, there have been some bad times, but they fade when I compare them to the good times that I'll carry with me forever. Please excuse me for being so emotional, but all of a sudden, I have a real hankering for some muskrat stew and meeting somebody named Darryl.

Slice is a senior sociology major who will pay somebody big bucks to do his thesis for him

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FEATURES

Some humble views on a graduation speaker

Phil "Slice" Macek

For all those who attended the Senior class meeting earlier this week, you know that we as a school are greatly divided over who our commencement speaker should be. This being the case, I would like to take this opportunity to suggest a few possibilities. Hopefully, the administration and all those responsible for getting our speaker will take these suggestions seriously.

Don Knotts— O.K., I know he's not the first name that comes to mind when one thinks about Commencement speakers. However, I think the world's greatest dramatic actor would give one helluva speech. Furthermore, the town could have an official "Barney Fife Day" and we could give Don a key to the town.

Alex Trebek— again, not a name synonymous with commencement speakers but I still think we should make a wholehearted effort to get him. Plus, as an extra bonus, we could have Alex phrase his speech in the form of a question.

Fred Savage— he could tell the audience about what it is like to graduate from Kindergarten and compare that to graduating from Washington College. We probably will not go on to become successful actors on a T.V. show, but what the hell? We ought to at least invite him down to the school on graduation day.

Dexter Manley— actually, this is not a good choice because good old Dexter graduated from and was still functionally illiterate. This means that even if we had a speech already written for him, he wouldn't be able to read it.

Clint Eastwood— "All right punk, you think you're going to graduate? Well, I've got my .44 Magnum right here and it says that you're going to stay here for another year. So, if you want to come here and try to get your diploma, you got to ask yourself one question, 'Do I feel lucky?' Well, do you, punk?"

For what its worth, this is my numero uno choice for a commencement speaker. Consider that no matter how boring Clint's speech got (and if you think Clint Eastwood's boring, you've got real problems.) no body would fall asleep because Clint is packing heat. I think it would make for a fine commencement celebration.

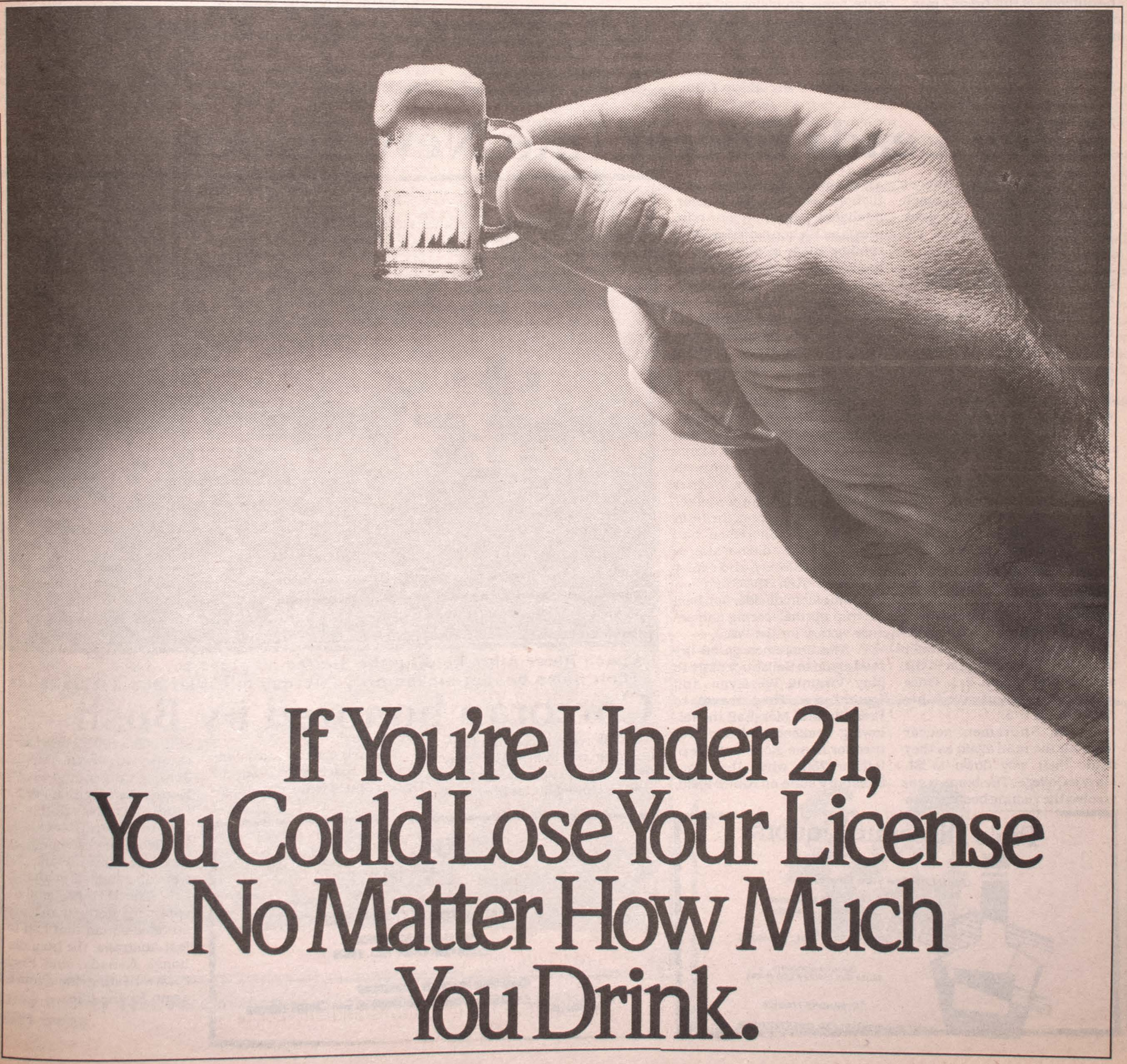
Tone Lōc— I really don't know what kind of speech this deft rapper would give, but at least it would rhyme. The only drawback I see is Tone getting bored during the ceremony and starts doing the "wild thing" on the stage. We can save him as a last resort.

Geraldo— I can see it now: "Is Washington College merely a drunken carnival disguised as a school? Or is it a legitimate academic institution concerned about the welfare of its students? That's the focus of this Geraldo."

Actually, I was checking with Geraldo's agent about the possibility of him giving our commencement speech. Unfortunately, Geraldo will be away on special assignment and has no time for us. His assignment? Well, apparently Geraldo didn't learn his lesson, and now he wants to open Al Capone's underwear drawer.

And finally, I present to you my last suggestion. I think this man would be the perfect speaker to give an engaging speech about ambition and reaching one's goals. Ladies and gentlemen, I think our speaker should be, Norm from "Cheers." We could put Norm's barstool up on the stage so he would feel right at home. We would also have to get a few kegs for Norm, since it would probably be a long ceremony.

Well, there you have it. My own humble aspirations for our commencement speakers. Hopefully, the powers that be at this school will realize that this article is serious in all senses. Furthermore, it is expected that the administration will make a determined effort to get somebody from this list. Again, just for the record, my two personal favorites are Clint and Norm. If you are reading this and have anything to do with selecting our commencement speaker, won't you please help? We don't want some boring politician who will use his speech as some campaigning ploy. Please, I implore you, get Clint or Norm!



REC Sports:Pinzcok's Pigskin Picks

By Deeann Pinczok

The Rec Sports program will begin its 1990 Intramural Football season on Monday September 18th. All teams are ready to go and it looks like it is going to be a very exciting season. The big news is the break up of the Psuedo Budha team that occurred one week before the scheduled season games, due to complications regarding contract agreements. Greg Rupert, unable to come to terms with his fellow teammates, decided to take matters into his own hands and formed his own new football team. Psuedo Budha is a team composed of last year's first and second place teams, Psuedo Lambda and Salt & Budha respectively. It seems like Rupert might be taking an extremely great risk by turning his back on a team filled with great potential, not to mention a team filled with his friends and fellow "business partner." The outcome of this break-up is looked forward to with great anticipation.

This year, as always, we have listed the top five in our Rec Sports pre-season ranking. They are as follows:

1. Psuedo Lambda
2. Dorchester Dawgs
3. Hard & Clueless
4. Team Rupert
5. Team Mule

Psuedo Budha as been ranked in first place for the main reason that it is a team that is a combination of last year's two top teams. This team is strong in that it contains the top two quarterbacks in the league; however, they greatly lack the receivers who can catch the ball. The Dawgs are looking good in that they are a team of "great speed", but they do not have a decent quarterback. The teams major problem lies with its weakest link, Steve Huettner. It looks like this team just might cause some problems by seasons end, though. In third place we have a young team possessing raw talent, Hard & Clueless. This team could be a real shocker! Now we come to Team Rupert, a brand new team that may be full of surprises. The driver of this team will be none other than Greg Rupert - a two time Rec Sports Football All-Star. The Rupe might be out for vengeance and it will be quite exciting to see how he handles playing against the team that he so easily walked away from. And finally, there is Team Mule. A team with good size and the brains to call plays, but they do have their share of problems. The main problem being that they lack any real talent to execute their plays effectively. It should be exciting to watch this team, however, since Don Steele promises Oklahoma style veer offense; but let's wait and see if he can get it off the ground!

It looks to be a season containing not one single dull moment and it should be worth the while to come and see the games. Games begin on Monday and will be played from 4:00 to 7:00, come on out and support your favorite team.

Other events in Rec Sports to look forward to is the Two-Man Volleyball Tournament which will be played tomorrow, Saturday September 15. this tournament is the first of its kind in the Rec Sports program and has been coordinated by Washington Collge alumni, Matt Zeuch. It should be an interesting tournament to watch!

Another fun-filled event that is just around the corner is the annual Theta Chi Softball Tournament that is scheduled for the weekend of September 22. This year's tournament looks to be one filled with many stimulating games. The faculty has gotten together and formed a team of their own; they just have to prove that they can stand up to thier students. Surf & Turf, three year consecutive champs and champs of four of the last five tournaments, have brought back some "big guns" from years past. However there are teams entered in this tournament who are ripe and ready to knock the king off the hill and will come to the tournament with this main purpose in mind. The teams to do this would be the MoFos, the Theta team, and the Theta Alumni team. These teams are rearing to go and are as strong as ever. Heavy competition is what the 1990 Theta Chi Softball Tournament has in store! May the best team win!

Lexercise- Aerobic classes are scheduled to begin on Monday October 8th when our fearless aerobics leader, Lex Frey, returns from her hiking exhibitions in Tibet. Classes will be held every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday(dependent on class participation) at 5:00 in the dance studio.(Basement of Cain Gymnasium)

Bike Rental- Need something to keep you in shape until aerobic classes begin? Why not rent a Rec Sports bike. Rec Sports bikes are available for Washington College students everyday from 8:00 to 4:00. Is it hard to rent a Rec Sports bike? Not at all! Just go to the Rec Sports equipment room, located in the Casey Swim Center, leave your student ID, and pick your bike. You may even call ahead and reserve a bike for a specific time.

Rec Sports is off to a great start this year and there are many new and exciting things to come. Look for posters listing a schedule of events and come out and get involved!

Allen Leads Soccer Into New Season

The Shoremen soccer team under new head coach Peter Allen finished up this week 1-2-1 after an impressive win over Dickinson 2-0.

The first game of the season however was a different story. The WAC booters went up against a tough Methodist team. Although sophomore goalie Jim Meyers managed to play more than admirably between the posts for the Shoremen with 10 saves, they were unable to generate much offense only getting off two shots and scoring on neither of them. The WAC lost 3-0.

The next day at the same site of Messiah they played another difficult foe in Allentown College. All-American candidate senior midfielder Mike Bishop led off the scoring for the Shoremen when he was assisted by junior striker Glenn Warner in the first half. It allowed them to jump out to a 1-0 lead. However, Allentown scored later in the first half and again in the second half to win 2-1. Once again Myers outsaved his counterpart 6-3.

The Shoremen soccer team hit the road again as they made their way down to St. Mary's College. The home team greeted the visiting booters with a goal 43 seconds into the game. Bishop, assisted by Warner, retaliated. Less than four minutes later Bishop netted another sending them into the second half leading 2-1. Just as it looked as if W.C. would leave victorious St. Mary's snatched a tie by scoring with only 30 ticks on the game clock. Both teams were shut out in overtime sending the Shoremen home with a tough 2-2 tie.

Dickinson was the site of the next Shoremen game as well as the site of the first Shoremen win of the season. Both teams dueled to a stalemate through regulation. However Warner assisted sophomore striker Chris Kleberg to break the tie in overtime. The Shoremen had enough but they did not stop or slow down. Kleberg and senior midfielder Ken Hutchins assisted junior midfielder Jon Seal to wrap up the scoring and secure victory for the WAC.

The Shoremen go on the road again to Salisbury State to play Virginia Wesleyan and Lynchburg. They travel to Franklin and Marshall the following weekend and don't return for home game until September 25th when they host Salisbury state on Kibler Field.

Coach Peter Allen guiding the Shoremen practice. Their home opener kicked off yesterday at Kibler against Gallaudet.

Corcoran honored by Bush

Shoremen lax coach Terry Corcoran was invited Thursday to the White House to be honored by United States President George Bush.

Coach Corcoran was one of three coaches to lead the United States to the championship of the 1990 World Lacrosse Games in Perth, Australia. Joining Corcoran at the White House Rose Garden are Maryland Lacrosse Club's Arlie Marshall and Yale's Mike Waldvogel as coaching honorees. The World Team players were also invited to attend.

The U.S. brought to the continent down under a star-studded squad that had to defeat Australia, the Iroquois National, Canada, and England before beating the Canadians again for the title.

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Collegiate sports: slime and sleaze

Matt Giller

The NCAA which took a beating in all sports in the 80's welcomed the 90's. Only problem - the 90's didn't welcome the NCAA's. We have left behind the worst decade in NCAA history. Collegiate sport that used to be regarded as wholesome scholar-athletes fighting for school pride has been jaded by scandals and repeated offenses. This institution was a great resource for heroes. Presently the NCAA's are hard pressed to avoid Enqirer-like headlines.

Unfortunately this new decade filled with promise and hope has made the once shameless shameful. Furthermore those who helped cloud the institution continue to embarrass. Former Oklahoma football coach Barry Switzer doesn't know when to shut up and disappear from collegiate sports- forever. While we're on the subject of scandalous Sooner football- how about the gall ex-Sooner quarterback Charles Thompson has obtaining a 900 number to promote his book "Down and Dirty: The Life and Crimes of Oklahoma Football" while serving two years on drug charges out of his prison cell(Charlie Hustle:taking notes?).

Take Oklahoma football, please.

Speaking of sinking ships - University of Maryland's basketball team. Former coach Bob Wade hardly brought glory back to the Cole Field House and make everybody forget Len Bias. Present coach Gary Williams helped lead his team to an excellent season only to have it overshadowed by Wade's legacy and subsequent suspension of the program that was making strides. Now poor Williams has demonstrated poor judgment(a recent Terrapin trend). Terp's sideline general pleaded guilty to reduced charge of driving under the influence of alcohol and the failure to drive within a single lane.

Williams was given an unsupervised probation before judgment for 12 months, meaning a final verdict on the case will be withheld until he has fulfilled all the terms of the probation, including attendance at an alcohol education class.. Williams was fined a total of $295 on the two charges. A third charge, driving without a valid driver's license, was dropped by prosecutors. Our hero.

1990 has been extra special to Cleveland State and fired CSU basketball coach Kevin Mackey. He pleaded no contest to charges of cocaine abuse and driving under the influence of alcohol. A judge ordered this week that he be detained for 60 days in a drug and rehabilitation center after being arrested on July 13 after leaving an alleged crack house. Let's just say this lowlife ranks right below the humpback horned sloth on the food chain.

So where do we look for virtue and morality in collegiate athletics - Notre Dame, right. Wrong. A school synonomis with team spirit, unequaled sportsmanship and fair play has never been this low since Reagan starred in the Knute Rockne Story. Two weeks before their first football game this year, Sports Illustrated published an article (or confessional) by a former Fighting Irishman. Some former scrub offensive lineman Mike Huffman gave a detailed, vindictive account of his former coach, Lou Holtz. Among other things Huffman claimed that Holtz and his coaching staff subtly promoted steroid use to its players. I see no heroes here.

Foul play dominates Division I athletics; however Division III is not immune to the cancers destroying the bigger schools. Upsala college this summer faces a suspension to their basketball program due to illegal funds from boosters to specific players.

During this age when heroes can turn to felons faster than you can say DUI, the fan is forced to, unlike the old days, root with a cold heart and not become romantically involved with even their alma mater in fear of her breaking their heart.

Those who matter in that world should not be shortsighted. Colleges unlike professional teams (at least most of them) are rich in tradition with a following that grows with every graduating class. Athletic Directors, coaches, players, and boosters who drag the sport

The Great Sabha previews this weekend's football

The Great Sabha is back (under contractual obligation) once again to enhance subscribers with his unique unearthly psychic wisdom. This week and every week hereafter (unless summoned to Mecca) The Great Sabha will amaze you with his psychic accuracy.

Chicago +3 over GREEN BAY - The Bears are back to 1985 form defensively. Whoever is quarterback for the Pack will be endure many a sack. Take the points.

DETROIT -3 over Atlanta - Falcon coach Glanville didn't leave the Great Sabha tickets last week - the Great Sabha hopes he is run over by a thousand Barry Sanderses. Give the points.

INDIANAPOLIS - 2 1/2 over New England - This game is a dog with fleas. Pats don't play well on the road in their division. Give the points.

N.Y. JETS +2 over Cleveland - These two always battle to the last field goal of the game. Give the points.

Phoenix +13 1/2 over PHILADELPHIA - Both are pretty birds but too many points to give in an inter-divisional game. Take the points.

TAMPA BAY +3 over L.A. Rams - Vinnie will burn Ram secondary. Take the points but signal not very clear however.

SEATTLE Pick L.A. Raiders - When Bo arrives it will be a different ball game. Go with the home birds.

SAN DIEGO +3 over Cincinnati - The resurgence of the old Chargers's offense coupled with Bengals's ineffectiveness last week signals win for the lightning bolts. Take the points.

Washington +6 over SAN FRANCISCO - Nobody gives that many points to Joe Gibbs and gets away with it. Take the points.

MINNESOTA -6 over New Orleans - The Saints will go marching home a loser in this one. Give the points.

PITTSBURGH -2 1/2 over Houston - Chuck Noll hates the bad hombres from Houston. Outside the House of Pain they're painless. Give the points.

MONDAY NIGHT: DENVER -5 over Kansas City - Will be close all the way however Bronco field goal will stretch the lead over the hump. Give the points.

BEST BETS

MIAMI +2 over Buffalo - Bet the sacred cow on this one. Big game in the beginning of the year - Marino's rocket he calls an arm and the Florida heat will melt the Bills secondary. Take the points.

N.Y. Giants -8 over DALLAS - If you've got another sacred cow to waver the Great Sabha suggests you do it. If their was a minor league in football the Cowboys would be playing in the Florida Grapefruit League. Give the points. Don't make a move without the Great Sabha

COLLEGE

VIRGINIA -25 over Navy - The Wahoos will throw more bombs at the Midshipmen than Hussein. Give the points.

Princeton -4 over CORNELL - I love the Tigers and the Tigers love me. Give the points.

Harvard -6 over Columbia - The biggest wimps in the Big Apple still think scoring in football is like scoring in golf, lowest score wins. Give the points.

BYU -13 1/2 over Washington State - Miami couldn't handle Detmer you think these Jethros can. Give the points.

NOTRE DAME -4 1/2 over Michigan - Once again I love the Favorite. Its a battle between the two coolest uniforms in football; however the more religious one shall prevail.

Sabha wishes all a safe and sacred weekend.

Field hockey seen here preparing for the upcoming MAC showdowns next week.

Corcoran

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Coach Corcoran has guided Shoremen lacrosse since 1983 taking them to the finals four years including last year's 11-4 squad. During his tenure at Washington College he has built an impressive 90-36 record.

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Voices of Vincent

In her freshman year when Jeanette Smith submitted drafts of a script to her Playwrighting class, she probably had no idea that script would blossom into her senior drama project. The play is now titled "Voices of Vincent", and the first production of the original script will be performed in Tawes Theater at the end of this month. The production fulfills senior drama project requirements for two Drama majors, Smith as the playwright, and Felicia Shakman as the Director of the production.

As witnessed during forty minutes of rehearsal, Smith and Shakman, friends since freshman year, work well together and share similar instincts about the play. Though the title, the set and some of the details of the script and production suggest the play's basis is the life of Vincent Van Gogh, both Shakman and Smith are adamant in the assertion that the play is "inspirational, not historical." Shakman reiterates, "the play is not historically based."

Smith continues with a more detailed description of her aims as the playwright: "I see this play as a metaphor for misunderstood artists." She explains that while Van Gogh painted during the time of the Impressionists, he is considered a Post-Impressionist because his work is different from theirs. Though one piece of his work on the auction block today goes for millions of dollars, during his lifetime, Van Gogh was impoverished and rejected by society.

Many people, when examining Van Gogh's behavior (he cut off his ear and sent it to his lover) claim that he was crazy. Shakman and Smith argue that Van Gogh's insanity was not inherent to his nature, but rather was a result of society's reaction to him. Smith describes him as a "very passionate man" who was also "very alone." She calls him "highly personal," adding that he "painted what was inside him."

"The essence of the play," as described by Shakman and suggested in the title, "is the battle between the voices in his paintings and the voices in his mind." Smith explains that when Van Gogh first started painting, he heard voices in what he painted. He tried to capture these voices in his paintings. The voices in his mind echoed the people who called him crazy. The battle between these two camps forms the play's main conflict.

Smith also sees the play as a metaphor for today's censorship conflict in the National Endowment for the Arts. Throughout the production, a projector will flash slides of headlines focusing on the NEA conflict, as well as slides of Van Gogh's work.

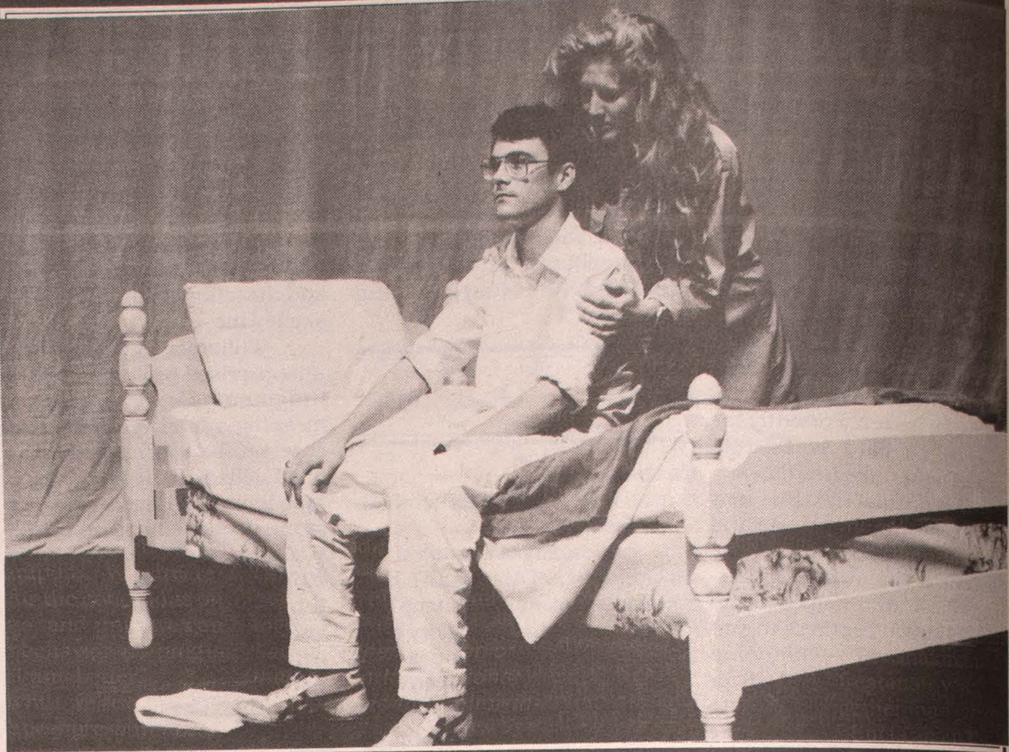
The set of the production also reflects Van Gogh's work. The furniture is painted a shade of yellow which appears frequently in his paintings, and Smith says the set is based on a picture Van Gogh painted of his bedroom in Arles in 1888.

The one and a half hour play spans one hour of Van Gogh's life in which he reflects on himself and his accomplishments. The role of Vincent presents a challenge for WC graduate Todd Karr who is onstage for the full hour and a half, and whose monologues fill the scene breaks.

The roles of Theo, Dr. Gachet, Christine, and Vincent's Mother are portrayed by Martin Buinicki, Kent Arminger, Jacque Collins and Kate Schroeder, respectively. Debbie Johnson is the Stage Manager.

"Voices of Vincent" opens in Tawes Theater on September 21 at 8:00 PM and plays September 22 at 8:00 PM and September 23 at 2:00 PM.

Stephanie Hess is a Junior majoring in Humanities.



Jacque Collins as "Christine" and Todd Karr as "Vincent" are shown here in rehearsal for Jeanette Smith's play, "Voices of Vincent". The play opens September 21 at 8 p.m.

The World According to Sonic Youth : "Goo"

When I was seven years old, I spent most evenings before bed abusively torturing my mother's menagerie of hi-tech kitchen appliances. Blenders buzzing from puree to liquefy in less than six seconds, cake mixers, juicers, electric peelers, all added to the sibilant cacophony which usually climaxed with me rolling back on the floor banging wooden spoons against a metal pan like some snot covered primitive. Just the same, 'Goo' reminds me of my kitchen.

What dynamics give rise to such squalor, you ask? For short, this New York quartet

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"Sweetie": too sweet ?

There have been many movies that have taken audiences by surprise. "Sweetie" is definitely one of them. It's graphic sexual nature and slow moving plot cause "Sweetie" to become almost unbearable for some viewers.

As I watched half the audience walk out within the first fifteen minutes, I decided that these people were missing a chance to see life from a new perspective. "Sweetie" was created to make people think about their life. In this way, we should all give this movie a chance to be felt and understood.

The profound vision that director Jane Campion creates is about relationships: the understandings we have with ourselves and our loved ones. The basic story line is about several individuals within a family trying to hold their relationships together. The main focus of the movie is on Kaye, a woman trying to discover her hidden feelings. As she searches for her identity, Kaye's relationship with her boyfriend begins to deteriorate. The viewer suddenly finds themselves watching two lives drifting apart and finally we become introduced to Sweetie, Kaye's sister.

With the introduction to Sweetie, the movie becomes a satire about the values we place on maturity. Sweetie is a very misunderstood character who indulges in finding attention. This may be due to the nearly incestuous relationship that she has with her father.

The lives of each individual in "Sweetie" are not based on reality. The individual has no control of their fate. They are helpless and left in a state of inhumanity. Jane Campion uses this as an excuse for the extreme symbolic overtones.

After watching two hours of grotesque and disturbing behavior, I felt like their was a hole cut inside of me. I felt like I was missing part of my life. The question of my fate must be brought up. The power of "Sweetie" is that it is a masterpiece of afterthought. It can be considered to follow in the footsteps of the contemporary drama: "The Cook, the Thief,his Wife ,and her Lover."

"Sweetie" is an exploration into our values and our beliefs. It helps us to realize the structure of our life and the emphasis we put on happiness. The absurd actions of Sweetie are a way of creating thought in our minds about our own actions. "Sweetie" is a movie that should only be seen with an open mind. We should have a willingness to observe our life and our fate. This is another way for film to question the individual. With any judgement of this movie, we must be judging ourselves.

Chris Rummel is a Junior.

Visual Artists'
Union Formed

The Visual Artists' Union is a new organization at Washington College this fall. The union brings together people from across the W. C. community, all with varying degrees of interest in art. Members include art majors as well as freshmen, but anyone with an interest in the arts is invited to join.

Several projects are currently being planned for the coming year. The lack of a figure drawing class at W. C. was actually the spark for forming the union; artists previously had no forum to voice ideas on official matters. A student-run figure drawing class was proposed, and the union was organized initially to support this project. Other projects this year include an art film series, field trips to galleries and museums, and the acquisition of supplies for use by union members.

The officers of the VAU are as follows: J. Tarin Towers, President; Deb Kulich, Secretary; and John A. Goebel, Treasurer.

Tex Andrews is the faculty advisor. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 24, at 6:00 p.m., in the Constance Stuart Larrabee Arts Center. Anyone who is interested in the either the appreciation or production of art is welcomed. Current members are reminded to bring dues to this meeting. Any questions or suggestions can be directed to the VAU officers.

J. Tarin Towers is a Freshman and president of the Visual Artists ' Union.

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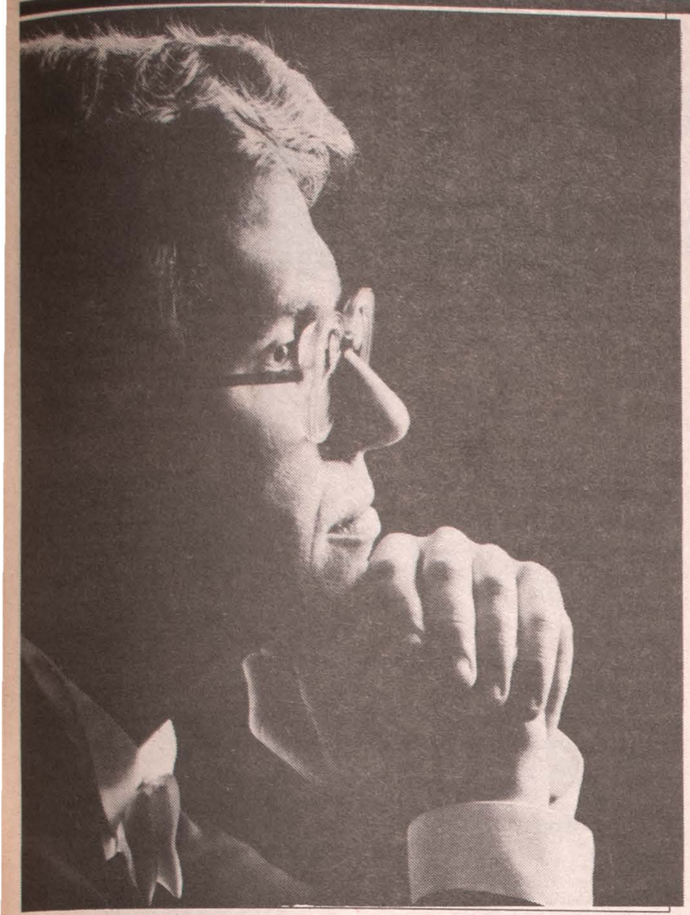

Concert Series opens

The 39th season of the Washington College Concert Series opens this Friday, September 14, with a return performance by pianist David Buechner. His is the first of six concerts to be presented this academic year for Chestertown audiences in the College's Tawes Theatre.

Buechner, 30, has established himself as a master pianist in his five years on the performance circuit. The highest ranking American prizewinner at Moscow's 1986 Tchaikovsky International Piano Competition and the only American prize winner at the 1984 Leeds Competition, Buechner has achieved a great deal in his short career. His long list of prizes, citations and awards dates back to his days at the Juilliard School, where he received an unprecedented total of six major awards and scholarships.

Buechner's performance at Washington College is a Yale Gordon Artist Concert, sponsored by the Peggy and Yale Gordon Trust. The Trust was established primarily to provide support for various cultural and educational institutions in and around the metropolitan Baltimore area. Implementing concert career opportunities for young emerging artists as well as established artists of the highest professional quality is a continuing activity of the trust.

Season tickets for the Concert Series are $30.00 per person and can be ordered by mail from the Washington College Concert Series, Chestertown, Maryland 21620 - make checks payable to Washington College. Season tickets are also sold a the box office on performance nights. Single admission tickets are sold only at the box office at performances, $10.00 for adults and and free for anyone under 18. All concerts begin at 8:00 p.m.. Seats are not reserved in the 600 seat Tawes Theatre in the Gibson Fine Arts Center.

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Date rape: the silent rape

by Matt Giller

"A recent national survey found that one in every six college women is a victim of rape or attempted rape each year," according to *US News and World Report*.

Ninety percent of all cases are not reported to the police, making this statistic a gaping underestimation of rapes occurring on college campuses. Because the victim knows the assailant in one-third of all rapes, she does not usually report being sexually assaulted.

When the woman is acquainted with the rapist, the rape is defined as date rape, social rape, or silent rape. Silent rape is an appropriate term for victims of date rape because they refrain from reporting it—some women do not recognize that their body has been infringed upon. Therefore, bewildered and ashamed, they remain silent. A woman beaten and violated in a dark alley by a stranger is not the only form of rape; a male who disregards his female friend's "no" also commits rape. It is rape when a woman is forced, intimidated, or coerced to relinquish control of her body while another person defiles and abuses it.

One senior tells how she was date raped during her sophomore year: "I was living with my boyfriend. It was at a time when I was very busy. He was very jealous of the time I was spending away from him. He said I owed it to him. It was a really tragic time in my life, and it is very blurry. But I clearly remember coming in and feeling tired, and he would not let me sleep, but he said, 'I want to attack you'—not 'do you want to make love?'-but 'I want to attack you.' It got to the point where it was easier to detach my brain from my body and let it happen because I didn't have the physical strength, the emotional strength to stop it."

Eventually, the friends of the victim saw bruises on their friend's arms and urged her to leave her boyfriend, but she could not see what was happening to her. Finally, she left him: "I don't really think he knows what he did to me. The really scary thing is that I know in relationships after mine that the same thing has happened and the violence has gotten worse." Her boyfriend mentally and physically abused her for an extended period of time.

Now, she is in "a very loving and caring relationship, but sometimes I have to pull back. I will definitely say I'm emotionally scarred." She also reveals she has spoken with other female students on this campus that have been raped, usually due to the woman drinking and subsequently being taken advantage of.

Beth Roemer, Resident Assistant programming director, says, "There is a need to raise the consciousness concerning date rape here. I think a lot of times people aren't sure what date rape is. They are not aware of what made them feel uncomfortable. Television portrays it as a very overt act, but sometimes it is a very covert act. It can be violent through coercion as well as just physically."

A woman's misunderstanding of her rape is due in part to society's sex role stereotypes. On television women are portrayed as submissive, weak, saying no to sex when they really mean yes. Men in the media vanquish women with their forceful embraces and then carry them up the staircase to the bedroom. In real life, however, men have to comprehend a woman's "no" means **NO**.

Often date rape occurs when a man and a woman are not communicating with each other about their sexual desires. The woman may wear a revealing dress or give off bodily signals contrary to her true intentions. The man misreads these signals, forces her to have sexual relations with him, and may never understand that he committed an act of rape.

"Date rapists are more sexually active than other males and more likely to have a history of antisocial behavior. Women—alone, in a new environment, suffer from low self-esteem and are not very good at asserting themselves," reports *Time* magazine on campus rape. Other characteristics of date rapists are displays of anger or aggression, viewing women as adversaries, subscribing excessively to traditional male and female stereotypes, attempting to make the woman feel guilty or accusing the woman of being tense. "Many date rapists are repeat offenders and are skilled at identifying weaknesses in potential victims. The rapist is looking for a woman he can control, since his primary motivation is power rather than sex," explains Carol Pritchard in *Avoiding Rape on and Off the Campus*. In a large percentage of date rape cases, the victim is often a virgin. A virgin is naive about male and female sexual relations, and is confused about what is happening to her.

Many times a woman is intoxicated; "It's much harder for you to be in control of the situation if you're under the influence of these substances. Be aware of how much your date drinks, too," counsels the pamphlet *What Women and Men Should Know About Date Rape*.

One of the preventions of date rape is to always be alert—alcohol dulls the ability to be alert. *Psychology Today* found, "When a man initiated a date, drove to and from the date, sexual aggression was more likely. They also found that if both people got drunk (at a party, for example) and parked or found themselves in the male's dorm room or apartment, then the date was more likely to end with the woman being forced to perform against her wishes." Some men think it is permissible to rape a woman who is inebriated but Roemer argues, "When you are high, it still does count as rape." Although a woman takes many precautions, she is still vulnerable. Roemer says, "Anything a girl can do for prevention is recommended. But you can do all these things and still be a victim."

After this experience, a woman may feel depressed, embarrassed, and guilty. The rapist "stole a part of you," states Roemer. The woman usually loses trust in people and belief in her own perceptions. Date rapes happen usually after the third or fourth date. By then the woman trusts her companion. When she is raped, she finds she misjudged the character of the man who raped her. Roemer elaborates, "They went out with someone they thought they knew. They built a relationship and then that trust was violated."

What You Should Know About Rape suggests women should learn self-defense: "The best-prepared person (in a rape situation) is the one who has thought about and rehearsed many different strategies. Indeed, she is less likely to be attacked because of her attitude in the street and about herself." Self-defense encourages women to be more confident; rapists prey on weak and fearful women.

But, warns Gerald Roderick, Security Director, "you also have to realize your limitations. You're not going to be able to knock down a three-hundred pound guy with a blow to the stomach." Roderick recommends using "good common sense" before entering dangerous situations. Roderick further comments, "I tend to think that people get caught up in a false sense of security because it is a small campus."

Contrary to popular belief, date rape does occur at Washington College. The book, *Sexual Assault on Campus: What Colleges Should Do*, recommends colleges should revise "codes of student conduct to specifically prohibit rape and other sexual assaults, develop "an official written school policy condemning sexual assault," implement "educational programs on sexual assault" and establish "an effective program to assist the victim of sexual assault. With the implementation of these steps, some rapes could be prevented. But says *Avoiding Rape On and Off Campus* "for rapes to stop, men have to stop raping. Men must apply pressure on their peers to treat women with respect and as equals. Women must realize that they do contribute to making themselves vulnerable to dangerous situations, although they are never responsible for their rapes. Women must understand that they can lessen their vulnerability by being aware of their surroundings and by being assertive." The silent rape has to be heard, brought out into the open.

Freshman Profile

This year's Freshman Profile isn't that different from the profile of last years class. The major differences are in the areas of previous education and the ratio of males to females.

The average Standard Apptitude Test (SAT) scores for this year's freshman class are the same as last year's class. The average verbal score is 500 and the average math score is 510, combining for a total average score of 1010.

Fifty seven percent of this year's class graduated from public high schools. This figure is up six percent from last year. Fifty six percent of the freshman class are women. This is also up six percent from last year.

This year's enrollment is also up. According to Mr. Kevin Coveney, Vice President for Admissions and Enrollment Management, Washington College was one of only a few college's not only in Maryland but in the nation that had an increase in enrollment this year. "Thankfully, Washington College had a very good year," he said. Last year's freshman class numbered 230. This year's class has 237 member.

The majority of the freshman class are from Maryland, as fifty-one percent are from there. New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania are all next in line with eight, seven and six percent of the students coming from these states accordingly. Some members of the freshman class are from as far across country as California. Two students are from there. Out of the fifty states, Washington College's class of 1994 is made up of students from nineteen states, the District of Columbia, and five countries.

The freshmen class is not made up solely of students from the United States. There is one student here at Washington College from each of the following countries- Argentina, Bahrain, England, Mexico, and the USSR.

Hidden in a cloud of smoke

By Dan Sperling

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A third of all smokers won't smoke around others, far more than those who refrained a decade ago, according to a study in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

But the fallout created by the smoking debate shows: Barely half as many smokers as a decade ago will ask if bystanders mind before lighting up.

The study was conducted by Dr. Ronald M. Davis, director of the Office on Smoking and Health, who analyzed 22,000 interviews with adults in 1987. Davis found that although 80 percent of nonsmokers are bothered by the smoke, only four percent ask smokers to stop.

"The bottom line is that most nonsmokers are suffering in silence," said Davis. "I think most nonsmokers find it very uncomfortable to ask smokers to put out their cigarettes."

The researchers found that in public indoor areas, 33 percent of smokers said they don't smoke around others — a considerable increase from 4 percent in a 1978 poll.

But only 14 percent of smokers said they ask if those around them mind before lighting up — down from 26 percent in 1978.

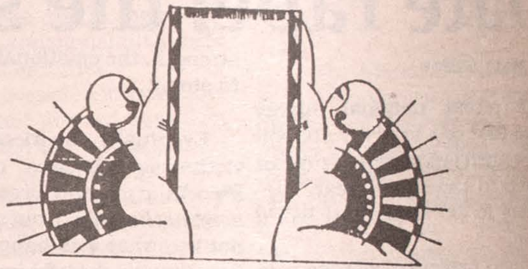
And 47 percent said they light up without asking — vs. 59 percent in 1978.

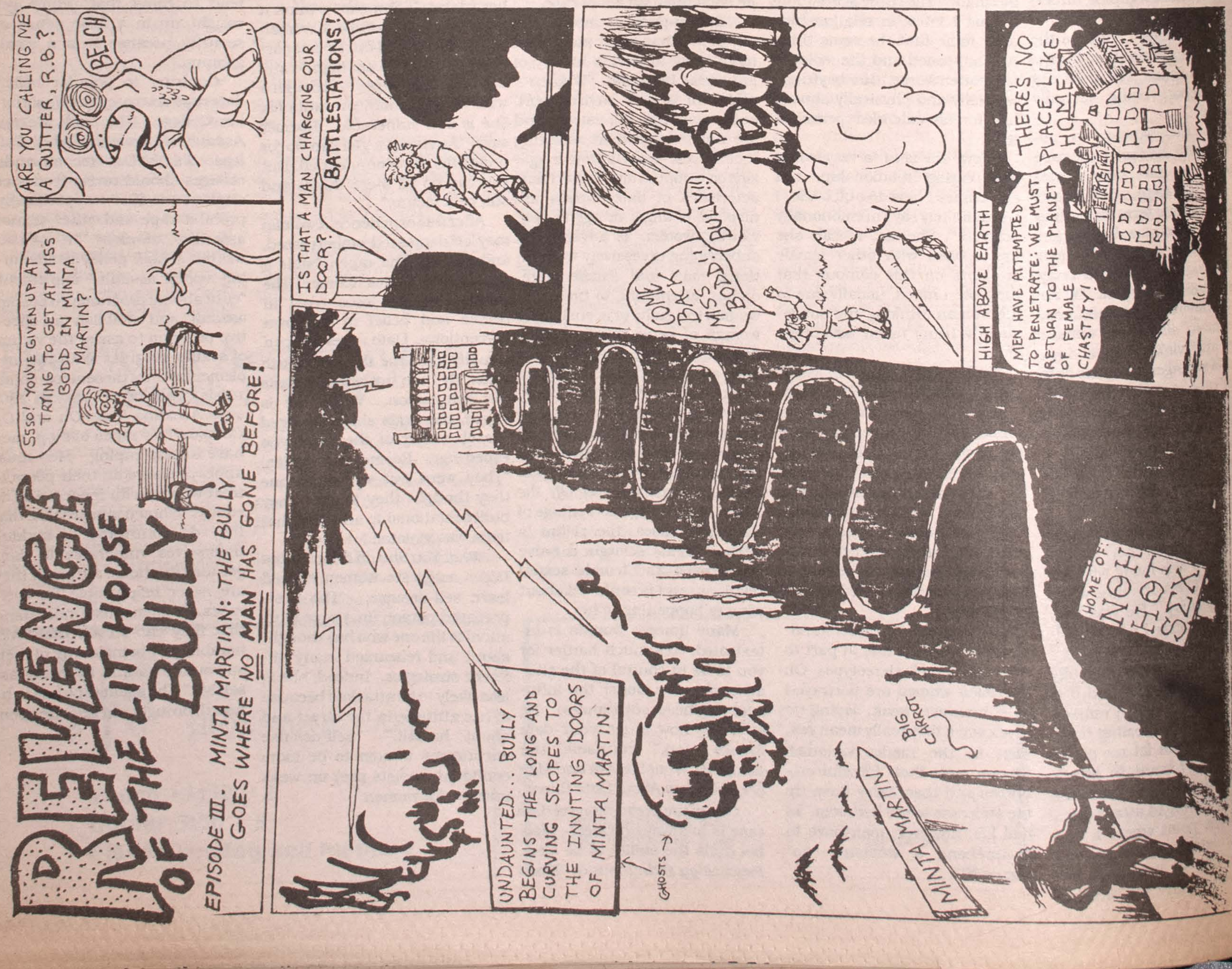
Stricter anti-smoking laws would remedy that, Davis said "If there are signs on the walls saying, 'Smoking is not allowed here,' nonsmokers would feel more comfortable in asking smokers to put out their cigarettes — and smokers would be less likely to light up in the first place."

charges Tobacco Institute spokesman Thomas Lauria.

"Can't this be worked out the way it's always been worked out, without legislation?"

(Dan Sperling writes for USA TODAY.)

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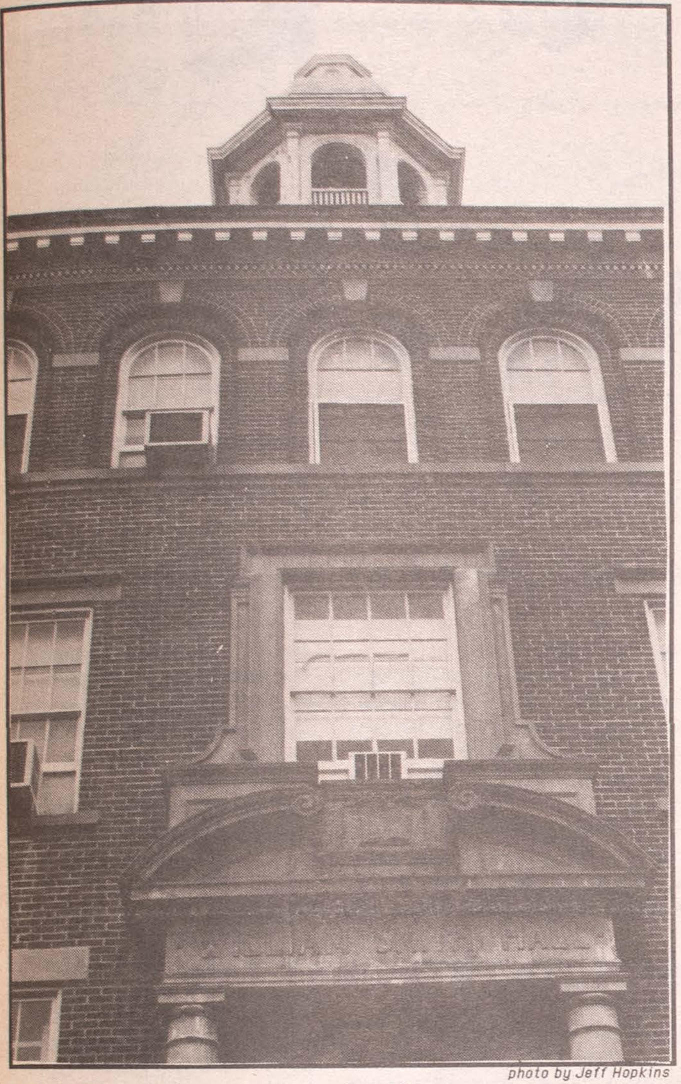

photo by Jeff Hopkins

CD players stolen from Miller Library

By: Susie Mazzullo

Two compact disc players were reported missing from the library's listening room last Friday.

According to members of the library staff, the compact disc players must have been taken either late Wednesday night or sometime on Thursday.

The two CD players had just recently been installed. They were a part of the library's effort to upgrade and modernize it's facilities

The NEC player was installed last winter and the Sharp player had just been installed a few weeks ago, following the opening of school.

Because of this incident, all of the new equipment, which includes two new cassette player and another Sharp compact disc player, have been removed from the listening room. The equipment will remain unavailable to the students until a solution to the problem can be found.

Currently, both Washington College Security and the town police are involved. Along with the library staff they hope to come up with a better form of security for the library and especially rooms where expensive equipment is located, such as the listening room. They are also hoping to recover the missing equipment. What that investigation will entail was not revealed.

Mr. William Tubbs, a librarian at Miller Library, calls the whole situation "quite upsetting." "We were feeling very good about getting modern equipment so that the students could benefit from listening to the clear sound of CD's instead of scratchy records."

Mr. Tubbs also wanted anyone with any information to please contact him or Sergeant Lenny Thompson in the Security office. No questions will be asked. If someone wished to return the compact disc players, they may do so anonymously by leaving them somewhere and then informing security or a member of the library staff as to their location.

According to Mr. Tubbs, it isn't known when or even if the compact disc players will be replaced. "Now instead of the whole student body benefiting from this equipment, only those who took the CD players will have the ability to use them."

S.G.A. meeting:

Senate approves budget

by Kyndra Ponder

At the S.G.A meeting held on Tuesday night, S.G.A Treasurer Brian Gimelson announced the 1990-1991 budget for the Student Government Association.

Gimelson reported that there was $11,334.86 left from last year's S.G.A budget. In addition, the S.G.A will receive approximately $46,300.00 from the Student Activities fee that is collected from each student. As a result the total S.G.A budget for this school year will be $57,634.86.

After administrative expenses, salaries for the Executive Members, SCC Chairman and Parliamentarian, and funds

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Rugby Club formed

By: Susie Mazzullo

After three years of struggling to pull together a rugby team, Seth Engel is finally getting the help and support he needs in order to make the project a success.

In the past, the school would have nothing to do with the forming of a rugby club or team. According to the administration and the athletic department, the risks and liabilities of such a team are too great. Despite this, Seth has managed to pull the team together this year.

Dr. Fred Lohn, an orthopedic surgeon at Queen Anne's Hospital and former rugby player himself is the one who has given Seth the most support. Despite his very busy schedule in the hospital, Dr. Lohn is helping with the organization of the team and plans to help out at practices as much as he can. Dr. Lohn also donated some money to the team so that they may get started. This money supplied they with some of the equipment necessary to the game, such as a few rugby balls.

A coach may have been found for the team. No names are being revealed, however, because the coach has not yet definitely accepted the position. This perspective coach was found by Dr. Lohn.

Ms. Beth Armstrong from the Kent County Parks and Recreation has also proved to be an invaluable asset to the formation of the team. With her help, practice and game fields have been located. All practices and games will be played in Wharton Park.

Dr. Sean O'Connor is also helping out the team by being their faculty advisor. Dr. O'Connor is an associate Professor here at Washington College and the Chair for the De-

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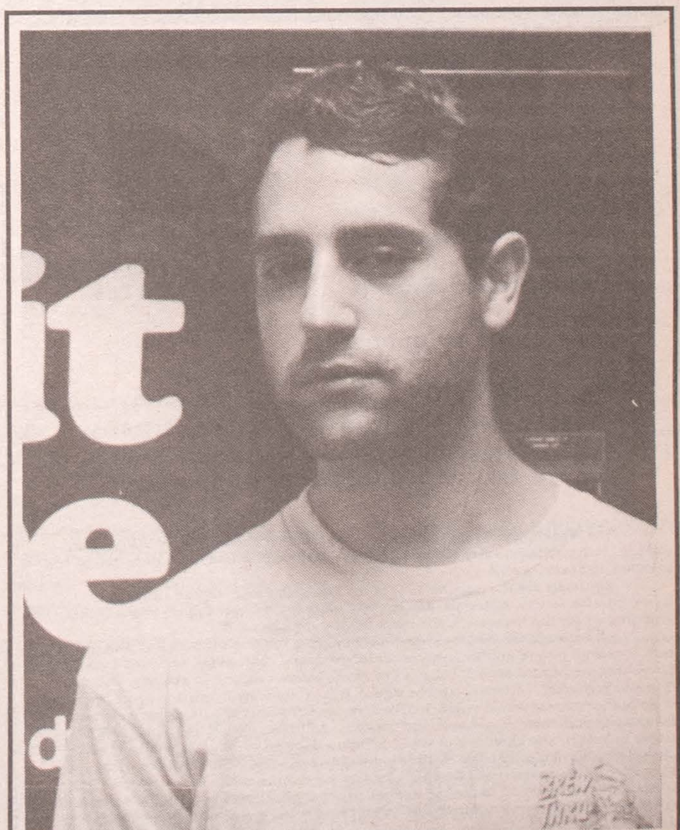

photo by Amy Undercoffler

Seth Engel, founding father of the Rugby club

EDITORIAL

In response to your letters...

In the rush to put out last week's Elm, many, many mistakes were made. Many students took the opportunity to voice their concern about the health of their paper. Unfortunately, due to the size of the issue, we are unable to print every letter. We did, however, make an effort not to repeat the errors made in the last issue, as well as select a letter to the editor that expresses the majority of the concerns voiced.

The current staff is dedicated to publishing an informative and entertaining newspaper, despite the appearance of the last issue. Although we strive to achieve this goal, some articles or graphic printed in the Elm, will invariably offend members of the college community, even though that is never our intent.

We wish to apologize to both Tracey Connell and Morgan Huff. Miss Connell's clever deconstruction of Richard DeProspo was simply a lack of preventive proofreading on the part of the editor, while the second half of Mr. Huff's article was lost due to printer error.

The article substituted for the one written by Mr. Huff, was "Date rape, the silent rape" which first appeared in the Elm, December 1, 1989, written by Kate Absher. In last week's issue, it was mistakenly bylined to Matt Giller. The Elm wishes to extend an apology to Miss Absher, and to stress that it was not the intent of the staff to defraud Miss Absher, but instead to bring attention to a timely and serious issue, acquaintance rape. The Elm deeply regrets the error, and will make every effort to insure similar mistakes do not occur again.

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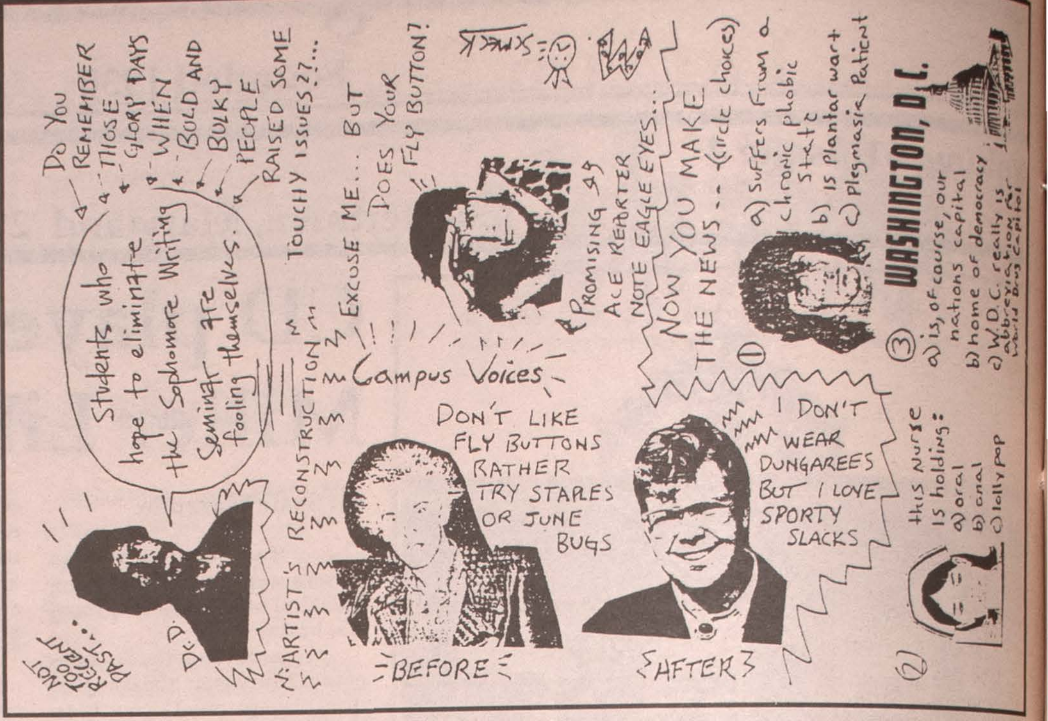
To all Elm watchers: this is indeed Volume 61. In the fall of 1979, an editor putting together the Elm mistakenly skipped Volume 50, thus throwing the count off by one. Since this is the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of the newspaper, this editor has corrected the error.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EXCUSE ME... BUT DOES YOUR FLY BUTTON?
Campus Voices
SMACK
PROMISING AS ACE REPORTER NOTE EAGLE EYES...
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WASHINGTON, D.C.
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I DON'T WEAR DUNGAREES BUT I LOVE SPORTY SLACKS
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D.D.
NOT TOO RECENT PAST...
BEFORE
AFTER

Letters to the Editor

President addresses alcohol policy

Dear Editor,

I was surprised to learn in reading last week's *Elm* that the President of Washington College had arbitrarily re-written the College's alcohol policy and that he is moving in the direction of a dry campus. Let me say that the alcohol policy I inherited on July 1 still stands. Please refer to pages 26-28 of the student handbook for specific details.

I wish to state emphatically that I have no ambition to make Washington College a dry campus. My concern is that we achieve an appropriate level of social responsibility – to "know when to say when," as your "Campus Voices" article put it. To be silent when human lives and College property are trashed is something to which I will not be party. In the meantime, however, I have no interest in abolishing good times at Washington College.

Sincerely,
Charles H. Trout
President

Students express concern over the *Elm*

To the editors of the *Elm*:

In the past weeks we have seen three issues of the *Elm* come to light, and we are disappointed by the lack of quality evident in virtually every page. Some period of adjustment is natural and to be expected, but the faults that are apparent in this last week's issue of the *Elm* are too much for us to accept. We have written numerous articles for the paper in the past, but we are now declaring that we will not do so in the future unless the quality improves.

Aside from basic flaws in layout such as excessive white space and use of clip art, dot-matrix print in the headlines, excessive typographical errors, and a lack of bylines, we would like to comment on certain errors in last week's issue.

On the front page, an article by Tracy Connell breaks off in the middle of paragraphs with the phrase "blah blah blah." This occurs twice.

There is no caption on the photo, and the border created by the layout program has not been removed. Also, the Courier font looks out of place.

The sole letter to the Editor has the word "alcohol" misspelled throughout. Also, it runs onto a boxed item at the bottom of the page. Although it continues onto page 4, there is

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Issue: Do you feel security is adequate on the Washington College campus?

Doesn't feel safe parking on campus at night

Kyndra Ponder

Do I feel safe on Washington College's campus? To be perfectly honest, no I don't.

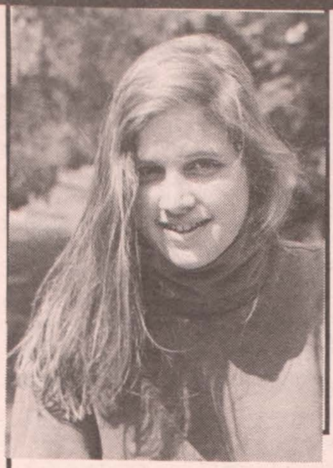
Now, I am not saying this to offend our Security force - valiant though they may be. I am saying this as a realist. I simply do not feel comfortable walking home at night by myself.

Many times this year, I will be traveling to Baltimore, Washington or parts of Delaware at night by myself. This unfortunately means that I will have to drive back to Chestertown late at night - often after midnight and I will be left to try to find a parking place on my own. On the five times this year that I have already had to do this, I have refused to park across campus - in the lots by the quad or at the lot by Gibson Fine Arts. It is impossible to find a legal space empty at two thirty on a Monday night in the Reid parking lot so I have done what so many other students have done - I've made my own space. Of course, as early as possible the next morning, I move my car to someplace legal, but the lack of parking is beside the point. I park illegally, not because I am too lazy to walk across campus, but because I don't want to take a chance then regret it later.

When I work late at night, I will sometimes walk home by myself, but more often than not, I ask a male friend to stop by or I get one of the Security officers to escort me. I live in Reid, and most of the places that I have to walk are fairly well lit so I feel a lot safer, but if I lived in Minta Martin or Cardinal, I would be very wary about being alone after dark. There is almost no lighting in those areas - and that is asking for trouble.

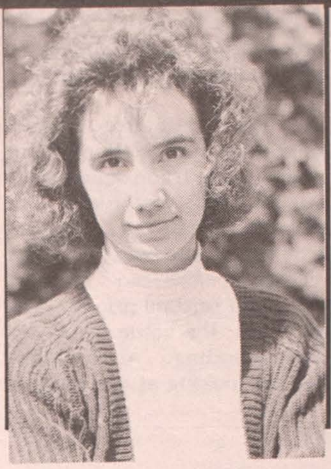
I am sure that someone is probably thinking "Come on, this is Chestertown. What could possibly happen here?" To that I reply - "Wake up!" Chestertown may be surrounded by cornfields and farm animals, but we still live in 20th Century America. That fact means that no matter where we go, there are risks and we are not completely safe. Sad as it is, this is not the world that William Smith knew when he began the college in 1782.

Kyndra Ponder is a senior majoring in English



Elizabeth Aylesworth
Freshman
Wellesly, MA

Security seems to be around when you need them or easily accessible, and they seem to know what they are doing. I think the Washington College security force is dedicated and that they are looking out for me.

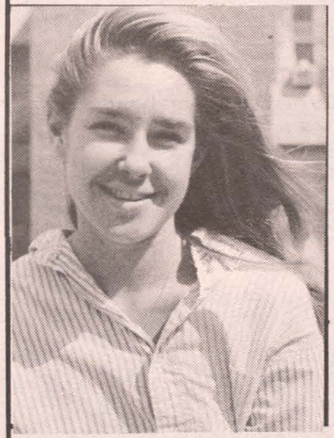


Melissa Sirick
Sophomore
Newington, CT

Not at all, a woman by herself does not feel independent to walk around campus late at night.

Frank Cabreja
Senior
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

I think security could be improved, but I think that the college is making an effort with the recent additions to the security staff. We could use more outdoor lighting and security could try to be more visible.

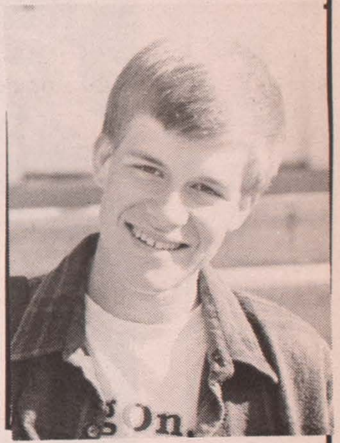


Melissa Merrell
Freshman
Potomac, MD

I feel safe, even when walking alone at night.

India Henson
Junior
Mannheim, Germany

No, it is not adequate, even though this is Chestertown, a lot could happen. Security needs to be a lot more visible and we also need better outdoor lighting.



Doug Peterson
Freshman
Derwood, MD

Personally, I feel secure on campus, most of the campus is well lit, I don't feel threatened at night like I would in an urban area. I think that security on campus is adequate.

-Photos by Kevin Decker

Need more lighting

Ivette Gormas
Sue Czechowski
Julia Scheid

As a woman on the campus of Washington College, I feel the security is not up to the level it should be. Not only does one feel unsafe, but extremely weary of walking around campus after dark.

Last year when visiting this school the question of it's safety seemed to present no problem. During the day, Chestertown has the appearance of Mayberry, where your only concern is crossing the crosswalk safely and not get hit by a mack truck. But as the shadows of night roll upon this quaint town, it seems to transform to the crime ridden Gothom City(on a much smaller scale of course.)

One major contributing factors that bothers many women on campus is the problem of insufficient lighting. The only lit area after dusk is the fire lane. From Bill Smith to Minta Martian as well as Cecil and Talbot to Reid Hall, and numerous other places on campus there is no lighting whatsoever. When coming back to the dorms at night from the library, computing or arts centers, or even just a friends, one does not feel safe. Because of this poor lighting situation, walking alone or even with a friend can cause one to feel vulnerable.

Another factor that causes fear among the female student body is the sometimes not nice people of Chestertown, the "Townees." When walking on campus or even into town, it seems these people are truly never happy without hootin and a'hollerin out of their low riding pick up trucks. Sometimes it is just more an annoyance, than actually being afraid, but when they slow up or follow you it can create a problem.

Despite the appearance of Chestertown being the tranquil and picturesque college every mother feels safe sending her daughter to, that daughter must take precautions. It would be nice if security could be a lot more visible more often, just as it would be nice if we had more lights, but until that day we must watch out for ourselves. So as corny as this may sound, please, think rationally. And when walking at night take some friends, don't walk alone. Think about it-it's your life your protecting.

Sue, Julia and Ivette are freshmen.

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In the world: past support of Iraq questioned

United States

For the first time since the Persian Gulf crisis erupted last month, congressional Democrats bitterly attacked the Bush administration's conduct, accusing officials of "pursuing a misguided foreign policy that may have contributed to Iraq's seizure of Kuwait." Delegates argued that the "obsequious treatment of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein by a large number of high-ranking officials" encouraged him to take that action.

Reports released by the Pentagon yesterday state that Iraq has increased the number of troops in and near Kuwait to 360,000 compared to the 265,000 said to be there just two weeks ago. Iraq has also increased the number of tanks in the area by about 500. Its forces, however, still appear to be in a defensive position.

The Commerce Department reported the sharpest increase in the trade deficit since August 1982 yesterday. The soaring trade deficit is particularly worrisome because it was recorded before Iraq's invasion of Kuwait sent oil prices—and, therefore, the value of US imports-spiraling. Analysts fear "we are looking at the worst of all possible worlds for the economy, worsening inflation and slower growth." Inflation is now at its worst in eight years, and the chain of effects of oil inflation can be expected to be "massive through the economy."

Atlanta won a final-round showdown with Athens, Greece yesterday to be the site for the centennial staging of the modern Olympic Games, which were first staged in the Greek capital in 1896. Atlanta's $7 million, three-year campaign won in what many considered the strongest field of would-be host cities ever to confront the governing body. Atlanta will be the third US city to play host to the Games.

Soviet Union

In a remarkable sign of post-Cold War cooperation, the Soviet Union has agreed to lend the United States a large ship for ferrying military equipment to the Persian Gulf. There is also discussion between the US and the USSR concerning the US use of Soviet transport planes to help ferry US soldiers and equipment to the gulf. To date, no known agreement has been reached on this.

For the first time in nearly three decades, exiled Soviet writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn directly addressed the Soviet public on a current political topic through an official publication. His stridently anti-Communist manifesto was printed, unedited, by a Communist Party publishing house in a special supplement to the newspaper of the Communist Youth League. In his article, Solzhenitsyn stated that "An independent citizen cannot exist without private property." Indirectly this article strikes yet another blow against the already staggering government of Soviet Prime Minister Ryzhkov.

South Africa

Winnie Mandela, the wife of South Africa's most prominent black leader, was charged with kidnapping and assault yesterday "in a case that threatens to sidetrack South Africa's political reform process." Mrs. Mandela will be tried along with seven others in the kidnapping and murder of a teen-age activist in 1989. Fourteen year old, James Moeketsi, was abducted and taken to Mrs. Mandella's Soweto home last year. Mrs. Mandella's body guard was sentenced to death last month for the murder. This news comes as a "jolt" to the African National Congress. Mrs. Mandela was appointed director of this organization only last month.

Compiled by Jennifer Stickney-Miss Stickney is a sophomore majoring in Psychology.

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no indication of that. Where it does continue, the headline overlaps it.

Where is Campus Voices? The guest editorials are present - except that one seems to be actually written by the Editor-in-Chief but the credit at the bottom of the article is missing half of that title.

Slice's two pages of so-called feature articles don't seem to actually be feature articles at all. The caption on the photo is idiotic, and does not even match the article, which purports to be about Chestertown natives. The people pictured are off-campus students. The article was potentially offensive to actual residents of the town.

The review of the new Sonic Youth album started out promisingly, but never ended. Instead, the next page of Arts and Entertainment provided us

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FEATURES

Senior tells benefits of living off campus

Amy Tiehel

Dorm life is part of everyone's college experience, unless of course, they are like me and have chosen to live off-campus. Sure, I lived in a dorm. Freshman year I was a second floor Reid Hall delinquent. We drove our R.A. crazy, along with the (I'm doing my thesis) seniors. This in fact was one of the reasons I chose to move out of my dorm sophomore year and try "real life" in Chestertown. There would be no R.A., and I would not have to contend with obnoxious freshmen. However, I quickly learned that off-campus living was not as glamorous as it sounded.

First and foremost, while I no longer had an R.A. to fine me, I now had to deal with the Chestertown police. Also, instead of being awakened by late night Newt's crowds I was awakened by early churchgoers. Being that the church is practically in my front yard, it tends to be a problem.

Living off-campus also brought a new set of problems that I never had to deal with in a dorm room. For instance, toilet paper suddenly became a major expense, as did trash bags, paper towels and butter. I personally thought that butter just sort of grew in our fridge in home, thus I was quite surprised to learn that I had to purchase it at the store. Broken oil tanks in the basement, leaking sinks and toilets, and freezing cold showers were not things that could be left for W.C.'s maintenance crew to fix. The plumber, the electrician, the cable man, and the washer and dryer guys have become a part of my off-campus "family." Cleaning has become an interesting experience as well. Instead of a 4 foot by 4 foot room it is an entire house, bathrooms and all. And, now that I am out of my dorm, my parents make frequent visits just to make sure the house hasn't burned down.

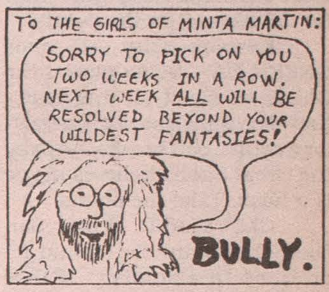
Despite all this, off-campus living cannot be that bad because now I'm a senior and I still have not gone back to the dorms. I guess I'm just not that excited about the prospect of living in a bread box again. Off-campus living also means that what I do is my business. Saturday night's activities will not hit the W.C. "grapevine" until at least Monday morning. It means that I can still find my telephone even if I haven't done laundry for a month. Off-campus living also offers me the opportunity to experiment with new and exotic foods when I detest what is being offered in the Dining Hall. Living off-campus has also changed my perspective about Chestertown. I have met many of my neighbors and they are all quite friendly, even though I am just one of those "college kids." I have found that there is more to Chestertown than meets the eye. Living off-campus I have learned to take advantage of the beauty Chestertown has to offer. Also, it gives me the chance to get away when I need to; all the time knowing my friends are only a few blocks away.

While I do miss the loud and hectic characteristics of dorm life, and off-campus living can be too quiet sometimes, I still do not regret my decision to remain off-campus. There is something I like about not having my bedroom, kitchen, living room, and entertainment area all rolled into one. When friends do stop by (even though it is rare, because you know, I am so far away,) I have a place where they can sit other than my bed. And, I will admit, it is nice not to have to entertain my parents in a dorm room all day. My father enjoys a drink or two on our back deck, while my mother entertains herself criticizing me on my cleaning ability.

While I sometimes feel that I am missing out on a major part of the college experience, I also feel that I have created my own experience that those on campus are missing out on. Like this morning, I woke up early and the whole house was extremely bright with the light of the sun. One of my housemates was dozing in the living room and I did not have to wake him up while I got ready for class (a major hazard when one lives in a dorm room.) I made myself some breakfast and then drove up to class. At night, when I got home, my housemates were hanging out watching the tube and I knew that living off-campus gave me that "home away from home" feeling that I was looking for.

So overall, while I feel that there are both advantages and disadvantages to living off-campus, I have decided that it is better to be a delinquent living off-campus than to be a delinquent living on the second floor of Reid Hall.

Amy Tiehel is a senior English major who is very good at field hockey.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I would've bought a Macintosh even without the student discount.

Greg Gallent
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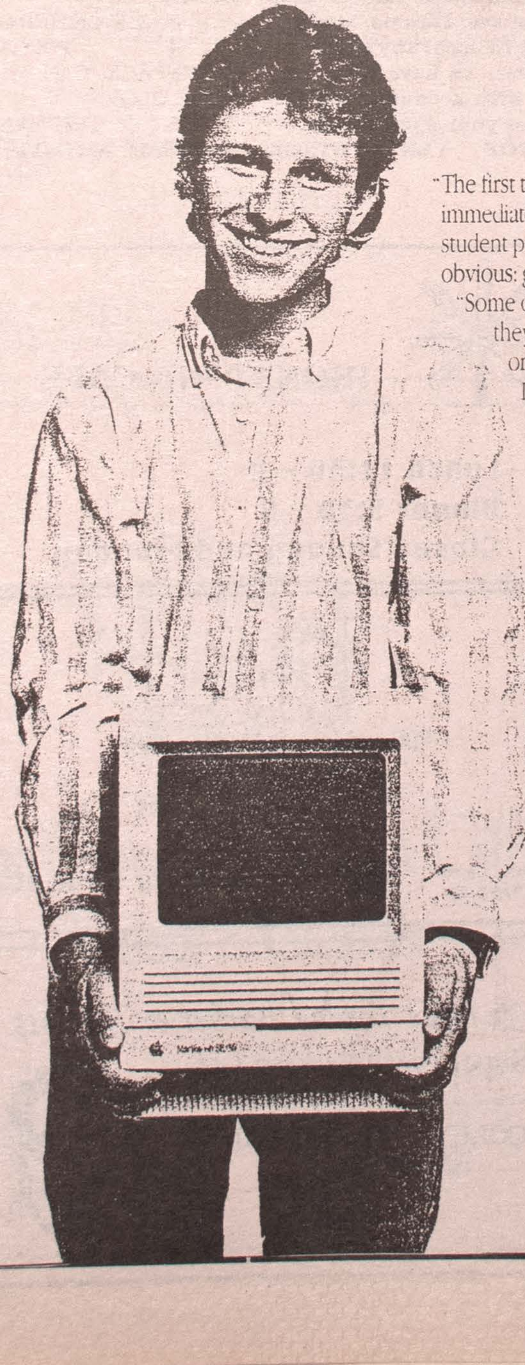

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Undaunted, the Great Sabha returns

Although the second weekend in September is traditionally the worst two days of the year for psychics, the Great Sabha won a few Zorns by successfully predicting the outcome of more than half of the weekend's pigskin activities. This week the atmosphere is once again clear. Conditions couldn't be more perfect. Subscribers, heed GS's words and get on the horn to win a few Plunketts for yourself.

NFL

N.Y. GIANTS -7 over Miami. LT will run over the Dolphins' inexperienced front five. Marino is going to have to be called on more often this week - just what No. 56 likes. Give the points.

Kansas City +3 over GREEN BAY. Some picked the Chiefs to win it all this year - they'd be undefeated if it weren't for a couple bad breaks. Anyway the Great Sabha believes magic is a hoax. Take the points.

CLEVELAND -5 over San Diego. Kosar and Co. should get on track this Sunday - if they don't, it could be a long season in the Dog Pound. Give the points.

Phoenix +9 over NEW ORLEANS. Rosenbach and the Cards have a lot of confidence coming off win against Eagles last week. Great Sabha likes the Desert Destroyers as the underdog again this week. Take the points.

WASHINGTON -14 over Dallas. The Skins should get some sweet revenge against the Jimmy Johnson and his Cowgirls who beat them in RFK last year. This is a no-brainer. Give the points.

CINCINNATI -9 1/2 over New England. Boomer should finally have a good week on his home (artificial) turf. Sabha warns readers, vibes aren't clear since not even he knows which Bengal team is going to show up. However, give the points.

L.A. RAMS -5 over Philadelphia. Buddy's Bad Boys aren't as bad as they think they are - they're worse. You can be sure that Father Ryan won't be shaking hands with Robinson before he unhappily leaves the Big A.

DENVER -9 over Seattle. The Seahawks aren't flying with both wings this year. A touchdown and a field goal is more than enough against this pathetic offense from the northern Pacific.

SAN FRANCISCO -11 over Atlanta. Neon Deion thinks he's the greatest thing since sliced bread. Rice and Montana will burn him enough to look like toast. Give the points.

L.A. RAIDERS -5 over Pittsburgh. If it wasn't for the Steel Curtain, the Silver and Black would have been the team of the 70's. Art Shell gets his first chance to coach against them and Coach Noll. Give the points.

Detroit +2 1/2 over TAMPA BAY. Last year's worst defensive team in the conference better make some adjustments if they are going to stop Sanders and the Silver-Stretch offense. The Bucs better do a rain dance Sunday morning. Take the points.

BEST BETS

HOUSTON -9 over Indianapolis. The last thing Jeff George will remember about this game is getting off the plane in Houston. Welcome to the House of Pain, Jeff. Give the points.

CHICAGO -2 Minnesota. The Battle at Midway. Don't expect more than a touchdown from the Scandinavian Marauders from the Twin Cities. Sabha says wager 50 Hannahs on this one. Give the points.

COLLEGE

MARYLAND -2 1/2 over NC State. The Terps are the hottest team outside of Charlottesville in the ACC. Krivak's job is on the line here at home. Expect a win from the kids from College Park. Give the points.

OKLAHOMA -35 1/2 over Tulsa. The Battle of the Sooner state? Ah, no. The Sooners should have the spread well in hand by the end of the first half. Don't pass this one up. Give beaucoup points.

WISCONSIN -3 over Temple. If Bill Cosby suits up for the Owls this Saturday then this football program will truly be a joke. By the way Temple can't play on the road, or in cold weather, or outside their conference, or against teams that wear red or blue or green or yellow or pink or plaid or... Give the points.

Notre Dame -6 over MICHIGAN ST. The Irish are missing Lyght. However, it is extremely rare that ND loses to the spread twice in one season let alone two consecutive weeks.

Florida St. -26 over TULANE. State is gunning for respect. Will want to run the score into triple figures. Bowden is certainly capable of it. Give the points.

Great Sabha's results this season:

NFL: 8-6

BEST BETS: 2-0

COLLEGE: 2-3 (SABHA'S NOT DOING ANYMORE IVY GAMES)

Softball: this weekend's top ten

By Matt Giller

This Saturday, I'm sure you have heard by now that a softball tournament will be played. Since not all the teams and their rosters have been available to our home office in Geneva, Illinois, we are unable to make any seedings. However, we have been supplied with a couple top ten lists for your amusement.

TOP TEN THINGS OVERHEARD AT THETA CHI SOFTBALL TOURNEY THIS WEEKEND

1. FILL ME UP? I'M ON DECK.
2. DID YOU GO SEE THE DEAD SHOW LAST WEEK, DUDE?
3. KNOCK HER CAP OFF!
4. HEY, WHAT'S YOUR-FACE, CAN I BORROW YOUR GLOVE?
5. IF THIS WAS REAL BASEBALL WE'D WIN IT ALL.
6. OUT - AH, JUST KIDDING MR. AUVIL - SAFE.
7. I TOOK TIME AWAY FROM MY THESIS TO PLAY IN THIS - IT BETTER BE WORTH IT.
8. HIT THE ONE IN THE MIDDLE.
9. OOPS - SORRY, THERE WAS NO PINE TAR ON THAT BAT.
10. HEY, NO SPINNERS!

TOP TEN THINGS OVERHEARD AT PARTIES AFTER TOURNAMENT

1. IS THAT AN EASTON BAT IN YOUR POCKET OR ARE YOU JUST GLAD TO SEE ME.
2. HELLO LITTLE LADY - DID YOU SEE MY DINGER TODAY? (SLAP!)
3. LET ME GET THE CHAMPS A BEER - NO, LET ME - NO, LET ME ...
4. HEY, I DIDN'T MEAN TO SPIKE YOU TODAY - THAT'S OK. DOCTORS SAY I SHOULD BE OUT OF THIS WHEELCHAIR BY CHRISTMAS
5. I TOOK TIME AWAY FROM MY THESIS TO GO TO THIS PARTY - IT BETTER BE WORTH IT.
6. DID YOU GO TO THE DEAD SHOW LAST WEEK, DUDE?
7. CAN YOU BELIEVE SURF N TURF WON AGAIN?
8. DID WE WIN?
9. I THINK I PULLED SOMETHING TODAY.
10. YOU'RE A PRETTY GOOD PITCHER, FOR A GIRL.

Matt Giller is a senior International Studies major. His hobbies include biking uphill, spreading Elmer's glue on his hands and then peeling the dried stuff, and reading unknown 18th Century Russian prose in the original. Matt is also a member of the Surf N Turf team that has won three straight titles..

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The world according to Sonic Youth: Goo

By Morgan Huff

When I was seven years old, I spent most evenings before bed abusively torturing my mother's menagerie of hi-tech kitchen appliances. Blenders buzzing from puree to liquefy in less than six seconds, cake mixers, juicers, electric peelers, all added to the sibilant cacophony which usually climaxed with me rolling back on the floor banging wooden spoons against a metal pan like some snot covered primitive. Just the same, 'Goo' reminds me of my kitchen.

What dynamics give rise to such squalor, you ask? For short, this New York quartet pledges allegiance to a philosophy of *Sonic Life*, and have been doing so for over nine years. A snippet from the groups classic album *Evol*, speaks aptly well for those of sonic conviction: " We're gonna kill the California girls. . .We're gonna find the meaning of feeling good / And we're gonna stay there as long as we think we should."

More importantly, however, within the past four years since *Evol* 's release, the Youth have refined their twin guitar attack to an admirable level of intensity and primal scream. In the early days, guitarists Lee Ranaldo and Thurston Moore created the sonic approach through altered tunings and ear ringing feedback. Granted much of their earlier work is unbearably amorphous at times, but it stands as the genesis to a decade long sonic evolution where no end is yet in sight.

Think of this band as a distant cousin to Hendrix's "Third Stone From the Sun" or the Velvet Underground's "Sister Ray" and you won't be surprised at what they offer up on much of *Goo*. The swirling dissonance of "Mote" pounds you and hypnotizes via it's steam-roller momentum and conventional appreciation for repetitive atonal sound. Other songs, such as "Mary-Christ", beckon back to the unbridled ferocity of early garage rockers who liked to grab listeners by the nuts and make them sweat a little.

Kim Gordon's bass playing reaches an all time high for intestine twisting low end sleazy on the song *Goo*, and Steve Shelly's tasteful slosh on drums has finally risen from the sludge of earlier albums. A listen to the leading track "Dirty Boots" recalls the raw driving riffs of Keith Richard's, a la "Jumping Jack Flash", but refuses to mimic anyone. Sure, *Goo* may remind you of rock past, but it's only a nostalgic whisper underneath oddball tunings and extraterrestrial overtones dripping seductively in your ear.

An almost accessible gem on *Goo* is the clever and startlingly strong "Kool Thing", wherein Kim Gordon posts a mid-song question to Public Enemy's Chuck D: "What are you gonna do for us girls? What about male white corporate oppression?" Underground artist Raymond Pettibond's cover art adds to this call for liberation from oppression and mediocrity with a rather understated black/white picture and accompanying short verse, which reads, "I stole my sister's boyfriend. . .within a week we killed my parents and hit the road." Indeed, this band is as pissed off as the next guy, yet they're not trying to talk your head off about injustice this, injustice that. The Youth are here to send a chainsaw hurricane and mystic oscillations straight to your brain, and that, I think, is representation enough of their beliefs.

Anyone who discounts this band as a mere exercise in noise is a pure bred fool. You have to ask yourself: If Sonic Youth didn't exist, would we have to invent them? The answer: Probably not. But that's what makes them so quintessentially cool. They've constructed an almost entirely original approach to rock music, which at the present time most western ears haven't been accustomed to. Don't be surprised if the wrath of metal soon disintegrates and thousands of twelve year old kids across the country stay up late playing along to old Youth albums. The 'Fuck Led Zeppelin' attitude gave rise to Youth, and eventually the 'Fuck Sonic Youth' attitude will lead rock elsewhere. In the meantime, go load dad's shotgun and ask your sister's fiance' for a kiss. Or better yet, let *Goo* slobber all over you a few hours. It's the sickest fun you'll ever have, and no one has to die.

Morgan Huff is a sophomore with Goo in his kitchen. The editors apologize for the misprint of his article last week.

The Bauhouse exhibition: censored and censured?

By J. Tarin Towers

The Baltimore Arts' United House, or BAUhouse, recently opened an exhibit of local art that had been banned and censored. Censorship action which the press focuses on is usually of nationwide scope, as in the case of the Mapplethorpe photos. However, it is much more prevalent on the local scene; more, in fact, than most of us are aware of.

The actions taken against the various artworks varied from place to place. Usually censorship takes the form of the removal of a work from the display site it was supposed to occupy. This is most blatant when the work is removed without the notification, much less consent, of the artist or artists.

An example of this is Jose Villarrubia's "Icarus" This 12'x 9' watercolor/colored pencil drawing is a beautiful representation of the Greek myth. It is a very carefully and completely rendered male nude.

It was one of many works selected to be displayed in a public building in the Washington area. However, it was the only one that was removed from the exhibit. Villarrubia was notified after the drawing was removed, and the explanation was that a male nude was not appropriate for the main lobby of a public building.

A painting by Bebe Williams was also removed from display, but on even more insubstantial grounds. The painting was entitled "Inner-City Romance". It was determined to have racial overtones; the "black" figures in the painting were supposedly the "bad guys". In actuality it was a representation of two inner-city children experiencing "puppy love" by playing together and going on carnival rides. Not only innocuous, but pro-equality, Williams' work was a victim of interpretation.

A more extreme case of censorship involved Alice Sims. Her "Water Babies" series was a collection of photographs and paintings of Sims' own baby daughter and a neighbor. Both subjects were female and photographed nude. The photographs depicted the subjects in an innocent, non-exploitative way. Sims also used flowers, water, and a blue filter to make the subjects appear to be submerged.

Not only were the artworks banned, they were confiscated and used as evidence in a criminal trial. Sims was brought up on charges of child pornography. All her photographic material was labeled "paraphernalia" and also confiscated. Sims' children were taken away as wards of the court.

Censorship is affecting all of us, in ways we aren't even aware of. It affects the contents of music, television, film, literature, and theater. The first Constitutional Amendment guarantees everyone the right to his own opinion (freedom of speech. This same amendment, however, gives us the right to create works of art that others may not like (freedom of expression).

The exhibit at the BAUhouse will host a panel discussion at 8:00 p.m. on September 22.

J. Tarin Towers believes the only justified censorship would involve the New Kids.

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Several bicycles have been stolen from campus this semester. The thefts have occurred at various locations around campus and all bicycles stolen were left unsecured at the time of theft. Please keep your bicycles locked in a secure area when unattended.

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Rugby

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A meeting was held on Wednesday night in William Smith to introduce the game, decide on days and time of practices and also to decide on dues.

Approximately fifty people showed interest in the club by showing up at the meeting. Dues for the club were decided on and will be $60.00. This fee includes a uniform- a rugby shirt, shorts, and socks that may be kept upon completion of the season. Cleats, however, must be bought separately. The dues will also be used for social funding throughout the year.

Additional funding may be received from the Student Government Association. This is planned to be brought up and voted upon during the next S.G.A. meeting.

Practices are scheduled to begin on October first and anyone interested that did not attend the meeting on Wednesday night, should contact Seth before then or at practice. "We are looking for people to play," he says. "It is a lot of fun and really relaxed unlike the structure of varsity sports. The main reason to play is for the camaraderie because there is more in rugby than in any other sport."

Budget

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for unforeseen projects have been taken out of the budget the S.G.A is left with about $43,000.00 to spend on both social activities and for club funding. The proposed budget was adopted unanimously by the Senators.

"This being one of the bigger budgets in recent years, I am quite hopeful that this administration will be able to utilize the funds in such a way to make this quite a memorable and positive year for us all," says Gimelson.

Because the S.G.A has $20,000.00 to spend for clubs this year, Gimelson urges Club Presidents or Treasurers to attend the funding meetings in addition to sending in the proposal of expenditures. Gimelson "strongly encourages all interested club representatives to show up to give us a better understanding of what they want the money for. Submitting a proposal is just not enough." Club funding meetings will begin Monday. Anyone interested or needing more information about when their club is scheduled to meet with the committee should contact Brian Gimelson at ext. 456.

Finally, Gimelson added that he is especially pleased with "the concern that the Senate appears to have for the school and for the participation and interest roles that the Freshman class appears to be taking in Student Government."

LETTER

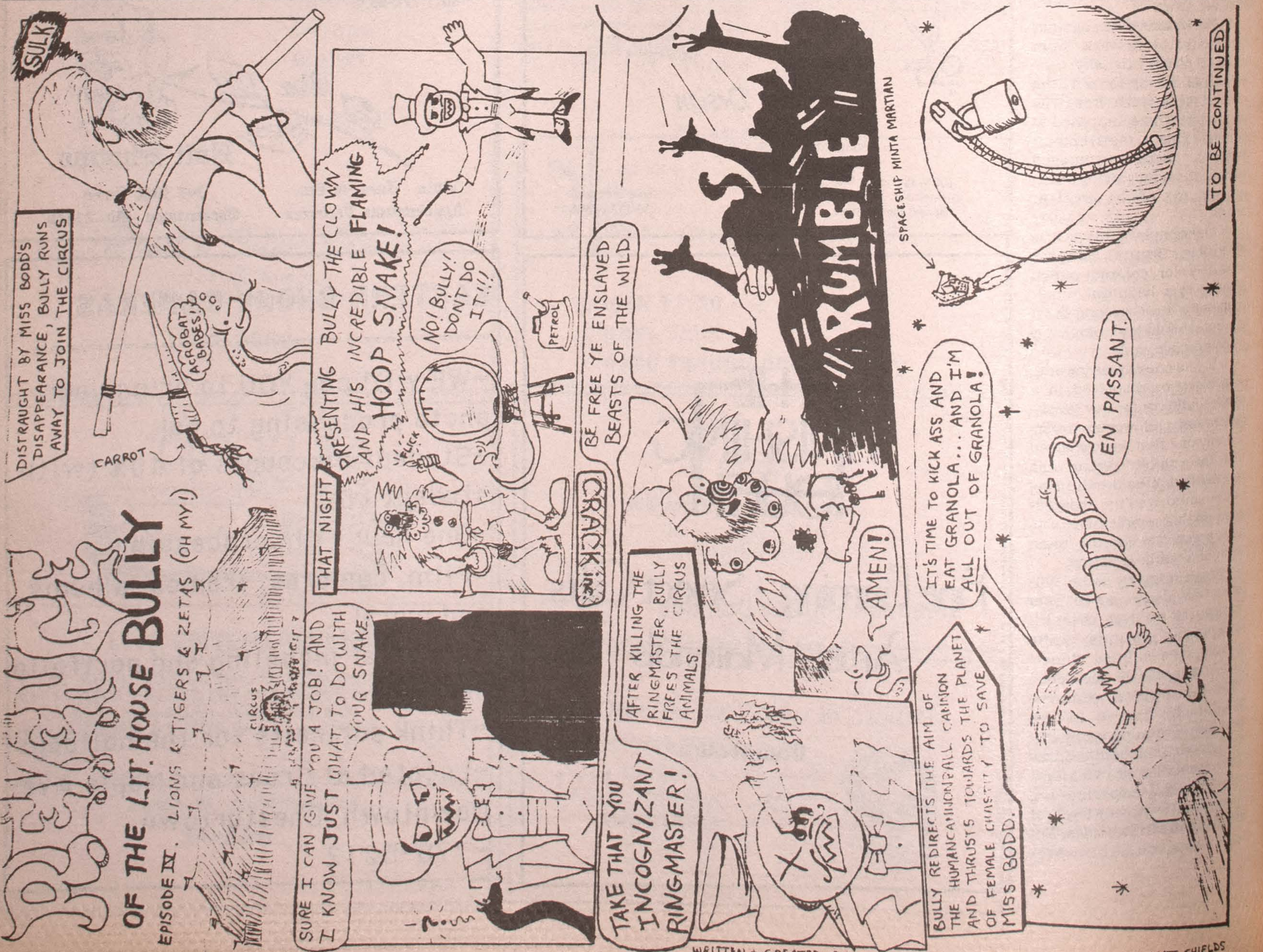
with a much-mangled ad and an article on date rape. Last we knew, date rape was not an art or an entertainment, except perhaps in sick people's minds. The issue should be covered, yes, but not in this section. And credit should be given where credit is due: the article was placed under Matt Giller's byline, when it was in fact written by Kate Absher for last year's *Elm*.

Finally, "The Lit House Bully" is becoming insulting.

We do not mean this to be a personal attack, as the staffers of the *Elm* are people we know and have worked with. As the only regular campus newspaper, it provides a very important forum for the student body and is one of the few things that unites us. It goes out via subscriptions to our parents. It presents an image of Washington College to the outside world. With regret, we must say that the image being presented is a negative and incorrect one, and that we do not want to be associated with or published in a newspaper like the *Elm* has been this year.

Best of luck in improving the quality in further issues: you have a vitally important job to fulfill on this campus, and we sincerely hope you address our concerns.

Raphael Koster, junior
Tim Madison, senior
Clay Eichelberger, senior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Constance Larrabee Arts Center Vandalized

By: Susie Mazzullo

The Constance Larrabee Arts Center was vandalized this weekend by unknown persons, as was the Fergueson Building and Minta Martin. According to security, two windows were broken after rocks had been thrown through them. One window was broken on the west side in the lobby and the other broken window is located in the main studio.

The windows were broken late Friday night or sometime early Saturday morning. They were discovered broken by security at 1:15 am.

A window in the Fergueson building was also broken at about the same time. It is believed that both incidents are related and that the same people are responsible. Both the Arts Center window and the Fergueson window cases are still under investigation.

Security encourages anyone with any information at all about either incident to contact them. "Being that it was a weekend night and that there were parties on campus, it is very possible that someone saw something. We need them to come forward," says Security Director, Jerry Roderick.

The last report of vandalism to happen this weekend was concerning the front door of Minta Martin. At approximately 11:00 pm on Monday evening, unknown persons kicked in the panels of the front door. This incident is also still under investigation.

Study Skills, not just for AP students

By: Susie Mazzullo

The study skills program run by Christine Pabon is more than a place for those students to go who have found themselves in serious academic trouble.

According to Christine Pabon, she helps those students who are in academic trouble, such as those on academic probation, but she says that she also sees those students who are currently getting better than average grades but would like to improve them. The study skills program is open to every segment of the college community and all students are encouraged to seek the assistance of the program.

Ms. Pabon claims that there are many ways in which she helps the students but three specific areas are of the most importance. First, she shows those students that come to her because they are having trouble in one or more of their classes how to develop methods of reading and studying that will increase their understanding of the material that needs to be learned. She helps them to reinforce long term learning. This type of learning will help students to remember the information long after mid-terms and finals are over.

Second, Ms. Pabon teaches students to organize their time efficiently so that stress is greatly reduces and so that the student may balance their academic responsibilities with college social activities.

One way she does this is by giving each student that comes to her for help their own scheduling sheet. On this sheet are the days of the week and the times of the day listed in half hour intervals. Ms. Pabon will then take the student's class schedule and any other outside responsibilities and fill them in in their appropriate time slots. Using this method, the students can see at a glance when they have free time to put in the extra study hours that they need. Some students even find out that they are involved in so many activities that they don't have enough time in the week for all they are supposed to do. This schedule helps students to visualize their weeks and see at a glance why they are falling behind and where they need to change their lives around.

Ms. Pabon claims that the procedure of using a scheduling sheet is especially helpful for seniors who have to balance a regular class load as well the responsibility of completing a thesis or studying for comprehensive examinations.

The third area that Ms. Pabon helps students to master is in exam taking. She gives them ideas on how to study and prepare for exams so that they will do so effectively and without a great deal of stress.

Tutorial services are also available outside of the program. If a student needs tutoring in a specific area outside of reinforcing study skills, Ms. Pabon can refer him or her to a student peer tutor.

The meetings are held one on one between Christine Pabon and the student involved. Students may sign up in the Student Affairs Office for an appointment that will fit into their schedule. There are twelve hours a week available for this service. Appointments are taken in half hour segments.

Ms. Pabon says that the biggest problem with the service is that the students don't seek assistance until it's too late. "Many students wait until after mid terms or close to the end of the semester to ask for help. Bringing up grades would be much more successful if students would ask for help at the beginning," she says.

All in all, Ms. Pabon's goals are to help students to revise their thinking. "I have a lot to say that people don't want to hear but that they know is true." An example of this she said involves working on those subjects that are harder or that you may not like first, instead of procrastinating and waiting until your full attention may not be on the subject at hand.

SGA allocates Funds

By: Susie Mazzullo

The Student Government held what was probably one of their longest meetings of the year on Monday night. The meeting was to allocate funds to the various clubs on campus that requested funding.

A Club Funding Committee had met previous to the meeting to look over and discuss the requests. They then recommend funding for each club. Although the committee recommends a specific amount to be allocated per club, this amount is not always the final amount that is given. Dorm Senators and the SGA officers may vote to raise or lower the amount.

The meeting began with a vote being taken to approve the minutes from last week. Once that was complete, they started with the business of the night.

The first order of business was a presentation by a member of the Garnett Elementary School. The school along with the community is planning to build a community playground.

The elementary school sent a representative to the SGA meeting because they need many volunteers to help in the construction of the playground. Approximately 300 students per day are needed. It was suggested that a committee be formed to get students signed up.

An issue that has been of interest to almost every facet of the college community was also discussed on Monday night. It was revealed that Clint Bear will be at the next SGA meeting to discuss the cable issue. The cable decisions are now in the hands of the Student Government, such as whether to rent or to buy, how to charge students, and a number of others. It was again suggested that a committee be

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EDITORIAL

Vandalism and you...

This weekend, while the KA's were defending the honor of Middle Hall against a small Lambda charge, some other people were expressing themselves by throwing a few rocks through the windows of our lovely new Art Center.

Throwing a rock through someone's window, it the mature act of a middle school delinquent. Something, no Washington College student would ever consider doing.

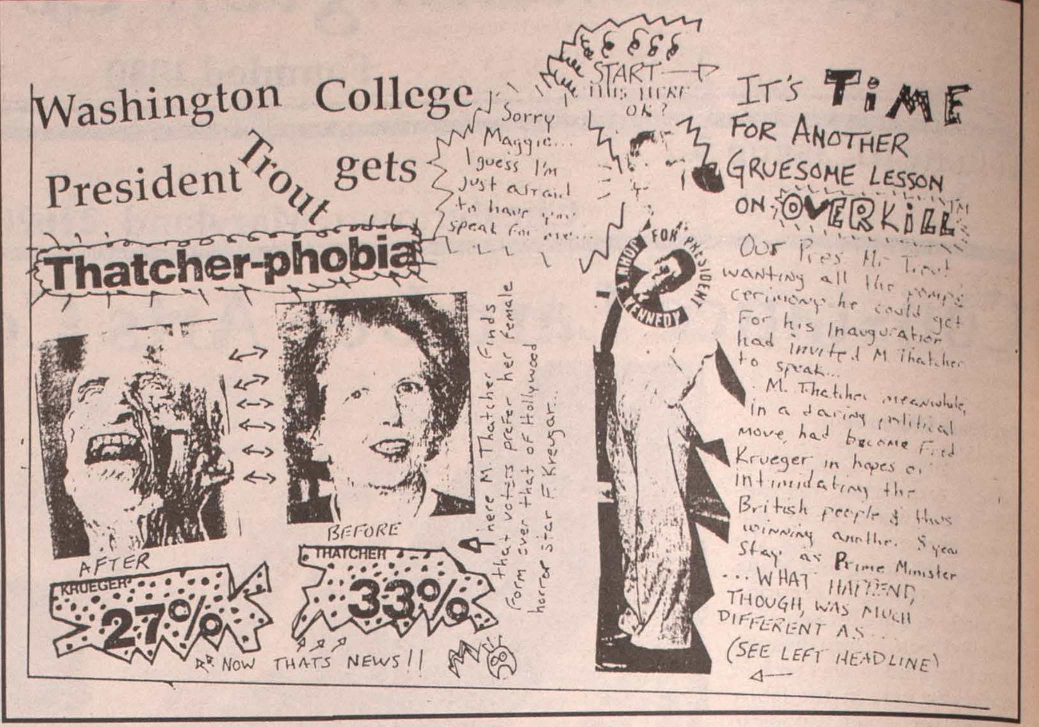
Hopefully, whatever emotions the culprits were trying to release left them, and they melted into the night, leaving behind three broken windows, one in Ferguson, and two in the Art Center.

Now, shattering, or at least, breaking, glass makes some sort of noise. A loud noise that a strolling student or students might have heard. Since the vandalism was discovered at 1:15, it is doubtful that the entire campus was fast asleep in their own little beds.

People have suggested that someone came from off campus and did the dirty deed. That maybe so, but it won't excuse any witnesses from not coming forward. Witnesses do not have to give their names, a phone call to the Deans, an unsigned note to Security, or an anonymous letter to the Editor of the Elm, anything would be enough. Whoever did it should be punished. After all, we do pay $ 16,000 a year to attend this college, and use facilities such as the Arts Center. And do we really want our tuition dollars to be used to replace broken windows?

Campus vandalism is certainly nothing new, but considering the target this time was a brand new building, anyone with any information should help find the parties responsible. Most of the Campus is familiar with the building the Arts Center replaced, and would agree on the point that what we have now is a large improvement over what the old Art House.

It would be wonderful if Washington College gained a reputation as a school with a strong honor code, and a student body that didn't let vandals go unpunished.


Washington College President Trout gets Thatcher-phobia
Sorry Maggie... I guess I'm just afraid to have you speak for me...
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Letters to the Editor

The Jed Cronin show

To the Editor,

After attending the so-called SGA event in the Coffee House last Friday, I left Hodson to find a group of fifty or so onlookers enjoying the "Jed Cronin show." This show involved none other than one of our most talented lacrosse player, Jed Cronin, standing in the firelane and shouting obscenities at the KA house. Phrases such as "KA sucks the back of my balls," "They're nothing but a bunch of fags," and "Lambda number one," went on for a total of at least a half hour without intervention by security or by the fraternity itself. I was even surprised to see our illustrious student body president sitting (away from the crowd) on a bench, cigar in hand and making no attempt to intervene in the situation. After the shouting match, Mr. Cronin and two other gentlemen (and I use that term VERY loosely) decided to storm Middle Hall in an attempt to remove the KA banner as well as to start some type of fight. I would not know this had it not been for Mr. Cronin's announcement that he could "kick all of their f– king asses by himself." Bold but stupid Mr. Cronin.

Fun is fun, but this is yet another example of the mindless exploits that certain fraternities (we all know who they are) consider to be normal behavior. I never thought much about the different things that Stu Neiman talked about, figuring that he was just out for votes anyway. Now I understand and apologize to Mr. Neiman. But why does he insist on lending his support to the Lambdas when this is the type of activity that they conceive as normal. Is he being hypocritical, looking for votes, or is he simply too trustworthy? And what about the Lambdas? Don't they have enough trouble without having this idiot screw things up even worse for them, or do they simply condone it as being necessary to be a part of their "Male Bonding."

I would not be saying any of this if one of the members of Mr. Cronin's crowd had not been a freshmen. One of the two Ratta brothers not only was party to these activities, but received an injury because of it. Even in the hospital emergency room, it is rumored, Mr. Cronin mouthed off to hospital staff. Go Lambda, that will show them. The point here is that the freshmen have been here for only four and a half weeks and already they are becoming a part of a cycle that most of the college would like to see part of our past. How much of a chance is there now? This year Cronin, next year Ratta and so on, and so on.

Some action should be taken on this matter, but I don't know where it will come from. There is no administration here on the weekends to witness these actions. Security may as well have German Shepherds and canes. Student Government's hands are tied, but there is our SGA president talking of growth, maturity, and responsibility. OK, Mr. President, talk to your friends over at Lambda and see what kind of pull you have. You say that you would like to see changes made, DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT! As for Mr. Cronin, I suppose that it would be foolish to hope for him to fail out, as he is a member of the fraternity with the highest cumulative GPA for the 1989-90 academic year, Thank You Mr. Martino and Mr. Hormes.

Perhaps these matters will never be resolved. This incident is only one on a long list of other actions which makes Lambda clearly our worst fraternity (regardless of their GPA.) Theta Chi woke up last year and made the changes they needed in order for them to get back on the right track. It has been slow coming but at least we can say that they are now trying. As for Lambda, I hope that there is someone in their group who can see what needs to be done as well as have the balls to do it. If not, maybe Stu should consider pledging Lambda this spring (that is if he likes maneuvers and tabasco.) If things do not change, then I hope SOMEONE in a position of power has the strength to PUT THEM OUT OF OUR MISERY. I'll settle for the expulsion of that lughead Cronin.

Signed,

A concerned but fearful student

Apology of the week:

Elizabeth Aylesworth and Melisse Merrell were switched in last week's Campus Voices.

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CAMPUS VOICES

Issue: If you were able to change one thing about Washington College, what would you choose?

More faculty

Justine DeSantis

When I was asked what I would change about Washington College the first thing that came to mind was the need for more teachers and more classes. As a liberal arts school, we're supposed to offer a wide variety of courses. As it is, people are having a hard time getting into the classes they need for distribution, never mind the thought of taking a class because of interest in the topic.

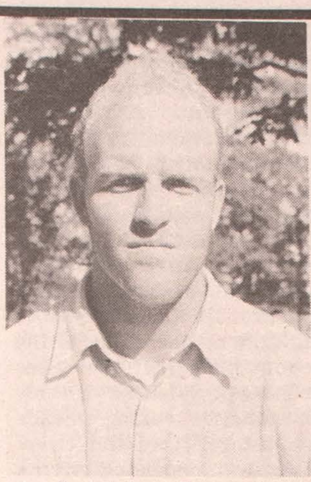
These days, people in 300 and 400 level classes for popular majors sit in a room in Bill Smith surrounded by thirty four other people. This is not what you expect from a school with a thirteen to one ratio, but it is now necessary. Students must take classes to graduate. The situation is frustrating to both students and faculty. Students find themselves in lecture classes that ideally should be seminars. This usually means that class participation is low and the only perspective given is that of the person standing at the front of the room. Professors now have less individual contact with their students and more work to do at home. There are more papers and tests to correct so professors are slower in returning them. Students are annoyed at not receiving their grades quickly. The circle continues.

As a junior English major this year, I am presently taking three English courses and one science. Having not gotten into Biology at registration (for the past two years) I tried again this semester and just barely made it in. I know that many of my friends will be taking Baby Bio as seniors, and not because they chose to put it off. Of my other three classes, only one of them was one that I had intended to take when I walked into registration. The other two were a last resort so that I could get sixteen credits. I happen to like English so it does not bother me, but taking three of your four courses in one subject is not very broadening.

While the courses that I'm taking are over booked, there are many that seem to get very little support. The threat of the art major becoming an art program is a case in point. I also know many people that want to become teachers. These people can not major in education because that major is not available. Going through the Ed Block severely dictates what other courses a student can take. They can only enroll in certain classes even within their major. If we had the staff to run education as a major, this situation would not occur.

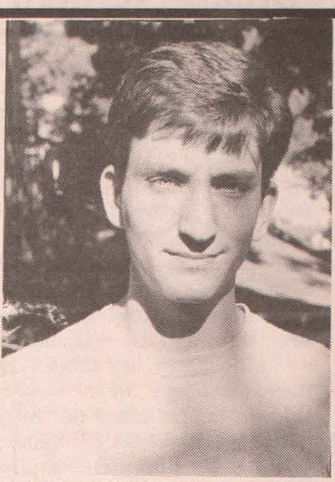
If I could change anything about Washington College it would be to add more teachers to our staff and subsequently, more courses to our curriculum.

Justine DeSantis is a junior majoring in English.



I wish the college had more extensive athletic facilities and more training equipment, I would really like to see more equipment in the weight room.

Peter Hagen
Junior
Columbia, MD



I would like to see the administration treat students more like adults.

Dennis Kelleher
Sophomore
Wilmington, DE

I would like to see students attend more of the cultural activities at the college, such as the Concert Series, drama productions, and art exhibits.

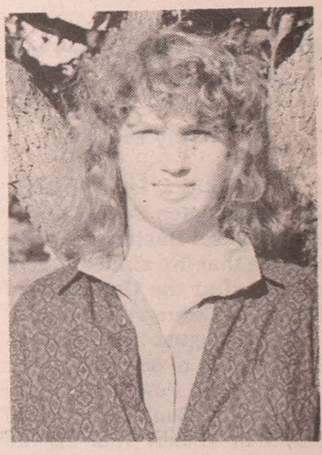
Jennifer Griffin
Junior
Reisterstown, MD

I would like to see the college give more attention to the Art and Music Departments. I think art and music are an important part of a Liberal Arts college.

Ginger Penick
Senior
New Orleans, LA

I would like to see the college construct a ramp over or tunnel under MD 213.

Martin Businicki
Freshman
Northglenn, Co



I hope that in the future the college will schedule construction at a time more appropriate for the students.

Julie Greene
Junior
Salisbury, MD

-photos by Kevin Decker

Give the college a national reputation

Kristen Kujowski

If I could give the school one wish, it would be something that all members of the WC community could benefit from, present and future. I would like the recognition of the school's prestige moved from the regional to the national level. This could benefit all members of Washington College by opening new doors because people would recognize Wc as not only the tenth oldest college in the nation, but also as one of the finest traditional liberal arts schools in America.

A feasible way this could be achieved is to increase the budget of the admissions office. These additional funds would increase the admissions staff as well as their mobility. If the college were to do more recruiting outside of their traditional areas, it could attract a more nationally geographic diverse student body.

Increased diversity would enable WC to become a national melting pot of ideas and perspectives. Students from all over the country could generate thoughts and ideas representative of a liberal arts college. This mind force could not be contained on the Eastern Shore. It would eventually spread to all corners of America.

I would not want anyone to believe that I am not proud of WC, but I do believe it is time for our school to receive the credit that it deserves.

Kristen Kujowski is a sophomore.

OUTLOOK

Is the S.G.A President just another student?

Stuart Neiman

For many of us, it is an unfortunate reality that we must be faced with personal discord before we may truly come to know who and what we are. As many know, this summer I faced the subject of mortality first hand and have awakened to the value of life. Sound good? Well it did to me at first. Last week though I was confronted with a situation that forced me to address the fine line separating the person from the student and consequently the student from the President of the SGA. A faculty member who is both my advisor and professor, confronted me with my four absences in his class. This confrontation went far beyond his class procedure regarding attendance. It moved into the subject of myself (as president of the SGA) in relation to being a member of the class. A comment made such as: "you come in on Monday, make a few articulate statements and aren't around the next class," merely states the objective facts of the situation. Comments dealing with the nature of my responsibility to the class as a "class member" strike a deeper chord.

It is not the function of this article to address the attendance issue, but rather the issue of responsibility. It makes no difference that the reasons for these absences were justifiable, valid and/or excusable excuses. That's just it though; they are nothing more than excuses regardless of their nature. Realizing this, my stance on maturity and taking responsibility for ones actions has been to some extent hypocritical. Though I maintain full responsibility for each and every one of my decisions, I have been remiss in my responsibility to those who are affected by these decisions. In the case of this particular class (an intro course), I have not recognized how the freshmen and sophomores of the class are affected by me, not in terms of what I give (ie: class discussion), but rather by my part in their forming of decisions based on the class atmosphere. As the professor clearly indicated, if I were quiet and contributed little, then I would be less missed and less important to the structure of the class. As an active participant though, I accept a responsibility much like that which I have been given in the form of the SGA Presidency.

The professor then posed the question of whether or not the president should have special privileges with regard to class attendance and participation? I would like to have answered yes, but reality dictates that the President of Student Government must be a student first. For in reality the SGA President is nothing more than a student awarded by other students with the privilege of representative power. You may say (critically of this) the words sound great but where is the accountability. Fortunately this professor provided me with only two paths for making amends with himself and the class: withdraw immediately or not miss another class. I use the word paths because these were not presented to me as options, but rather as his opinion of what was right.

Perhaps the worst aspect of this incident came in the comment (by the professor) "you owe me this apology because that (pointing to the classroom) is what I do." What one of us has ever considered the personal, purely subjective view of the professor towards attendance in their respective class. Surely it is neither a sign of respect, nor a sign of interest to miss class on any type of regular basis regardless of the reason. I have had as much reason as anybody to miss classes. Between my schedule, my past health problems and various responsibilities to the whole of the school, I have taken advantage of the excludability of my absences, but so what. If I miss something am I not still responsible for it at a later date in conjunction with my other responsibilities at that later date. Thus we may see the viscous circle that comes from this attitude, and I am as guilty if not more guilty (because of my position) than anyone else.

I have come to know that one thing which is very true about this position is that every move you make and every thing that you say will be judged first for its political value, and then for its true intent. There are those who will read this politically and say "he is just trying to get brownie points." The fact is that I don't need brownie points. There are those who will say that I am trying to kiss up to the professor in question. I have told you though that I was provided only with two paths of apology, so there is no kissing up. There is only the path that I have chosen: to attend every class without excuse regardless of the importance of that excuse. Having completed this (one day at a time) I will hopefully make amends, and begin to realize the other side of responsibility in the Presidency of the SGA. Learn with me or ignore it, that is your prerogative. Realize though that the greatest excuse in the world cannot mask the nature of responsibility, to yourself and to those who your actions (or lack of action) affects.

Stu Neiman is a psychology major. he is President of the S.G.A and a collector blue suits and cheap Cuban cigars, and the founder of the Doug Cater fan club.

Gainesville: a college nightmare

By Wendy Bridges

"I'd buy a lot of mace," said Washington College freshman Nicole Bachinsky after hearing that five students were murdered at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida.

On August 26, the mutilated bodies of seventeen year old Christina Powell and eighteen year old Sonja Larson were found in Tolbert Hall on the Gainesville campus. During the next two days, more bodies were discovered on the campus.

In the same hall, the body of eighteen year old Christa Hayt was found. While at an apartment complex on the campus both Tracy Paules, 23, and Manuel Taboado, 23, were found stabbed to death.

After the incidents, the University of Florida reported to *USA Today* that half of its 35,000 students had fled back to their homes. Students here at Washington College sympathize with their peers' actions.

Junior and English major, Janviere Thuman, stated if the murders were to happen here, she would, "probably live at home and commute."

Likewise, freshman Alexandra Nader remarked, "I would be very scared; I would not walk around alone."

Students who remained at the University seemed to agree because by September 3, groups of students could be seen carrying pillows and blankets across campus in order to go to a central location to sleep.

Lt. Sadie Darnell, police spokeswoman for the Gainesville police said of the school, "Tensions are high. We've had officers respond to a call, and they've been met at doors with guns."

University of Florida's campus security installed a hotline for the school's 19,000 remaining students, and campus security also provides on and off campus escorts to students who don't feel safe but still need to be at the school.

While campus security handled the campus, the police searched for a suspect. The police admitted to the Associated Press, "We cannot say the killing is over. We don't know. We don't have any one in custody for the murders."

But on September 1, Edward Lewis Humphrey, age 18, had been arrested and jailed in Brevard County, Florida for assaulting his 79 year old grandmother.

Edward Lewis Humphrey had been a part-time student at the University of Florida who had lived briefly at the apartment complex where Tracy Paules and Manuel Taboado were found, and also lived at Tolbert Hall where the three other girls were discovered.

After the blonde, baby faced young man confessed to having knowledge of the first two murders, his bond was raised to $1 million.

Edward Lewis Humphrey is one of eight leading suspects in the case, and could possibly be the murderer who nation wide papers say, "shreds and pockets his victims' flesh."

"I would be scared out of my mind!" exclaimed Drama major Abrah Wilberg who is glad to walk across the W.C. campus and not the campus of the University of Florida.

Clarence Pope, a student at the University of West Florida, commented, "If it can happen to someone there, it can happen to someone here."

Lt. Sadie Darnell explained that this type of fear arises from the fact that, "You've got five victims who are all students."

If a number of students were murdered here at Washington College what would their peers do? Erika Fitzhugh, freshman and Psychology major theorized, "I don't know what I'd do. You'd have to be in that situation where your life is at risk in order to decide. But, then again, I couldn't leave my friends here to face that problem alone."

Pre-law major Katina Duklewski confessed that she would, "Transfer anywhere besides the University of Florida."

On the other hand, Mike Tarant, an English major, would base his decision on specific circumstances. He said, "It would depend on who was murdered."

As of last week, campus life at the University of Florida was returning to normal. According to the Associated Press, 70,000 fans crowded Ben Hill Griffin stadium to see the Florida Gators play the Oklahoma State Cowboys at the University of Florida's season opener.

However, police are still pursuing leads in and around the state that may lead to more evidence about the crime.

Wendy Bridges is a freshman planning to major in the Humanities.

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In the world: East Germany withdraws from Warsaw Pact

UNITED STATES:

Speaking at a south lawn ceremony, President Bush praised President Frederik de Klerk for his progress in dismantling South Africa's apartheid system. The ceremony was held at the conclusion of the South African head of state's first visit to the White House. In his speech, Bush said he would not alter the conditions set for the lifting of economic sanctions. He also said he believed that the process of dismantling apartheid is irreversible and that this "is the element the European governments have been looking for" to signal the start of reestablishing economic ties with South Africa. Members of the European Community have demanded evidence of true change as a condition for lifting the economic sanctions they have imposed. Bush's speech was seen as that evidence by South African officials who called it a vote of confidence.

The first clear pictures of Venus were received Sunday at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California from the Magellan spacecraft. After initial problems in which the spacecraft would turn itself off, it now appears Magellan is ready to take on its mission mapping Venus's surface. The spacecraft is able to gather accurate images of the shrouded planet through the use of radar which is able to beam through the clouds and record radar images as sharp as a photograph. The first pictures show that Venus's surface has been carved and twisted by great forces. In the coming months, scientists will continue to piece together the photographs and discover more about the planet's surface and atmospheric conditions.

SOVIET UNION:

The Soviet Union granted President Gorbachev new powers after they failed to reach an agreement on an emergency economic reform program. The powers were granted to aid the transition period to a market economy and would allow Gorbachev to rule virtually by decree. The Supreme Soviet decided to give Gorbachev these powers to avoid having to reach a decision on the reform program until mid-October. The members of the Supreme Soviet are still unable to agree on the pace and scope of economic change in the Soviet Union. Gorbachev is now able to issue decrees for a variety of subjects including property, economic management, price setting and public order. A top economic advisor to Gorbachev said in an interview that he hoped the first decrees will be measures to stabilize the failing economy, which has deteriorated quickly over the last six months. Last week Abel Aganbegyan, a senior economist, described the economic situation in the Soviet Union as "catastrophic".

EAST GERMANY:

East Germany formally renounced its membership in the Warsaw Pact. Rainer Eppelmann, East Germany's disarmament and defense minister, performed one of his last duties when he presented the Soviet Supreme Commander of Warsaw Pact Forces, General Pyotr Lushev with his countries resignation. In five days East Germany will unite with West and the new united Germany will be a member of NATO. Under the Treaty of Unification the East German army will be dissolved. Only about 50,000 troops will remain. The West will receive weaponry and other materials from the East German army, which the West has already labeled obsolete and useless. However, some of the East German tanks, planes, and artillery will be sent to Turkey, which borders Iraq and is also a member of NATO.

--compiled by Carolin Leibig. Ms. Leibig is a senior International Studies major, who is eagerly watching the reunification of Germany so she can write her thesis on it.

I'd never have believed that one little computer could make such an incredible difference in my academic and working life.

Miriam Stoll
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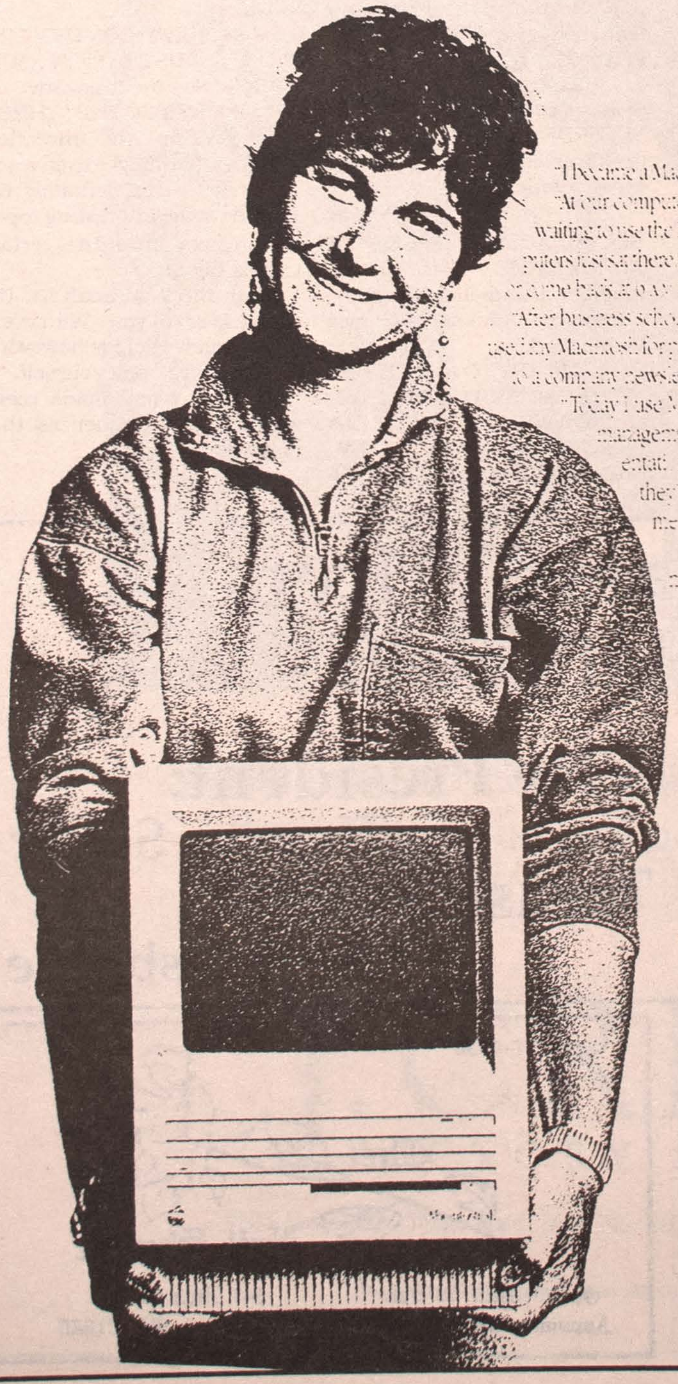

"I became a Macintosh convert in business school.

"At our computer lab I'd always find lines of people waiting to use the Macintosh computers, while other computers just sat there. So I had a choice: wait for a Macintosh, or come back at 6 A.M. to grab one before they'd all be taken.

"After business school, I took a job at a large bank and used my Macintosh for producing everything from spreadsheets to a company newsletter.

"Today I use Macintosh to help me run my own management consulting firm. When I give a presentation, I can see in people's faces that they're really impressed. And that makes me feel great.

"Sometimes I take Fridays off, put my Macintosh and skis in the car and head for the mountains. I ski days and work nights. It's perfect.

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Love and dating at Washington College

Phil "Slice" Macek

You had better beware, because it could happen to you at any time. You could be walking to class, coming out of the library, or waiting in those two hour lines at the dining hall. You could be working out in the gym or coming out of the mailroom, and all of a sudden you could meet that certain someone and fall instantly in love. Once this happens, as you probably already know, your life will never be the same. Whether your new love ends up breaking your heart or spending the rest of their life with you in eternal happiness, you must admit that your life is forever changed.

Now don't get me wrong, I think the notion of romantic young love is a wonderful thing. Most people know about the feelings involved with new love. You get a powerful urge to be with your new love constantly, and yet, when you must be apart, you spend your time daydreaming, staring out into space, and writing playful little poems:

I was going to write a poem about you/But due to reasons of rhyming,/The poem ended up being about your left elbow. /I'm working on the big toe of your right foot now.

Obviously, poems like these are never going to win the Sophie Kerr prize any time soon, but for these budding young Shakespeares, their value goes way beyond awards and money.

O.K. so once you're past this initial stage of daydreaming and worshiping your new love, you enter the next stage: college dating. Now here is where a major problem comes to light. Here you are with a date on Friday night and all you can say is, "All right, let's check out our options for fun here in Chestertown. We could either go downtown and see a movie, take in a movie downtown, or see what's playing at the theatre downtown. So what's it going to be?" As it becomes painfully obvious, you can exhaust Chestertown's hot spots for dating in about two hours. Clearly, there is a desperate need to venture outside Chestertown so as to find fun things to do. Now I'm not suggesting that you always have to take your new love somewhere exotic and spend tons of money to have fun. This is due to the fact that college kids do not have tons of money to spend in the first place (why do you think we drink Beast?™) and more importantly, two people can have great fun just doing the little things that bring them closer together. For example, you could teach your "new reason for living" how to play a sport. Golf, for instance, is a rather non-strenuous activity that can bring two people closer together. There is also tennis, swimming, and jogging leisurely around Chestertown. All very fine activities you can engage in to become better acquainted with your new love (plus they don't cost anything.) Overall, it does not really matter what you do as long as you both enjoy doing it.

I remember receiving mixed information about dating before I got to this campus. A high school teacher said to me once, "When you go to college, there is a very good chance that you will end up marrying the girl you go out with. So be very careful about what school you go to, it will definitely change your life. You could go to one school, meet one girl and spend the rest of your life with her. Or, you could pick a different school, meet a different girl, and marry her." "But Mr. Newman," I replied, "Why can't I just go to one school for a while and then transfer to the other school, meet both girls, and pick which one I like better?" As was expected, Mr. Newman kicked me out of class that day for being such a wise guy.

My brother-in-law gave me some very cautious words of wisdom when it came to dating: "There is nothing more expensive than a woman who says she is free for the evening." While this seems to be very solid advice indeed, I have to disagree with it.

In all cases, the most amusing advice I got was from an older friend who was a college upperclassmen when I had just started freshman year here. "Man, you got to go after naive girls. You know what the definition of 'naive' is, don't you." "No," I replied, "Please tell me." Well he looked me straight in the eye and said, "A naive girl is one who believes that the sound speakers at a drive-in movie only work in the backseat of a car." With that, he gave me a hearty slap on the back and told me to find a good drive-in theatre at any cost. Well, unfortunately, Chestertown or any other place around here, does not have a drive-in movie theatre. And it seems like such a shame to not be able to see if my friend's advice would work.

But in all reality, there can be really no good advice on finding the perfect mate. It basically boils down to chemistry two people feel between one another. If it works, it's really a wonderful thing. If it doesn't work, suck it up and keep looking, something will turn up. Remember, there are lots of fish in New York state prisons and there are plenty of prisoners in the sea, or something like that.

Slice is a senior sociology major (when he has the time) who likes to play solitaire in groups of three or four, write papers in Old English, and apply for student loans.

My name is Joe, hear me roar

SUGGESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT.

The hot, humid, hazy days of summer are finally slipping away like a cloud in the night. The cool fresh, invigorating days of fall are fast approaching. With the ushering in of a new season simultaneously comes the beginning of another challenging and exciting year at Washington College. So along with the ensuing incoming year, the following are some innovative ideas that should serve to activate the gray matter in the so called cerebral cortex.

(1) Totally ignore any recommendations and suggestions by the New Trout on the Block. This attitude will afford you the opportunity to personally meet highly influential people at Washington College.

(2) PARK ANYWHERE YOU WANT. After all it is a free country isn't it? Nobody can tell you what to do. Besides, this might save you the inconvenience of finding a parking spot by having K and L find one for you.

(3) PARTY HEARTY. GO WITH THE FLOW. (Especially where beer is concerned.) Remember you are always in control. Disregard rumors of date rape, alcohol poisoning and the 25,000 traffic fatalities related to alcoholic consumption each year. After all, it can't happen to you.

(4) KEEP YOUR DOOR PROPPED OPEN AT NIGHT. This provides you with an opportunity to meet somebody new and far out.

(5) DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN AS MANY OPEN PUBLIC PLACES AS YOU CAN. This not only gives you an opportunity to be creative in the way you try to conceal your drink, but it also helps develop a sense of humor with the Security Officers when they see you go through the motions.

(6) TRY TO DEVELOP AN INNOVATIVE STRATEGY TO CATCH THE INFAMOUS "NOBODY." He is personally responsible for most of the destruction on campus. The Security Department really appreciates your willingness in the past to help apprehend Nobody. It seems when vandalism and destruction have occurred, many people gave testimony to the fact that nobody did it.

(7) CONTINUE TO LET NOBODY GET AWAY WITH ANY HAVOC HE CAN DO. After all, this affords you the opportunity of community involvement. Everybody else will get the blame for the destruction.

(8) KEEP AVOIDING THE LIBRARY ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTS. After all, the library isn't the only place to expand your mind.

(9) STRIVE TO PLACE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES BEFORE ACADEMICS. However, remember the dictionary if the only place where success comes before work.

(10) TRY TO AVOID THAT MYTHICAL RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOR WRITTEN ABOUT IN A PREVIOUS ISSUE OF THE ELM. After all, who wants to be in the minority, it takes too much courage to stand alone.

(11) WALK AS SLOWLY AS POSSIBLE WHEN USING THE CROSSWALK. After all, pedestrians have the right of way. (Stopping in the middle of the road and chatting is particularly recommended.) This provides the drivers of automobiles opportunities to react in many diverse and creative ways.

(12) TRY CONTROLLING YOUR FRUSTRATION QUOTIENT. Use the innovative approach of Middle Hall. THROW your T.V. out the third floor window. (Or maybe even a sofa or chair.) This definitely will provide some interesting topics for conversation and it is certain to be a big hit.

In the final analysis, the choice is up to you. With every choice made there is however a consequence. Ask yourself, "Is the choice being made really worth the consequences that may ensue?"

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The dangers of not having "faces"

"Wait a minute, who is that? And that person over there, I know that I have never seen him before. Who the hell are these people and what are they doing at Washington College? Is this visiting day for high school seniors? Whoa, these must be the new freshmen. Damn, there are so many of them that I know I'll never be able to tell them apart. i feel as confused as the transvestite bank robber who didn't know where to put the pantyhose."

These words have been heard quite a few times since the beginning of the semester. But you know, it's really a shame that this kind of problem of not knowing your fellow classmates has to occur at all; and I blame it all on that despicable little hellion who decided not to give out "Faces of Washington College" this year. Affectionately known as the "Bible" of Washington College, this book bears the mug shots of all the faculty, administration, and most importantly, the students. The book's presence around campus is instrumental in assuring a successful social life at this wonderful school. For example, your roommate could come back from class one day and say, "Dude, I saw this totally bitchin' looking babe in history class today. You have got to see her." Now instead of having to wait to see this girl in person, you can simply whip out your handy dandy "Bible" and show your roommate a picture of this girl. Then, when you see this girl around campus you can use a good cheesy pick-up line on her. "Hi there. I saw your picture in 'Faces' and I realized that you were in my history class, So, you wanna go out tonight? After all, I got needs and you got needs— so why should we both be needy on a night like this?" Now I'm not saying that this kind of line is going to work like magic. In fact, any guy who uses a pick-up line this poor should be castrated, tarred and feathered, dragged downtown by his hair, and publicly stoned.

In all honesty, there is a legitimate need for "Faces" around campus. Of course, these needs differ from person to person and class to class, but each need can seemingly be classified into larger groups. For example, the new freshmen use the book to see their teachers for the first time before taking their class. And let me tell you, you can learn a lot from a picture. I'm sure many classes have been either shunned or looked to with eagerness based on the picture of the teacher. Freshmen also use "Faces" to scout out upperclass fantasies. On the other hand, the upperclassmen skip past the administration and faculty (because they have already seen them too many times in past years) and head straight for the freshman section. Upperclassmen want to check out the new recruits in order to determine what kind of people are going to inherit the school when they leave. As one senior, who shall remain anonymous, so eloquently put it, "They shouldn't call it 'Faces,' they should call it 'Who's New to Screw.'" from the upperclass point of view, this is quite an appropriate title.

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Overall, "Faces" allow students to put names and faces together, which subsequently makes it easier for people to meet each other. So, if people meeting each other is compared to a chemical reaction, then "Faces" would be the catalyst that speeds up that reaction. Moreover, if people are able to meet each other quicker when there is a "Faces" book around, then there is greater unity among the students and freshmen will have an easier time adjusting to their surroundings. Therefore, it seems logical to suppose that since there is no "Faces of Washington College" this year there will be greater unrest among the students. It will take people longer to meet other people, which in turn will lead to greater social segregation among the classes. Thus, seniors will be more likely to hang out with other seniors, juniors with other juniors, and so on down the line.

Hence, it seems plausible to suppose that the absence of "Faces" this year will lead to a decline in class integration and interaction, which in turn will lead to the destruction of the entire free world. Because we all know, that Washington College is the center of the universe, and if something catastrophic happens here (like not having "Faces" this year) then the outside world will feel its effects tenfold.

In closing, I hope that this dreadful mistake will not be repeated in the future. I also hope that the students, both freshmen and upperclassmen, have recovered from the initial shock of not having a "Faces" book this year, Hopefully, the social life at this school will not suffer from such a horrific blunder, the perpetrator of which had better confess now or face public humiliation after his apprehension.

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The Great Sabha battles evil galactic spirits

The Great Sabha took one under the chin last weekend. Opposing spirits at the last minute swayed the outcome of numerous games in the closing moments of games. These spirits have been discovered. Apparently they are washed-up prophets that circle the galaxy attempting to pick off the Great Sabha's inspiring divinations. These evil-doers channel their hatred for the Great One by spiting him. Well this weekend the Great Sabha is going to throw these spirits the proverbial curveball, by predicting the losers. Another change this week is the placement of the picks - the college losers will be picked first.

COLLEGE

Kansas +42 losers to OKLAHOMA. By the second half, the Jayhawks will put on the Magic Slippers, click their heels three times and say, "I wish I were home, I wish I were home, I wish I were home." Give the points.

Tennessee +2 1/2 losers to AUBURN. Tight all the way; however, nobody beats Auburn at home. Give the points.

Southern Cal -1 losers to OHIO STATE. The heat must be affecting the brain cell activity of the handicappers out in Las Vegas. USC is favored at OSU even when the Trojens are ranked lower. Take the points.

OREGON +3 losers to BYU. Oregon's defense will be sitting ducks to Detmer. If you don't give the points, you're a loser.

Virginia Tech +25 losers to FLORIDA STATE. State's offense is just starting to warm up. The scoreboard is going to looklike a pinball machine.

NFL

PHOENIX +6 1/2 losers to Washington. A touchdown should be enough against Bugel's boys. Give the points.

Green Bay +2 1/2 losers to DETROIT. The Silver-Stretch offense should bounce back this week. The Majic-man, however, won't. Give the points.

BUFFALO -3 losers to Denver. The Broncos may need another last second miracle, but they'll cover. Trust me. Take the points.

MINNESOTA -8 losers to Tampa Bay. Let's keep in mind Sabha critics this is just against the spread. Vinnie vill vin against ve vread. Take the points.

NY Jets pick em losers to NEW ENGLAND. The Pats might be bad but the Jets don't win much up in Foxboro. Pick the home team.

LA RAIDERS -1 losers to Chicago. Two organizations that are trying to gain respect around the league again; however, the Midway Marauders shall gain the respect this week. Take the point.

Cleveland -6 1/2 losers to KANSAS CITY. The Browns are only as good as Kosar is healthy. He ain't. Give the points.

SAN DIEGO -2 losers to Houston. Pardee and Moon have got the run-and-shoot offense working on all cylanders these days. Take the points.

Monday Night

SEATTLE +2 1/2 losers to Cincinnati. Coach Knox should hang up the clipboard - the game, unfortunately, has passed him by. Boomer and the boys will prove it Monday Night.

BEST BETS

Indianapolis +13 losers to PHILADELPHIA. The Colts might have the center take some plays at QB by the end of this one. Wager a couple dozen Plunketts on this one. Give the points.

Dallas +13 1/2 losers to NY GIANTS. Before the end of this game the announcer will say, "If this were a fight, they'd stop it." Simply give the points.

The Great Sabha's results this season:

NFL: 15-13

BEST BETS: 4-0

COLLEGE: 3-7(IF THIS WAS BASEBALL I'D BE IN THE RUNNING FOR THE BATTING TITLE)

Team Mule faced off last Thursday against a freshman squad in REC Sports league football

photo by Jeff Hopkins

REC Sports: KA's win softball, football kicks off

By Deann Pinzcok

The Theta Chi Softball Tournament held last weekend was a great success, even though the weather was threatening on the first day of scheduled games. Several teams, a total of twelve, turned out and participated in the fight for the championship. This was the year that the four time softball team champs, Surf & Turf, were finally dethroned. The four teams that advanced to the semi-finals on Sunday were Oedipus & MoFo's, Surf & Turf, KAs, and Thetas. Oedipus & MoFo's took on Surf & Turf and proceeded to defeat them with a surprise grand slam late in the game which put them ahead three runs and won the semi-final game for them, 6-3. In the other semi-final game, KAs defeated the tournament's hosts, Thetas, 9-6. In the final, championship game, the KAs procurred the championship with their victory over Oedipus & MoFo's. It was an exciting weekend tournament that brought out the competitive softball player in all who participated!

The 1990 football season is off to a great start, and this week the women's league began their season. Four women's teams are entered in this year's league; ZTA's, Alpha Chi's, The Terrrible Ten, and the Alpha Babies(last year's unscored upon champs). In Tuesday's games, the Alpha Babies conquered the Alpha Chi's, 32-0 in an exciting and fun game and the Terrrible Ten slipped past the ZTA's, 7-6. The women are out to have a good time this season and all players have brushed up on their football skills and are ready to claim the championship. Good luck to all the ladies!!

In the men's league last week, Pseudo Budha, The Dawgs, and Kent each had victories over their opponents, Phi Delts, KAs, and the Int'l House, respectively, on Tuesday September 18th. On Thursday, September 20th, The Dawgs conquered the Int'l House, Team Rupert over the Mules, and Pseudo Budha defeated the KAs. It's early in the season so the championship is fair game for any of the teams!

Exciting Events To Come In REC SPORTS- This weekend is Greek Weekend and the traditional Greek Games will be held this Saturday from 11:30 till about 2:30. All sororities and fraternities will compete in these games which include everything from fun activities to structured games, but all are composed of fun times. The sorority and fraternity with the all around best winning record by the end of the games will win the championship for their group. It's alot of fun to watch

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Field hockey ties and loses close one

By Eleonor Shriver

As the Shoremen Field Hockey team enters its fifth week of the season not a player will forget the two games of week four.

Last Monday, The Lady Shoremen met Haverford on a cold and unfamiliar field. The Ford's would be their first MAC conference and league game. The contest was scoreless until the Ford's Bonnie Hemenway scored with 6:40 left in the first half.

Keeping up the intensity and going for the big shots, Washington's own Renee Guckhert put one into the goal with 28:30 left in the second half. The two teams remained in a stalemate throughout the rest of the game. Both teams played hard in double overtime, neither one falling to the other.

Defensively, Brigid DeVries kept out fourteen shots. While seniors, Amy Tiehel, Donna White, Erin O'Neil and the rest of the defensive line performed well under pressure.

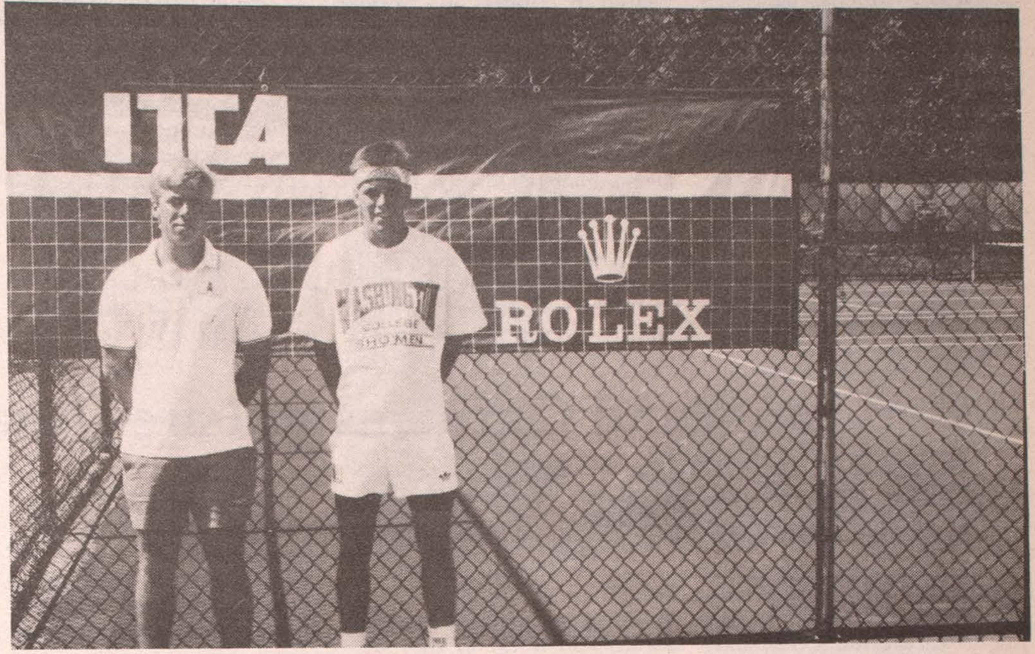
On Saturday, their next opponent, The Elizabethtown Blue Jays, left four days of intense preparation for their second conference and league game.

Saturday brought with it some inclimate weather, but it did not stop the Shoremen from playing a great game of field hockey. Washington's own freshman, Caroline Jensen, scored first with 28:20 left in the first half. Then again with 18:04 left in the game, Jensen connected with sophomore, Marie Mohler for a goal.

The Lady Shoremen had control of most the second half all the way down to the last minutes of the game. Time was the unfortunate enemy as the Blue Jays edged the Shoremen 3-2.

On the defensive end, goalie Brigid DeVries and halfbacks Jen Blenckstone and Amy Tiehel controlled the ball and played well.

The field hockey team continues on with their season with four straight games on the road. They will meet Albright on Tuesday and Goucher at 1:00 pm on Saturday. They will return to Kibler Field across the tracks on Tuesday October 9th when they will meet conference foe Johns Hopkins.



Bill Meadows from W&L and Scott Read from W.C. after Read's Rolex singles title two weeks ago.

Read wins record fifth Rolex title

By Matt Giller

Scott Read went down to Lexington, Va. September 15-16 and picked up another trophy. Wasington and Lee hosted the Rolex Southeast Regional Small College Championship only to have their top-ranked player defeated by W.C.'s Read.

Senior racketeer Read won his second Rolex singles title to go along with his third doubles title for a record five Rolex championships. He faced W&L's Bill Meadows in the finals winning in straight sets 6-3, 6-3. The senior from Houston, Texas defeated teammate sophomore Trevor Hurd, 6-4, 6-1 in the semifinals.

Read went through the tournament relatively unscathed by not dropping a set the whole weekend. W&L's Kelly Vandever met Read in the second round and was made quick work of by the Texan 6-1, 6-0. Mike rant and Rave of Catholic bowed out to Read in the round of 16 6-2, 6-2. In the quarterfinals, Read sent Rob McNaughton of W&L to the showers but not before he squashed him 6-1, 6-4.

Hurd, a sophomore transfer from New Mexico Military Institute, saluted Steve Horowitz of Lynchburg right out of the tournament, 6-1, 6-4. George Mestre of Catholic fell victim, 6-2, 6-4, as did Holden "Gladys" Knight of Christopher Newport, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.

Read and Hurd didn't give up a set as they captured the doubles title with a 6-2, 6-0 defeat of seventh-seeded teammates Andy Bohutinsky and Carlos Nuno. Top-seeded duo Read and Hurd bagelled Ferrum's Cooke and Crandall. They then went on to defeat W&L's Wein and Yates, 6-0, 6-4, and Goucher's Akin and Elkin, 6-1, 7-5.

Read's next Rolex tourney is in Corpus Christi, Tx next month at the first annual Rolex National Small College Championships at the HEB Center.

Matt Giller is a senior International Studies major.

Rec Sports

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so come out and watch if you are not a participant of these games!

Next weekend, October 6th, is Alumni Weekend and the traditional Alumni 5K Run will be held Saturday morning at 8:30. You can still register for the run, just see Dennis Berry at the Casey Swim Center and obtain a registration form which also includes a map of the course.

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Charles Simic to speak

Charles Simic, 1990 recipient of the Pulitzer Prize for poetry, will give a reading of his work Wednesday, October 3rd at 8 p.m. in the Norman James Theatre. The reading, given in honor of the inauguration of Charles H. Trout as 24th President of Washington College, is sponsored by the Sophie Kerr Committee, with additional funding provided by the National Endowment for the Arts. Simic will be giving an informal talk on "The European Short Poem" in the Sophie Kerr room of Miller Library Thursday, October 4th at 3 p.m.

Simic, who teaches at the University of New Hampshire, was born in Yugoslavia in 1938. He won the pulitzer Prize for a new collection of poems, *The World doesn't end: Prose Poems.* Simic had been nominated for a Pulitzer once before, for his *Collected Poems: 1953-83.* His poems have been translated into 11 languages and have appeared in publications worldwide, including *The New Yorker*, *The Nation*, *Atlantic Monthly*, *Esquire* and *The Paris Review.*

Simic is the author of ten volumes of poetry, including *Dismantling the Silence*, *Return to a Place Lit by a Glass of Milk*, *Charon's Cosmology*, *What the Grass Says* and *Classic Ballroom Dances*, winner of the 1980 di Castagnola Award and the Harriet Monroe Poetry award. Simic has also recieved the Edgar Allan Poe Award, the P.E.N. translation Prize, a Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship, and awards from the American Academy of Arts and Letters and the National Institute for Arts and Letters.

Simic has published numerous translations of French, Russian and Yugoslav poetry, and is co-editor of *Another Republic*, an anthology of 17th-century European and South American writers. His appearance at Washington College is one of several programs featuring writers who come from bilingual cultures, and is made possible in part by a special grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead

Since High School, when he first read the script, Clay Eichelberger has always wanted to produce Tom Stoppard's play, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead. Next weekend, Eichelberger, a senior Drama major, will see that dream come to fruition.

The play first attracted him because of its humor and the way that "humor is juxtaposed with existential themes." He says, "existentialism as a philosophy is fairly depressing. I am amazed that [Stoppard] could write such a funny play about it." Eichelberger explains that humor masks the depression of the philosophical message, and he hopes that during the performance the audience will laugh at the comedy, but at the same time, receive the philosophical point subliminally.

Through his study of drama, Eichelberger became aware of the dramaturgical allusions that run through the script. He admires the way Stoppard brings together elements of many other plays, such as Waiting for Godot, Pirandello, and most obviously, Hamlet.

In describing the main characters, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern (played by Carl Pupa and Jeff Daly,) as vehicles for Stoppard's existential message, Eichelberger says, "they are two guys who possess no context for themselves or their lives. They are buffetted about by things they do not understand, and whatever they do, they are locked into the same course."

He explains that several occurences in the play illustrate the main characters' lack of control, but these events are shown to be funny, rather than serious.

For many of the actors in the large cast, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern is their first appearance on the Washington College stage. Eichelberger admits that he was hoping for new actors to attend his auditions. He explains that many good actors graduated this past year and he was anxious to see some talented freshmen at his auditions. He was apparently pleased, and adds, "I expected some good new students, what I got were some great new students."

Eichelberger further compliments his cast by saying, "one of the most pleasant things about this production is that everyone works hard and wants to do well. It shows in their work."

In summing up his preparation for this production, Eichelberger said, "I did a lot of research and I used scenes from it for my directing classes." Unlike some drama majors who direct a small production a year or so before they tackle their senior project, Eichelberger's only practical experience as a director, is his work as Assistant Director of Vinegar Tom, a play produced in his freshman year. He says the experience helped him to look at things from the director's side, but that it would have been nice to do it more recently.

When asked if he felt at a disadvantage, not having directed a production previous to this one, Eichelberger replied, "I think it is good to be thrown in with both feet. I think of the senior project as a test." He added that doing a production before the senior project possibly puts a student at an unfair advantage. He also admitted, "if I had had the chance to do a production before this one, I would have taken it. I am glad I didn't have the chance."

One person who has had the opportunity to practice for his senior project, is Thomas Andrews, Technical Director for Rosencrantz and Guildenstern. Since Camino Real, produced in the fall of 1988, Andrews has acted as Technical Director for all but three plays produced by the drama department and its graduating seniors. His work as Lighting Designer, Set Designer and Technical Director of "Rosencrantz" fulfills Andrews' senior obligation. He explains that he is "not a typical drama major. I do not act." He adds that he will graduate as a drama major based "on my technical qualifications as opposed to directorial qualifications."

Other backstage members of the production include Lisa Woodcock as Assistant Stage-Manager, Deidre Riegel and Jennifer Griffin as Stage Managers, and Tim Madison as Dramaturge.

In closing, he said, "This play is above all, a comedy. It deals with serious things, but it does so in a way that I think is entertaining."

"Rosencrantz" opens next Wednesday night at 8PM. It runs through Friday. Seating is unlimited and reservations are not necessary.

Stephanie Hess is a junior majoring in Humanities.

The Fabulous Baker Boys

"Another season...another reason...for makin' whoopee." One cannot help but hum these provocative lyrics sung by Michelle Pfeiffer after viewing the entertaining movie "The Fabulous Baker Boys" written and directed by Steven Kloves.

The movie focuses upon the Baker brothers (both roles portrayed by real life siblings Beau and Jeff Bridges), who are two pianists that have been playing together for fifteen years in the various local dives of their city, such as the Starfire Lounge and the Hoolahau Hideaway. After having their contract terminated from one club and realizing that their meager earnings are just not enough, the pair decide to enliven their performance through the addition of a singer to their act. They hold auditions for potential singers which becomes one of the funnier moments of the movie.

Their final contestant for the job proves to be an unexpected wonder who goes by the dazzling name of Suzi Diamond (played by Michelle Pfieffer): a call girl for an escort service with a voice of pure gold. When she utters the first few notes of "More Than You Know", one is instantly taken aback by the sweet softness and intense sexuality of her voice. She is accepted into the act and tours the local clubs with the brothers, her honeyed voice attracting throngs of listeners and building the reputation of the group.

Soon their schedule involves not only the dilapidated bars but also several extravagant resort hotels. As the film progresses, a love interest develops between Susie (Pfieffer) and the brother Jack (Jeff Bridges). This attraction causes antagonism between the brothers and ultimately destroys their relationship and the group. Susie decides to leave the act because of the friction between the siblings and because of the failed relationship between her and Jack.

It seems ironic that Susie is the one who reaches down and pulls the brothers from their abyss to fame but also sends them down into the same pit. All three really need each other to create the group's survival but, in the end, the conflicts among them are too much and cause the act to fall apart.

Michelle Pfieffer is excellent as Susie Diamond, surging with a sensual electricity that seems to burst onto the screen. She is fantastic as the insecure prostitute, unhappy but only knowing that style of life.

The real protagonist of the film is Jack Baker, portrayed exceptionally by Jeff Bridges, the antithesis of his older counterpart. He is the tragic brother since the life behind the shield begins to crumble around him. He loses Susie, his brother, his friends, and the little dignity and pride he possessed. At the movie's end, he must redeem himself and regain all that he has lost which he does with success.

"The Fabulous Baker Boys" is indeed a superb film. It is rich with fine music and abounds with sensuality, good dialogue, and scattered humor as in the telethon scene and the recurring joke about Frank's hair. Who could forget the most notable and famous scene in which the sultry Susie Diamond slinks across the piano top as she sings "Makin' Whoopee"? What man in his right mind does not envy such a lucky piano?

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Jane's Addiction's new habitual ritual

It had been over two years since my last fix but every cell of my body still craved it. Good stuff, the dealer told me as I walked away. Back in the room I carefully unwrapped the goods and prepped myself. I raised my arm and dropped the needle into the black vein of the spinning vinyl and took a 33 1/3 cc. injection of the most divine mind expanding tunes available. I'm speaking of Jane's Addiction and their most recent album, "Ritual de lo Habitual".

I remember buying "Jane's Addiction", the self-titled album, after seeing them open for Love And Rockets. After listening I wondered why Love And Rockets wasn't opening for them. Then came their major label debut, "Nothing's Shocking": an album that the president of Warner Bros. said would warp an entire generation... my sentiments exactly. "Ritual de lo Habitual". the third chapter of Jane's Addiction is guaranteed to leave you confused and have your eyeballs spinning like pinwheels.

"Ritual" kicks in with a slew of tight ditties. "Stop!", the first song and the first single off the album, bites hard at first (I mean it reaches out of the speakers and chomps you), then does a half-gainer and spins down to a lull... then bites you again. For those of you on campus with cable: I've heard that MTV has somehow crammed the video for "Stop!" between a Belinda Carlisle video and a Stridex commercial. This is not how one enjoys Jane's Addiction.

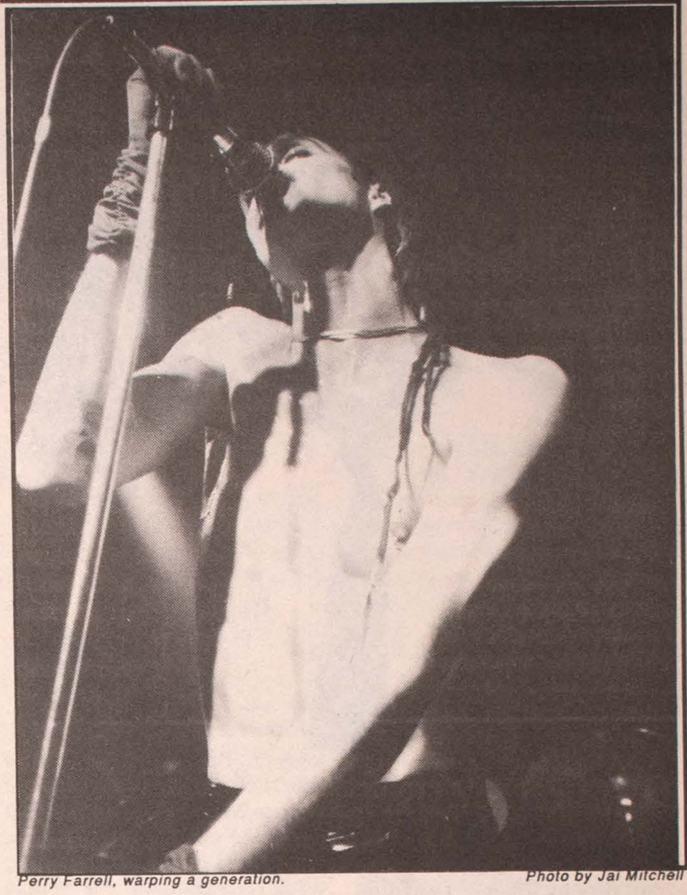
"Ritual de lo Habitual" is a unified crusade into an ethereal state of being. Unbeknownst to the happy folks at MTV, a ritual goes far beyond it's first incantation. Something as sacred as a ceremony cannot be dissected. This album should be played beginning to end.

Oh, you might start to *feel* something upon hearing a single from a Jane's album but then you are somehow left out when the song is over. After "Stop!" you will hear the bouncy, socially conscious "No One's Leaving", then the amoral "Ain't No Right" and "Obvious". The rising action continues with "Been Caught Stealing"- this song blows doors down and I'm predicting it to be the second single. Not that I ever want it to become a single, it just has the strongest possibilities to stand alone from the album.

Now for the big climax, the most incredible song Jane's Addiction has ever performed. "Three Days", appropriately titled, is a squirming physical conception of flux brought to an infinite exponent. "Three Days" is three songs strung out between instrumentals that all spiral upward to the pinnacle when lead singer Perry Farrell screams, "Erotic Jesus....loves his Marys!" This Scorsesean Last Temptation of censorship is echoed throughout "Ritual".

From the nude sculpture on the album cover (that had to be partially covered by a red satin sheet before Warner would press it), to the parental advisory that blocks even more of the cover art, the mature theme of this work can be seen. Hell, if any kid over eight hasn't heard either of the cuss words on this album or ever seen a nude piece of artwork the poor kid should be let out of his parental shell.

Anyway, the "Ritual" mellows out with the lovely and sentimental "Then She Did..." before the gypsies come out and steal you, take you away and make you slap your own face with "Of Course". The "Ritual" wraps up with an exultation of the band's inspiration... women. "Classic Girl" is a lullaby and a brilliant finish to a brilliant album.


Perry Farrell, warping a generation. *Photo by Jai Mitchell*

After listening to "Ritual de lo Habitual" you may need a cigarette. You may feel like you let someone you didn't know touch you. You will be completely satisfied. If you need this in your life, if you need a fix- you need Jane's Addiction.

Matt Shields is a Sophomore who is almost a J unior. Matt believes he is Elvis.

SCHEDULE *of* EVENTS
Alumni Fall Weekend
Inauguration of President Charles H. Trout

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
"Back to School"
Alumni are invited to return to the classroom. For those who accept the challenge, a schedule of regularly scheduled Friday classes is available at the Alumni House.

6:00-7:00 p.m.
Hall of Fame Reception
Student Center

7:00 p.m.
Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony
Honored Athletes: Lewis T. Jacobs '29, Harry F. Kabernagle '51,
John W. Selby '41, Dr. Harry Simpers 1895,
William N. Williams '76
Hynson Lounge

8:00 p.m.
Washington College Drama Production
Tawes Theatre

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

8:30 a.m.
5K Fun Run
College and Community register to race
Campus Plaza

9:30 a.m.
Sho'men Club Annual Business Meeting
Alumni House

11:00 a.m.
Inauguration of Charles Hathaway Trout
Campus Lawn

1:00 p.m.
Celebration Luncheon
Alumni and their families are honored guests
Hodson Terrace

2:30 p.m.
"The American Century"
A History Symposium moderated by Dr. Trout
Norman James Theatre

4:00 p.m.
Alumni vs. Sho'men Baseball
Alumni vs. Alumni Lacrosse

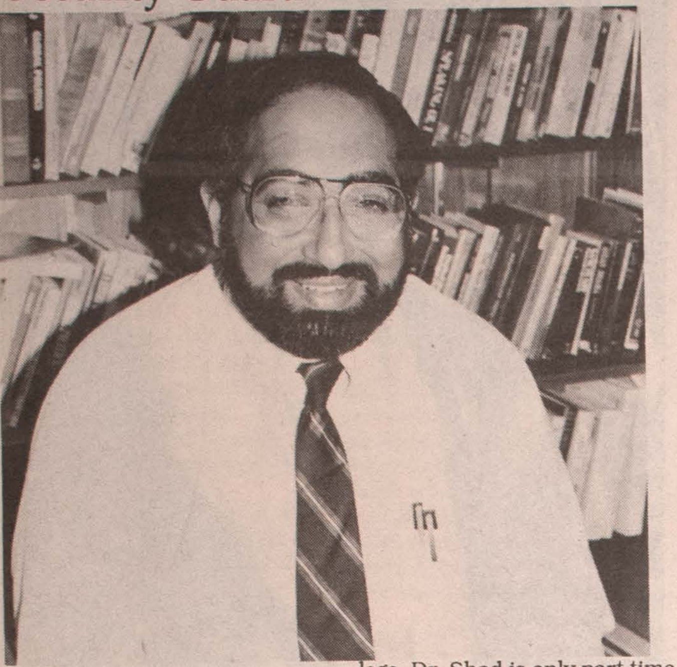
4:30-6:00 p.m.
Reception for the Members of the 1782 Society
Hynson Ringgold House

6:00-7:00 p.m.
Sho'men Club Cocktail Reception
Hynson Lounge

8:00 p.m.
The Manhattan String Quartet
Tawes Theatre

10:00 p.m.
Black Sheep
Alumni and Student Dance
College Plaza

Dr. Shad, former Rolling Stones Security Guard



By: Susie Mazzullo

The Washington College faculty was joined by a number of new professors this year. Among them is Dr. Tahin J. Shad. Not only does Dr. Shad have the credentials to stand up to the standards of Washington College professors but he also has a background that many students who like classic rock and roll would envy.

Dr. Shad is an assistant professor in the study of politics and political science this year. He teaches one of the introductory political science courses offered here at the college. Dr. Shad is only part time this semester but plans to come back to Washington College next semester on a full time basis. Dr. Shad is on a tenure track for a full time position. He is only part time this semester because he currently teaches part time at Wesley College in Dover, Delaware.

Although Dr. Shad has only started his first year here at the college, he has been offerred the position of Director of International Studies. The responsibility of this position includes working in conjunction with Dr. Daniel Premo who is also a professor in the political science area as well as the Department Chair of Political Science and International Studies. Dr. Shad will be in essence, Dr. Premo's assistant.

One of the things that Dr. Shad is currently working on, and that is under consideration by the administration, is the addition of new political science and international studies courses. For example, such courses being considered include a study on the Middle East as well as the Political Economy of Africa.

Dr. Shad, however was not always a professor of political science. Like most of us trying to get through school, Dr. Shad held a number of jobs before he entered into his current career field. One of the most interesting jobs he held was as a security guard for the ever popular rock bands, The Who and The Rolling Stones. Dr. Shad traveled with these bands for approximately a year and a half. Unfortunately at the time he wasn't a great fan of the two bands. "I wasn't into rock and roll at that time. I was more of a raggae fan," he said.

Dr. Shad has lived in many different parts of the world. Among them being Kenya, Africa and London, England. He now resides in Dover, Delaware.

This being Dr. Shad's first year, he hasn't had much time to learn much about the college but has enjoyed his time here so far. "I like the student and the members of the faculty very much. It has been very enjoyable experience," he says.

Security discusses Date Rape

By: Susie Mazzullo

Next Thursday, October 4th, the Security department is holding a panel discussion on date rape. The discussion will be held in the Dunning Hall lecture room at 7:00 pm.

It will consist of an all student panel so that students may have an open discussion with their peers on the subject of date rape and their feelings regarding our campus.

The four student panel members are Samantha Streamer, Deanna Houle, William Brandenburg, and John Kelly.

Representatives from health services, security, student affairs, and the states attorney's office, will be on hand to answer any questions that may arise.

Director of Security, Jerry Roderick, encourages and hopes that everyone will join the discussion. The subject of date rape has become a prime topic of conversation not only on the Washington College campus but all around the nation and it is something that needs to be addressed. "It's unfortunate that that's the kind of world we live in but it is, and we have to do something about it."

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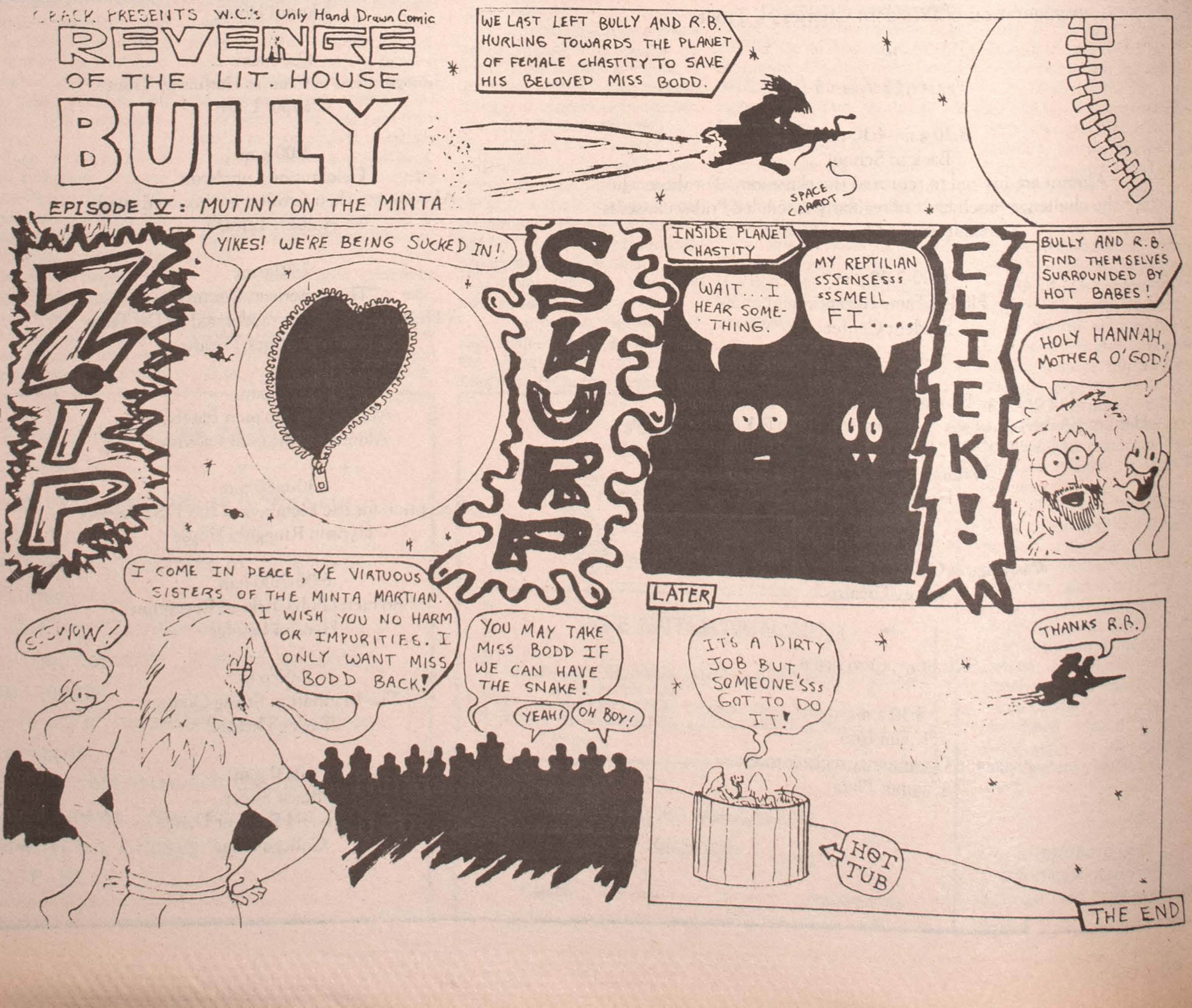
formed to discuss the issue.

Finally, the meeting turned toward the granting of money to the clubs. Brian Gimmelson, SGA Treasurer, then took over the meeting. He stated that twenty seven clubs applied for funding that totaled approximately $17,000. The funds for the various clubs were allocated as follows: Amnesty...$600, Campus Christian Fellowship...$200, Chess Club...$250, Dance...$500, Dumschott Society...$400, French Club...$500, German Club...$500, Historic Preservation Society...$500, International House...$1250, Karate Club...$650, Margaret Horsley Society...$600, Mystic Herald...$300, Newman Club...$200, Phi Sigma Tau...$1000, Psi Chi...$150, Psychology Club...$300, Rugby Club...$1000, Sailing Team...$1400, Society of 12...$300, Spanish Club...$500, Translations...$250, Visual Artists Union...$800, Wac Happennings...$500, and the Young Democrats...$500.

It was made clear during the meeting that the clubs may make other petitions to the SGA for funding during the year and are not just restricted for the money they received here.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WAIT... I HEAR SOMETHING.
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CLICK!
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SSSWOW!
YOU MAY TAKE MISS BODD IF WE CAN HAVE THE SNAKE!
YEAH!
OH BOY!
LATER
IT'S A DIRTY JOB BUT, SOMEONE'SSS GOT TO DO IT!
THANKS R.B.
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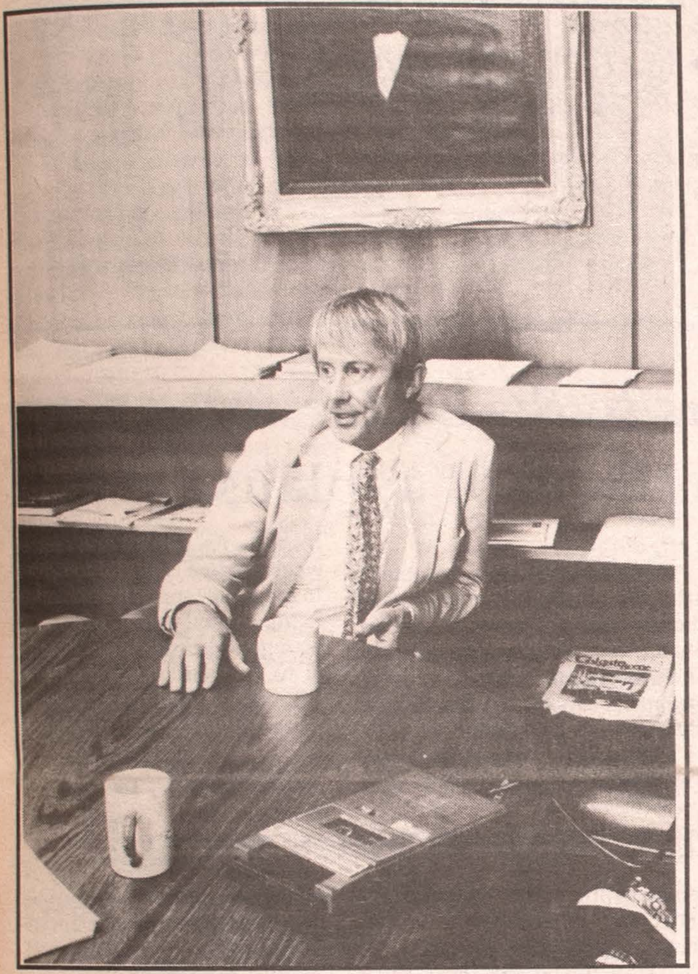

By Laura Hopper

Charles Hathaway Trout will become Washington College's 24th president in a ceremony on Saturday morning. The inauguration will take place under the elm at 11 A.M. Following the ceremony, the President will address the audience on the role of a liberal arts college in contemporary society.

Trout said he was "moved and touched" by the response news of his inauguration has generated. Delegates from 158 colleges will attend the ceremony as well Governor William Donald Schaefer of Maryland, and United States Senator Paul Sarbanes.

The inauguration will give the College a chance to show off the improvements to the physical plant made during the term of Trout's predecessor, Douglass Cater.

Trout also expressed concern about students attending the inaugural and the other events scheduled throughout the day. He hopes as many students will attend as possible. It is possibly the only time the students will attend an affair of this type, he stressed, and it is for them as well.

Chemistry Professor Frank Creegan will bring greetings from the Washington College faculty and staff to the delegates and audience.

Student Government President Stuart Neiman will bring greetings from the students. According to Neiman, his comments will "address the importance of Charles Trout to the campus and college community."

When asked, on the eve of his inauguration, how he wishes his administration to be remembered by the college community, Trout said he wants to be "remembered as someone who strengthened the sense of community, the sense that those who have touched Washington College and been touched by the College view themselves as an extended family. Someone who preserved the integrity of liberal arts but strengthened them in every conceivable way. For an administration that lifted the vision and aspirations of generations of Washington College students, and put the College in a position to compete for quality faculty and ambitious and interesting students."

Trout came to Washington College from Colgate University where he had been Provost and Dean of the Faculty since 1981. He received his bachelor's degree from Amherst college in 1957, and his doctorate in American history from Columbia University in 1972.

Following the inauguration, there will be a luncheon on the Hodson terrace. At 2:30, President Trout will moderate an American history symposium entitled "The American Century." The Manhattan String Quartet will perform in Tawes theater at 8:00 P.M. and the Black Sheep return to campus for a student-alumni dance on the Library terrace at 10:00P.M.

The William Smith parking lot will be used for delegate parking and therefor closed to students on Saturday. Security asks that any student parked in the lot move their car before Saturday morning, or they will receive a visit from Security asking them to do so.

In case of rain, the inauguration will be held in Cain gymnasium.

SGA deals with cable

By : Kyndra Ponder

Tuesday night's Student Government Association meeting allowed for many important student concerns to be heard and addressed by the SGA as well as the Administration.

The first item on the agenda was to "swear-in" the newly elected Freshman Class Officers. President Lionel Dyson, Vice-President Thomas Solter and Secretary Cindi DeWaters were given the oath of office by SGA Parliamentarian, Gordy Scherer.

After roll call, the major point under New Business was an address by Clint Baer concerning the cable issue. Baer stated that sometime last spring he received a petition from 25 students for Cable Television in the dorms.

The Administration has looked into the idea of having cable installed around campus for both academic and student uses, but the proposition will be very expensive - somewhere between $168,000 and $240,000 to make every room cable-ready. Bear reports that the Administration "won't fund this project directly out of the budget as a priority". That means that the costs - the cheapest prices should be about $40/month - will be passed along to students.

Because of the steep cost of installing the necessary equipment, Baer's office is asking the SGA to determine the overall student opinion about the need of the students for such services and whether there will be enough student interest to justify spending a quarter of a million dollars on cable T.V.

Student reaction to this was mixed. Senior Senator, Susan Spedden said "If I had cable in my room, I'd sit up there and watch T.V. all day and I wouldn't get any studying done." On the other hand, SGA Secretary, Jenny Albers felt that the cable issue is just completely infeasible because of the high costs. Not only would the school have to buy equipment, but a maintenance position would have to be created if cable were installed on campus. As a result, the overall cost to both the school and the students would be paying disproportionately high fees for cable service.

After discussion within the Senate, SGA President Stuart Neiman announced that the first of his polls for the year would deal with the cable television issue. The polls will be distributed next week to all dorm senators and will be very simple to fill out. Student input on this issue is crucial and everyone is encouraged to fill out the survey and return it to your dorm senator as soon as you can. According to Neiman, the polls are being conducted because "We need to narrow our options in terms of what we want down to a list of about three, then what comes back will be official student policy on Cable T.V.".

Baer stated that should students return a favorable response regarding the need for cable on campus, then the time frame to see this implemented would be fairly lengthy, but that it could conceivably be in place next fall. Then he added that he does not believe that it will be easy to pass this through both the student body and the administration.

After Baer's comments, the SGA continued with its business for the evening. SGA Treasurer Brian Gimelson reported that an application for $1500 from CRACK Magazine had been received. Because the students involved in the magazine have planned to change the format this year and to distribute it nationally, the costs will be very high - about $12,000. CRACK's editors and the students involved are going to many different offices on campus asking for monetary assistance.

Neiman suggested, because the magazine had such high ambitions for the year, and that since the magazine could lend positive national recognition to the school, that the SGA lend full support to CRACK. He suggested "an investment" of $1750 for the magazine - $250 over what they had asked for from the SGA. The suggestion was voted on and approved by the Senate.

SGA Vice President, Kevin Kelly reported that a Student Academic board meeting was held on Sunday. Only a few subjects - such as the Grade Point Average changes for Junior Year Abroad students, the possible addition of a Physical Education major and making the seminar requirements of the departments more uniform in

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EDITORIAL

Support your local Trout

There are some events that end up happening once in a lifetime. No, not royal weddings, because there have been two in the past ten years, and there are still marriable princes out there. And since we students have been alive man's walked on the moon more than once, and we've sent a space probe to Mars.

Well, this week's topic should be becoming blatantly apparent. Yes, everyone on campus this weekend should attend the inauguration of President Trout. After all, it's our campus and our college that all these distinguished visitor are coming to, they'll be taking our parking places, and causing a longer than usual line at the WCDS. But aside from the rather minor inconviences this event is sure to cause, the "New Trout on the Block" is our president, and gee, wouldn't it be nice if we all, everyone who is able, turned out to watch him on his big day.

Now, being intelligent and witty people, we've come up with many new and unusual names for our new President--The big fish, New Trout on the Block, Troutsky, etc. But now it's time to put our money where our mouth is and turn out, as nearly en masse as possible to show him that we care. He is, after all, light years away from Douglass Cater, a fine man who we will all remember for the many improvements to the Campus made during his tenure as president.

Whether you approve of the man and his policies or not, now is the time to show some Collegiate solidarity. 11 is not too early to get out of bed, and hey, if its a sunny day, you could even get a tan. But seriously, this is most likely the only chance we students will get to see something like this. Besides, we'll all be listening with anxious ears when Stu Neiman, our esteemed Student Government Association president stands up to offer greetings from the Student Body.

It should make for an interesting day...

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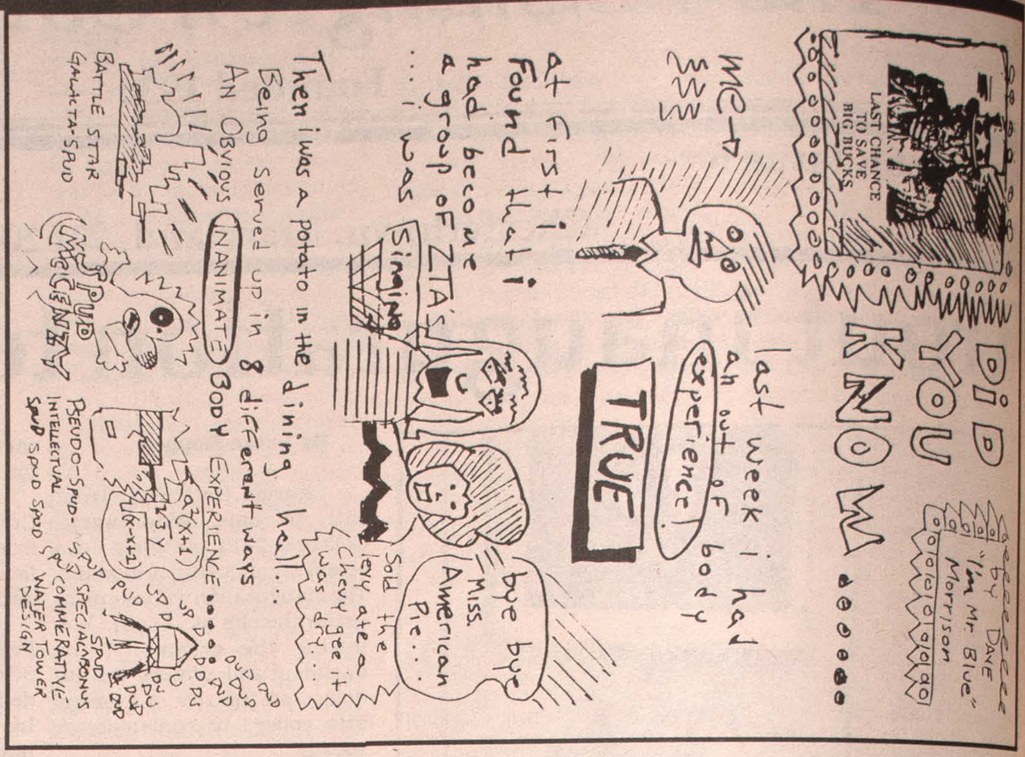

DID YOU KNOW
by Dave "I'm Mr Blue" Morrison
LAST CHANCE TO SAVE BIG BUCKS
ME→
last week i had an out of body experience
TRUE
at first i found that i had become a group of ZTAs ... i was singing
bye bye Miss American Pie...
Sold the levy ate a Chevy gee it was dry...
Then i was a potato in the dining hall...
Being served up in 8 different ways
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Letters to the Editor

Let's give Stu a round of applause

To the Editor:

Many students will recall the letter I wrote about last year in which I expressed my disappointment over the conduct and manner in which Stuart Neiman behaved as S.G.A. President. I am writing this letter because I would like to say that that "little boy with a big head" seems to be growing up a lot.

You see, for many people, a little bit of power can be a very "heady" thing. So in many ways, Stu's little power trip was normal and understandable. Perhaps I (and many other students) should have been more patient.

After all, he seems to be getting the hang of this "leadership thing." As evidenced by last week's article, Stu is beginning to recognize that a huge part of being a good leader is serving as a good example. When one is in a position of authority, actions, words and even relationships are public domain. A

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Humble response to pompous president

To the Editor,

After having read last week's article by our most illustrious mentor of a president. I was fairly disgruntled. Your pretentious lecturing has bored and annoyed your loyal citizens just about enough. You are neither Ayn Rand nor Jack Kerouac and your philosophical streams of consciousness should remain your own. Constructive criticism is effective; condescending arrogance is not.

Death is a terrible thing. Most adults our age have come in contact with death and its consequences and no-one would argue for the constructive properties thereof. I too have had friends die in drug and alcohol related accidents but that does not propel me to devote my life to the perpetual condemnation of alcoholic enjoyment. I respect your decision to lecture during the summer months, but regret to inform you that the summer is over. I am sorry that death has been so close to you recently and understand

The student is just another president

To the Editor,

As I finished Stu Neiman's article "Is the SGA President just another student?" I began to feel very small. All I could think about was the fact that Stu was the president and I wasn't. I began wondering about what other amazing moral dilemmas Stu must face every day and how petty and dull my existence really was. And the most amazing thing about it was that the president actually admitted he was wrong. But then I woke up and, as Stu urged me to do, I saw the true intent of Stu's letter which was the overglorification his position as SGA president.

Stu's article gave us, "the whole school," a glimpse into the workings of the PRESIDENTS mind by investigating the his absentee record. As we join Stu in a step by step analysis of the impact of his absenteeism on the class, the teacher, the student body, and the world in general, we are continually reminded that he is in fact president of the SGA. My point of contention with Stu is that he has misinterpreted his temporary position as president.

Stu seems to be under the false assumption that his position is extra-unique because he has "responsibilities to the whole of the school." However, every person in this school has some type of role which has a responsibility attached to it. I work in a restaurant and as a server of food, I am in a fashion responsible for the whole clientele of the restaurant. 'Joe' lacrosse member is a member a team which at times can be

See STUDENT, pg 6.

Student behavior questioned

To the Editor:

In response to this past week's letter to the editor about the stupidity of a few drunk students from the Lambda fraternity, I want to raise some serious questions regarding the immaturity of students who can't hold their liquor, and make a few comments. People at the beginning of this year were extremely concerned about the administration's making Washington College a dry campus. From what I've seen so far this year, this isn't a bad idea. I, for one, do enjoy an occasional drink, but I do not go around abusing the privilege (though illegal, since I am under the age of 21). I do live on campus, and have heard numerous people shouting from out in front of Kent House at 2:00 in the morning before a major test the next day. I missed the Jed Cronin incident unfortunately, but I have had some strange things happen to me this year which really makes me wonder about the so-called "maturity" of students on this campus. In the

see LETTER, Pg 8.

CAMPUS VOICES

Issue: Should smoking be allowed in the Dining Hall?

Smoking is bad for everybody

Julie Greene

Smoking in the cafeteria is not just an annoying habit, it is an unhealthy one for all exposed. There is of course the obvious argument that smoking in general is bad for a person's health and logically should not even be done. Then there is the fact that being around someone smoking is also unhealthy.

But, in the cafeteria there is a non-smoking section so there should not be a problem, right? Wrong. It would be one thing if smokers stayed in the smoking section, but the cafeteria does not even enforce that, so smokers wander freely - not that they should be incarcerated. Frequently I will be trying to enjoy my meal in the non-smoking section when suddenly a haze settles down and I feel a burning sensation in my nostrils. I turn to find a smoker sitting behind me, but holding the cigarette behind her back so as not to offend those she is sitting with at the table. Well, fine she's not offending them, she's offending me. A polite request to diminish the problem results in a huff and a look that says "it's a free world."

I really wish it does not come down to policing the cafeteria non-smoking section for offenders, or totally wiping out smoking in the cafeteria. But, there are some logical reasons supporting these opinions. First, smoke is very mobile and can move beyond any silly boundaries of smoking and non-smoking sections. Second, this mobile monster can travel around the various foods laying out so that they are already contaminated (by the smoke) before we even put it on our plates. Third, and this is extreme, smoking affects expectant mothers, which included one of our dining hall supervisors last year.

One other well known fact is that smoking causes cancer, as well as other health defects. But not everybody knows that people can also get cancer from inhaling second-hand smoke. A few years back one of my friends' mother contracted the smoker's cancer and she has never smoked. It certainly made me think twice about all the smokers around me, not just in school, but other places more public. Think of the smell of a person's sweater after being around only one smoker and for no more than an hour. It stinks, and I am not just talking about the smell.

But, to get back to the current issue, how should the smoking problem in the cafeteria be solved. Again, I would not recommend totally banishing smoking from the cafeteria, at least not immediately. More gradual steps should be taken. Dining services could start with making students more aware of the fact that there are in fact sections designated for smokers and for non-smokers. When you are hungry and in a hurry it is hard to see a little sign that says "no smoking." Granted there are those of us who are aware and ignore the signs. People should be more courteous to those around them. Smokers are probably upset about the possibility of not being able to smoke in the cafeteria. Try to see from the other person's perspective, I don't want to be eating a healthy salad while coughing on someone's cigarette smoke. Nonsmokers should try to see the smoker's point of view. What about freedom and pursuit of happiness? Well, if killing yourself slowly appeals to you, go for it! But don't take everyone else with you.

If a greater awareness and a few warnings do not accomplish much, then perhaps dining services should maker a bolder statement. Maybe turning one of the smoking sections into a non-smoking section. I have not taken a personal poll of the campus, but the general opinion is that nonsmokers are in the majority so this move would make sense. Given a period of adjustment if things still don't work out, maybe the cafeteria will ban all smoking. If you look at that way putting out an occasional cigarette when sitting in the non-smoking section or just sitting in the smoking section doesn't look all that bad.

Julie Greene is a junior majoring in economics

No, not really, it affects so many people around you and there are so many other places you can smoke. Smoking is especially disturbing when you are eating and also for people with allergies.

Amy Osborne
Freshman
Marietta, OH

I think smoking and non-smoking sections are a good idea, but personally I am not affected by it.

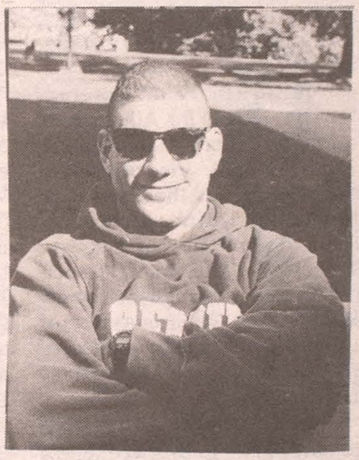
Merritt Pridgeon
Freshman
Marietta, OH

I think smoking should be allowed, but people should smoke in smoking areas and take the feelings of other people around them into consideration.

Karen Stritehoff
Junior
Baltimore, MD

I think it is fine, if people who smoke sit in the smoking area, I don't think it should be banned.

Staci Vendelis
Junior
Timonium, MD



As the great pharaoh Benjamin T. Hinkel once said, 'The individuals rights are the most valuable asset of all mankind.

Frank M. Crivelli
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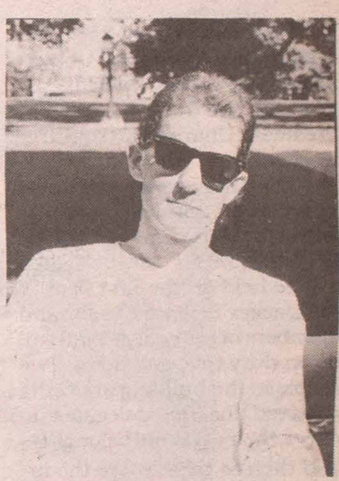

I don't think smoking should be allowed because I find it offensive and disgusting to smell smoke when I am enjoying a meal. I think smokers could wait until after eating and smoke someplace else.

Steve Huettner
Senior
Hicksville, NY

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The choice is yours

Suzie Mazzullo

Should smoking be allowed in the dining hall? If it were up to me, my answer would be a definite no. However, I do realize that my opinion isn't the same as everyone else's and that I can't always have what I want.

How many people do you know that smoke? Don't bother to count not because if we took the time I would never get a chance to finish this essay. Whether you choose to smoke or not is of no concern to me but when I begin to tell you of some of the unavoidable consequences of this maybe you will think about what you're doing next time you pick up a cigarette.

Maybe at this time in your life the effects aren't so obvious to you but later in life when you are having trouble breathing, and the doctor tells you that the pain in your chest is lung cancer, memories of this warning will come back to you.

You are probobly saying that this will never happen to you and I'm sure my parents thought the same thing too. Have you ever watched someone close to you die of cancer and watch the spirit of life drain from their eyes? For months I watched my mother go from home to the hospital repeatedly, all the while shrinking before my very eyes. There was nothing I could do except hold her hand and try to give her the hope that we both knew was a lie. A year later, I went through the same thing with my father. The last words that my mother spoke to me before she died were, "Please don't ever smoke." I don't know about you but that convinced me.

Maybe these long term affects are too much to handle right now. So, if your health doesn't concern you, maybe the subject of money will. Just once you should take the time to calculate how much money you spend on cigarettes in just one month.

As I have said before the decision to smoke is entirely up to you but not I hope you see that the choice is as easy as choosing between life and death. I hope you make the right decision!

Trout to moderate symposium "The American Century"

By Suzie Mazzullo

President Trout will moderate a history symposium at 2:30pm in the Tawes Theatre of the Gibson Fine Arts Center on Saturday afternoon. A symposium is when those who are knowledgeable in a particular field get together to discuss and debate about a particular issue. The Symposium to be held on Saturday is titled "The American Century" and in keeping with the definition, will host participants who are leading scholars in their fields.

Historians that will take part include, William E. Leuchtenburg, the William P. Kenan Professor of History at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; William H. Chafe, the Alice Mary Baldwin Professor of History at Duke University; Regina Morantz Sanchez, a professor of history at the University of California at Los Angeles; W. Robert Fallaw, Chair of the History Department here at Washington College; and Jonathan Sarris who is from the Office of the Governor of the State of Maryland. W. Robert Fallaw and Jonathan Sarris will be the respondents.

Dr. Leuchtenburg is a leading historian of this century and is also one of the most respected. As well as being a member of the faculty at the University of North Carolina, he has authored and co-authored a number of books and has also served as a historical consultant on a number of projects. One such project of extreme magnitude was his assistance on the recent PBS series for television, "The Civil War."

Dr. Leuchtenburg has taught at a number of prestigious universities and colleges. Among these are New York University, Smith College, Harvard University, Columbia University and finally the University of North Carolina where he is currently on the staff.

His work as an author of historical books has won him many awards as well as added to his reputation as a respected historian. His book, *Franklin D. Roosevelt and the New Deal* was the winner of the Francis Parkman Prize and the Bancroft Prize in 1964. Other examples of his work include, *The Perils of Prosperity, New Deal and Global War*, and *The Great Age of Change*. He is also co-author, editor, and contributor to over twenty volumes.

Because of his outstanding work in the study of history, Dr. Leuchtenburg, has been awarded Fellowships at the Center for Advanced Study in Behavioral Sciences, the National Endowment for the Humanities, The Mellon Foundation, The Guggenheim Foundation, Queen's College of Oxford University, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Dr. William Henry Chafe will also serve as a member of the symposium. Dr. Chafe is leading in the study of the history of American women and in the study of the history of the American south. At Duke University, he has held the positions of Co-Director of the Center for the Study of Civil Rights and Race Relations, Director of the Duke-UNC women's Studies Research Center, and the position of Senior Research Associate at the Center for Documentary Studies.

Dr. Chafe has also authored many books that have won him a number of awards. Among these works are *The American Woman: Her Changing Social, Political, and Economic Roles 1920-1970, Women and Equality: Changing Patterns in American Culture*, and *Civilities and Civil Rights: Greensboro, North Carolina and the Black Struggle for Freedom*. This last work won the Robert F. Kennedy Book Award in 1981. His latest award for his work was the 1989-90 John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship.

The woman member of the symposium is Regina Morantz-Sanchez. Her special area of interest is in the study of the history of American women as well as in the history of women and medical practice in the 19th and 20th centuries.

She is the author of a number of books and magazine articles including "Women in the Medical Profession: Why were There So Few?" in *American History* magazine, "Making Women Modern: Middle Class Women and Health Reform in 19th Century America" in the *Journal of Social History*, and "Professionalism, Feminism, and Gender Roles: A Comparative Study of Nineteenth-Century Medical Therapeutics" in the *Journal of American History*.

Our own professor of history here at Washington College, Dr Robert Fallaw, will also be participating in the symposium. Dr. Fallaw earned his master's degree and also his Ph.D. at Princeton University. While he was there he won the Rollins Fellowship in American History.

He served on the faculty of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for ten years before coming to Washington College in 1970. His current position is the Chair of the Department of History and is researching British-American Intellectual Relation after the American Revolution, 1783-1820.

Dr. Fallaw has had a number of publications. Recent ones include "The Old Dominion Under Fire: The Chesapeake Invasions, 1779-1781" in *Chesapeake Bay in the American Revolution*, and "Mahlon Dickerson, Jacksonian Democrat" in *The Governors of New Jersey*.

The last member of the symposium is a recent magna cum laude graduate of Washington College. Jonathan Dean Sarris graduated in 1989 and was awarded the Arthur A. Knapp Memorial Prize in History. This award is awarded to the graduating history major who has displayed unusual interest, enthusiasm, and ability in the field of history. Currently, Mr. Sarris is the Programs Assistant for Education in the Office of Governor William Donald Schaefer.

All are welcome and students are encouraged to attend the symposium.

Suzie Mazzullo is the Elm News Editor, and would like to thank the Adminsitration for their help in assembling this article.

Inauguration brings distinguished visitors

By Suzie Mazzulo

Approximately 158 delegates from that many universities and colleges will be attending the Inauguration of President Charles H. Trout this weekend.

The delegates are scheduled to arrive on Saturday morning between 9:00 and 10:30am. Registration for the delegates will be held on the first floor of the Decker Science Center and members of the college staff will be on duty to assist them. Two rooms in the building are being reserved for the delegates to check their personal belongings and then to robe before the inauguration ceremonies. Ermon Foster, the College Marshall, and Lucille Sansing and Jack Hamilton, the Assistant Marshals, will be on hand to assist and give additional instructions.

Following the ceremony, there will be a luncheon on the College Plaza in front of the Gibson Fine Arts Center, or in the Hodson Hall in case of rain.

A number of members of the Washington College faculty and staff will be on hand to represent their various alma maters. Included in this are Colin Dickson, Associate Professor of French; Paul Bishop, Director of the Computing Center; Barbara Heck, Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations; Kathleen Mills, Associate Professor of Music; James D. Holmes, Associate Director of Admissions; Clint Baer, Director of Planning; Elizabeth Baer, Provost; Rosemary H. Ford, Assistant Director of Biology; Edward Maxcy, Associate Dean of Students; Nathan Smith, Professor of History; Richard L. Gillin, Professor of English; Kevin Coveney, Vice President for Admissions and Enrollment Management; Sherry Magill, Vice President and Deputy to the President; Nancy R. Tatum, Ernest A. Howard Professor of English; Thomas J. Cousineau, Associate Professor of English; Beverly Wolff Young, Visiting Assistant Professor of English; and Garry E. Clarke, Chair of the Music Department.

Other delegates that plan to participate in this weekend's activities include: Adelphi University President, Peter Diamandopoulos; American University Director of Alumni Relations, Janet L. Chitwood; Bard College Dean, Stuart Levine; Capitol College President, G. William Troxler; Catonsville Community College President, Frederick J. Walsh; Chesapeake College Executive Vice President, Stuart M. Bounds; Colgate University President, Neil R. Grabois and their Dean, M. Lee Pelton; the College of Notre Dame of Maryland President, Kathleen Feeley; Dickinson College Assistant Director of Development, Melissa N. Combes; Gettysburg College Trustee, Margaret Blanchard Curtis; Hood College Vice President for Development and College Relations, Bruce E. Bigelow; Illinois Wesleyan University President, Minor Myers, Jr.; Lafayette College Dean of Academic Services, Alan W. Childs; Lehigh University Director of Planned Giving, Ferdinand Thun; Maryland Institute College of Art Vice President for Development, Douglas L. Frost; Mount Saint Mary's College President, Robert J. Wickenheiser; Mount Vernon College President, Jane Coutant Evans; New Community College of Baltimore Interim President, James S. Tschechtelin; New England College Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees, B. Jenkins Middleton; Salisbury State University Academic Vice President, K. Nelson Butler; St. John's College President, Donald J. MacIveer, Jr.; The Johns Hopkins University President, William C. Richardson; Trinity College President, Patricia A. McGuire; University of Baltimore President, H. Mebane Turner; University of Maryland at Baltimore Dean, Barbara R. Heller; University of Maryland Baltimore County Provost, Adam Yarmolinsky; University of Maryland Eastern Shore President, William P. Hytche; University of Pennsylvania President Emeritus, Martin Meyerson; Ursinus College Assistant Dean and Director of Liberal Studies, Annette V. Lucas; and Western Maryland College President, Robert H. Chambers.

The following professors will also be present to represent their college or university: Cecil Community College Professor of English, George E. Bell; Duke University Alice Mary Baldwin Distinguished Professor of History, William H. Chafe; Furman University Associate Professor of History, Marian Elizabeth Strobel; George Washington University Professor, Stephen R. Chitwood; Rutgers University Professor of History, John W. Chambers II; Springfield College Professor of History, Nicholas P. Moutis; Temple University Professor Emeritus, Mortimer Garrison, Jr.; Unites States Naval Academy Professor of Biology, R. Reece Cory, Jr.; and University of North Carolina William P. Kenan Professor of History, William E. Leuchtenburg.

The following colleges and universities are sending alumni to represent their institutions: Alfred University, Babson College, Baldwin-Wallace College, Barnard College, Bates College, Beaver College, Beloit College, Bennington College, Birmingham Southern College, Boston University, Bowdoin College, Brandeis University, Bridgewater College, Brown University, Bryn Mawr College, Carleton College, Case Western Reserve University, College of William and Mary, College of Wooster, Columbia University in the City of New York, Cornell University, Dartmouth College, Drew University, East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania, Fordham University, Franklin and Marshall College, Goucher College,

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Construction workers cause weekend flood

By: Laura Hopper

Some Washington College students received an unpleasant shock this weekend when they found themselves without water. The incident occurred outside of Worcester on Saturday afternoon when a construction worker driving a bulldozer struck a buried water main. Water pressure dropped, leaving the students in the Cullen dorms without showers, toilets, drinking fountains, washing machines and sinks for nearly five hours.

The initial reaction of the students was shock, followed by anger. Junior economics major Julie Greene said, "this reminds me of my experiences in Leningrad, except there I could take a shower."

The college responded quickly, and, with the help of local authorities, was able to repair the leak and restore water to the affected dormitories within a few hours. Sandra McCelland, RA for the second floor of Worcester, had nothing but praise for the way the college handled a difficult situation.

One of the construction workers at the scene told a student the plan of the area supplied by the College showed the pipe buried deeper than it was in actuality. This is the third time during the construction of the Kent-Hodson-Cullen access road that an incident of this nature has occurred. Twice earlier this semester construction workers cut through college phone and computer network lines.

Junior Michelle Beattie summed up the situation as "just another part in the unique Washington College experience."

The guilty bulldozer rests atop the broken pipe. The pipe was repaired by the end of the day, to the joy of the affected students.

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SGA

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terms of credits - were discussed at the SAB meeting. If any student would like to add input about these subjects, notify Kelly through campus mail.

Neiman introduced Victoria Vahos who has been appointed to serve as the Student Conduct Council Chairman this year. Vahos had nothing to report on at this time in the SCC.

SGA Secretary Jenny Albers reminded all senators that they are **required** to post all minutes in the dorms so that all students can see them.

Off-Campus senator, Cynthia Fields-Bélanger asked about the new phone system, stating that it can be very trying for off campus students, or anyone calling an on-campus extension after the switchboard closes at 4:30 in the afternoon because not everyone knows the extension number that they are trying to reach. Gordy Scherer will head a committee to look into improving the current system.

The Executive officers then urged everyone to plan to come down and help the Garnett School rebuild their playground on October 31-November 4. Each dorm senator will have

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President

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the turmoil involved but do not think yourself alone; or above.

The mere suggestion that the SGA is anything but "just another student" is appalling. Since when does the SGA president posses divine power? Might I remind you that past presidents have overcome your apparent dilemma without the assistance of cigars and a jacket and tie. As a matter of fact a few were quite successful with the assistance of the substances you so readily condemn.

Finally a note for those of you left bewildered by the almighty's admission of mortality. Can it be true...Stu Neiman is a mortal being. Mount Olympus must have been a bit too cramped to allow room for a certain elated part of his anatomy. Do not become frazzled, women, I am referring to his head.

Calm down Stu, be twenty years old for once in your life; it can be extremely enjoyable.

In not quite so contemptuous form,

your friend and equal,
Michael J. Winkelman

Quartet comes to campus

The inauguration celebration for President Trout will include evening entertainment for the visiting delegates and guests as well as Washington College faculty and students.

The main event of the evening is the performance by the Manhattan String Quartet. The quartet is celebrating its 21st season and will be performing on Saturday evening at 8:00pm in the Tawes Theatre of the Gibson Fine Arts Center.

Planned selections for the concert include some from Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Dimitri Shostakovich, and Ludwig van Beethoven.

The gifted performers of this quartet include Eric Lewis and Roy Lewis who play the violin, John Dexter on the viola, and Judith Glyde on the cello.

All are encouraged to attend this event.

Delegates

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Hamilton College, Harvard College, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Hollins College, Howard University, Kalamazoo College, Kenyon College, Keuka College, King's College, Knox College, Loyola College, Lycoming College, Marshall University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Miami University, Middlebury College, Millersville University of Pennsylvania, Morningside College, Mount Holyoke College, Oberlin College, Princeton University, Radcliffe College, Salem College, Sarah Lawrence College, Skidmore College, Smith College, St. Mary's College, Stanford University, Swarthmore College, Sweet Briar College, Thomas Jefferson University, Transylvanis University, United States Military Academy, University of Alabama, University of California at Berkeley, University of California at Los Angeles, University of California at Santa Barbara, University of Chicago, University of Colorado, University of Connecticut, University of Georgia, University of Illinois, University of Kansas, University of Louisville, University of Mo, University of Colorado, University of Connecticut, University of Georgia, University of Illinois, University of Kansas, University of Louisville, University of Maine, University of Maryland College Park, University of Michigan, University of Minnesota, University of New Hampshire, University of Pittsburgh, University of Richmond, University of Rochester, University of Tennessee, University of the South, University of Virginia, Vassar College, Virginia Military Institute, Wabash College, Washington and Lee University, Wellesley College, Wilkes University, Williams College, Wells College, Westminster College, Wilmington College, Wilson College, and finally Wofford College.

United States Senator, Paul Sarbanes, will also be on hand to represent Oxford University.

Saturday afternoon and evening host a number of events that all of the delegates are cordially invited to attend. There will be a History Symposium at 2:30pm, the Manhattan String Quartet will perform at 8:00pm and following that there will be a dance featuring the raggae band "Black Sheep." Students are also invited and encouraged to attend any and all of the inauguration weekend events.

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OUTLOOK

Yosemite at 100, can the park survive?

By DON VETTER

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Yosemite National Park enters its second century next month, but the celebration is colored with an overriding question: In the next 100 years, can the Sierra Nevada treasure be saved from its own popularity?

About 3.4 million visitors visit the grand expanse every year, which puts enormous pressure on Abraham Lincoln's mandate to "conserve the scenery and the natural and historical objects and the wildlife therein, and to provide for (their) enjoyment ... for all future generations."

Most of the dispute concerns the 7-square-mile Yosemite Valley, a temple of natural wonder with few rivals, offering everything from the delicacy of a mountain meadow to the grand view of El Capitan, a granite monolith that rises more than 3,000 feet above the valley floor.

But each summer evening, the valley becomes one of the nation's most densely packed cities, with 12,000 overnight guests bringing cars and campfires and the need for shelter, sewer systems, drinking water, police protection and food.

But the "marvelous wonderland" of John Muir – the Sierra Club founder who lobbied for the park's protection – is still there, in the gentle rainbow mists of Nevada Falls, an early morning walk through a meadow or an evening swim in the Merced River.

Marion Knight, camping with her husband and father-in-law at North Pines in Yosemite Valley, says, "Once you've been to Yosemite, you know that it has to be protected for future generations. There is something about Yosemite that is good for the soul. It's important that we have this and preserve this."

But the park is not wearing well. Many high country hikers find trails have become foot-deep grooves of sand. Several times a year, air quality in the valley falls below state health standards.

The park experience of yesteryear is further eroded because of the cut in the National Park Service budget.

Park Ranger Cherry Payne is coordinating Yosemite's centennial plans for a low-key affair. There is no need to attract more visitors to the valley.

"There is this perception, right or wrong, that Yosemite is very crowded and busy," Payne says. "But it is very easy to get away, to find a quiet place ... when everything clicks together and there is the phenomenal harmony between me and the world around me. I find those moments in Yosemite."

In 1980, the National Park Service completed a general management plan for Yosemite with the help of more than 5,000 public comments.

The plan, the park service's third attempt, took five years. The proposals would cost a little more than $145 million. Yosemite's annual budget is $13.8 million.

"Ten years have passed, and very few of the large-ticket items have been done yet," says Don Fox, a park service planner and landscape architect. "The things that are identified to make this more of a park-like experience are really a long way off. De-emphasizing the automobile and looking at satellite parking lots for day users – next to none of that has happened.

"Basically, all we have done is say that we don't know how to solve the problem. I guess that's a step in the right direction."

The Sierra Club and organizations such as The Wilderness Society say many of the problems have been at least aggravated by the park's major concessionaire, The Yosemite Park and Curry Co.

Once a mom-and-pop hotel operation that began in 1899, the company teetered near bankruptcy in the late 1960s. After the company changed hands twice, the entertainment conglomerate Music Corporation of America bought the concession in 1973.

John Poimiroo, vice president of communications for Yosemite Park and Curry Co., says the corporation is a victim of a "smear campaign."

"We see ourselves as the hotel division of the park," Poimiroo says. "We are in a partnership relationship with the park service. A lot of people have criticized that relationship because they feel that it is inappropriate to be a private company in a public arena."

The company cites the observations of former Sierra Club Chairman and environmentalist David Brower, who wrote in the Los Angeles Times that Yosemite is better managed today than it was 20 years ago.

MCA has operated an award-winning recycling program since 1975. It runs the valley's shuttle bus service and has removed several buildings.

What probably irks critics most is the franchise fees MCA pays to the park service for its monopoly on the hotel and food services – three-quarters of 1 percent of gross receipts. Last year, MCA paid $635,772 in fees while reaping more than $78 million in profits, the park service says.

MCA is "dragging its feet over relocating employee housing, and it continues to detract from the natural experience with too many commercial ventures," says Stephen Whitney, director of the national parks program for The Wilderness Society.

"For MCA, Yosemite is a cash cow; they are making megabucks in just one national park," says Barbara Boyle, the Sierra Club's Northern California-Nevada representative. "There is no reason why the money shouldn't be going back to the park."

(Don Vetter writes for the Gazette in Reno, Nev.)

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responsible for generating the excitement of the whole school. 'Dan' the maintenance man, is responsible for keeping a certain aspect of the whole campus life running efficiently. In Stu's article he so bravely admits to being extra guilty of missing classes because he is the president. However this is a clear misinterpretation of his duties. Is 'Dan' extra guilty for breaking a light bulb because of his responsibility to fix things? By over-playing his responsibilities as president, he is indirectly down-playing our as students. Are we any less guilty of cutting class because we aren't presidents?

Furthermore, while some roles are more visible than others, the person defines the role, the role does not define the person. Stu stated that "the President of Student Government must be a student first." But that is about as ridiculous as saying a waiter must be a man first. Stu, whether he wants to admit it or not, is a student. He holds a position, just as I hold a position, or a lacrosse player or maintenance man does. The importance of any position depends on the situation. The fact that 'Dan' is the maintenance man, when one wants their light bulb fixed, is just as important as the fact that Stu Neiman is president, when one wants SGA funding.

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OUTLOOK

In the world: Germany reunifies

United States

In a 96 to 3 vote, the Senate approved a resolution supporting President Bush's deployment of United States military forces to the Persian Gulf. The Senators left open, however, the question of their continued backing if the President sends U.S. troops into battle without provocation.

The United States is expected to call on other major industrialized democracies to ready their strategic oil reserves for use to slow the rise in oil prices. The US plan will be proposed at a meeting of the Paris-based International Energy Agency. The plan is expected to meet opposition from West Germany and Japan. This meeting is widely viewed as one of the most important gatherings since the twenty-one-nation organization was conceived in 1973 to shield Western economies from oil price shocks.

For unknown reasons, death rates from asthma among American children and young adults have been increasing steeply since the late 1970s, according to a recently published study in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Soviet Union

Moscow has urged the United States to join the Soviet Union in resolving the Persian Gulf under a United Nations' umbrella. Soviet military chief, General Mikhail A. Moiseyev fears a military conflict in the Gulf would ally Iran and Iraq and escalate into a world war. He believes that together the United States and the Soviet Union would possess the necessary "political means" to bring about a peaceful settlement.

General Moiseyev is on a week long visit to Washington D.C. in order to address a number of issues facing the Soviet military. He has used a portion of his visit to provide the United States Embassy with technical information regarding Soviet-made weapons used by the Iraqi Army.

Germany

October 3, 1990 "At the stroke of midnight, a massive German flag-now the only German flag-rose where the Berlin Wall stood only months ago." In a moment no one dared imagine a year ago, East Germany ceased to exist. The quest for German unity stood fulfilled. The unification of the two countries was celebrated throughout the now united Germany. The simple uniting of the Germanies, however, will not solve all of the problems in the East, economic, political, and otherwise. Unification will cause its own battery of complications. The road ahead of Germany is not an easy one, but she is on her way!

With the unification of Germany, allied control of Berlin ended; control of the city returned to the Germans. The three allies, the United States, Great Britain, and France, met one last time to sign the document relinquishing their control of the once divided city. The Soviet Union, keeping in line with its tradition since its walkout, did not attend the ceremony. They did, however, acknowledge the withdrawal.

Great Britain

Great Britain and Iran have resumed full diplomatic relations, severed by Teheran eighteen months ago over the Salman Rushdie affair. The decision brings the Iranian government closer to the West and kindles new hopes for release of Western hostages in Lebanon. Both Great Britain and Iran announced that the embassies would reopen in their respective capitals within a month.

Japan

The Prime Minister of Japan, Toshiki Kaifu unveiled draft legislation this week that could allow Japan to send noncombat military personnel to the Persian Gulf. Prime Minister Kaifu stressed that Japan would never re-emerge as a military power. Prime Minister Kaifu simply wishes, through his legislation, to enable Japan to cooperate with the United Nations to contribute to peace in the Persian Gulf and around the world, a practice previously foreign to the nation.

Compiled by Jennifer Stickney.

The flu season cometh

By SHERRY JACOBSON

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WASHINGTON – What killed an estimated 57,000 Americans last year, sent as many as 50 million home sick and could have been prevented with one little shot?

If you answered "the flu," then you probably remember what happened last winter.

Public health officials, who certainly have not forgotten last year's pandemic of A-Shanghai flu, launched their annual flu vaccination campaign this week on a cautionary note.

"Every flu season is different," said Susan Good, nurse epidemiologist who coordinates the flu surveillance program for the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

"We can't promise it won't be as bad as last year," she said. "We can only hope that people who are at high risk for flu complications will get vaccinated."

Those needing special protection are adults and children with chronic heart and lung diseases, people over 65, those with AIDS or other immune system disorders and medical workers who come into contact with all these groups.

Flu is of greatest threat to these people because their already-weakened immune systems make it easier for life-threatening pneumonia to develop.

Since 1979, influenza and pneumonia have been ranked as the sixth leading cause of death in the United States, behind heart disease, cancer, stroke, accidents and chronic pulmonary diseases. In a normal year, about 20,000 people die from flu-related illnesses, most of them elderly, according to the disease center.

A flu vaccine is up to 75 percent effective in preventing complications and death in older people. A survey of Medicare beneficiaries, however, found that only 43 percent had received flu vaccinations two years ago. Federal officials hope to vaccinate at least 60 percent of the elderly in 1990.

"The ideal time to get vaccinated is before influenza enters the community, so you can build up antibodies," Good said. Flu cases generally begin appearing in late November and peak in January and February before subsiding in early spring.

Health officials say they can't be certain what kind of flu

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Warding off the flu

Public health officials are urging flu vaccinations for millions of Americans with a higher-than-normal risk of getting the disease. Among those groups:

- People over 65.
- People of any age with any chronic disease, especially asthma, emphysema, diabetes, kidney disease, AIDS or anemia.
- Anyone taking drugs to suppress their immune system, such as organ transplant recipients.
- Residents of nursing homes.
- Health care workers, especially those in hospitals and nursing homes.

Source: American Lung Association, Centers for Disease Control

Carolynne Miller, Gannett News Service

The Washington College graduate program

By David Searles

Many Washington College students may not realize it, but Washington College has a graduate program. The program offers a master of arts in three areas - English, History-Social Studies, and Psychology, as well as some graduate education courses.

There are 98 students in the graduate program for Fall 1990. There are 15 students in English, 19 in History-Social Studies, and 45 in Psychology. There are an additional 19 students enrolled in the graduate program.

In each area, there usually are two courses offered each semester and one course during the summer session. All courses are three credits each. A total of 30 credits are required for graduation. Transfer students are excepted. Most classes are offered in the evenings, and are two and a half to three hours in length.

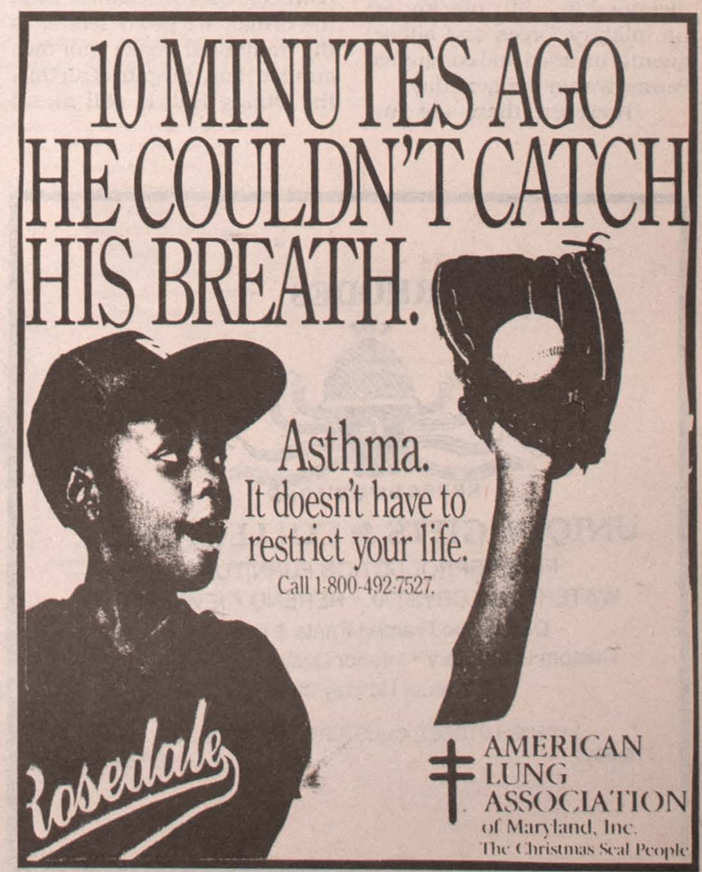
The goal of the program, as stated in the graduate catalog, is that "the Graduate Program is designed to meet the needs of persons in the community who wish to pursue their formal education in selected areas beyond the baccalaureate degree." Not all students are from the area though. An example of this is that one student in History-Social Studies came from Wisconsin, and another from Garrett County, MD (western end of the state).

The director of the Graduate Studies Program is Dr. George R. Shivers. Professors participating in the program this semester include Cousineau and Tatum in English, Fallow and Striner in History-Social Studies, and Browning, Spilich, and Tubman in Psychology.

A survey was conducted to find out more about the graduate students and their interests. Questions included where they are from, if they are first year or continuing students, if they had any interest in campus activities, and whether they believed they should be represented in the SGA and on the Graduate Academic Council. The results were, from about 30 graduate students surveyed, included the fact that about one-third were interested in campus activities and over two-thirds felt they should be represented in the SGA and on the Graduate Academic Council.

At the present time, according to Dr. Shivers, there are no plans for any changes in the Graduate Studies Program.

David Searles is a graduate student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The state of the college in the year 2090

Phil "Slice" Macek

There I was in Dr. Scout's "Organizational Behavior" class trying to stay awake. However interesting the lecture on effective communication channels within organizations seemed, I soon closed my eyes and took a little trip to dream land. In my dream I was delivered one hundred years into the future and was deposited on the campus of Washington College in the year 2090. You will scarcely believe the changes this school will go through in the upcoming century.

First off, Stu Neiman is now the president of the school. After graduation, Stu had no decisive career plans, so he tried his hand at various odd jobs. He went down to Florida to try his luck at alligator wrestling, but that venture turned out unsuccessfully. Next, Stu joined a biker gang called "The Virile Vikings Who Don't Wear Condoms" and spent his days raping and pillaging small towns in Arizona and New Mexico. Finally, Stu cleaned himself up and began working for a technological research firm in Chicago. It was in the midst of Stu's failed attempt to market his new invention, waterproof tea bags, that Stu got the call from Washington College. Apparently, Doug Cater, was back in town vying for a return to his presidency. He was running on the platform that his Master Plan was still incomplete and that he deserved a chance to see his visions through to fruition. However, Stu got the nod when it was discovered that Doug's Master Plan called for the construction of the "Douglass Cater Memorial Gambling Casino" in the basement of Minta Martin. Stu, recalling his days of power when he served as president of the S.G.A., immediately declared Chestertown a separate nation state that would be ruled as a dictatorship. Stu quickly set up military forces and subsequently invaded and conquered Pennsylvania the next day.

However, there are further changes that need to be discussed. Initially, Spike is the head of the all-new, kicking ass and taking names Security Department that calls itself, "The Gestapo of Washington College." Spike took the helm after serving a two year stint as head of the F.B.I. In those two years, almost singlehandedly, Spike put a stop to all drug use in this country, hunted down every criminal that has ever appeared on "America's Most Wanted," dated and married Kim Bassinger, won a Wimbledon title (beating Boris Becker in a tough five set match,) made a hit rap record with L.L. Cool J called, "Yo' Mama's Thighs Slap When She Walks," put an end to world hunger, won the Tour De France, and was voted *Time's* man of the year in 2088.

The new (to us) Academic Resource center is still not open, although President Stu has declared that the ribbon cutting ceremony announcing the building's official opening should occur within the next five years. Tuition is now $18 billion per year, but Washington College still ranks as a "best buy" in the *New York Times* assessment of college costs.

Furthermore, every year since their win one hundred years ago in 1990, the Lambdas have successfully defended their title as winners of the loving cup. The one hundred year winning streak is believed to be some kind of national record.

All Dining Hall food is now freeze dried and served in powdered form. Last night's meal was a powdered chicken gorilla sandwich covered with powdered barbecue sauce. Even the drinks are powdered, as is the traditional "make your own sundae" bar. In spite of all this, the Dining Hall is still award winning and getting better.

The statue of George Washington has been moved into President Stu's own brainchild, "The Washington College Garden of Greatness." This plot of land, adjacent to Bunting Hall, now serves as home to the statues of Washington College's truly elite figure heads who have helped shape the character of the school in the past. There are, besides George, statues of Clint Baer, Doug Cater, Libby Cater, Ed DeWaters, and Jim Sobczak. Rumors have it that the statue of Stu Neiman is almost complete, but more bronze will be needed to finish the Havana cigar that will be placed in Stu's left hand.

Despite all the changes that Washington College will go through in the next century, it is essentially the same place we have grown to love. The Elm still dominates the campus landscape, there is still no lighting for night time walkers' security, Coffee House parties are still lame, people still go home for the weekends, and "caps' is still the favorite drinking game around campus. However, one should know that Newt's drafts are now $2.00 each on Wednesdays, the Sophie Kerr prize has lost its prestige because no winners have become famous and is now only worth $1.38 per year, Kent House has been deemed an architect's nightmare and is now being torn down, and there is still no possibility for getting cable T.V.

It was at this point that I awoke from my dream. Dr. Scout was now talking about successful methods of motivating employees and for some strange reason I found myself getting sleepy again. Hell, with all the sleeping I do maybe I'll dream about getting an "A" in this class.

Amy on student apathy

Amy Tiehel

Washington College offers its students many unique opportunities. With an outstanding academic reputation, extremely competitive athletic teams, and an extensive array of extracurricular activities the college combines the best of many worlds. Movies, lectures. plays, concerts, and the Sophie Kerr committee offer educational as well as cultural entertainment. However, instead of taking full advantage of these excellent opportunities, many Washington College students choose to sit in their rooms and criticize the lack of "things to do around here." It is my feeling that we, the students of Washington College, are suffering from what I like to call lack of "school spirit." I am not just talking about athletic "rah-rah" school spirit. I am talking about the apathetic attitude many students have towards Washington College in general.

First we must ask ourselves, why are we here? Some people came because it was their first choice and they knew Washington College was an excellent place to get an education. Others came because it was the only place they got into, or their parents pressured them into coming. Other reasons may include: convenience of location, the classes that are offered here, the chance to play athletics or some of these combined. Whatever the reason, we are here, so why not make the most of it? Sure, there may be a lot of policies here that we do not all agree with. However, I feel that we have an excellent school.

Academically speaking, Washington College has an extremely respected reputation. Those people who choose to go to class will find why this is true. Having eight to fifteen papers to write in a semester may be a drag, but that is why we are here. just think, when you have finished you may have learned something.

When it comes to athletics, Washington College can boast some truly fine teams. But how could anyone know that? They never go to the games. Our tennis, basketball, and lacrosse teams are ranked in the top three in the nation for Division III, but I don't think that we'll be setting any fan attendance records.

The cultural diversions here are endless. Our drama department puts on excellent plays. Every weekend the Film Series offers a different movie in Norman James theatre. The literary house's Monday Series brings various speakers to campus, as does the Sophie Kerr Committee. The International House occasionally provides open forum discussions for students to learn and discuss what is going on in the world around us. Renowned musicians play in Tawes Theatre, brought to us by the concert series. Many of these are offered throughout the week. In one week there may be something offered every night. Unfortunately, when these are available only on Friday nights many people easily find other sources of entertainment.

I am aware that perhaps this is too cynical an attitude, because there are plenty of people here on campus who are involved in more ways than one. There are changes taking place that will make Washington College better than it already is. Many of these changes were initiated by students themselves. However, there are always those who will criticize. I have found that the students who criticize the most are the ones who spend the most amount of time doing nothing but watching the tube.

If we are to make the most of our college years, we must take advantage of what we have right here in front of us. There may be other schools that seem so much better, but you can bet that the students who attend them have just as many complaints. So, instead of sitting around criticizing, we should get involved with our school and enjoy it while we are still here. We may actually start to like being here! Washington College is an excellent school in more ways than one and it's up to us, the students, to make it even better.

Amy Tiehel is a senior english major who combines stunning good looks with a winning personality

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course of about twenty minutes this past weekend, a guy showed his groin to a friend of mine and myself (of course, this raises some serious questions about his sexual preferences since I am male) and made some disgusting suggestions. Then this "man" threw a full can of Budweiser Beer at us. Luckily he missed, because the only target he had was our heads. While riding behind Bill Smith Hall looking for security, yet another beer can whizzed by my head launched by a different person. Well, needless to say, I filed some complaints with security afterwards. However, this still raises questions. Do Washington College students know when enough is enough?

Everyone wonders why countries in Europe do not have liquor laws as strict as those of the United States. Sure, some laws exist abroad, but these laws aren't really necessary nor are they strictly enforced. People in Europe tend to drink more responsibly than do people in the U.S.. United States citizens, in particular college students, can't drink without getting drunk. The point of drinking to college students is to get completely wasted. Yeah, I lived in Kent my freshman year, but we didn't have a table thrown through the lounge window in the first week of

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The Goddess, a challange to conventional religions

By DEIRDRE DONAHUE

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Look out, patriarchal religions. There's a new kid on the spirituality block.

The Goddess.

She appears in a multitude of manifestations — ripe, womanly manifestations with fat bellies and heavy breasts. The kind that bring to mind babies. And birth. And cycles.

Both men and women are flocking to goddess images, drawn by their gentle messages of healing the planet and holistic harmony for all.

Call it the latest ripple in the new age pond. Or a hybrid between feminism and nature worship. Or women in traditional religions trying to give a female aspect to that Michelangelo stereotype of a big bearded white guy in the sky.

For San Francisco bookstore owner Linda Lywandowsky, "It's an attunement with what's natural, with what's inside you...We're all the goddess."

That's why you can't just go out and buy the official catechism for goddess worship. A major feature of goddess veneration is the very absence of dogma, clergy or structure.

"It's a big jigsaw," says Merlin Stone, author of *When God Was a Woman.*

Published in 1976, her book was among the first to offer historical alternatives to the patriarchy. Stone believes this is a global movement with "hundreds of thousands of followers" in Europe and Latin America as well.

Stone says the term "goddess worship" offers a virtual smorgasbord of spiritual interests ranging from American Indian beliefs to African female deities to Wicca rituals. The Old English word for witch, Wicca refers to the pre-Christian traditions of "the craft," as practiced by good witches and wizards.

One of the earliest — and most popular — goddesses is Gaia from Greek mythology. She was the goddess of the earth who mated with her son Uranus to produce the Titans.

Just a moment: Gaia?

Why are modern women — armed with their careers, microwaves and cellular phones — hobnobbing with a deity who pre-dates Aphrodite and Zeus?

"There's a real desire to imbue one's personal life with meaning," observes Bantam Books executive editor Leslie Meredith, who has worked on a number of Gaia-related books. She notes that many prefer the term "goddess revering to goddess worship." Idolatry is not the point. "People are re-creating their own traditions (relating) to the Earth, to each other, to the community."

Stone emphasizes this idea of community, particularly for women. They will gather to mark the significance of someone's menopause or divorce or milestone in the life cycle. A Wicca group might "gather in a grove of trees to mark the winter solstice." Or Jewish women might share a mikvah (a purifying bath) before a wedding.

Mainstream feminists sometimes focused "on equal wages," Stone says, ignoring women's "nurturing, the compassion."

That kind of dualist thinking — mind or body, good or bad, scientist or artist, masculine or feminine but never a mixture — is a major problem with our culture, says writer/performer Donna Wilshire.

By contrast, the goddess offers a model of "inclusiveness," — light and dark — rather than exclusiveness. Just as a pregnant woman contains another human being, the goddess embodies "the theme of wholeness."

Many believers draw on the work of respected UCLA archaeolgist Marija

Gimbutas. She theorizes that in Europe between 6500 and 3500 B.C., a gentle, peace-loving society of sexual equality flourished that worshiped a "Goddess incarnating the creative principle as Source and Giver of All," according to her book *The Goddesses and Gods of Old Europe.*

This theory has provoked controversy. Anthropology professor Bernard Wailes of the University of Pennsylvania says he admires Gimbutas' scholarship but finds that her interpretation of an idyllic world "goes beyond the bounds of archaeology."

"A lot of people intuitively feel a connection with the Earth," agrees Starhawk, a lecturer and author of *The Spiral Dance.*

Well-known among Wicca groups, Starhawk describes a recent weekend gathering "to celebrate the turning of the seasons." Her group built an altar on the beach. Then, after meditating on "what we were grateful for," the group danced, chanted and sang.

Not all gatherings are so carefree: Starhawk's group has protested at nuclear sites. "Our religion has to do with reverence for the Earth and other human beings and this system that we are dependent on."

There are scientists who share this idea that the Earth itself is a self-regulating ecosystem. Called the Gaia Hypothesis, this theory postulates that the planet is a "living being and that human beings are part of a larger whole," says Mark Muesse,assistant professor of religious studies at Rhodes College, Memphis.

Looking at the goddess movement from the more typical spiritual viewpoint, Muesse sees it as "a revolt against the the dominant spiritual traditions ofthe west," particularly Christianity.

Some feminist Christians push for changes ranging from the ordination ofwomen and the use of generic, non-sexual terms for God and humanity to overhauling the very theology. For some, "the idea of God itself is irredeemably masculine."

(Deirdre Donahue writes for USA Today.)

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Why do people love Macintosh? Ask them.

Hockey hits the road, returns with "W"s

By Matt Giller

Last week the Shorewomen transformed themselves into road warriors by snatching two victories from opposing home teams Goucher and tough Albright and upped their record to 4-2-1.

The Shorewomen faced off last Saturday against a feisty Goucher squad. However, sophomore attack Marie Mohler powered the WAC attack with four goals as she single-handedly knocked the enthusiasm out of the opposing players and the rowdy home partisan crowd. Freshman attack Renee Guckert netted two and All-MAC junior Jen Blenckstone tallied one from her defensive position to round out the second half scoring that saw six goals from the Maroon and White. WAC's sophomore goalie Brigid DeVries steered away both shots that came her way for an impressive shutout. The Shorewomen gouged Goucher 7-0.

Albright, however, proved to be a more difficult test for the Women of the Shore. The Shorewomen's bread and butter, stingy defense, was once again the deciding factor. Devries, Blenckstone, White and Co. didn't allow a goal through the first half of action. In the second half, however, Albright opened up the scoring. The Shorewomen offense found some unlikely heroes from the youth movement. Freshman attack Caroline Jensen tied the score and defenseman Peggy Bowman, also a freshman, scored the game-winning goal. DeVries made 11 saves on 12 shots to help seal yet another "W" on the road.

On the road again: The Shorewomen complete the Willie Nelson part of their schedule this Saturday at Lebanon Valley. The Maroon and White return to their home across the tracks Tuesday October 9th where they face off against their arch rivals, the Lady Jays of Johns Hopkins at 4:00.

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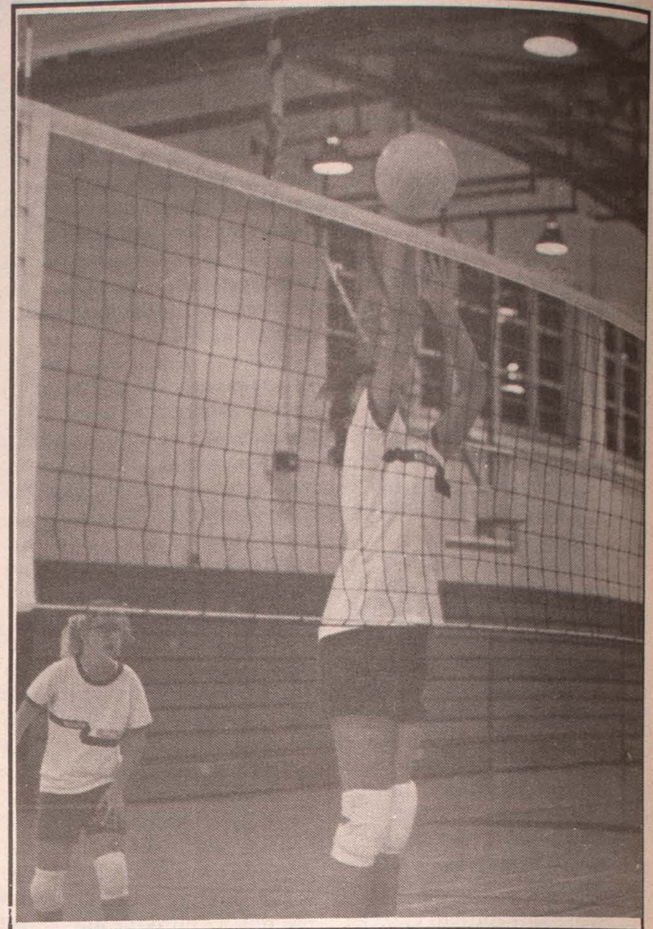

Read, Diaz win at Swarthmore

By Fred Wyman

Scott Read and Alberto Diaz won their respective singles championships at the 10th Annual Swarthmore College Fall Invitational Tennis Tournament, September 22-23 at Swarthmoore, PA.

Read captured his second single's title in two weeks while Diaz won his first championship as a Sho'men. Read upset top seeded Mike Rubner of George Washington University, 6-4, 6-4, in the finals of first singles flight. While Diaz rallied to defeat Jim Polin also of G.W., 6-7, 6-0, 6-4, to win in the number two singles flight.

Read, who captured the Southeast Regional Small College Championship the week before, played flawless tennis in besting the 40th ranked player in Division I. Rubner was also the tourney's defending champion.

Read's victory extended his unbeaten streak to 9 for the fall season, seeded 4th, the W.C. All-American whipped Swarthmore's Tom Cantine 6-2, 6-4, in the first round. He then went on to defeat Bloomsburg's Mike Peterson6-3, 2-6, 6-2, in the quarterfinals.Diaz, who was a semifinalist at the Southeast Regional Small College Championships breezed past Millersville's Jason Todt in his opening round match, 6-2, 6-2. Then the Sophomore top spinner upended two seeds to reach the championship match of the number two singles flight.

Diaz tripped Charles West, the second seed and ranked 35th in last year's Junior College Rankings, from G.W. in the quarterfinals and avenged last year's dual match loss to Swarthmore's Mark Levine by stopping Levine, 7-5, 6-4. Levine was the flight's number three seed; Diaz was unseeded and ran ran his fall singles record to 7-1.

Emilio Bogado, Jim Lim, Trevor Hurd and Carlos Nuno registered first round victories before bowing in the quarterfinals. Senior captain Lim thumped Justin Wister of Millersville, 6-2, 6-3. Hurd stopped Temple's Ellison Cruz, 6-0, 3-6, 6-3. Bogado ousted American University's Paul Daigle, 6-2, 6-4, and Nuno knocked off Matt Schwartz also of A.U., 7-5, 7-6. Read gained the finals by ripping G.W.'s Matt Spieger 6-3, 6-0 in the semifinals.

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Bo knows football, The Sabha knows...

Sabha critics can laugh now. The Great one will bounce back as all the great ones do. Suffice it to say last weekend, Saturday especially, the Great Sabha lost to the opposing circling spirits. Once again these green-eyed, covetous, jaundiced, once-prophetic-turnlowly evil demons, whose only raison d'etre is to spite the Great One, succeeded. Have faith that the Sabha will outwit his antagonists. It is no longer Sabha's vision that is at stake; it is now good vs. evil, white hat vs. black hat, virtue vs. impurity, the flower of the flock vs. the thorn in the flesh, good cop vs. bad cop, Obi Wan Kenobi vs. Darth Vader.

NFL

Tampa Bay -3 over DALLAS. This is when the Cowboys start playing for the stretch run - playing for that No. 1 pick in the draft. Give the points.

Kansas City -6 over INDIANAPOLIS. If the NIgerian Nightmare doesn't gain over 100 yards I'll eat my dhoti. Give the points.

N.Y. Jets +6 over MIAMI. I bet against the Jets last week and paid for it - won't make the same mistake two weeks in a row. Strangely enough the Jets beat the Dolphins more frequently in Miami than the Dolphins do. Take the points.

ATLANTA -2 over New Orleans. Although its early in the season, this game could mean the season for one of these two teams. Give the points.

San Diego -1 1/2 over PITTSBURGH. All the lightning bolts need is a safety to beat this high school team. Give the points.

HOUSTON +5 1/2 over San Francisco. The Great Sabha doesn't say the dwellers of the House of Pain will win, just cover. Take the points.

Detroit +7 over MINNESOTA. A touchdown is too much to give in the black-and-blue division. Take the points.

LA RAMS -4 1/2 over Cincinnati. Boomer will make more passes at the Ram cheerleaders than he will complete them to his receivers. Give the points.

LA Raiders +3 over BUFFALO. Once the Bills get that horseshoe out of their butt, we'll see the real Bills. Take the points.

MONDAY NIGHT

DENVER -9 over Cleveland. Browns owner Modell should sell his team for a second round draft pick. Give the points.

BEST BETS

Seattle -2 1/2 over NEW ENGLAND. The Pats have as much of a chance of winning as Victor Kiam has at a getting a kiss from Kissing Morganna. Give the points.

CHICAGO -4 over Green Bay. The Majic ain't back; but the Midway Marauders are. Bet the sacred Vedas texts on it. Give the points.

COLLEGE

MARYLAND pick over Georgia Tech. This is the game Krivak says to his alumni doubters, "in your face." Pick the Terps.

PENN STATE -17 over Temple. The Owls won't celebrate the end of the strike with a win this Saturday. Give the points.

Florida State +5 1/2 over MIAMI. Probably the biggest game of the weekend and the Great Sabha sees it clearly. Take the points.

AIR FORCE -11 over Navy. The Midshipmen should be able to put some points on the board. Unfortunately when they look up at the scoreboard at the end of the game the other team will have put more on - again. Give the points.

OHIO STATE pick over Illinois. You bet the proverbial sacred cow that the Buckeyes won't lose two in a row at home. Take OSU.

The Grat Sabha's results this season:

NFL: 22-18

BEST BETS: 5-1

COLLEGE: 3-12(THAT IS ACTUALLY A GOOD NUMBER - ITS MY AUNT'S BIRTHDAY)

The Great Sabha has taken the liberty to predict the outcome of this year's Major League Baseball Playoffs.

National League: Pttsburgh in 7 games over Cininnati. Boo Hoo Lou.

American League:: **Oakland** in 5 games over **Boston.** Sorry Beantown Boys.

World Series: Oakland in 4 games over Pittsburgh.Ain't no family this year.

Soccer hits hard times as they reach midseason

By Matt Giller

As the Shoremen soccer team reaches the halfway house, they try to get off their five game shneid and regroup for the trip back to the clubhouse.

Last Tuesday, the Shoremen hosted the Salisbury State Sea Gulls. Although the WAC outshot the Gulls in the first half 3-1, neither team was able to slice through the stingy defenses and net one. However, the Gulls tested Shoremen goaltender, Jim Myers, who made four saves in the second half. Unfortunately for the home booters the Gulls were able to score three times. Myers totaled five saves for the game.

Last Saturday the Shoremen laced up for another battle on the friendly(?) confines of Kibler Field against Swarthmore. The Swarthmore game started just as the Salisbury State game started; both teams went into halftime in a scoreless tie. Both squads were deadlocked until 7:20 remaining in the contest when Swarthmore capitalized on a Shoremen defensive mix-up. Swarthmore was able to keep the Shoremen scoring at bay for the rest of the second half and hold onto victory 1-0.

The Shoremen loss was the first in the southeast section of the MAC. The Shoremen's record now runs at 2-7-1. They travel to Albright Saturday and return home Tuesday October 9th to play conference foe Ursinus.

Women's tennis at Mount St Mary's Invitational

The weekend of September 21 marked the second showing of the Washington College women's tennis team this fall. The Sho'women traveled to Emmitsburg, Md to participate in Mount St. Mary's Tennis Invitational.

A predominantly Division I tournament, ten schools competed, including the powerful West Virginia University, Old Dominion University, and the 9th ranked Division III Mary Washington College.

Washington College, which placed 5th in NCAA East Region in 1990, boast the number one Division III player, Tracey Peel, and hoped to hold their own against this high level play.

The two singles flights were represented by Peel, and freshman Pam Hendrickson, who is ranked 9th in Middle States; and sophomore Jennifer Sloan. Veteran doubles team, juniors Miriam Dittmann and Rachel Rice completed Washington College's entry and played in the number two doubles flight.

First round singles draws were tough and disappointing for all the women. Jen Sloan bowed to Seton Hills Mary Patton, 6-0, 6-1; Pam Hendrickson drew Howard University's Anjanette McIlwain. Pam played well in the first set, losing only by a break, 6-4, but then succumbed to McIlwain's game, 6-1 in the second set. Peel, though placing 6th in last year's tournament nonetheless was pitted against third seeded Carrie King from West Virginia. Peel lost the first set, 6-4, but came back strong to win the second, 7-5. Two hard sets took their toll on Tracey, and King took the final set, 6-3.

The three singles players were thrown into the consolation bracket. Sloan and Henderson sustained loses again to tough opponents- Sloan to Emily Baker of George Mason, and Hendrickson to Kathy Mazza of West Virginia.

Peel advanced through the consolation bracket defeating Katherine Adams of University of Delaware, 6-3, 6-1, and then defeating Delaware's number one player, Tara Finnegan of Chestertown, 6-2, 6-3. Peel, suffering from muscle strain, was defeated in the semi-finals of the consolation tournament by Jeni Wilson of George Mason, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2.

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SPORTS

From the REC Sports desk

By Deann Pinczok

This past Saturday was an exciting one in Rec Sports with the annual Greek Games being played by the campus' fraternities and sororities. Greek Games consist of a series of competitions ranging from everything from leap frog to frisbee football and wheelbarrel races to soccer. The games begin with a series of small, fun competitions. These competitions include chariot races, tug-of-war, three-legged races, leap frog, etc.. After these competitions are played, a series of tournament games are played in which a sorority joins with a fraternity to form a team. These games include soccer, volleyball, and frisbee football. This year, the Theta's captured the fraternity championship and the AOPi's clinched the sorority championship by gaining a mere three points on the Alpha Chi's. These two greek champs now have claimed their titles for the past two years, 1989 and 1990. Congratulations!

There has been some exciting events happening in Rec Sports Football this past week in both men's and women's leagues. In the women's league, for the first time in Alpha Babies history they were scored upon by the Terrible Ten. The final score was 33-8; although the Babes wrecked their reputation by letting themselves be scored upon, they only allowed it to happen once, and only once. The Alpha Babies are still in first place in the women's league since no team has yet to defeat them. Well, the season is not over, so good luck to all the women, amd may the best group of women win!

In the men's league there has been a twist of events, which in truth, it cannot be said that they were not expected. Tuesday's games were very exciting, especially in the game, Team Mule vs. KA's. In the final seconds of the game, the KA's scored to tie the game.The big game that everyone had been waiting for, Pseudo Budha vs. Team Rupert, was also played on Tuesday and Team Rupert fell to Budha, 19-13. In the beginning of the season Greg Rupert took a great risk as he broke his bond with the winning team he had been a part of, Pseudo Budha, and formed his own team, Team Rupert. Unfortunately for Rupert, his tactics may have blown up in his face. At this time, Rupert might be kicking himself since his team now stands in third place. Pseudo Budha is still in first, as predicted, and the Dawgs now are placed second - looks like Steve Heuttner may not be such a weak link after all!! There's still alot of games to be played in the men's league and there's room for many changes. Is it possible for the Dorchester Dawgs to clinch first place from Pseudo Budha? Only time will tell!!

This weekend is Alumni Weekend and there will be many exciting events occurring, including the 5K Alumni Run. The run begins at 8:30 on Saturday morning and there will be a great show of runners since 65 runners have signed up to take part in this run!!

And finally,Aerobics with Lex Fry, Monday, October 8th in The Dance Studio!! BE THERE!!!!!!!!!!!

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Candid: The Great Sabha

In the Elm's 60 glorious years it has never been graced with such a celebrity. The Great Sabha is unarguably the most brilliant mind of our time. Although he has hit on hard times of late, the Great One has given his time to the Elm for a candid, behind-the-scenes look at and within one of the most complex men of our time, who has shrouded his profound thoughts and mysterious past to the public. Here, we will uncover the mysteries in a first time interview granted by the Sabha.

The interview was conducted by Elm sports editor, Matt Giller, in Sabha's tent just outside of Kennedyville. Excerpts from the interview:

MG: First I would like to say for the whole Washington College community that it is a pleasure and an honor for us to have you here(the Great Sabha remains seated on the dirt floor, legs crossed. He places his hands together, smiles, and bows slightly from the waist). How old are you Great Sabha?

GS: I will be 213 years old next August. I'm a Leo.

MG: So you just had a birthday. What do you do to celebrate your birthday?

GS: Well, this year a couple of my drinking um,er, intellectual comrades sent over a porn... er... slides of their trip to the Mecca.

MG: You look in marvelous shape for your age, what are your secrets?

GS: Lots of se... er... meditation. I ride my bicycle alot as well. And will to live.

MG: Ah, so its a mind fixation on life as opposed to the dreading of death?

GS: No. Dr. Will Tolive. Outstanding doctor... he's kept me alive the last hundred or so years.

MG: I'm sure all the women would like to know if your married.

GS: Not by western standards.

MG: Could you expand on that?

GS: No.

MG: Well are you an eligible bachelor?

GS: Unequivicably yes.

MG: Do you have any children?

GS: 313...All girls. Oy.

MG: What are your turn ons?

GS: A good foot message, good se...er... conversation, watching farm animals...run, and a sand storm under a full moon.

MG: How about your turn offs?

GS: None.

MG: Have you met our President Trout and his lovely wife yet?

GS: No, I have not met them yet. However, his great grandfather owes me alot of money from a pok..um...scratch dat.

MG: I know you are a great sports fan; what is your favorite sport, and why?

GS: Baseball obviously. Its more intellectually stimulating than say lacrosse.

MG: Great Sabha, you realize there is a large contingent of lacrosse players and fans at Washington College, which has a great history here. You don't wish to offend anyone.

GS: Absolutely not. I do not wish to offend. But the sport that you call lacrosse, my grandfather invented designed for the well, how should I say, slow-witted.

MG: Great Sabha, I thought the American Indian invented the game.

GS: The game more or less migrated from the natives of the Euphrates River to the American Indian via the Bering Strait. It was invented for warfare purposes. The lax player was a warrior in the 15th and 16th century. The warrior, however, was not educated. He was given the chance but never showed up for class. Anyway, early in their lives these warriors were trained to cradle and throw. They learned these skills instead of reading, writing, and simple arithmetic. Times have changed, somewhat, however. The warriors would use these sticks that were very similar to the ones used today. Contrary to today, they didn't use the net for throwing. Instead they ran up to their enemy and grabbed their head with their net and returned them to their camp as hostages. I had several cousins who made the All Tigres-Euphrates Team in the 16th century, incidentally.

MG: Great Sabha, how long do you wish to live here?

GS: Until I knock some g... until I get another spiritual calling. By the way is that thing on?

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A letter from George

by Jennifer Del Nero

No presidential inauguration at Washington College would be complete without the inclusion of two of the greatest influences on the institution: George Washington himself and the college's founding father, William Smith.

Shortly after the establishment of the college in May 1782, Washington sent a letter to Smith from Newburgh, New York. It is a single sentence excerpt of this particular letter that provided Garry Clarke, chairman of the Music Department, with the material necessary to compose a piece entitled "A Letter from George Washington," scheduled to debut during tomorrow's proceedings.

This occasional piece of Clarke will be performed by the College Community Chorus during the inauguration of President Trout. Alumni are also returning to join the unaccompanied choral group, which boasts nearly 40 members from both the town and the college.

Clarke's representation of the correspondence from Washington to Smith is, as he explains, "straightforward. It's a declamatory text; I decided not to write a complicated musical setting."

Noting that ceremonies of this nature and magnitude tend to become long-winded, Clarke says that the composition will be brief: "I thought it might be helpful to have something short on the program."

In addition to composing choral pieces, Clarke had orchestrated instrumental works. Included in his repertoire of originals is the opera *Westchester Limited*, performed on campus in '73.

Currently, Clarke is con-

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phpto by Jeff Hopkins

Professor Shaoxiang speaks on China

Professor Huang Shaoxiang of the Institute of World History will be speaking at a number of lectures this week at Washington College. Mrs. Shaoxiang is Director of the Board of the National Association of Chinese Historians.

She is also Editor-in-chief of the American History section of the upcoming Chinese Encyclopedia. She participated in the first Sino-U.S. American Studies Conference in Peking as the main speaker on the Chinese side, speaking on "The American Constitution as a Living Organism."

Mrs. Shaoxiang has been a professor of American History at the Institute of World History since 1977. She was made an honorary professor at the National Shandong University in 1980. For thirteen years she was a professor of History at the National Peking University and for three years at the National Shandong University.

Mrs. Shaoxiang recieved her M.A. from Columbia University and her B.A. from the National Tsing Hua University at Peking. Her latest publication is an outline history of the United States (pre 1493-1823). She has published three books on American History: *A Concise Comprehensive History of the United States*, *History of the Early Development of America*, and *A Concise History of the United States*.

Mrs. Shaoxiang has also published a number of articles on contemporary Chinese History, including: The Outbreak of Opium War and the forced Opening up of China, National Consciousness of Chinese patriotic intellectuals, Students Movements of May 4th 1919 and December 9th 1935, and The Influence of Sian Accident on Chinese Anti-Japanese War.

Mrs. Shaoxiang will be speaking on "Chinese Poets" at the O'Neil Literary House on Monday, October 8 at 4 p.m. On Tuesday she will speak on the "Role of Women in China" at 8:30 a.m. in William Smith, room 22 and at 7:30 p.m. she will give a lecture entitled "China Today, Current Situations and Trends" in the West Hall lounge of the International House.

On Wednesday, October 10 at 11:30 p.m. Mrs. Shaoxiang will be speaking on "Economic Trends in China", also in William Smith.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

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Hall of Fame Reception
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7:00 p.m.
Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony
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John W. Selby '41, Dr. Harry Simpers 1895,
William N. Williams '76
Hynson Lounge

8:00 p.m.
Washington College Drama Production
Tawes Theatre

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

8:30 a.m.
5K Fun Run
College and Community register to race
Campus Plaza

9:30 a.m.
Sho'men Club Annual Business Meeting
Alumni House

11:00 a.m.
Inauguration of Charles Hathaway Trout
Campus Lawn

1:00 p.m.
Celebration Luncheon
Alumni and their families are honored guests
Hodson Terrace

2:30 p.m.
"The American Century"
A History Symposium moderated by Dr. Trout
Norman James Theatre

4:00 p.m.
Alumni vs. Sho'men Baseball
Alumni vs. Alumni Lacrosse

4:30-6:00 p.m.
Reception for the Members of the 1782 Society
Hynson Ringgold House

6:00-7:00 p.m.
Sho'men Club Cocktail Reception
Hynson Lounge

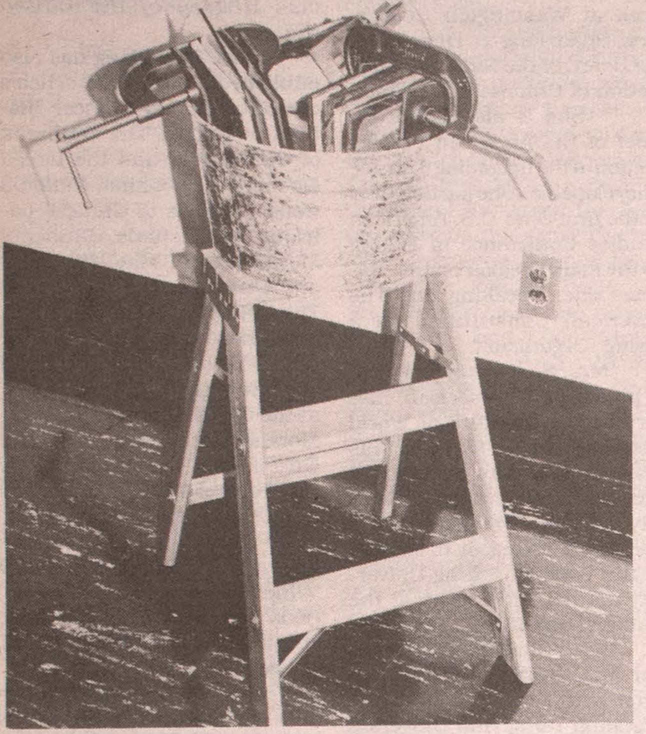
8:00 p.m.
The Manhattan String Quartet
Tawes Theatre

10:00 p.m.
Black Sheep
Alumni and Student Dance
College Plaza

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Faculty Art exhibit creates contrast

by Chris Rummel



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The Art department at Washington College has been sponsoring a faculty exhibition in the lobby of Tawes theater. The exhibit, which is open Thursday through Sunday from 1 P.M. to 5 P.M., features works by Mr. Tex Andrews and Ms. Susan Tessem. The exhibition demonstrates the ability and disciplines of these two very talented artists. The extremes in range and stylistic approach that are demonstrated in the artworks of Mr. Andrews and Ms. Tessem allow for an incentive of appreciation for the arts. In their contrasting approaches, these individuals seem to complement each others abilities. This display of art contains two very separate approaches to an understanding of perspectives.

The artwork of Mr. Andrews contains a series of black and white sketches taken from a discipline of color. In such works as *Self portrait As Marsyas* , *L'Insolation et le Saturnisme* and *Title Withdrawn*, Mr. Andrews applies a very shaded and simple color scheme. As a basic element to his work, the use of shadowed circles and geometric shapes occur simultaneously. The influences of Jasper Johns on his drawing style is an important aspect to his visual appearance. The complexity of his artwork appears to be founded in the simple and rational. The appearance is far above the surface. To understand his work, one must decide to first rationalize the structure and then ultimately internalize the discipline.

As an opposing extreme to Mr. Andrew's work, Ms.

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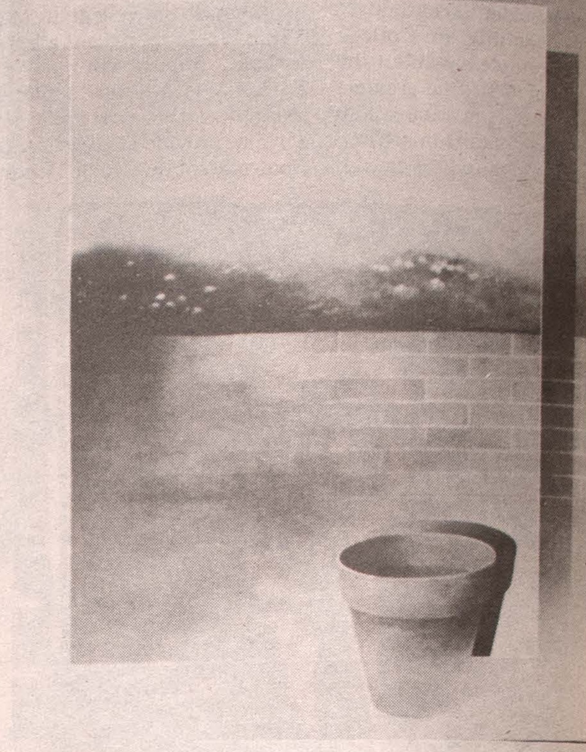

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Gere and Garcia make "Internal Affairs"

by Chris Goldenberg

"Trust me... I'm a cop."

These words uttered by Richard Gere in the taut thriller "Internal Affairs" can be viewed as paradoxical when looking at a theme of the movie itself: the juxtaposition of the image of the moral and upright policeman with the dishonest and corrupt officer.

The movie revolves around the lives of two policemen in Los Angeles: Dennis Peck, portrayed by Richard Gere (Pretty Woman), and Raymond Avilla, played by Andy Garcia (the Untouchables). Raymond belongs to the Internal Affairs Department (IAD) of the police force which claims the duty of inspecting the performances of other officers and any incidents in which they have broken the law. Raymond and his partner Sgt. Wallace (Nancy Travis) explore a police brutality charge of a fellow policeman named Vance Stretch who suffers alcoholic and drug abuse problems.

Raymond and Wallace, during their examination and questioning of Stretch, reveal a cover-up with which Dennis Peck (Gere) is affiliated. Without exposing details and ironic twists of the plot, Dennis is discovered to be involved in several unlawful acts.

Richard Gere is marvellous as the clever and sadistic Dennis Peck, manhandling and manipulating other people's lives and surpassing the boundaries of the law to further his own selfish needs.

Gere's character seems larger than life on the screen: an ingenious master in the art of deception who abuses his occupation and rank as a police officer to advance his own very much illegal goals. He is sly and cunning in every task that he undertakes, always scheming, always plotting every meticulous detail, and yet there are hints of a psychotic side waiting to burst by observing his actions and his language (such as "Trust me... I'm a cop.").

Andy Garcia does a fine job as the IAD officer Raymond Avilla, obsessed with Peck and with solving the clues to the crimes that lead to him. He follows Peck, always a few steps away from finally seizing him in the criminal act. Raymond even begins to think like Dennis, attempting to assume reasoning and thoughts he employs in his illegal activities.

The movie itself is a psychological drama with much action, centering on the mind games exchanged between Dennis and Raymond. Both become obsessed with each other and with their "cat and mouse" games, especially when Dennis manipulates Raymond's social life in several interesting ways ("I pushed the right buttons, Raymond," says Dennis).

Raymond and Dennis are like good and evil, the opposing sides of positive and negative. But they also mirror each other interestingly at times. They're opposite sides of a coin and yet they're similar, like a double-sided coin. The climactic final struggle between the two is definitely full of suspense and is one of the best scenes in the film.

The film is littered with many sexual connotations, however, and even appear sexist at times since the role of women in the movie is small and they are often portrayed as the manhandled victims of Dennis. The movie still sizzles with clever dialogue between Dennis and Raymond and even contains scattered humor. "Internal Affairs" is playing at Tawes theater Friday, Sunday, and Monday nights at 7:30 p.m. It is definitely a must-see movie, even if you just go to see the elevator scene which is the most notable one in the entire film.

Chris Goldenberg is a sophomore majoring in English.

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ducting research for an lead article he is authoring that will be featured in *Design for Arts and Education*, a publication devoted to arts issues in institutional environments. His article will focus on a Mozart piano concerto he is to play with an orchestra this spring in Easton and Salisbury.

"A Letter from George Washington" will debut near the completion of the ceremony.

Jen DelNero is a junior majoring in English.

Stu

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leader is looked to as an example. I think that that is one part of the "power game" that many people tend to either forget about or don't realize about. Luckily, it seems like Stu woke up and realized how vital he - and the example he sets - are to this campus.

I am still not saying that he's perfect - and I don't want to make excuses for his mistakes,

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Anna Husarska to speak

Anna Husarska, Foreign News Editor of the *Gazeta Wyborcza* will speak on "Post-Communist Politics in Poland" on Wednesday, October 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sophie Kerr Room of Miller Library. The talk is sponsored by the Goldstein Program in Public Affairs.

As a journalist, Ms. Husarska has gained an extraordinary broad perspective from her work for newspapers, journals, publishing houses and television in Poland, Western Europe, the United States and Latin America. Since 1989 she has served as Foreign News Editor of Poland's main liberal newspaper, *Gazeta Wyborcza*, a direct offshoot of the Solidarity Movement. She has also served since 1980 as foreign correspondent for the Buenos Aires Herald and has held editorial posts at the *New Leader* in New York, the Polonia and Puls publishing house in Paris.

Her free lance contributions have appeared, since 1981, in such publications as *Le Monde, The Spectator*, Index on Censorship, *The New York Times, The New Leader, Vuelta, The Washington Post, Rodina, Puls, La Cronica, The New Republic, Liberation*, and *The Guardian*.

Her position at *Gazeta Wyborcza* has placed her in the very heart of the new politics that have been emerging in Poland since the Mazowiecky government was established, a politics that finds the Solidarity in a state of tension and division. Lech Walesa's candidacy for the presidency has brought those fissures to the surface. Ms. Husarska is eminently well positioned to clarify for an American audience the complexities of the current political situation in Poland.

Ms. Husarska has worked extensively as a literary and public affairs translator. Works by Hanna Krall, Kazimierz Brandys, George Orwell, Janusz Glowacki, Joseph Brodsky, Teresa Toranska, and Timothy Ash are among the many she has translated from Polish to Spanish, Spanish to French, English to Polish, etc. Her latest translations are Timothy Ash's "Inside the Magic Lantern" (studies in the recent East European revolutions) and selections of texts by Abraham Lincoln (translated into Polish). She has served as a translator for *Le Monde*, CBS News, UNESCO, *L'Express*, and a number of publishing houses. In the mid-1980s she took part in two humanitarian missions conducted by "Medicins du Monde," one in El Salvador, the other on the Atlantic coast of Nicaragua.

Educated at the University of Warsaw (degree in econometrics) and at the Ecole Superieure d'Interpretes et de Traducteurs in Paris, where she was qualified as a translator in Spanish, French, and Russian, Ms. Husarska earned additional degrees in Latin American Studies and holds dual French and Polish citizenship.

Jazz, dolls and spareribs

by Peter Newlin

"We're planning an extravaganza" explains Gwen Swinson in joyfully assertive voice. Swinson, a solidly built black woman with broad, attractive features, chairs the Janes United Methodist Church "Jazz Extravaganza" scheduled for Saturday afternoon, October 6, 1990 from 1 to 6 p.m. "Jazz Johnson will be playing all afternoon. We're going to have spareribs and fish fry and hot dogs for the kids. Jeanette Carson is bringing her exhibit of dolls, antiques and collectibles from Washington. It's a family event with something for everyone; you'll be sorry if you miss it!"

Randolph "Jazz" Johnson, recent recipient of the Jazz Man Award, has agreed to donate his time to Janes, his church of some sixty years. "Jazz" is a native of Chestertown, but better known in Baltimore and Wilmington where he and his band, "The Jazz-Netts" play night clubs and various social events. He began his career playing the saxophone in Garnett's band before World War II, when Garnett was Kent County's black high school. "After the War," Jazz says, "I knew I had to have a band! Charlie Graves gave me a start as his so-called House Band in the Uptown Club. This was pretty big stuff since Charlie also had such great performers as Ray Charles, James Brown, Gene Ammonds, Sonny Thompson and Lulu Read." Since then, Jazz Johnson has played from New York to Louisiana. We've played at Washington College five or six times a year."

While Jazz and his band stir the air with sound, Jeanette Carson will display the visual artifacts of black culture: dolls, historic documents, photographs, antique records, books, postcards and magazines. "Anything made by or about or depicting images of black people," she says. Carson, who publishes a magazine called "Black Ethnic Collectibles" has assembled her show from the work of craftsmen, antique dealers and artisans across the country. "It's a large show representing the work of over 50 individuals," says Carson. Before Jazz begins, Carson will give a talk about the artifacts of black culture and their value to collectors. "I've given lots of presentations before; but usually it's the major cities like Philadelphia or Atlanta. This will be fun!"

The Janes have organized this event to celebrate black culture and raise money for restoring their historic downtown Church. They have planned jazz for our ears, artifacts for our eyes, and ethnic food for our palettes: spareribs and fish fry. The spareribs will be prepared by Asbury, whose booth enjoys considerate popularity at Chestertown's Teaparty each year. The fish will be fried outside over open fires, a local tradition. Ribs and Fish dinners will cost $6.00 with sodas and hotdogs also available.

Ralph Deaton, Chairman of the Janes Renovation Committee, says the church has some serious structural problems. "But thanks to the support of Chestertown's preservation community we have gotten $42,000 of matching grants to restore the exterior [through the Maryland Historical Trust and National Trust for Historic Preservation]. The professionals can see how it's important this Church is to the history of black people. Now it's up to all of us local people to come up with the rest of the money!"

Rain or shine, this Ethnic-Jazz-Artifacts-Food Extravaganza will go on. Tickets costing $5.00, with children 12 and under free, are for sale in Chestertown at Amity Bakery, the Sly Horse, Chestertown News Agency, and by calling Ms. Wright (301) 778-3610. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Black Sheep returns

by Bruce Hamilton

Black Sheep, a D.C. based reggae band, will give a concert after the inauguration tomorrow from 10 p.m. until midnight. They have recorded two albums entitled *Gathering* and *Learn From Each Other*. Their music filled with spirit and positivism: they'e a band that Drumbeat called "Reggae masters of high energy personified."

The show promises to be a good one, as anyone who attended their performance last March at Washington College would know. Between the saxophone solos and the guitar riffs there's not much reason to stand still.

Black Sheep seemed to enjoy playing at Washington College as much as the audience seemed to enjoy listening. Let's celebrate a great inauguration with a great reggae band.

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Tessem uses a plethora of color and organics. Her work revolves around cubism. It centers around the perspective of the individual viewer. The combination of landscape and geometrical portals provides the observer with a fantasy like impression. In several of her works such as *Garden Token*, *September Fold* and *Brick Works*, Ms. Tessem uses the mixtures of several late nineteenth century and early twentieth century styles to the abstract of cubism. She tends to include several images of landscape being overlooked by a window or door. However, the viewer is usually aware of the dimensionality of the piece due to the folds and geometric bounds that are used. Although she retains the fantastical aspects of control and discipline, Ms. Tessem arranges for the landscape of still life to exist.

The exhibit is a very limited approach to giving a full appreciation to the talents of the artists. However, in order to achieve a recognition of the arts a showing of talent such as this entices the atmosphere for growth and respect within our college community. This particular exhibit was a chance for student and colleagues alike to have a chance to see what their peers are doing. The exhibition of faculty work contains a variety of benefits for the college to promote itself and its benefactors. The exhibit will be on display until Monday, October 8 in the lobby of Tawes theater, and is continued on the second floor.

Chris Rummel is a sophomore.

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New & Recommended

A personal selection of Caroline Miller, Brown Univ. Bookstore, Providence, RI

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NEWS

Flu

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year. Based on surveillance in the Southern Hemisphere, which has just undergone its flu season, this year's vaccine will protect against three major viruses: A-Shanghai, A-Taiwan and B-Yamagata.

Flu strains, which are named after the city where they were identified, change enough each year to require a new vaccine.

"There is a slight enough antigenic change in the Shanghai strain that an individual can get the same strain another year," Good said. "But from what we've seen of it (the new strain), it's not going to be as severe" as last year.

Nationwide flu surveillance began Monday. Already, there have been reports from doctors nationwide of patients with flu symptoms. However, laboratory tests indicated the patients suffered from other respiratory viruses, not the flu, Good said.

(Sherry Jacobson writes for Gannett News Service in Washington, D.C.)

SGA

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sign-up sheets next week and the dorm that has the highest percentage of students attending the workdays at Garnett will receive $50 from the SGA to do whatever they want to do.

Finally Neiman asked for Senate opinion about the letter to the Editor which appeared in last week' s issue of the Elm. The Senators agreed that stopping the incident was not Stuart's responsibility and that he generally handled the situation well. With that, the SGA adjourned for the evening.

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Stu

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but he is, after all, only human and I can't help but believe that he is trying to do a good job.

If I were in Stu's position, I would try to do exactly what he seems to be doing - accept justified criticisms and use them to learn. I would only hope that the students would understand, support each other and work together to make my job a little easier. That is where Stu is unlucky. But CD players and drunken brawls aside - let's try to understand that our S.G.A. President isn't perfect and let's help hem do the kind of job we deserve! You've gotta admit that being chief WAC-on-Campus can't be the easiest job around, but trying to fight off a band of pious students can't make his job any easier or him any more effective!

Very Sincerely,
Kyndra Ponder
Senior - English

Letter

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have ripped out some electrical wiring, but Kent was much quieter than it is this year. Why can't American students, especially Washington College students, drink responsibly? Everyone uses the excuse "well, I was drunk." I'm sorry, but that doesn't fly here, nor will it after (or if) you graduate. You still are held accountable for what you do no matter what condition you're in.

The entire idea of becoming a drunk on the weekends frightens me. I've heard the horror stories behind the drinking at W.C., and I have had family and friends die from excessive drinking. Some people say we're lucky that the drinking laws of the nation are not fully enforced here at Washington College. For example, freshman can walk in to C-Town Liquors and, depending on who's at the counter, buy liquor. At most colleges and universities across the nation, you can have your license revoked if you try to buy liquor when you are under the age of 21. What we have to do is think about what we're doing to ourselves and our college. In the Elm a few weeks ago, someone said that if we continue to abuse the privilege we have now, it will be revoked. Perhaps that's exactly what we need now, but then again, there are a few people on this campus, like myself, that do drink responsibly and don't go around getting blasted and throw things at people and buildings or trying to take on an entire fraternity by themselves. This is really getting out of hand.

I want something to be done about this. The S.G.A., the Greek Council, and the entire student body needs to talk about the abuse of alcohol on this campus. So many people are killed in drunk-driving crashes each year, and so many students become alcoholics before their senior year. Let's get together and discuss some alternatives to correct these gross problems. However, I do want to salute the Student Government Association and the Panhellenic Council for taking the initiative by having the shuttle service to and from the waterfront gathering Saturday night. This shows that students do care enough to not allow people to drive drunk, and this is an excellent start. But more needs to be done.

Signed,

Another Worried Student.

Student

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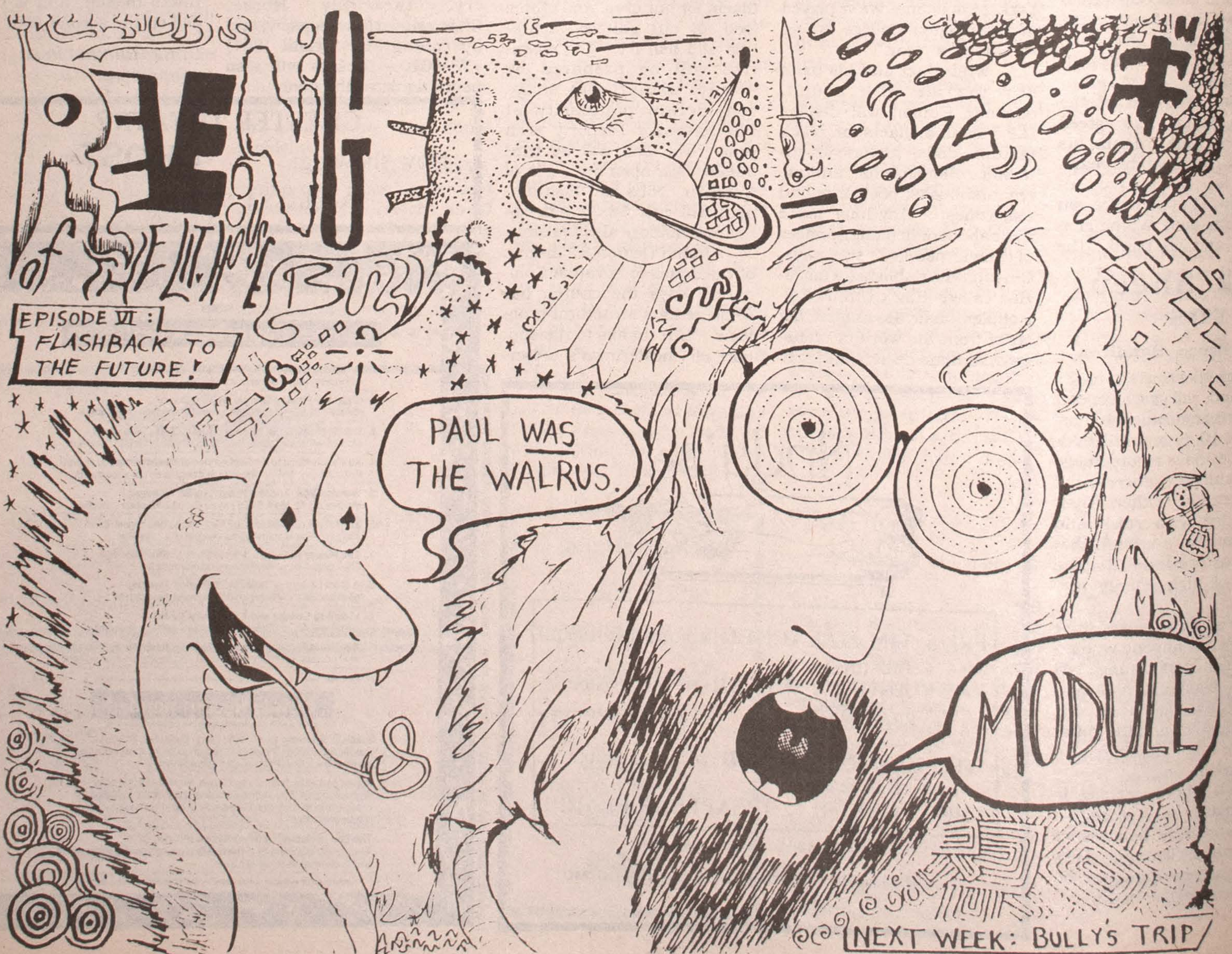
Any position can be done well if the individual understands the function of their position. Stu's job is to represent the student body in the best way he can. To do that well, he must know something about the people he represents. And the most important thing about the students is that they are highly critical. They are critical of themselves, their peers and anyone else they can find fault in. And if Stu goes to class or doesn't go to class, it doesn't matter because some will like Stu and some won't. The point is that Stu's letter probably alienated many people because he overplayed his role.

I personally respect Stu and believe he has some good things to say. As a result it pains me to watch him separate himself from the student body by placing himself on a plane above the rest of us. If Stu feels the need to express himself, why not tell us about what he plans to do as SGA president? If all he worries about is going to class, chances are we'd rather not hear about it. And if he is using such a subject to over glorify his position, we certainly don't want to hear it. Because as it has been shown throughout history, true leaders rule with people, not above the people.

Signed,
Erin Hodge-Williams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Chestertown, Maryland 21620

Garnett School asks for help from W.C.

By: Susie Mazzullo

The Garnett Elementary School here in Chestertown is asking for Washington College's help in building a playground for the community that will be called, "The Garnett School's Community Playground."

The school's previous playground equipment was voted unsafe for the children to use. A committee was then formed by the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) to look into various forms of playground equipment that are available and that could be obtained for a new playground for the children. Upon investigation, the committee discovered that the Robert Leathers Associates had built, in their opinion, "the most creative and appealing play structures." It was then decided to pursue this to its fullest extent. It was also decided to make this a community project so that all of the children of Chestertown may enjoy the park, regardless of whether they attend Garnett Elementary or not.

The project is on an entirely volunteer basis. It was planned by volunteers, various businesses around the community are donating their equipment and services, and a totally volunteer staff will be building the playground during a four day period. Those involved describe it as "an old fashioned barn raising."

Faculty members from the Garnett School as well as volunteers and some of the children who will eventually play on the future playground were outside the dining hall on Wednesday evening to ask for help. A sign up sheet was available for those students interested in helping with the project. They will be in front of the dining hall at dinner time again on October 24th asking for students' help.

Construction will begin on November 1st and will continue through November 4th. Shifts are from 8:00 am to noon, 12:30 to 5:00pm, and finally from 5:30 to 9:00pm. Meals will be served during each shift and anyone working is welcome to eat free. It is not necessary to sign up for an entire shift. If it is only possible to help for an hour then that too would be greatly appreciated. The school is in need of as many volunteers as it can get. Unskilled as well as skilled workers are needed.

It was stressed that the school especially needs the help of Washington College students on October 31 to help move and organize materials to the construction site. It is then that strong young bodies are especially needed.

DOLPHIN SLIDE
Eagle Nest

The students of Garrett Elementary ask the W.C. students for help in building their playground

Not only the students of Washington College are signing up to help. President and also Mrs. Trout will be there as well as some members of the faculty members and some members of the maintenance staff. Susan Comfort, of the Garnett Elementary School Staff, was very excited about the response that she has gotten from the college so far. "Washington College will be there in a big way," she said. "We are all very excited about all of the enthusiastic support that we have received from the college."

All of the college varsity teams as well.as the fraternities and sororities have been contacted by the Garnett School. According to Ms. Comfort, the response from these organizations has been very pleasing.

Included in the playground scheme is a baseball diamond, a haunted castle, a pirate ship, a rocket tunnel, a pavilion, a jumping bridge, a fire pole, swings, a walking trail, as well as a number of other exciting places for the children to play. The play structure is entirely made of wood.

The Garnett School faculty and the children of Chestertown are hoping that Washington College students will continue to support the project and that a great number of them will show up on the specified construction days.

"From Chestertown with Pride"

By: Susie Mazzullo

Since Iraq, under the leadership of Saddam Hussein, invaded and took hold of Kuwait, the Persian Gulf conflict has affected all of us in one way or another. Gas prices have skyrocketed in the past few months, news briefs have interrupted a number of television shows, yellow ribbons have appeared on a number of cars and trees and most importantly, loved ones have been called to serve their country and sent to wait it out in the desert.

Nora Graham of Chestertown knows first hand what it is like to have a loved one in the Persian Gulf. Her husband is stationed there. She also knows the importance of showing support to all of the service men and women and is currently working on a project that will do just that.

"From Chestertown with Pride" is the name of the community service project that was adopted by Chestertown's Council and Mayor Elmer Horsey.

The project, that will send care packages to service men and women stationed in the Gulf, was recommended by a Special Projects Committee and adopted at the October 8th council meeting. Nora Graham who was instrumental in launching the project, was named its chairperson.

As a start, Ms. Graham, presented the Mayor and each council member with yellow ribbons as these have come to be a symbol of support for those serving with project Desert Shield. Anyone who donates to the project will receive on of these ribbons so that they can display their support. Those who just wish to show their support for the project by displaying a ribbon may buy one for ten cents at the Chestertown Town Hall. Yellow bows are also being sold for fifty cents.

The committee is currently working on putting together a list of those service men and women currently stationed in the Persian Gulf that are from the Chestertown and Kent County areas. They are asking citizens to donate items that have been especially requested by the service men and women. Among these items include: crossword puzzle books, sewing kits, needlepoint projects, paperback novels, magazines, instant coffee and tea, walkmen, toiletries such as toothpaste and shaving cream, powdered drink mixes, socks, t-shirts, and packaged food. Alcoholic beverages, firearms, any literature containing political or religious references, and any type of pornography are prohibited. Chocolate is also discouraged as it tends to melt during shipping. Cash donations will also be accepted to help pay for the cost of shipping and yellow ribbons. Checks should be made out to the Town of Chestertown/ Pride Project.

According to Nora Graham, the packages will start to go out as soon as enough donations have been received. "I anticipate that will be in about two weeks," she said. Packages will then continue to be prepared and sent as long as donations continue to come in.

The goal of the project is to see that each service man and woman from the area receive a package for the holiday. The packages are intended

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President Trout tour '90

By: Julie Schram

In keeping with the duties of a new college President, Dr. Charles Trout and his wife, Katherine have been engaged in the Presidential tour since mid-September.

This "showing" has taken them to Boston, New York, Chicago and Baltimore, while Philadelphia, Washington, and Richmond will complete the itinerary through next month.

At each reception alumni, parents, guidance counselors from key feeder schools, as well as friends of the college are given the opportunity to meet the 24th president of Washington College, as well as to strengthen and or establish alumni networks in the various areas. Trout referred to the events as "friend raisers" more than fund raisers.

Just as he himself appeared genuinely enthusiastic about the tour, Trout described the sense of energy and pride of alumni he has spoken with, to be "inspiring" as well as reinforcing from the point of view of an educator.

The remaining reception will be held at the Union League Club in Philadelphia on October 24, the Cosmos Club in Washington on November 7 and Richmond's Commonwealth Club on November 14.

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EDITORIAL

Raise your voice and state your case

When Stuart Neiman spoke at convocation, he called into question the reason students come to the College. Are we students here to get an education or to have a good time?

In his inaugural address, President Trout spoke on the role of a small liberal arts college. We are not, he told us, a place apart, an ivory tower.

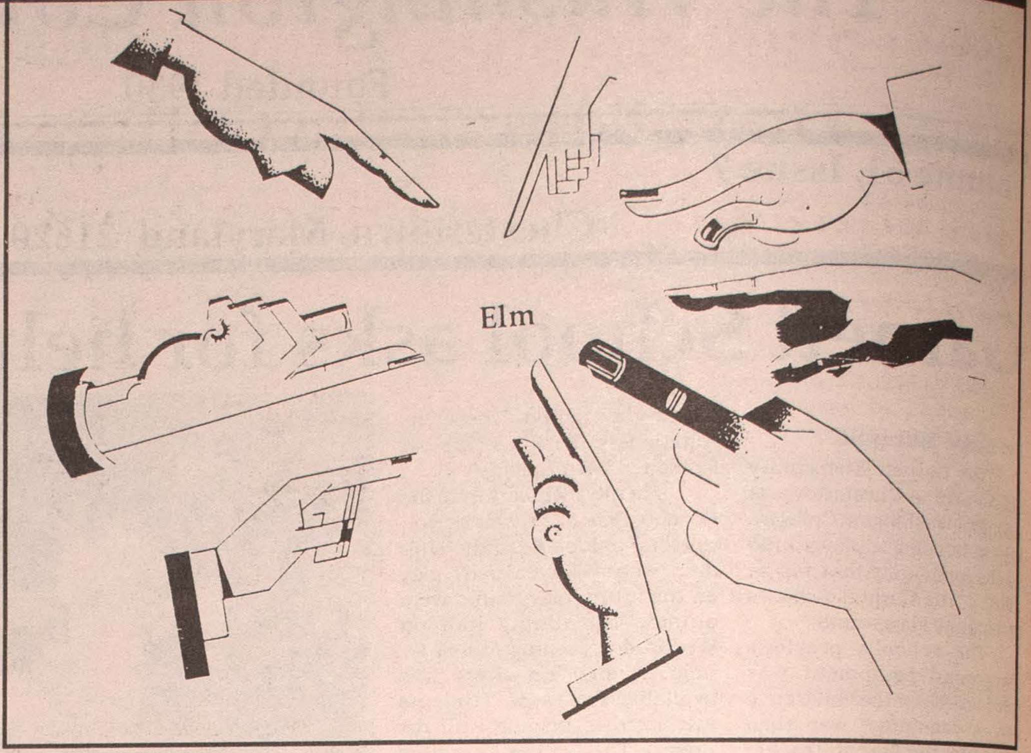
There have always been complaints about student behavior and the College's response. But all too often the comment that follows is "something should be done, but I won't be the one to do it."

This leaves the campus in a difficult situation. Who should be the one to change attitudes and actions on this campus? Should Stuart Neiman be our policeman? Why is he the only one with the courage to say that changes need to be made? Should the Elm be placed in a position where we, the newspaper, become the policemen of the campus? In fact, why don't the students themselves decide to change things, "Stand up and be counted."

The College allows us the freedom of adults—shouldn't we return the favor by acting like adults? If you, the student, truly feel something is wrong or unjust—raise your voice, because chances are someone feels the same. Don't hide behind the Elm, state your own case.

The only way that conditions on campus will change is if individual or groups of students stand up and make their case heard. Sitting around and complaining about things or expecting someone else to act is a sure way that nothing will ever be done.

The new policy of the Elm is that anonymous letters will no longer be printed. For an individual to critize an organization or individual is one thing, to expect the newspaper to protect them and, in fact, take the blame for their criticism is another. Part of being a responisble student is standing up and being recognized. If a writer's personal security is an issue that will be raised, then the matter is serious enough to be dealt with by the deans, or by the President.



Letters to the Editor

Cable isn't an important student concern

To the Editor:

Never has a more puerile, anti-educational, student-debasing suggestion stained the pages of a Washington College publication than in Kyndra Ponder's front page *Elm* article entitled, "SGA deals with cable." The proposal itself is not Miss Ponder's as a reporter, she merely records the "important student concerns" expressed at a recent meeting of the Student Government Association. She notes that last year a group of twenty-five students petitioned the Administration for the "right" to have cable T.V. equipment installed in each and every dorm room on campus. She further states that this proposition and its fallout, (a quarter *million* dollar price tag, afflicting all students equally, regardless of whether or not they wish to pay for such a "service,") are still being seriously considered by the SGA, and apparently by the Administration as well.

Let us review the possible benefits of installing cable on our campus. Well, instead of "thirteen channels of shit on the T.V. to choose from," (regrets to Roger Waters) each student would then have the option of thirty. Thirty excuses not to get out of bed. Thirty excuses for mind and body to grow soft from disuse. Thirty excuses to avoid the education for which we are all here. And only $250,000. What a deal.

Be assured, this letter is anything but the effluvia of yet another annoyingly strident anti-T.V. purist. I am the first to recognize that the BBC produces programs of substance with some regularity, and that the recent Civil War documentary may be an indication that American T.V. is heading, albeit at the pace of cold jell-o, in the same direction. However, these programs are to be found on

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Playground requests student help

Dear Washington College Students:

The Chestertown community needs your help. Garnett School's Community Playground will be constructed October 31 - November 4. The project has been planned by volunteers, financed by contributions, and will be built entirely by volunteer labor. Though we would welcome your help anytime during construction, we especially need student volunteers on October 31 from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. to help us move and organize materials. No special skills are required. Free meals will be served to all volunteers. Workers are also needed to serve food and care for children.

Next Wednesday, October 24, kids from the community and playground committee members will be outside the dining room at dinner time to recruit volunteers. Please sign up. Organizations or clubs who can recruit volunteers in numbers would be must helpful to us.

Garnett School is less than a five-minute walk down College Avenue from the campus. Whatever time you can give, even an hour or two, will be most appreciated. Don't miss out on the fun of an old fashioned barn-raising.

Susan Comfort
Volunteer Coordinator

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CAMPUS VOICES

Issue: Should Washington College have a football team? Do you think the College is missing something by not having a team?

If you want a new sport start a club

Frank Crivelli

Should Washington College have a football team? Before this question can accurately be answered, one must first ask: Is it logistically feasible to have a football team at Washington College? First a few facts. There are 407 full time male students at Washington College, in which over 50% participate in college athletics on both an inter-collegiate, and intramural level. Football is a sport that takes enormous financial support in order to compete successfully on the Division III level. A football program would also require roughly forty athletes to field a solidly built team. Does Washington College's Athletic budget have the funding for a football program? Yes, I believe it does. However, the reallocation of funding that would be necessary to support this team would leave the presently established athletic programs underfinanced. Is the manpower present at this institution to establish a strong team? Undoubtedly, but once again, many of these men are committed to other prosperous athletic programs that need them in order to continue their outstanding success. Surely there is money somewhere in the school's budget that can be appropriated for a football program. But why put it into a new athletic team? We are a small Division III school with the most successful athletic program in proportion to our size in the entire country. Either properly fund the existing athletic teams in a manner in which they truly deserve, or put the money where it most importantly can be used, our education.

However, on the other side of the coin, students should have the option to actively form independent club athletic teams that are not associated with the Washington College Athletic Department. Although W.C. does offer a wide range of athletic teams, some students may opt to participate in a sport not offered by our school or the National Collegiate Athletic Association. The students who spend the long hours trying to organize such clubs should be commended by the college and the Athletic Department, not condemned. They are creating another opportunity for students to become athletically involved, and experience another facet of "the college experience" that otherwise would never have been available to them. It obviously takes a large amount of organization and funding to get club Athletic teams off the ground. They need the faculty and the administrators to work with them, not adamantly against them. Why take the opportunity away from the students, the life blood of this institution. Remember you are here for us, we are not here for you.

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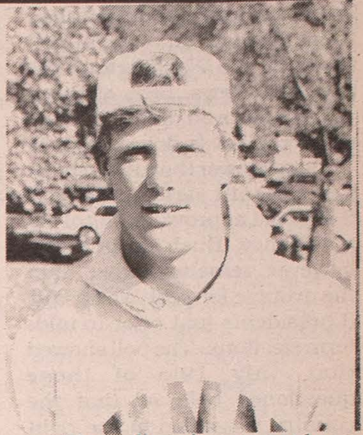
We don't have a football team?

Tara Kidwell
Freshman
Crofton, MD

Football is the all-American pastime, I want a football team!

Mary Holmes
Freshman
Elkton, MD



The college losses out by not having a football team. If the school had a football team, everyone could be together for a weekend event in the fall. Soccer does not generate the excitement that football does.

Curtis Campbell
Sophomore
Baltimore, MD

I think not having a football takes a lot away from the college. At a lot of schools football is a big tradition. I think a football team would create a lot of school spirit, especially in the fall, it is an exciting way for students to get together, like at the lacrosse games in the spring.

Jill Sakaduski
Sophomore
Towson, MD

I definitely think we should have a football team, I am a die hard football fan, if we had a football team I would be at every game. I think it would improve the school if we had a football team.

Karyn Iacangelo
Junior
Silver Spring, MD

Any new sport or team would add a new dimension to our athletic department and the entire campus; and also create a sense of spirit on campus.

Viki Komjathy
Freshman
Montreal, Canada

photos by Kevin Decker

The real issue is the athletic department

Seth Engel

The issue expressed in this weeks Elm should be broadened to ask, "What is the role of althletics in Washington College society?" and more specifically "What is the role of the athletic director and the athletic department in Washington College society?" The answers to these questions runs counter to the attitudes and policies practiced today.

I believe that the role of athletics in college society should benefit the largest number of people possible. Eliteism is fine in such varsity sports as basketball and lacrosse- it is standard issue for only the best to compete at those levels- because society as a whole understands and agrees with this principle. However, it is only fair that there should be resources (human and equipment) available to any group of students who show enough interest in any particular sport, be it rugby or Woman's soccer. As it stands now, club sports are refused every single benefit that comes with our sports facilities and department. This means that not only are we unable to use Washington College fields, we can't even use such basic resources as the athletic trainer, or even a single water cooler. Don't even broach the subject of funds. Not only are club sports refused funding through the school, they are nbot even allowed to seek town donations and outside funding. This Catch-22 virtually eliminated all serious attempts to establish new sports before they even reach the starting blocks.

Doesn't the administration realize that the student athletes who are not capable of varsity participation are sill important, are still part of the body of students for which the whole athletic structure is set up for? Club sports want to represent Washington College because we are proud to attend the school-not because we are trying to bilk the lacrosse team out of funds or equipment.

I think that it is time to review the role of the athletic department- who it is suppossed to be serving- and the role of athletics in general. Sure, we love our varsity sports, but that does not make us second class citizens when it comes to support. The time has come to serve all the students, not just the elite few.

P.S. - The Washington College Rugby Team's first home game will be Sunday, October 28 at Worton Part against the University of Delaware. Contact

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OUTLOOK

In the world: Gorbachev wins Nobel Peace Prize

UNITED STATES

The public's confidence in the condition of the country is at it's lowest level in twenty years as a result of the Persian Gulf crisis, the budget impasse and the weakening economy. President Bush's popularity has fallen sharply. In a recent poll taken by the Washington Post and ABC News, 56% of those asked approved of the job that the president is doing. This is 19 points lower than it had been just a month earlier making it the lowest approval rating of his presidency. Bush's popularity, however, remains higher than the average for post-World War II presidents just prior to mid-term elections. The poll showed that only 19% of those questioned believed that the country is headed in the right direction. 79% said the U.S. is "pretty seriously off on the wrong track." This poll marked the most negative result since 1974 at which time the country was in the midst of the Arab oil embargo and Watergate. While some people, like pollster Robert Teeter, believe that when the budget agreement is passed, Bush's approval rating will rise, others see Bush's popularity linked more to growing disapproval for actions taken in the Persian Gulf.

The admission of up to 131,000 refugees into the U.S. over the next 12 months, a slight increase from last year, was authorized by President Bush yesterday. Refugees defined as fleeing religious or ethnic persecution or other human rights violations will have their travel expenses paid for by the U.S. government. With an allocation of 50,000 people, most of the refugees would be from the Soviet Union and Southeast Asia whose allocation is 52,000. The number allocated to Eastern Europe is down 1,500 from last year to 5,000. This probably due to the democratic reforms there. Other allocations include 6,000 for the Middle East and South Asia, 3,100 for Latin America, and 4,900 for Africa.

IRAQ

Diplomatic efforts to bring about a peaceful settlement of the Persian Gulf crisis have come to a halt despite continuous efforts. Both the U.S. and Iraq have said they want to avoid yet other Arab nations that have acted as go-betweens have not been able to end the standoff between the two countries. The U.S. continues to insist that before any negotiations can begin, Iraq must pull out of Kuwait. Iraq insists that Kuwaitis not negotiable unless there is progress on the Arab-Israeli dispute. With the war of words becoming harsher, there is a growing lack of substantive contact and both countries continue to build up military forces and talk of war. Commenting on the possibility of a negotiated settlement, one diplomatic official said: "Even if an opportunity were to arise, it could be lost." He also warned of the risk of "misunderstandings and misreadings" in the diplomatic vacuum. Arab officials, who were optimistic after hearing speeches by President Bush and Francois Mitterrand at the United Nations in which both leaders suggested a more flexible approach to negotiations to avoid a shooting war, are now disappointed by weeks without movement. These officials as well as some European officials believe that now is the time to intensify negotiations before the U.S. completes it's military buildup in the Persian Gulf region.

SOVIET UNION

The 1990 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to Mikhail Gorbachev for his efforts in ending the Cold War and for allowing the East European satellites to region their political freedom. Gorbachev is the first Communist head of state to win the Prize, which is generally considered the highest honor a statesman can receive from the international community. International response was great as many western countries that were once the ideological enemy of the Soviet Union payed tribute to the new Nobel laureate. Within the Soviet Union reaction was mixed. One the one hand there was pride in Gorbachev's international image as a peacemaker on the other was anger that he has not yet been able to deal effectively with the serious economic and ethnic problems at home. Speaking to journalists at the Kremlin, Gorbachev said he felt at home in the company of other Nobel Prize such as Andrei Sakharov and Lech Walesa, both of whom were denounced by previous Kremlin leaders as "anti-Communist." Gorbachev also said that the $710,000 prize was international recognition of the importance of his perestroika reform movement: "The award is support for our efforts and is very inspiring for me...It coincides with a crucial period in perestroika," he also said he will be traveling to Oslo, Norway for the award presentation ceremony on December 10th. The Nobel Prize Committee wished to honor Gorbachev for his "many and decisive contributions" toward the dramatic changes in East-West relations and for the new openness in Soviet society which he brought about.

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A pompous response from a humble president

Stuart Neiman

The SGA Presidency has a great many responsibilities associated with it. Unfortunately, one of them seems to be the need of carefully guarding what you say and do. It is indeed disheartening to know that every one of your statements and actions will be judged according to their political value first, and then according to what you really meant. There have been only two additions of the Elm since I have taken office, which have not attacked something that I have said or done. Indeed, I now look forward to every issue, if for no other reason, to see just what I have done wrong the preceding week. I must thank the various authors who have brought my tyrannical rule into its proper focus. I recognize all that I have in common with Napoleon, Genghis Kahn and Adolph Hitler. While I have no problem with people's opinion and their right to present the facts as they see them, I do have a very serious problem with those who mistake a personal attack for the expression of an opinion.

This article is written in response to three letters to the editor which used opinion and disguised it as fact. The first of these letters addressed my responsibilities as the SGA President. The author (though he/she did not sign their name) made it my responsibility to to act as campus police, suggesting that I was remiss in my duties for not addressing the "fire lane" situation. I thank Mr. Winkleman and Ms. Hodge-Williams for addressing the fact that it was not my responsibility to act. I am also content with the fact that my responsibilities (as stated by Ms. Hodge-Williams) do not extent outside the realm of club and band funding. I am indeed pleased that she knows certainly more than I and that I now need no longer worry about the issues which find their way to my room, mail box or phone on a daily basis. As a last response to Ms. Hodge-Williams, I would hope that you as a "server of food" and "Dan the maintenance man" feel some type of responsibility to your respective positions which goes beyond your immediate job descriptions. Imagine what a dull and slow moving world it would be if everyone acted according only to what is expected of them without concern for issues which may lie outside the realm of what they are immediately responsible for.

As for Mr. Winkleman's letter; he who joyfully acts according to mis-information has already earned my contempt. I assure everyone that my intentions for writing the article were out of a genuine concern for my actions as well as others (but ofcourse I've forgotten that nothing I do is genuine). I never intended to preach or place myself "above." If Mr. Winkleman was reading it from an inferior position then it was certainly not my fault nor my intention. I have respect for his position on the article itself, but the rest of his comments about my form of dress and my involvement with drug rehabilitation went so far beyond incorrect as to border on ridiculous. The mere suggestion that past presidents of the SGA were successful because of their recreational use of drugs is absurd. Was it success when thousands of dollars were stolen right under the nose of one president when some other individual was selling drugs right out of the apartment that I now occupy. Was it success when another President used SGA funds to buy drugs. The stories and rumors go on and on, but was this success? As for my enjoy-

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Cable

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network and public television: in other words, "normal" reception will suffice.

I would like to propose a solution to this problem. If there truly are a substantial number of students who feel that Washington College has less to offer than does Nintendo, they should pool their resources and put a giant-screen T.V. in the Coffee House. They will be able to afford a much higher quality set together than alone, and they could then subscribe to cable, the Disney Channel, Bestiality-R-Us, and whatever other sources of entertainment for which they feel the need. This situation would have the added benefit of stimulating business in the Coffee House, thereby providing further student revenue.

What is most irksome, most mind-bogglingly insulting

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FEATURES

Slice's advice for the academically concerned

Phil"Slice"Macek

As we enter the half-way point of the semester it's time to face a grim reality: some of us are sinking rather quickly in the academic quicksand of higher learning. Yes, some students are staring bad grades in the face and are shaking in their boots. Now don't worry, it is far to early to be concerned about having a reserved spot on the Dean's "other list" for the rest of your collegiate career, and besides, I'm here to help. in order to cover your particular situation, I will discuss the consequences of getting bad grades class by class. Hopefully from these insights, you will be able to discover a viable solution to your problem.

First off, for all the freshmen, you are probably the only class that can show very little concern about bad grades. Now I don't mean to sound shallow or callous, but you mugs have a scapegoat onto which you can pass those grades that are a little below par. This scapegoat is called the ole' "freshman adjustment period." Thus, for example, when confronted by irate parents who say, "Danny, (a fictitious name) you had damn better explain these "D's" and "F's" to us immediately."

"Well I'll tell ya," says Danny rather nonchalantly, not even bothering to look up from his entrancing game of Nintendo football, "it takes a while to adjust to college work. Just give me some time and I'll be on the honor roll within a year."

Now what in carnation are Danny's parents going to say to him? Hell, Danny's father probably heard the same speech when he was a college freshman, and he probably paid no attention to it either. Danny knows this, ergo he knows that any threats his Dad makes will not hold any water. Nevertheless, just to be a typical father, Danny's Dad will come up with a typical threat. "From now on the only "D" I wanna see on your report card is the one in your name. If you bring home half-ass grades like these again, I'll hit you so hard that you'll be eating strained food for the rest of your life!" Overall, to avoid such comforting words from your father, you should be worried about your grades somewhat, but not to the point that they interfere with your enjoyment of the college experience.

Sophomores, I can pretty much attribute your bad grades to one thing: laziness. Having mastered freshman year, you are well aware of the demands that teachers tend to make on their students. This being the case, you do just enough to slide by. As of yet, you don't have to worry about your thesis or deciding whether to go to graduate school or head out into the real world where your school is the streets and looking down the barrel of a loaded gun is your teacher. No, your biggest challenge this year is declaring your major in the Spring semester. Now don't get me wrong, this can be a very difficult, traumatic thing. For example, I changed my major from English to History to Biology to International Studies to finally Sociology. I don't know what this means in terms of future career plans, but I really kick ass at Trivial Pursuit.™

Basically, you guys can do the work if you really want to, it's just a matter of digging your books out of that pile of dirty laundry and week-old beer cans and heading off to the library. Yes, you guys have pretty much beaten the system when it comes to grades; you guys are truly "wise fools."

Juniors are on mixed ground when it comes to dealing with bad grades. On the one hand they can display the apathetic behavior that the sophomores do. After all, juniors have no thesis responsibilities yet and they still have another year to put off any career decisions. However, on the other hand, juniors are told that now is the time to start worrying about raising their GPA's so as to one day impress potential employers. However, juniors tend to live only in the present, so they tend not to worry about life after college. Besides many juniors are taxed by that superhuman challenge of trying to fulfill their distribution requirements.

When it comes time to seek out help for deficient performance in the classroom, all students should be weary of teachers who try to make light of their problems. For example, I walked into one teacher's office, (the teacher shall remain nameless but if you really want to know who it is just stop me around campus and I'll be happy to tell you) showed him my grades, and said, "Look Doc. I've gotten an 85, 87, and 91 on your exams. I got an 84 on your paper and an 86 on my oral presentation, and you still gave me a "C" for the class. Now that hardly seems fair." The teacher looked at my grades, reflected on them for a moment, and said in a rather flat tone, "Congratulations Mr. Macek, you have just gotten the highest "C" average in the history of Washington College. Now if you'll excuse me, I have a faculty meeting to go to and I don't want to be late." Well before I left I made a few snide comments about his wife and kids and told him what he could do with his warped grading system. Hopefully, he didn't take it personally. Luckily, not all teachers are like this and they are usually very responsive to your problems; which is good because to graduate from this place one needs all the help one can get.

And finally, for the seniors, grades take on quite a different role in your final year here. Although it is certainly not desirable, it is understandable why some seniors find their GPA plummeting towards the end of their college careers. First off, many seniors are concerned about finding real jobs after they graduate. Thus, they spend time preparing for job interviews instead of studying for that almighty astronomy exam. O.K. they might get a "D" on that one quiz, Which might eventually lead to a "D" in the course, but if they did well at their job interview at least they know that they won't be working in a bagel shop for the rest of their lives. Of course, some seniors find their grades dropping because of too much drinking, but hey this is the last chance they have to make some college memories, and most of them want to go out in a blaze of glory. Plus, almost all seniors are done with distribution requirements and their major requirements (save for that blasted thesis) so they end up taking blow-off classes, so even if they get a bad grade, it's not the end of the world. All in all, seniors concentrate more on what's expected of them once they get out of college than they do on getting a perfect GPA. As one senior put it, "just give me my diploma at the end of the year, along with a graduation party and I'll gladly accept a GPA in the "D" range." I think that pretty much says it all.

In general, freshman and seniors seem to be in the same boat when it comes to grades. Each has a viable scapegoat to accept the brunt of the punishment for bad grades. Sophomores and juniors are too caught up in the fun of college living to worry about grades., they just live from one weekend to the next. So while you're out there scared to death of getting put on academic probation, just remember that in ten years after graduation when you've got a decent job, nobody's going to come up to you and ask while you failed that one astronomy quiz.

Slice is a senior who believes that one should never go up to a fat person and ask, "What's shaking?"

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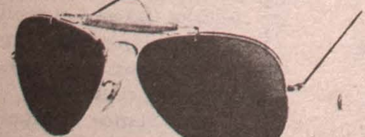

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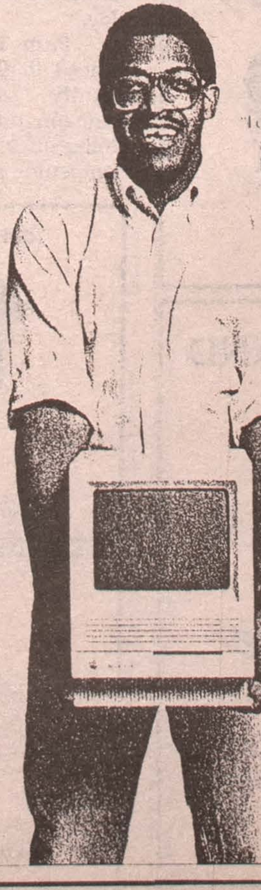

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Hockey keeps winning

By Matt Giller

Six years ago when the founding fathers of W.C. field hockey convened, they felt that it would take the new Shorewoman team a while to achieve a winning record, let alone be in the running for an MAC berth.

In 1985 the Women of the Shore battled to a 1-5 record. But back to the future the juggernauts from across the tracks have compiled an amazing 8-2-1 stellar season thus far.

They have spent the last couple of weeks outplaying and outhustling all opponents. They defeated Catholic, Widener and two nationally ranked teams, Johns Hopkins and Lebanon Valley.

They started on their tear through the league by defeating Catholic and Lebanon Valley by identical 1-0 scores. Lebanon Valley had lost to the Shorewomen the year before 2-1 but both teams have improved. Washington outshot Lebanon Valley, 18-16. W.C.'s goalie sensation Brigid DeVries outsaved her counterpart 15-14. Caroline Jensen's lone gaol was enough for the Maroon and White on this occasion.

One goal was all they needed against Catholic as well. This one was recorded by Amy McCleary. DeVries and the rest of the non-God-fearing defense shutout the Catholic girls 1-0. W.C. once again outshot their opponent 20-12. DeVries was perfect between the pipes with 7 saves.

The Shorewomen continued their assault on the rest of the league including MAC foes Hopkins and Widener. They went into the Lady Jays game never experincing the thrill of victory against that "safety school" from across the bay. But this was W.C.'s year to sip from the cup winning 2-1. Hopkins was ranked 16th nationally and second in the South Region before it fell to the mighty Moroons. The first half of the game ended in a scoreless tie. However, Hopkins started off the scoring in the second half with a goal at the 22:29 mark.But the Shorewomen bounced back. They continued to pepper the opposing goalie with shots. Finally freshman Renee Guckert tied the score and senior co-captain Erin O'Neal hit the back of the strings for the game-winning goal with 10 minutes left in regulation.

On Tuesday, the Shorewomen returned from across the tracks to ring the victory bell once again. This time their victim was MAC foe Widener. Widener fell to the WAC by the same score as did Hopkins, 2-1. It appeared the first half was going to end in a scoreless tie until junior Jennifer Blenkstone scored for the WAC with just 3 ticks left on the clock. The scored remained that way until the 19:18 mark of the second half when Peggy Bowman increased the Shorewoman lead to 2-0. However, with 16:37 remaining in the game Widener put one past DeVries spoiling a shut out. DeVries steered away 15 shots as the Shorewomen outshot their opponent 30-5. Widener's goalie, who survived the W.C. offensive onslaught, said, "now I know how General Custer felt during his last stand."

Men's tennis: winning at Rutgers

By Fred Wyman

Washington College showcased some of its future tennis stars at the Rutgers University Fall Invitational Tennis Tournament at New Brunswick, N.J. October 12-13, as the Shore netters captured five of seven singles flights.

Irakli Metrevelli, Trevor Hurd, Alberto Diaz, Emilio Bogado and Andy Bohutinsky won the #1,#2,#3,#5, and #6 singles flights respectively. All the finals pitted W.C. vs. Rutgers as the Shoremen and their Division I hosts knocked off opponents from Goucher College and Millersville University in the early rounds of the flighted round robin tourney.

Metreveli was extremely impressive as he dropped a mere eight games in his three matches. The transfer from the USSR combined "touch and power" in whipping Rutger's Gary Victor 6-0, 6-1, for the #1 singles title. Another transfer Hurd saved 4 match points in a 3rd set tiebreaker to edge Steve DeRose 6-7, 6-3, 7-6 for the #2 singles championship.

Sophomore Alberto Diaz won his second tournament of the fall, but had to rally from one set down to trip David Lipschitz of Rutgers 0-6, 6-3, 6-4. Diaz ran his fall record to 10-1. Having his best outing of the fall campaign freshman, Emilio Bogado ripped Goucher's Fred HIlal 6-2, 6-0, bested Millersville's Eric Scaduto 6-3, 6-0 and nipped Rutger's Bob Coriat in two tiebreakers to take the #5 singles crown. Andy Bohutinsky, showing his freshman year form, captured the #6 singles championship. The scrappy baseliner trailed Rutger's Mark Levinberg 3-6 but was up 4-1 in the second set when Levinburg was forced to retire. Bohutinsky now sports an 8-2 fall record.

Women's tennis completes strong fall season

The weekend of October 12-13 marked another great performance from the W.C. women's tennis team as their top two players, Tracy Peel and Pam Hendrickson walked away with top honors in singles and doubles.

A flighted tournament, the squad was missing its #3 player, Miriam Dittman from its lineup, forcing the 4,5, and 6 players, Rachel Rice, Tina Lennon, and Jennifer Sloan respectively, to move up a position. Despite this problem, Lennon and Sloan both won their first round. Tina Lennon ousted Kimberly Poppiti of SUNY Stonybrook 6-2, 6-1, and Sloan Defeated Veronica Vicenti of Mary Baldwin College 6-1, 6-2. Rice in the unfamiliar #3 slot was not so lucky, falling to Catholic's Laura Maloney in a tough 6-2, 2-6, 6-3 decision. Peel and Hendrickson, both seeded #1 in their respective flights, each received a bye in the first round.

Second round singles continued the next day following a rain delay. Sloan and Lennon's progress were halted by Loyola College's Megan Wilson(6-2, 6-2) and Catholic's Giovanna Capo(6-0, 6-1). Rice, thrown into the consolation side with a first round loss, won her consolation flight via a series of defaults from her opponents, Melody Katz(Glassboro State) and SUNY Stonybrook's Eileen Hoy.

Pam Hendrickson advanced to the semifinals and soudly defeated Shari Schliefman of Glassboro State College(6-0, 6-2). Her finals competitor proved to be Millie Johnson from Loyola. Pam trounced Millie 6-2, 6-0. "The score don't really show what the match was like," Hendrickson commented after the match. "Johnson is a good player," the freshman from Pennsylvania continued, "I had to be focused the entire time. This was good competition.

Tracy Peel's singles matches had similar outcomes. Loyola's Mia Vendlinsky was 1st to fall by the wayside 6-0, 6-4. Peel's final was against a player she had met in the semis in CUA's 1989 tournament, senior Cindy Merrill of Millersville University. Again Merrill met defeat, losing 6-3, 7-5. This marks Peel's second time as #1 flight champion of the Catholic tournament.

The doubles portion of the CUA Tennis Classic, also flighted, had W.C. with only two teams entered. Peel/Hendrickson and Sloan/Lennon were put in the #1 and #2 flights respectively. Sloan and Lennon met defeat early on in a well played 3 set match against Glassboro State's doubles team of Johnson/Katz. "Everytime I see them play together, Jenn and Tina improve their game dramatically. THey shoud be happy with their performance this weekend," Coach Bramble stated.

Tracy Peel and Pam Hendrickson again showed what a top notch pair they are. Given a bye in the 1st round, they met well limbered Vendlinski/Johnson from Loyola. W.C lost the first set, but came back to win the match 2-6, 6-0, 7-5. This outcome pitted them in the finals against Catholic's #1 flight's defending champions Megan "Rant and" Rave and Jennifer Dowd. Last year Peel and graduate Monica Blanco lost in a disappointing 6-3, 6-0 show. Not in 1990 - Peel and Hendrickson never gave Catholic a chance to initiate any winning strategy and overpowered them 6-1, 6-2.

Catholic's Tennis Classic marks the end of the women's fall tennis season. "The fall is so important," coach Holly Bramble reiterated. "The team has a chance to practice their skills and enter some great competition without the pressure that strikes them in the spring with conference matches and ranked teams that count towards their win/loss record."

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Vonnegut creates perpetual motion

by Claire Capuzzi

Perhaps the most refreshing thing about Kurt Vonnegut's new novel, *Hocus Pocus*, is its presence on the New York Times Bestseller List. An important element in Vonnegut's work, from the early short stories to the later novels, like *Galapagos* and *Slaughterhouse Five*, is its audience. In other words, his books address the issues that connect us all, that concern our notion of identity, both personal and societal.

Part of Vonnegut's success in the public eye is his willingness to make waves by asking the wrong questions- he has a nasty habit of bringing up subjects that pop culture has nominally dismissed. Subjects that have had all the sensationalism squeezed out of them by movies and television. Subjects like Hiroshima and Auschwitz. Like the Dresden fire bombings, or the threat of nuclear war. Like the decrepit state of the environment. And Vietnam.

Unlike the efforts of the silver screen, Mr. Vonnegut does not restage the battles of history in *Hocus Pocus*. Instead, he points to their effect. He deals in potential futures, relentlessly, yet gently, asking the question, what next? His narrative voice is older and wiser, but the social criticism seems sharper than before, his humor less goofy, and more ironical.

In the book, Eugene Debs Hartke is a ribbon decorated Vietnam vet who returns to the states, his convictions more than shaken by the horror he witnessed during the war. He accepts a job as a professor of physics at the illustrious Tarkington College in upstate New York, a posh, resort-like school for mentally disabled students from families of comfortable means, - "the ruling class", as Hartke calls them.

Across the lake from the college is a maximum security prison with the same name, harboring most of the more dangerous prisoners from the city of New York. Relishing the switch from military commander to professor, but sometimes discovering the unsettling similarities between the two, Hartke continues to teach until one winter the lake freezes, the prisoners escape and overthrowing the faculty board at Tarkington overtake the college.

Later, when the situation is reversed by the authorities, and the escapees are once again prisoners, Hartke is judged as the cause of the rebellion, and is held in the college library, awaiting trial. It is from there that Hartke writes down his story, ostensibly on tiny scraps of paper he finds in the thousands of volumes of books that make up the library.

True to his own style, Vonnegut tells the story in nonlinear fashion, skipping back and forth between events, leaving it to the reader to assemble the puzzle that is a man's life. The "whole" story is made up of a series of anecdotes- some poignant, some cruel, and usually all funny. On one particularly important scrap of paper, Hartke tells of his discovery of several abandoned perpetual motion machines in the attic of the new College President. Hartke realizes their educational worth as the failed attempts of an inventor to defy the laws of physics and puts them on display in the library- the same library that now serves as his prison cell.

The idea of perpetual motion becomes a motif for the entire novel. Vonnegut tries to impress upon the reader our world is not a perpetual motion machine, as we have a stubborn habit of believing in our own mortality. Nothing could be more ridiculous, insists Vonnegut. Hartke displays the machines under the banner "The Complicated Futility of Ignorance", words that Hartke says, "can surely be applied to this whole ruined planet nowadays."

Professor Hartke blames much of the ruin on the ignorance of the ruling class, who are highly distressed by his own strange penchant for the truth. After all, those most comfortable in their positions are the least reluctant to change their ways. The faculty board at Tarkington College provides Hartke with such an example, when under an attack from the prisoners, they deny the reality of their own situation:

"When I tried to tell the hostages a little about their captors, about their childhoods and mental illnesses, and their not caring if they lived or died, and what prison was like, and so on, Jason Wilder actually closed his eyes and covered his ears. He was being theatrical rather than practical. He didn't cover his ears so well that he couldn't hear me.

"Others shook their heads and indicated in other ways that such information was not only tiresome but offensive. It was as though we were in a thunderstorm, and I had begun lecturing on the circulation of electrical charges in clouds, and the formation of raindrops, and the paths chosen by lightning strokes, and what thunder was, and on and on. All they wanted to know was when the storm would stop, so they could go on about their business.

"What Warden Matsumoto had said about people like them was accurate. They had managed to convert their wealth, which had originally been in the form of factories or stores or other demanding enterprises, into a form of liquid and abstract, negotiable representations of money on paper, that there were few reminders coming from anywhere that they might be responsible for anyone outside their own circle of friends relatives." (pg. 225)

Tired of tiptoeing around reality in the classroom, and driven by personal convictions and a few beers, Hartke attempts to communicate to his students his anger at the maddening idiocy of the Vietnam War. His drunken oratory leaves the students confused and unclear about Hartke's intentions, and Hartke himself realizes that they have been numbed to the impact of his story. Unreality and reality merged into a long time ago in the minds of the students he educates. It is perhaps Vonnegut's most frightening prospect:

"The scenes of unspeakable cruelty and stupidity and waste I described that night were no more horrible than ultrarealistic shows about Vietnam, which had become staples of TV entertainment. When I told the students about the severed human head I saw nestled in the guts of a water buffalo, to them, I'm sure, the head might as well have been made of wax, and the guts those of some big animal which may or may not have belonged to a real water buffalo.

"What difference could it make whether the head was or was not wax, or whether the guts were or were not those of a water buffalo?

No Difference." (pg. 124)

Vonnegut never fails to make humor an important element in his novels. More a philosophy than a reaction, the ability to laugh at oneself, along with everyone else, is a necessity for survival. The character of Jack Patton, Hartke's old army buddy, is armed with one universal response to any pressing question Hartke might ask. Everything makes Jack Patton "want to laugh like hell". From Madame Bovary to the war itself, Patton's answer is the same. Curiously enough, Hartke remembers never having heard Jack laugh.

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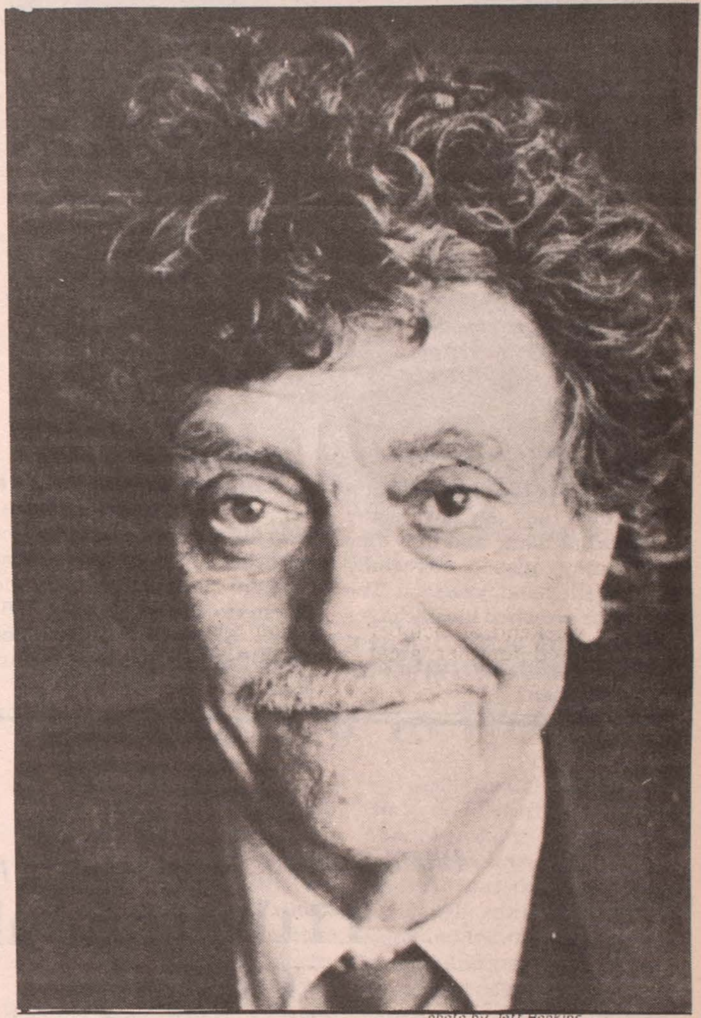

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about this proposal to install cable campus-wide is the insinuation that Washington College students, in all our wisdom, can think of nothing better to do with $250,000. How about hiring enough English professors for students in the best-know program at this "intimate liberal-arts institution" to have seminars rather than cattle calls for upper division courses? How about building an observatory so that science students can learn about the stars by actually looking up *at* the stars rather than down at a textbook? How about the development of a Classics department that would allow us to gain first-hand access to the Latin, Greek, Hebrew, and Arabic texts that are the foundation of the Western culture? How about subsidies to bring the cost of professional theatre within the reach of students? How about a library that doesn't have to grovel to the University of Maryland every time a student needs a book outside of standard course listings? How about . . . oh, wait. The lacrosse team already gets everything it wants.

We have seen that increasing tuition is not of itself an intrinsically evil act. The dozens of students that attended President Trout's inauguration and the following reception learned that, partly because of higher tuition revenue, we now have a beautiful new building with marble floors, vaulted ceilings, and a bookstore that can double as a miniature golf course. Cable T.V. is another matter entirely.

As usual, this issue boils down to a question of individual prerogative. Herr Student, I am completely committed to your right to drink yourself into a stupor every night of the week, to toke until your lungs crumble, and indeed, to watch cable television. But I draw the line where your indulgence infringes upon my rights. Don't ask me to shovel you off the street after you've driven drunk. Don't ask me to commit passive suicide by breathing your cigarette smoke. And don't ask me to pay for your cable. I will not be responsible for your stupidity.

Most Sincerely,
Roy Kesey

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to show those serving in the Gulf that they are have some support at home and that they are being missed especially during the holiday season. The holidays are when the packages are to arrive in the Gulf as it takes 25 - 30 days for a package to reach them.

Anyone wishing to add a name to the list of servicemen, or if you can assist the project in any way should contact Nora Graham at 778-1917, or the Chestertown Town Hall at 778-0500. Show your support for those that are fighting for our country.

Engel

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any member of the team for directions or questions about transportation. Show your support and show that Washington College has room, and enthusiasm, for sports daring but out of the mainstream. This is crucial to our team, so please try to attend. Come and see a real contact sport- and be part of the excitement!

Seth Engel is a junior and the founder of the Rugby club.

Neiman

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ment of ties, cigars and sport coats, these are not representative of a dilemma, but rather they are me, just as they have been long before my arrival at Washington College. Perhaps the most insulting remark made in Mr. Winkleman's letter was his suggestion that my involvement in drug and alcohol rehabilitation is the product of one death this summer. He failed to mention the ninety-nine speeches and presentations that I have given during the past seven years all along the east coast of the U.S. He also failed to mention my life long involvement with drugs as a family member of a recovering addict. Let's face it, he failed to mention a lot. Lastly as for his suggestion to ease up and "be twenty for once on my life." Thanks Mike, I'll consider it.

There is currently much rumor and speculation as to my involvement with a recent "unsigned" letter to the editor. There is also a wide belief that I am the sole author of one letter which is not going to be published. Funny people are so wiling to place blame, without having any concept of the facts. They are willing to deal with the extraneous subjects, without attacking the core of the problem. While I am guilty of knowing who wrote them, and for submitting them on their behalf, I am guilty of nothing else except holding discussions with them. But, if the people who are both convinced and determined to spread this rumor persist in forcing it into my lap, then I will have no alternative other than to submit my observations with my signature. I can't say as though I can blame these individuals for thinking that I am responsible. **After all of the horrible things that I have said and done to hurt them, after betraying their friendships, lying to them and having never tried to help them in any constructive way, who can blame them?**

I have been controversial since my first speech at Washington College. You see, I have a funny addiction to reality. In every action that I take, every thing that I say I try to help someone, realistically and as honestly as possible. People do not always interpret these actions as such, but if being thought of in this way is the price that I have to pay for doing some good, **then so be it!**

Vonnegut

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Vonnegut's pessimism can hardly be called such. Because the novel takes place in the future, readers may be tempted to interpret it less seriously. The situation Vonnegut describes in *Hocus Pocus* is a fair prediction for the future as any, perhaps more than most. We have a stubborn tendancy to ignore warnings. Vonnegut has provided us with several. And if the world he describes becomes an actuality, it may make him want to laugh like hell. But he won't.

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Judge Thomas Sisk on drunk driving and its unavoidable consequences

By: Renee Guckert and Susie Mazzullo

Judge Thomas Sisk was on campus Wednesday night to talk about the unavoidable consequences of drinking and driving. Judge Sisk has been a district court judge for over nine years and in that time has had many such cases come before him.

Judge Sisk recited for those attending, a few statistics that would show just how serious the alcohol problem is. Among the statistics included was the fact that a larger portion of the population abuses alcohol than ever before and that 50% of these people abuse alcohol on a regular basis. Consequently, alcohol related health problems are ranked number one among all health problems in the United States. Judge Sisk also told of the number of those that were killed in only one year. He claimed that 23,000 were killed and that over 500,000 were injured last year alone, in alcohol related accidents.

He also talked about alcohol and crime. He stated that many of the criminal acts performed today are because of alcohol influence. "Alcohol may be the most important factor in violent crimes," said the Judge. He claims that almost 80% of the judiciary system's workload is alcohol related. More than 41,000 cases of this kind were filed in district court last year.

Following the statistics, Judge Sisk described the consequences of those caught driving under the influence or driving while intoxicated. He explained the options a judge has for first offenders.

Those convicted of driving under the influence(DUI), which means those having a blood alcohol level of less than .10, could be sentenced up to sixty days in jail, given eight points which means an automatic suspension of the driver's license, and fined up to $500.

Those convicted of driving while intoxicated(DWI), which means having a blood

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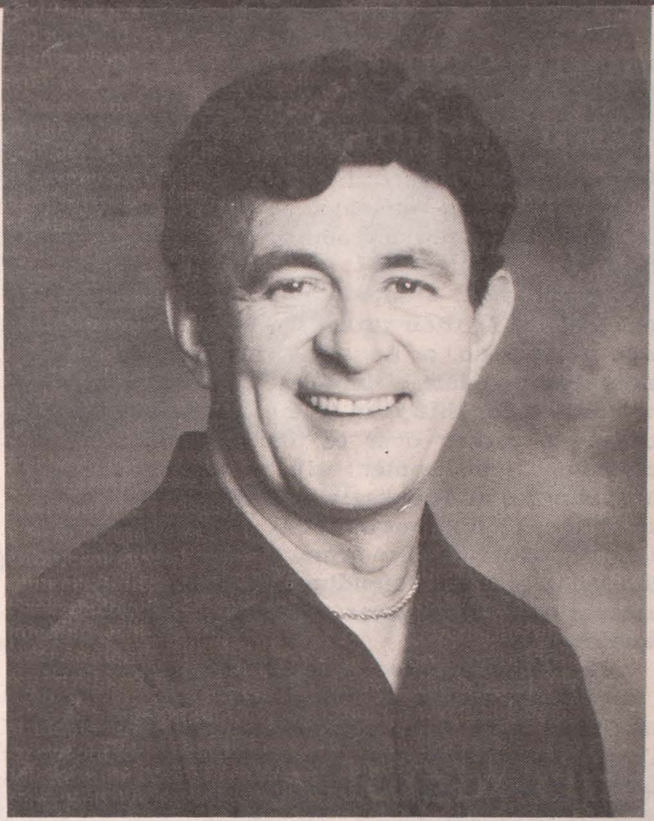

Registered Nurse, Bill Goettel, who will be presenting *Groinecology* on November 8th at 7pm

Rugby club obtains funding

By: Susie Mazzullo

Washington College's newly formed rugby football club found themselves victorious this past Saturday at their first rugby match of the year. The game versus Catholic University, located in Washington D.C., Was won by the W.C. men by a score of eight to four. Team President Seth Engel commented that their win was a major upset. "We are a team that has only been together for approximately three weeks and for us to beat a school that has had an established rugby team since 1956 is quite an upset."

The game was indeed one of the brighter moments for the rugby team thus far. Since the team was formed that have met a number of resisting factors. One of their major problems was in acquiring club funding and in securing sponsors so that they would have the funds they needed in order to do such things as paying for the use of Worton fields, maintenance of the field, transportation costs, and so that they could obtain the equipment necessary to put together a rugby team, such as a few rugby balls. Each team member was responsible for paying $60 in club dues but most of that money went to purchasing their uniforms.

Donations to the team were offered by a number of Chestertown businesses. The team was told, however, that they were not allowed to accept these donations. The reason why was supplied by the Development office. According to the rules of club funding, a club is required to submit a list of those businesses or perspective donors that they plan to approach for funding. This list is then subject to approval by the Development office.

The rugby team did not do this but instead went ahead and secured funding without submitting the required list. They did this, however, before knowing the about the specified requirements. It was later de cided by the members of the Development office, following a meeting, that the team would be allowed to keep the donors

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The Senior Class brings *Groinecology* to W.C.

By: Susie Mazzullo

Comedian, Bill Goettel, will be visiting the campus on November 8 to present his safer sex game show entitled *Groinecology*. The presentation will begin at 7:00 pm and will be located in the Hynson Lounge.

The game show panel will consist of volunteers from the student body. A number of sex related topics will be discussed including, how to protect yourself against AIDS, how safe the use of condoms really are regarding preventing pregnancy, how you can tell if you are really in love, whether or not drugs can permanently damage sex, what causes impotency, and a number of other equally interesting subjects.

Bill Goettel is a New York State certified nurse and has special training in the field of health and sexuality. His experience in the field is vast. He has previously worked as a counselor and treated students with sex related problems at Syracuse University. Goettel has also taught a health and sexuality credit course there. He has also hosted a weekly half hour sex education radio program and written a sex question and answer column. Goettel's very popular game show program has been presented at a number of colleges, military bases and national conventions in both the United States and Canada and has received rave reviews.

The Garnett School is still looking for students to help in building their new playground. They especially need volunteerson Wednesday October 31st from 8 am until 5 pm to help organize and unload materials. If you wish to help, you may simply show up at the site.

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EDITORIAL

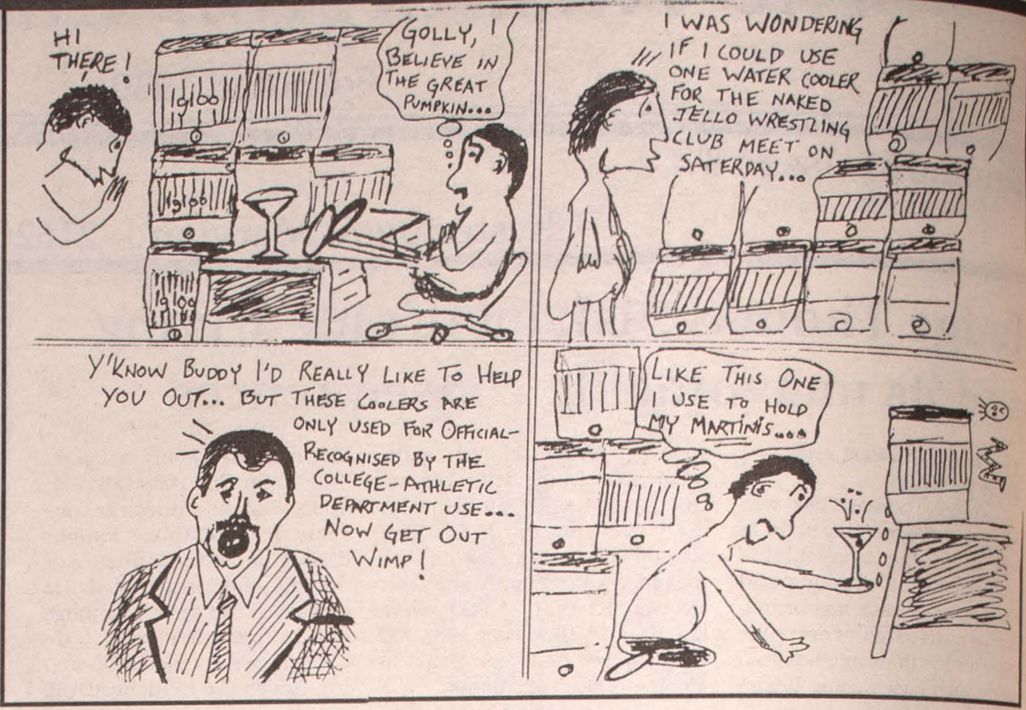
A turkey of an idea

An article in last week's Elm, entitled "From Chestertown with pride" outlined the efforts of a group of residents of Chestertown to aid the American servicemen in Saudi Arabia by sending them books, magazines, hard candy etc. What I am about to propose is something along those lines.

Every year, the Dining Services hosts its annual Thanksgiving Dinner, complete with turkey and all the trimmings. This year, the Dining Services are soliciting student sentiments about that particular feast. Our choices are the traditional Thanksgiving dinner, or a smorgasbord that would include the traditional turkey, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, etc, and a few new additions, such as oyster stew.

In the past, students have been given the option of eating their turkey, which a surprisingly large number do, or donating their turkey to an underprivileged family in the area. Why not extend that choice, for this year, to include the option of sending a turkey over to Saudi Arabia? The servicemen (and women) will be separated from their families at Thanksgiving time, and will miss out on the celebrations at home. What a wonderful show of solidarity for a group of men and women who are over there defending American and other international interests as well as the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The other question is do we really need to eat a full turkey dinner at College, and then a week later, head home for more, pardon the pun, gobbling? It's just a modest proposal to consider in the days leading up to Thanksgiving.


HI THERE!
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Y'KNOW BUDDY I'D REALLY LIKE TO HELP YOU OUT... BUT THESE COOLERS ARE ONLY USED FOR OFFICIAL-RECOGNISED BY THE COLLEGE-ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT USE... NOW GET OUT WIMP!
LIKE THIS ONE I USE TO HOLD MY MARTINIS...

Letters to the Editor

Garnett school still needs your help

Dear Washington College Students:

Many thanks to all of you who have volunteered to work on Garnett School's Community Playground. We still need volunteers from 8 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31. If you are able to help then and didn't sign up, please just show up at the construction site - rain or shine.

All your enthusiastic offers of help are most appreciated, and we are looking forward to seeing you at Garnett next Wednesday.

Susan Comfort
Volunteer Coordinator

Lankford defends cable rights

This letter comes in response to Roy Kesey's masterpiece in last week's Elm. Thank you, Mein Fuhrer, for your overbearing display of close-mindedness and ignorance. I wish you luck on your lecture on Lithuania, and I cannot wait to attend your next seminar - "Pomposity and Pretentiousness Personified." The letter was wonderfully written, but would have been far more effective had you kept your overbearing ego in check.

Television, though it may be laced with cheap humor and horrid soap operas, it just as much of a release for most of us as reciting dictionaries is for you. Still, my distress in not with the inability to watch Aerosmith videos on MTV, but the fact that we have been given no choice in the matter. Cable television was taken away from the students two years ago with no warning, and there has been minimal effort to return it despite constant complaints from the student body. We are 19, 20, 21 years old, and we are old enough to make up our own minds. If we want to screw up our lives by watching TV for hours on end, we can. It's our choice and we've made it. The longer the administration continues to prevent students from making their own decisions and show them a lack of respect, the more problems will arise.

My other problem with your letter concerns your lecture on the subject of "normal television." I could only hope to attain your superior taste in television viewing one day.

see LANKFORD, pg 12.

Stu, Stu, please get a clue

A fortnight past I wrote a letter in response to what I considered a pompous article by Mr. Stuart Neiman (i.e. Louis XIV). Last week you were subject to a letter by Mr. Neiman which sucessfully circumvented every detail of my letter and created responses to imaginary attacks on his achievements as monarch. I never once questioned his ability to govern or lecture. We are all impressed by your devotion to tour the East Coast supporting a cause in which you firmly believe. Unfortunately Bingo night was the night you were in my town and I was unable to attend. I simply wanted to remind you that summer is over and if you wish to give another lecture condemning drug and alcohol abuse it should be done as Mr. Neiman the student not Mr. Neiman the almighty despotic monarch of Washington College.

Where in my article did I say the former drug czars that ruled this campus were more efficeint or better equiped in handling the office you have so aptly distorted? You have a firm control over the government and I credit you for your

see Winkelman, pg 12.

Check those p's and q's, please

To the Editor:

Does anyone read *The Elm* before they take it to be printed? Every week, there are a myriad of mistakes printed that could be cleverly avoided if only someone would glance over the paper once or twice before they trundled it off to the printer. Proofreading is not a difficult practice - I first "heard tell" of it in the second grade, at which time I was given a detention for my lack of attentiveness in performing this most basic of tasks. Since then, it has become an integral part of the completion of any writing project that I undertake.

One of my favorite mistakes of the most recent edition comes from Stuart Neiman's letter to the editor. It reads, "There have been only two *additions* of the Elm..." Come on guys, someone should have caught this one. The mistake is contained in a term that is newspaper jargon! The correct term would have been *editions*.

I admire those people who dedicate their time and effort to working on our school's paper. I thank them for giving me an entertaining punctuation to my Fridays. The mistakes are especially bothersome to me because, as a tour guide, I actually give this paper to people outside of the Washington College community. I then tell them that W.C. is known for it's exceptional English department, writing lab, Sophie Kerr Prize, etc. When they go home

see Stobbart, pg 12.

The Washington College chapter
of Phi Alpha Theta is beginning
its formal activities for the academic year.
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Issue: Do you believe in the Great Pumpkin, why or why not?

Greatus Pumpkinum est!

Carolin Leibig

Halloween is once again just around the corner and we are faced with that age old question: Does the Great Pumpkin really exist? This mystery has puzzled mankind since the dawn of time and some of the most influential thinkers in history have, well, thought about it. Wasn't it Julius Caesar who said "Dumum pluribum greatus pumkinum est!" He was a firm believer in the Great Pumpkin. As was Ivan the Terrible, Czar of Russia, who, despite being terrible, liked to go sit in the pumpkin patch on Halloween night waiting for the Great Pumpkin to bring presents to all the good girls and boys all over the world. Ivan never received any presents because he was terrible, but that is not really the point here. During the middle ages there were literally thousands of Great Pumpkin sightings and although many skeptics contend that medieval people thought they saw alot of things, new evidence published in Secrets of the Unknown, from Time/Life books, shows conclusively and definitively that there is a chance that it really could have been the Great Pumpkin. In 1776, George Washington suggested making the Great Pumpkin the national symbol, contending that he, too, could fly, but he was out voted and now there is an Eagle on top of the flagpole instead of the Great Pumpkin. So it was not until Napoleonic era that the existence of the Great Pumpkin was officially acknowledged. Napoleon signed Le Decreé du Pumpkin Grand in 1799, thus making pumpkin patch sitting the national pastime in France. There have been very few incidents of the Great Pumpkin actually interacting with people. But the most famous account is that of Mildred Kürbis of Bumpkinshire-on-the-Rather-Plesant-Bank-of-the-River, England. It is said that on the night of October 31, 1867, Mrs. Kürbis had a lovely dinner of Fish and Chips with the Great Pumpkin. Afterward she was quoted as saying: "The Great Pumpkin is very kind and giving, but needs help with it's table manners." Several U.S. Presidents, including Franklin Roosevelt, Eisenhower, and Nixon spent at least one Halloween while in office sitting in the White House Pumpkin Patch. Ronald Reagan went so far as to ask his astrologer to contact the Great Pumpkin for advice on issues of international importance. But apparently the Big Orange One has so far declined to enter politics. So much for the historical significance of the Great Pumpkin. On to a more personal view of this important issue.

I know very few people who don't at least want to believe in the Great Pumpkin. I believe in it. Just like I believe in Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny. I don't believe that there really is one of each, in fact I think there are literally billions of them. Each one, in one form or another (it doesn't have to be Santa Claus or the Easter Bunny in particular) is embodied in all of us. We all have the spirit of giving at sometime, and we give either something material or, more importantly, of ourselves. There you have it, I'm a believer in the Great Pumpkin as a manifestation of the good in all of us...Now that the mushy stuff is over, we can get on with the business of having a Happy Halloween. Trick-or-Treat!!

Carolin Leibig is a senior majoring in International Studies.

Jennifer Crouch
Senior
North East, MD

"Why certainly I believe in the Great Pumpkin, don't you ?"

Stephanie Tennyson
Junior
Fredericksburg, VA

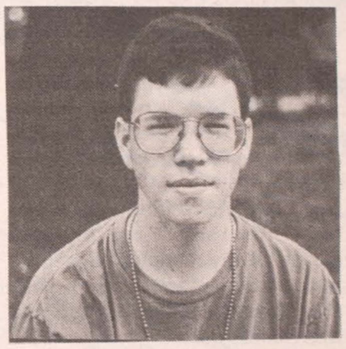
"When I was younger I believed, but I am not sure anymore."

Amy Klamberg
Junior
Washington, DC

"I believe because Linus believes."

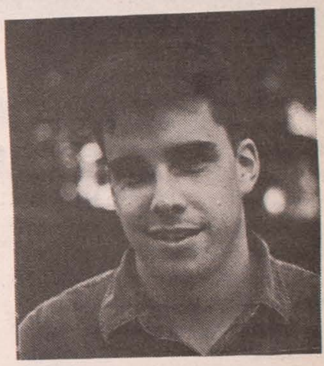
Monique Ware
Sophomore
Silver Spring, MD

"I do believe in the Great Pumpkin, so I can eat candy for months after Halloween has past."



Mike Tarrant
Freshman
Hope, NJ

"Of course I believe in the Great Pumpkin, because he is on T.V. every year."



Dan Kretzer
Sophomore
Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ

"How could anyone doubt the great wise man Linus Van Pelt."

photos by Kevin Decker

Do you believe in the Great Pumpkin??

Emily Daignault

As a child I remember sitting in front of our television awaiting the arrival of a sign that a Charlie Brown special was coming on. You know, the commercials, the terrible jingle and 'SPECIAL' spiraling towards you in a rainbow of colors. CBS was yet again airing a seasonal Charlie Brown episode. The most poignant drama of all these masterpieces of animation, was the heart warming saga of The Great Pumpkin. Just in case you didn't witness this colossal event, the plot revolves around Linus, and his belief in the Great Pumpkin, the Halloween entity that each year brings good cheer to small children.

But my purpose is not to recap the show, but to tell you if I believe in the Great Pumpkin. I must say that when I was younger, the faith that Linus had in the reality of the Great Pumpkin, reflected back into my beliefs. At that time I was as ready as Linus to go and sit out in a pumpkin patch in my cotton shirt and polyester pants waiting to see The Great Pumpkin, but as I grew older my views changed. I no longer wear polyester, nor am I as ready to sit in a pumpkin patch waiting for a mythical being. This is not to say that I do not believe in the Great Pumpkin, but rather that I do not believe in freezing my butt off in a pumpkin patch.

I believe in the Great Pumpkin because I believe in the magic of childhood experiences. I do not believe that a childhood should be forgotten, or pushed away just because of the passing of time, and the growing of bones. One should allow himself to let loose the child inside of him at any time. Maybe just for a little while, but enough to be a kid again. Therefore I believe in The Great Pumpkin, Santa Claus, The Easter Bunny, and many other mystical childhood beings, when I let my thoughts go back to my earlier years. Should I really let myself venture down memory lane? Is it right for a nineteen year-old to act like a five year old now and then? Well why not?

The fate of Linus Van Pelt is that of a cold night of waiting to see The Great Pumpkin, whom he never sees. But yet, we see Linus waiting in the same pumpkin patch, on the same network, every year for as long as I can remember. If Linus has the faith to return every year to sit out a cold night waiting, then I can let loose my childhood wishes every now and then. Maybe he and I will see the Great Pumpkin one day. Maybe.

Emily Daignault is a freshmen who hopes to major in English.

OUTLOOK

In the world: Democrats rebel against budget proposal

United States

Democrats rebelled Wednesday against a deficit-reduction plan that had been outlined by House Democratic leaders in a closed-door meeting. House and Senate negotiators are scrambling in an effort to assemble a budget deal that could win congressional endorsement before midnight Wednesday when the government is scheduled to run out of money and suspend nearly all its operations if an agreement has not been reached. The presented deficit proposal plan would increase taxes, cut such benefit programs as Medicare, and supposedly trim the federal deficit by $500 billion over 5 years.

Iraq

Iraq released 14 American men this week, including 6 with medical problems and agreed to free all 330 French Citizens and 33 Britons trapped after Iraq overran Kuwait. The Iraqi government, however, continues to refuse to permit any of the 106 American detainees or the remaining Americans held in Kuwait to depart.

The United States continues to prefer to rely on trade sanctions and diplomacy to pressure Iraqi troops into leaving Kuwait, however, according to a US official, the US-led international alliance could choose the military option at any time without further provocation by Iraq. Although more time is needed to tell how great the chances of a war are, the alliance would not be deterred from using force so long as most of the allies agreed such action was needed.

China

The European Community of Foreign Ministers agreed this week to cease economic sanctions against China imposed after last year's army crackdown on demonstrators for democracy. The move reflects China's improved international standing because of her cooperation with the West in the Persian Gulf Crisis and in efforts to end civil war in Cambodia. Relations with Japan and the US are steadily improving as well.

Germany

The new German government has uncovered 178 spies planted by the Communist regime of what was East Germany before its collapse a year ago, and officials say more arrests will follow. Since reunification on October 3, 1990, arrests average almost one a day. The arrests have shown that East Berlin had penetrated the top echelons of Bonn's three spy networks.

Soviet Union

The new Soviet freedoms have lead to a surge of Islam in the USSR. Mosques are being reopened at the rate of one a day, hundreds of students have enrolled in theological colleges, and millions of copies of the Koran and other Moslem works are being distributed throughout the country. One Mosque, closed over seven decades ago and converted in turn into a warehouse, a children's bookshop, and a teahouse, was reopened for worship this year.

Japan

Protests against Japan erupted this week in Taiwan, Hong Kong, and China, triggered by a clash over the 8 small islands comprising the Senkaku Islands 120 miles Northwest of Taiwan. The United States returned these islands to Japan in the early 1970s at which time it gave its official approval to Japan's claim to the islands which dates to the late 19th century. Both Taiwan and China also lay claim to the islands.

Israel

Israel has closed its borders to Palestinians in a reaction to increasing violence, a practice previously reserved for exceptional occasions such as the annual Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur.

--compiled by Jennifer Stickney. Ms. Stickney is a sophomore intending to major in Pyschology.

The squabble over coffee continues

By TOM GREENWOOD

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U.S. coffeedrinkers have been wondering whether coffee is friend or foe since 1972, when doctors, researchers, scientists and granola-fueled health advocates began arguing about supposed health risks attached to coffee drinking.

Research statements about coffee are endless:

"It's unsafe to drink." "No it's not."

"It causes birth defects and heart attacks." "Not necessarily, more research needs to be done."

"It raises serum cholesterol in the blood." "No it doesn't. It's the coffee

cream that raises cholesterol." "Oh yeah, well I think it cures cold sores!"

In the last 30 years, coffee has made more comebacks than Sugar Ray Leonard.

The coffee brew-haha started 28 years ago, when a Boston research group warned of a possible link (there's never anything absolute about these reports. They're always "links" or "inklings of a link." Scientifically, this is known as a "linkling") between coffee and an increased risk of heart attacks.

Two years later, the Boston University Framingham Heart Study concluded there was evidence to support the idea that coffee contributes to arterioscleroses.

Since then, the number of contradictory coffee reports have multiplied faster than zebra mussels. In 1990 alone, reports have been issued solemnly stating – among other things – that: Elderly coffee drinkers are more sexually active than noncoffee drinkers. Drinking coffee in the morning really does make you feel better and more alert. Coffee, particularly boiled coffee, increases blood cholesterol levels. Coffee might protect against cancer of the colon and rectum. Coffee might be related to cancer of the bladder. Coffee can magnify the effects of stress. Coffee can increase the risk of heart attack.

Coffee does not increase the risk of heart attack, though decaffeinated coffee may increase the risk of heart attack. This latest statement, from Harvard University, and based on studies of more than 45,000 men, was released last week and made front-page headlines.

What we want to know is, "Can I drink this stuff or not?"

The National Coffee Association in New York would appreciate it if you did, but they have become resigned to the controversy after nearly three decades of attacks.

George Boecklin, the association's president, has taken a pledge of silence until a panel of scientific experts reviews the study.

"We'd rather not go off half-cocked," he said with a sigh.

A more militant approach was taken in 1981 by William Black, board chairman of the Chock Full O' Nuts coffee company, who placed ads in papers questioning the validity of studies linking coffee to cancer of the pancreas. Among his arguments was that animals get pancreatic cancer, but "they don't drink coffee."

That's not quite right, Bill. There are animals that like coffee with their Kibble N Bits. Of course, they are talking about laboratory rats, the junk food junkies of the animal world. Read on.

In 1980, the Food and Drug Administration said pregnant women should avoid caffeine on the basis of an FDA experiment in which pregnant rats were force-fed through a stomach tube the equivalent of 87 cups of strong coffee, and subsequently gave birth to offspring with missing toes.

This theory was discounted when the FDA later said that rats who orally consumed the same amount of coffee at a steady rate suffered no birth defects. Common sense might also suggest that 87 cups of strong, force-fed, stomach-tubed coffee also would produce birth defects in a brontosaurus.

In 1977, a woman wrote to The Detroit News health page asking for advice.

She wondered if her heart palpitations could be traced to her daily (steady now) coffee enema that she retained for 15 minutes.

Indeed, responded the amazed medical columnist, who said caffeine can be absorbed through the bowels and could, in large amounts, cause atrial fibrillations. He also said the woman's cleansing ritual was "nutty" and advised her to discontinue it.

There's more. In June 1983, Norwegian researchers reported a "link" between heavy coffee drinking and increased cholesterol. The study was based on 14,000 people who averaged more than nine cups of strong coffee a day. That's a minimum of at least 72 ounces of coffee, folks. Hardy people, those Norwegians.

The average American drinking more than half-gallon of high-test, freeze-dried, flavor-crystalized "I-like-mine-black-with-four-spoons-of-sugar" Colombian mud probably would end up jitterbugging like James Brown in tight shoes.

Finally, on March 21, 1981, Carina Nilsson Regner died in Limhamm, Sweden, at the age of 109. Before her death, she attributed to her long life to hard work and "lots of coffee."

It was also noted she was also a widow for the final 82 years of her life.

In summation, the question about the safety of drinking coffee is still as clear as a cup of cappuccino. But Americans can rest assured this story is the last, latest and final story "linking" coffee to any real or imagined health risks.

Until tomorrow.

(Tom Greenwood writes for The Detroit News.)

Senior class notes

by Kyndra Ponder

At Wednesday night's Senior Class meeting, several issues were brought up that concern the members of the Class of 1991.

Senior Class President Steve Bruchey mentioned tonight's party to officially begin the Senior Campaign. The campaign is the Senior Class project to raise funds for both

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The Ghost of Reid Hall, and other Hallowe'en fun

by Laura Hopper

As Hallowe'en approaches, and Jack o'lanterns appear in windows and on porches, Trick or Treaters dust off their costumes, and candy sales skyrocket, thoughts turn naturally to the creatures of the supernatural– vampires, zombies, monsters of every size, shape and kind, and, of course, ghosts.

Into this supernaturally charged atmosphere come many tales of the unknown– as told by such experts as Steven King and Peter Straub. For a real Hallowe'en scare, rent the movie version or Straub's novel, *Ghost Story*. Invite some friends over, light a few candles, and get ready for a chilling tale of ghosts and revenge. The more adventurous might try holding a seance.

But not to be outdone, the *Elm* has striven to bring to you the unconfirmed, but supposedly true story of the Ghost of Reid Hall.

Reid Hall is the oldest women's residence hall on campus. First built in 1896, Normal Hall had only two full floors. In 1930, the north end, third floor and attic were added on, and the building was renamed Reid Hall.

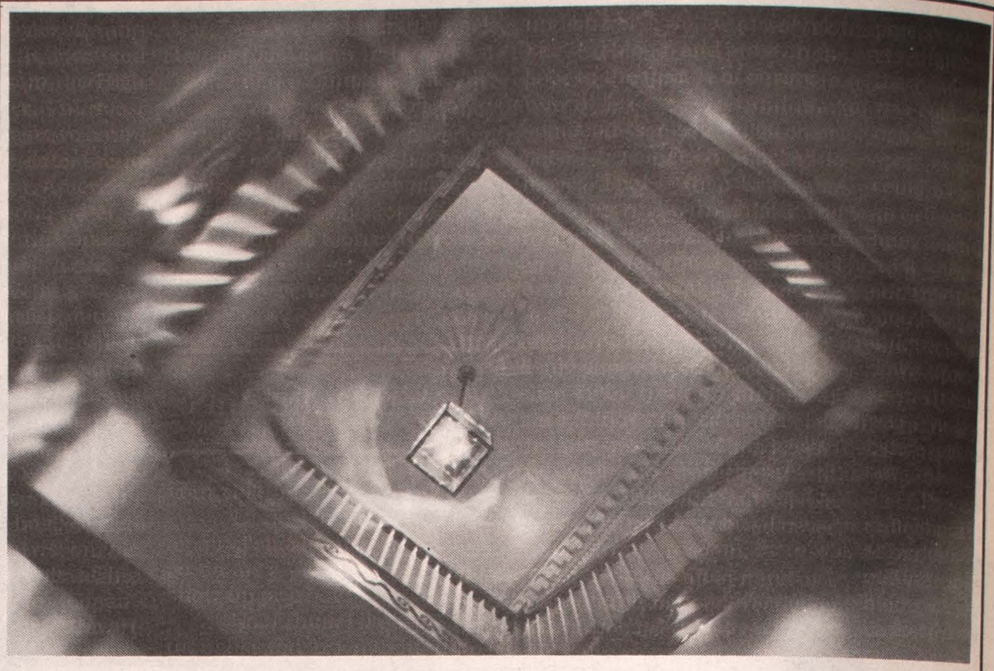
The story goes that the women liked to climb up through a hole in the third floor ceiling into the attic to hold parties and drink, and that one night a young woman fell, or jumped, off the top of the building, and died. This poor, unfortunate soul is reportedly the Ghost of Reid Hall.

The Ghost went through her most active stage from the Fall of 1986 to the Spring of 1987. That academic year, Minta Martin was closed for renovation. One resident of the third floor of Reid Hall told the housekeeper that while she was sleeping, someone or something had flipped her over onto her stomach, and pressed her face into the pillow. She woke up feeling the pressure of a hand on the back of her head, yet when she turned around, no one was there.

Another resident felt that the spirit was benevolent. She claimed she would be woken up by someone stroking her hair, yet again, when she looked, there was no one to be found.

The same year, a television set slid off a dresser, not once, but twice. The first time it landed in a basket of laundry one of the occupants had placed in front of the dresser. The second time it landed on the floor. The only damage to the television was a white spot in the center of the screen.

These occurrences all took place at the south end of the third floor, near the entrance to the attic and at roughly the same time, between 5 and 7 in the morning. At one point, a cover was placed over the entrance. A few days later, one of the residents alerted the housekeeper that the cover had been moved. It was resting on the floor of the attic, next to the hole. The housekeeper then had locks placed on the cover and the occurrences stopped.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The following year, however, the spirit was back. residents claimed that their door would lock by itself. The closet door would open and close, and an alarm clock would go off at 4 A.M.. when it had been set for 7, or even when it had been turned off. This was the year the renovation of Reid Hall was begun. Among the improvements to the building were carpeted halls, and lowered ceilings. The entrance to the attic was covered by the false ceiling. The attic is now reputed to be the home of several bats, and the scariest sound heard in the building is not ghostly footsteps, but the eerie wail of the wind, as it blows around the building.

But for those students seeking a little All Hallow's Eve fun, the flesh and blood residents of Somerset House will host the second annual Somerset haunted house on the evening of the 31st from 7:30 to 9:30 P.M. The haunted house is free to students, faculty and children of all ages. There is no admission fee, although donations of blood and organs will not be turned down. When asked how utterly frightening the haunted house would be, RA Brian Gimelson said that it was approved for all ages, and "We dare you to come!"

For the more literary minded, the O'Neal Literary House will be sponsoring their annual Hallowe'en reading, and for all you bloodsuckers, the International House will be showing that vampire classic, Nosferatu, in the International House Lounge (see Arts and Entertainment for more details.)

In all, Hallowe'en at Washington College, is a spooky, fun-filled affair. Enjoy the full flavor of the season, and please, don't drink and drive.

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Turtles and mermaids, the hottest trends in Hallowe'en costumes

By DONNA GABLE

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Out of the sewers and into the streets: The Ninja Turtles are conquering Halloween, trampling Batman and Dick Tracy as the top costume choice.

"Every fifth phone call, someone wants to know about the Ninja Turtles," says Erna Prickett of Costume Associates Inc., Greenville, S.C.

Kids are clamoring for turtle togs that double as playsuits, says Cindy Smith of Collegeville (Pa.) Flag and Manufacturing Company, the official licensee ($20-$30 for fabric; $6-$8 for vinyl; masks are $10-$16).

And little girls love the Little Mermaid, says Bonnie Cat of Costume World Inc., Pompano Beach, Fla. ($40 purchase for kids; $55 rental for adults.

Also coming on strong: Bart Simpson and his blue-haired mama, Marge.

The popularity of such characters reflects a shift "from the ghoulish and gory and toward the whimsical," says Sherry Timbrook of Hallmark.

The gobs-of-gore look is gone with the wind for adults, too: "The Civil War" series on PBS inspired early reservations for Southern belle costumes and Civil War uniforms – primarily rebels – says Kathryn Felgenhauer of Broadway Costumes, Sacramento, Calif.

Storybook characters, harem girls and other masquerade standbys are back in favor, too, says Rosanne Marberg of Costumes on 7th, St. Cloud, Minn.

Costume shop prices: From $25 to $350 for specialty rentals; $10 to $150 to purchase ready-made costumes and 50 cents to $60 for accessories and masks.

(Donna Gable writes for USA TODAY.)

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Slice spins a fictional Halloween yarn

Phil "Slice" Macek

It was a brisk Halloween night and I was physically and mentally drained as I walked back to campus from the High Street movie theater. You see, I had just spent the last two hours checking out the latest and greatest flick from America's new tough guy—Doug Cater. I highly recommend this action-packed, hundred thrills a minute, totally riveting, overwhelmingly powerful action-drama, appropriately entitled, *Rebel Without A Clue*. Not to give away the plot or anything, but Doug accidentally stumbles onto a terrorist plot to assassinate the President while vacationing down in Rio. He learns that the plot is to be executed while the President is on his way to Galena, the site of his next summit with Stu Neiman. Hence, Doug sets out to thwart the plot and bring the wrongdoers to justice. Of course, ole' Doug "hide the women and pour the whiskey" Cater gets into a herculean life and death struggle with the plot's mastermind, brilliantly played by Dom Deluise, and his burly henchmen, Gary Coleman and Don Knotts. I'm not going to give away the ending, so if you want to know anymore you're going to have see the movie. It really is unbelievable.

Anyway, as I said, I was so totally drained after seeing this cinematic masterpiece that I planned to spend the rest of this Halloween in a deep slumber. As I walked numbly back to my room I ran into my best friend and roommate Eric.

"Where are you off to?" I inquired listlessly.

"Dude, killer bash tonight down at Jason's place on High Street. Come on along if you want, but don't forget to wear a costume."

"Oh yeah? Well where's your costume?"

"Dude, I'm just gonna put a pair of shorts on my head and go as an a—. Are you gonna show up or what?"

"No, I think I'll pass." Although I did briefly entertain the notion of going to a novelty store and renting a gorilla suit.

I watched Eric until he was out of sight. He was a good friend, but an incurable practical joker. I kept this in mind as I entered the room. I clearly remember Eric's gag from last Halloween that had scared the living hell out of me. He had made a replica of a human finger out of clay that looked amazingly life-like after he got done painting it. Anyway he took this finger, covered it with Dining Hall ketchup, (a good choice, because everyone knows that Dining Hall ketchup, if left undisturbed, will eventually clot like real blood) and put it on the floor in the middle of our room. When I came in and saw somebody's missing digit on my floor I became too shocked to move. That's when Eric came running in with his hand wrapped up in a blood-soaked (or so I thought it was blood) towel. Hysterically, he told me that he had been sharpening his hunting knife when it suddenly slipped and proceeded to slice right through and sever his left index finger right below the first knuckle. When I eventually found out the truth, through Eric's uncontrollable peals of laughter, I vowed never to speak to him again.

I kept this all in mind as I flopped onto my bed, ready for some much needed sleep. However, my eye caught sight of something very strange in my wastebasket-it was a human head stained with rust colored dried blood.

"Very funny Eric" I said out loud. "This beats the finger trick by a mile."

Upon closer inspection, I found that the head looked exactly like Johnny Miles, the hall's R.A. I must admit that I never did like Johnny too much, and thought of seeing his head rolling around in the bottom of a wastebasket had a certain kind of demonic appeal to me.

I put my hand into the basket to further admire Eric's precision in this uncanny representation of Johnny when I—the head was real. The flesh was cold, clammy, and drawn tight. The eyes were glazed and open as far as they possibly could have been, and tendons as well as loose strands of skin hung down from the base of the neck where this bloody butchering had taken place. Johnny's mouth was completely open and little trickles of dried blood hung down from the corners. It seemed clear to me that Johnny was trying to scream like hell before his throat was ripped out.

The room was hot and stuffy but I couldn't keep from shivering. The thought of Eric cutting up Johnny and then hiding his head in my wastebasket left me cold. I guess Eric must have been hiding the evidence until later so he could dispose of it without being seen. I wasn't about to go near the closets. I could just picture Johnny's headless corpse dressed up in my best suit and posed in some dramatic fashion like it was going to be on the cover of GQ™ or Esquire.™

I decided to take matters into my own hands and get rid of the head myself. The thought of having my R.A.'s head in my room chilled my bones. Besides, if I was around when Eric returned, I might become the next exhibit in his twisted, macabre, avant-garde art show.

I picked up the wastebasket like I was picking up a newborn baby. I crossed the room and stepped into the hall with my arms full. The hall was deserted and eerily quiet and I wondered what Eric had done with the other residents. However, this is Washington College, and reason dictates that most of them went home just out of sheer boredom.

I hurried outside and made my way towards the big rusted dumpster behind our dorm. The sharp wind dried the sweat on my skin and in trying to look calm and in control, I stopped myself from breaking into a total sprint.

"Hi there."

I spun around without grace, almost letting Johnny's head loose, kind of like a grotesque bowling ball with the nostrils and mouth serving as fingerholes, and found myself staring into the face of Sally Perkins. I hated Sally like I had hated Johnny, ever since she had ratted on me for cheating on a philosophy quiz during freshman year. But I tried to remain calm and suave, after all, I was holding a guy's head in my hands.

"Hi Sally" I managed weakly.

"What'cha got there? Can I sneak a peek?"

Before I could react, Sally peered into the wastebasket and as I saw Johnny's face reflected in her paralyzed eyes, she opened her mouth for one God-almighty, panic-stricken yell. And as I reached around my side, finding the concealed, blood-stained knife for the second time that day, plunging it savagely into Sally's warm, soft, milky-white flesh, I asked myself the same question I had raised when I killed Johnny, "Why do they always try to scream?"

Sally's body dropped roughly to the ground missing its head and I strolled off to find more people that I hated.

Slice is a senior who was voted most likely to be a champion duckpin bowler in high school

Pumpkin carving and care tips

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Knives suitable for hand-to-hand combat in the Peloponnesian War are not the best tools for carving a pumpkin.

"The biggest mistake people make when carving is looking at a pumpkin and thinking this great big piece of God's creation requires a great big knife," says Gordy Falk, one of the nation's foremost experts on jack-o'-lanterns.

Large knives "doom you to carve straight lines," says the 47-year-old Milwaukee resident, who carves between 500 and 800 jack-o'-lanterns each Halloween for his front yard.

Falk believes in using short, skinny cheese or fruit knives; they permit him to make curves and lend character to facial features.

Here are other carving and pumpkin preservation tips from Falk, whose 30-minute video, "How to Carve Great Faces for Halloween," is on sale for $10 to $12 in Woolworth's, Waldenbooks and video stores:

— Cut around the stem at a 45-degree angle so that as the pumpkin sits on the porch, drying in the sun, the top will not cave in.

— A large knife is helpful for leveling a pumpkin bottom so that the face looks out at you, rather than down at the Earth's crust.

— A long-handled metal spoon is the best tool for scooping out seeds.

— Before carving, draw the face with a washable felt-tip marker. To ensure that the features are not too small, make a trial cut in the pumpkin's backside, carving the smallest possible circle. Redraw the features if they have a smaller radius than your circle.

— Don't be afraid to make the features big. Size gives your lantern personality.

— Cut using a sawing motion. This makes it easier to sculpt fluid lines.

— Don't worry about mistakes. They often can be fixed, using toothpicks to reattach pieces that were mistakenly slashed. Toothpicks strategically placed on the inside shell can shore up a wobbly face.

— Perfect symmetry isn't necessary or always desirable in facial features. Skewed eyes, nose and mouth lend personality.

— Cut the smallest features (eyes, eyebrows and nose) first. These require sharp twists and turns. They are hard to execute if you've already done the mouth, which takes away a large chunk of pulp and tends to weaken the face, making the shell delicate to manipulate.

— Heat is the No. 1 enemy of pumpkins. To protect against heat from the candle leave 5 inches from the top of the flame to bottom of the lid. Cut a tiny hole or vent in the lid above the candle flame.

— To preserve a pumpkin against drying from the sun, put petroleum jelly on cut edges. To protect against the formation of mold, swish a tablespoon of bleach around the inside.

(From the News Journal in Wilmington, Del.)

Senior

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the Senior Class gift - which was decided to be a donation of books to the Miller Library - as well as to mark the official beginning of our "Alumni giving to Washington College." The Senior Campaign committee has invited not only members of the Class of '91, but also alumni from the last ten years. Both alumni and Seniors will be given a pledge ticket at the door and asked to make a small contribution - and the student's contribution can be deducted from the security deposit. The kick-off party is free to all Seniors and they are encouraged to at-

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Field hockey completes best season

Matt Giller

The Shorewomen from across the tracks completed their finest season of all time this week by making their first appearance in the MAC tournament and finishing with an impressive 10-3-1 record.

Last Thursday, two days after defeating Widener and clinch an MAC berth, W.C. faced off against Swarthmore. Amy McCleary's goal off the feed from Marie Mohler with 10:12 remaining in the first half was all that was needed for the Shorewomen on this occasion.

While Washington College peppered Swarthmore with 28 shots, their relentless defense and overpowering offense prevented the visitors to attempt a single shot.

W.C. then took their show on the road to play Western Maryland and complete their regular season. Mohler opened the scoring for the Shorewomen. However, Western Maryland bounced back and evened up the count 1-1. Unfortunately for the home team they ran into a buzz saw dressed in maroon. The W.C.'s defense held W.M.'s offense in check for the remainder of the game while Caroline Jensen capitalized on a centering pass from Jen Blenckstone for the game-winner. Brigid DeVries needed to make saves in this game steering away 4 shots.

This past Monday, the Shorewomen headed north to Muhlenburg to face off in their first MAC appearance. The Women from the Shore and the Mules dueled to a 1-1 tie through regulation time. However, in the second overtime, which is played to a sudden death, the Mules ended the scoring drought and the game, and unfortunately the brilliant season for the WAC. For seniors Amy Tiehel, Erin O'Neal, and Donna White it was a culmination of brilliant careers that provided dramatic improvements in the quality of the program that can now be considered a national power. The Shorewomen, incidentally, finished #14 in the final national rankings. Congratulations!

Rugby wins 1st game

By Sam Gessner

This past Saturday, the Washington College Rugby Club marched to victory in its inaugural match against Catholic University, winning by the score 8-4.

Against a more experienced Catholic side, the Washington forwards, led by Frank Crivelli and Matt Wickwire, quickly took control and dominated play throughout the game. The back line, led by Eric Bach and team president/ founding father Seth Engel played a solid defensive game keeping the Cathloic backs in check.

Bach contributed all eight of the WAC points scoring two trys, one after a brilliant 60 yard run by flanker Matt Giller.

The Washington B side's debut was less auspicious, losing to a combined team of Catholic and American University A-side players.

The B-side will feast revenge on the Chesapeake Club Saturday, while the A-side attempts to remain undefeated against Delaware sunday at 12:30 at Worton Park.

A refreshed Sabha returns

The Great Sabha is back from his two week hiatus from the Elm's sports staff. The Great One took the red-eye home early this week to meet his deadline. He arrived from Saudi Arabia where he spent a week entertaining the courageous troops by singing to them. Anyway, his prophetic senses have been well rested so get the phone and call Pete Rose's bookies and lay some gentlemen's bets down.

NFL

N.Y. GIANTS -3 1/2 over Washington. No need to worry Skins fans, they'll get a wild card bid in the lop-sided NFC. Give the points.

NEW ORLEANS -4 1/2 over Detroit. Walsh could be the answer to the Saints offensive woes. Give the points.

Miami -2 1/2 over INDIANAPOLIS. Marino shouldn't have any problem putting up points against the Dolts. Give the points.

NEW ENGLAND +6 over Buffalo. The Bills's luck will end this weekend up at Foxboro. Take the points.

N.Y. Jets +8 1/2 over HOUSTON. The Jets are the best 2-5 team in the NFL. Take the points.

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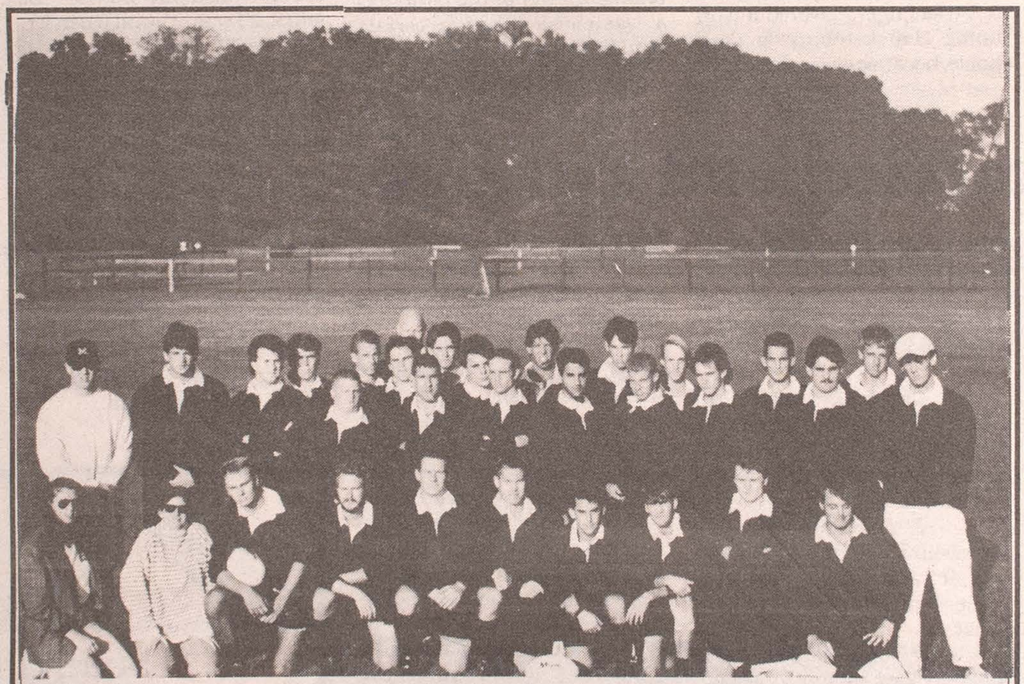

NO SMILES. The rugby team seen here at Worton Park during a candid moment. They play their first home game this sundayat the park at 12:30.

Soccer ends losing streak

By Matt Giller

Last weekend the Shoremen booters had their eight game skid and compiling a 1-1-1 record improving to a 3-11-2 overall record.

On October 13 W.C. traveled down to Greensboro, N.C. to face off against Guilford College. Senior All-Everything Mike Bishop had an assist and a goal to power the Shoremen offense. Freshman Chris Graham had the other goal while sophomore goaltender Kyle Hutchinson made 8 saves, including a crucial penalty shot save in the second half.

Obviously this tie got the ball rolling as they played host to the Widener Golden Bears. The Shoremen apparently toyed with their guests through regulation and almost two overtimes in attempt to make their bus ride home a little longer. With 3:06 remaining in the second overtime, Bishop ended the charade with a rocket that tore a gaping hole in the net at the rear of the goal. Hutchinson aided in sealing their first "W" since September 13 by turning aside all 11 shots he faced(or headed).

Last Saturday the Shoremen were greeted by a frenzied homecoming crowd at Elizabethtown. The Shoremen may have been caught looking ahead of this game, however, to the Haverford showdown. Undaunted by the #1 ranking the "Lizzes" were boasting, the WACkers played tough. However, the maroon marauders fell victim to a few tough calls and were subsequently upended 6-0.

The Shoremen's home schedule is completed, however, they still have rival Johns Hopkins and the Techies of Delaware Valley to play on the road.

Lacrosse cancelled

The fall lacrosse tournament scheduled to be held at Washington College, October 27, has been cancelled due to an illness in the family of W.C. head coach Terry Corcoran.

Teams From Maryland, Duke, Georgetown, Loyola, and Delaware had been scheduled to compete.

"Because the tournament was being held out of the season, and due to the severity of the circumstance, we felt it prudent not to go ahead with the event in Coach Corcoran's abscence," said Washington Athletic Director Geoffrey Miller.

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Tennis: Read wins National Title in Texas

By Fred Wyman

Last weekend two of Washington College's finest tennis players, Tracy Peel and Scott Read, competed in the Rolex National Small College Tennis Championships held in Corpus Christi, Texas. These championships is the only collegiate sporting event in the country in which athletes from Division III, Division II, NAIA, and Junior College have the opportunity to vie for a true national championship. The unique three day tournament began with an 8 player singles field for each of the 4 divisions. These divisional champios then met in a "Super Bowl" of small college tennis to ultimately crown a men's and women's National Small College Champion.

The 64 players competing represented 16 states and 16 countries ranging from New Hampshire to Washington state and Antigua to Cyprus. Read earned his ticket to Corpus Christi by winning the Rolex Southeast region while Peel was the Northeast regional champion.

After finishing as last year's NCAA Division III singles runner-up, Read took his first step in realizing his dream of winning the 1991 National Championship by capturing the coveted Rolex-ITCA Division III National title. Read lost in the NCAA championship match to teammate and doubles partner Larry Gewer in May. It was only fitting that Read won his first National Title in his home state of Texas. The pressure of upholding his preseason #1 ranking coupled with playing in front of many friends and relatives nearly cost Read his first match as the slender southpaw struggled to edge Gordon Reid of Gustavus Adolphus, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4. His semifinal match proved to be easier as the W.C. senior ripped Dave Maldawer of UC Santa Cruz, 6-3, 6-0.

The finals pitted Read against old nemesis Gavin O'Connell of Emory University. O'Connell is one of only three Division III players(Santa Cruz's Chad Andrews and Gewer are the other two) to beat the senior Shoreman. The hard-hitting O'Connell stopped Read at his first National Tournament in 1988; however, at last year's NCAA's, Read avenged that defeat by downing O'Connell in the team event.

The first set was tight. Trailing 3-5, O'Connell drew even to force a tiebreaker. Despite being called for a foot-fault at 6-5 and set point, W.C.'s Read rallied to win the next 2 points and the gain the first set. The second set was no contest as Read moved into the "Super Bowl" round by whipping O'Connell 6-2.

On "SUper Sunday" Read fell to NAIA titlest Eric Hochman of the University of West Florida 7-5, 6-4. Read was up 5-3 in the first set and 3-2 in the second set but was unable to close either set. Read had been undefeated for the fall going 12-0 with 2 other singles titles to his credit.

The Division III women's field was by far the strongest in the tournament as 5 of the nation's top 6 players were in the draw. Despite being an NCAA III finalist and having achieved a final national ranking of #2, Tracy Peel was not seeded was not seeded while Adolphus's Amy McCrea(6th in 1990) and Pomona's Shelly Keeler(7th in 1990) were the #1 and 2 seeds respectively. This seeding selection was a mystery to W.C. coach Holly Bramble as well as everyone else at the tournament.

Undaunted, Peel ousted Robin Inaba of UC San Diego in straight sets, 6-2, 6-2, in the first round; however, the two-time All-American had to use all of her stamina and will power in the semifinals to outlast McCrea, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4, to gain the finals.

While Peel had to win a three-hour marathon to advance, Keeler was making short work of her opponents as she did not lose a single game enroute to the finals. In the finals Keeler started the match where she had left off as she blanked Peel 6-0 in the first frame. With the score tied at 5 all in the second, Peel had a chance to break Keeler's serve; however, the Shore netter could not convert the opportunity as Keeler Held and then broke Peel for the game, set, match, and championship.

Senior Mike Bishop clearing the ball upfield vs. Haverford. W.C.'s Gilbert Orser watches.

Monique ware

The Great Sabha

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SAN FRANCISCO -12 1/2 over Cleveland. The Browns should play as well as the are playing now for the rest of the season and they will find a #1 pick at the end of the rainbow. Give the points.

Tampa Bay +3 1/2 over SAN DIEGO. This could be the most important game in the history of the Bucs's organization. Take the points.

Chicago -6 over PHOENIX. The best defense in the NFL against the worst offense - a no-brainer. Give the points.

Cincinnati +2 over ATLANTA. Let's just hope this game is a little shorter than the Monday Night game the Bengals played in this week. Take the points.

BEST BETS

GREEN BAY -2 1/2 over Minnesota. If Ditka were the Vikes's coach he would probably say they will never win another game - but he's not, so the Great Sabha will say it. Give the points.

Philadelphia -3 1/2 over DALLAS. Buddy can't believe the Cowgirls are ahead of his Eagles in the standings. You can be sure he will do something about that this sunday. Give the points.

MONDAY NIGHT

PITTSBURGH pick over LA Rams. Joe's "O" has arrived. Pick the Steelers.

COLLEGE

Syracuse -14 over ARMY. The Orangemen's tough defense should hold Army's running attack in check. Give the points.

TEXAS -32 over Smu. Look for the Longhorns to run up the score and vie for a top 10 bid. Give mucho points.

Auburn -14 over MISSISSIPPI STATE. MSU has got alot of S's and I's but I see no W's here. Give the points.

BYU -31 over New Mexico. Detmer won't stop throwing until he wins the Heisman. Give the points.

Notre Dame -12 1/2 PITTSBURGH. Read my lips, the Irish will not lose again. Give the points.

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Men Without Shadows

by Bruce Hamilton

"It's a good play for Halloween," says Jacque Collins, in reference to J.P. Sartre's "Men Without Shadows". Collins is directing the play as part of her senior project and also designed the set. She chose the play last July while she was abroad at Oxford. "I was reflecting back on the year and my own anger at feeling isolated," she says. The play is for her a representation of the infinte array of possibilities in life, the idea that we make our own choices. Not only do we make our own choices, but we are capable also of creating our own isolation.

The play echoes this idea. Set in France in 1944, the main conflict in the play is between members of the French resistance and the torturers of Vichy. Through the dialouge we become aware that the members of the resistance are often their own torturers, or have once been the torturers. Collins says she has taken the play out of it's original setting and made it more surreal, so that the events in the play might be viewed as analogous with events concurrent with todays society.

Written by Sartre in 1946 and first performed in 1948 in the United States, "Men Without Shadows" is a play based on extreme situations. There's a lot of death, blood, gore and torture, according to Collins. It's a play that could be viewed as an "existential self-evaluation". "It's the first set that I designed and has actually been built," says Collins.

There's a web on the floor of the stage which connects both rooms which becomes representative of a web of isolation, yet is also a web of deceit, fear and ignorance. There's a wall on the set in the back of both rooms. None of the characters know what's beyond this wall, and it becomes representative of the uncertainty of life and the future.

There are a couple of new actors in the production that had never before done anything on stage. Collins says that they have "achieved exact characterizations that include parts of themselves." The cast consists of Deidre Riegel, Rob Thompson, Matthew Kineke, Stephanie Hess, Brett Lankford, Martin T. Buinicki, Jonathan Newell, Liam R. Kennedy, Andrew Chandler, and Mike Spry. Lisa Woodcock is the Stage Manager for the play and Jason West is the Technical Director. "Men Without Shadows" will be shown on Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Tawes Theater at 8:00 p.m.

Bruce Hamilton is a Junior , the Arts Editor and an Existentialist at heart.

Nosferatu bites in black and white

by Chris Goldenberg

One of the classic films in the horror genre of this century is Nosferatu, (the German word for "vampire") which will be shown in the International House basement next Saturday night in celebration of Halloween. This 1922 production is the first film on the subject of vampires, based on Bram Stoker's foundational novel Dracula. The movie is black and white, of course, and devoid of sound except fro the ominous musical score which accompanies the film. Despite the lack of dialogue, there are captions presented through the movie to provide the viewer with some insight into the characters' conversation.

The Bram Stoker novel is the basis for the film's plot: a mast ship is discovered docked at a port of a small German town with the captain and his crew all dead, each bearing tiny unexplainable punctures in their necks. Thus the terror of Dracula, or Nosferatu, begins as the undead being probes the town for a young vibrant woman to be his unholy bride.

The movie, however, does have several flaws noticeable in this day and age. It is often difficult to follow the plot details or the dialogue of the characters even though there are panels of captions flashed in various intervals of the film. The captions are helpful, but during some moments the viewer must deduce what is happening from the movie's plot.

Some of the scenes in the movie even appear comical, unfortunately, when observed over sixty years later by the average person. One scene involves Nosferatu (portrayed by Max Schreck) entertaining a visitor in his castle. The vampire notices the man has a photograph of his wife in his hands. Nosferatu immediately snatches the picture from his guest and the next frame of the movie reads "Is that your wife? She has a lovely throat."

Another seemingly comical scene occurs after Nosferatu has already entered the small German town. He is seen lurking down the street with a smug leer upon his face, carrying a coffin across the road. I guess that they didn't have U-Hauls back then...

Despite the defects in plot, the bad lighting, and the jerky movements of the actors who seem like that they had induced themselves with too much speed before they began filming, the movie does claim one redeeming quality which personally impressed this critic the most: the special effects and make-up of Nosferatu.

Even when viewed so many years later, the creature is still sinister and continues to retain an aura of fear and of evil incarnate. One can observe the various highlights on the face of Nosferatu: the accentuation of the low brow, the bulging, gleaming eyes, the shadowing an shading of the cheekbones which incredibly produces a menacing effect. Max Schreck actually portrays the best Dracula that this critic has ever witnessed.

Although not all people may be fans of black and white movies or possess no desire to watch another version of the vampire-meets-girl, vampire-gets-girl, vampire-sucks-the-life-from-girl-story, the film must be seen to appreciate the performance and make-up of Max Schreck. One must understand that this movie at that time claimed revolutionary special effects and boasted itself as a piece of fantastic technological movie-making.

One should view this short piece not only as a simple movie of the horror genre but also as a reflection of and a progression of the history of society and the movie industry. Nosferatu will be shown in the International House at 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 30.

Chris Goldenberg is a sophomore majoring in English who claims that he's a vampire as well.

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Sex faked in film

by Ann Trebbe

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James Spader is lying on a couch moaning in ecstasy. Susan Sarandon is doing what could, in some states, get her arrested.

"It starts where most sex scenes end," Sarandon tells Gentlemen's Quarterly magazine of the pair's erotic encounter in "White Palace," opening Friday.

Controversy over censorship may be raging, and the Motion Picture Association of America may be under fire for its ratings system, but movie sex scenes aren't suffering. In fact, after a summer of action-packed flicks – the body count was far higher than the body heat – comes a fall full of torrid trysts on film.

"Henry and June," the first movie given the new NC-17 label, shows fairly explicit lesbian sex. Despite rejection of the film by one Dedham, Mass., theater and the refusal to run its ads by the Sacramento Union and The Birmingham (Ala.) News, this story of novelist Henry Miller and his wife, June, is doing decent box-office business.

"The movies now are a natural reaction to all the stuff that's been strongly violent all summer. I think people would rather see people making making love than tearing each other to bits," says Bruce Williamson, Playboy movie editor and critic.

And, "there's a kind of natural resistance and pressure when the mood of the country is conservative – to defy it. If somebody says you can't do this, you want it. There must be something good about it."

"Sometimes less is more," says "Henry and June" director Philip Kaufman. "But sometimes more is more – that's why it's called more," he laughs.

In "The Hot Spot," which opened in four cities on Friday and nationwide Oct. 26, Don Johnson and Virginia Madsen make love in a pile of woodchips and he and Jennifer Connelly go skinny-dipping.

In "White Palace," Spader knocks everything off a barroom table to get to Sarandon.

And in "Jacob's Ladder," out in early November, Tim Robbins and Elizabeth Pena take a shower together.

"They're probably the most difficult," says Tim Robbins of sex scenes. "It's impossible! And you make it look very comfortable – as if you've been together for years."

On the "Hot Spot" set in Taylor, Texas, cast and crew were once kept waiting while Hopper and Johnson discussed a love scene. Says Madsen: "Finally, I walked over and said, 'When you boys are done being intellectual about lovemaking, can we go play the scene?'"

The age-old argument still exists: How much do you show and how much do you leave to the imagination?

"I think if you do show everything you won't have a good sex scene," says Peter Bogdanovich, director of "Texasville" and "The Last Picture Show." The key to creating the most impact for love or eroticism?

"Implication," he says.

Pulling it off is the challenge.

"Having the fewest number of people around is always helpful," says Paramount producer Frank Mancuso Jr., who worked on "Internal Affairs" with Richard Gere. Still, that generally means the director, a camera operator, a sound person and a stagehand are on the set.

Preparing those involved is crucial. "A lot of times, you can choreograph a lovemaking sequence in the same way you can choreograph a boxing scene. There's a way to do it elegantly," says Mancuso.

For Rachel Ward, the preparation of her scene in "After Dark, My Sweet," was booze.

"I said no frontal nudity. And I made a big fuss about it," she admits. "And then I looked at Jason (Patric), who's pretty cute, and I thought, 'Why not?'" When it came time to film, Ward says, she got "so drunk I can't remember" what happened.

"Tedious. Horrible. And silly." That's how Jami Gertz, who has an affair with Ed O'Neill in the upcoming "Sibling Rivalry," describes romantic scenes. "You have to put body makeup on your armpits and all over your arms. Then you worry about the makeup getting on the sheets and then they've got to get new sheets."

But there are clearly many who have enjoyed shooting these "horrible" scenes.

Mickey Rourke and Carre Otis, an item during filming, never would say whether they actually made love in the very sexy "Wild Orchid." Julia Roberts and Kiefer Sutherland have been inseparable since "Flatliners." And Sean Penn and Robin Wright, who recently filmed "State of Grace," are expecting a baby and may marry soon.

"It probably has as much to do with the lovemaking scene as being on location for six months," says Mancuso.

Exactly, says Bruce Dern. He recently told People magazine he made a deal with his wife: While on location, they would never spend a night apart. "You have too much time on your hands," he says.

"You gotta be naked for a couple days in front of people," says Jeff Goldblum, who thrashes around a room with Emma Thompson in his current movie, "The Tall Guy."

What's it like? "Interesting," he says.

Is it hard not to get involved?

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Rock stars banning the box

by Robert K. Oermann

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Rock stars are protesting their own records in the "Ban the Box" movement.

Everyone from Genesis to Living Colour is organizing against the way compact discs are packaged. As anyone who's purchased a CD can tell you, the first thing you do when you get it home is to take it out of its long cardboard box or double-sized plastic container and toss the packaging away.

And in these days of garbage crisis, do any of us really need reminding of how wasteful and un-ecological that is?

Rocker Joan Jett was among the first to speak out against the record industry's packaging. She told her label that if she had to have a long box on her next CD she'd prefer that one not be made at all. Don't be surprised if her next album is cassette-only.

Others who have joined the movement are Phil Collins, Ringo Starr, Jackson Browne and U2.

"The Ban the Box Coalition was formed just prior to Earth Day in April," recalls the organization's director Martin Folkman. "In the May 3rd issue of Rolling Stone we ran an ad.

"We had an initial group of artists – REM, Kris Kristofferson, Olivia Newton-John, Belinda Carlisle. After that ad appeared, the thing just snowballed."

Lou Reed, James Taylor, Dire Straits, Julian Lennon, the Neville Brothers, Suzanne Vega and Bobby McFerrin have joined the Coalition in New York and Los Angeles. In Nashville, John Hiatt and Rosanne Cash have added their voices to the chorus.

"We have made some significant progress," Folkman says.

The first artist to have a no-long box clause written into a recording contract is kiddie music superstar Raffi. His new MCA agreement prohibits the use of extraneous CD packaging.

The record industry initially opposed the Ban the Box Coalition, but seems to be slowly changing its tune. Some think the long box will disappear next year.

In the meantime, some music retailers are making adjustments.

"Everybody thinks of us as the bad guys," says Michael Tannen, the manager of the Tower Records store in Nashville. Record shop managers think the long boxes are a help to shoppers because they provide eye-catching graphics and useful print information about the CDs inside. Also, the larger size deters shoplifting.

"But we feel as long as the long box is there, we should be dealing with the environmental concerns of our customers."

Two months ago, Tower installed a container for the packaging at its counter so that consumers can dispose of the long boxes they buy there and then. It is emptied once a week and the cardboard is sent for recycling.

Tannen says the majority of his CD buyers are using the recycling bin now.

Robert K. Oermann writes for The Tennessean in Nashville.

Artnews

by J. Tarin Towers

The Visual Artists Union has established the figure drawing class. It is run weekly for dues-paying members. Classes are at 6 p.m. on Sundays in the Constance Stuart Larrabee building. Participants who wish to draw the models must bring their own materials.

To pay dues, contact Tarin Towers.

The *Books and Bookends* exhibit in Tawes Fine Arts Center is now open. The artworks on display are books with a sense of humor, and they display qualities as sculptural as the bookends. Some of the books can be handled; they show how books can be looked at as well as read.

There will an informal poetry reading on Saturday at 8:30 p.m. in the O'Neil Literary House. All are welcome to bring their own material or any other author to read.

J. Tarin Towers is the president of the Visual Artists' Union.

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NEWS

Lankford

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Unfortunately, when I do want to watch PBS, or any other channel for that matter, I cannot. Mr. Kesey, I don't know if you live under a satellite dish, but it's damn near impossible to get even the strongest channels in while living in the dorms. I have to hold my aerial out the window while executing a pirouette to watch the news. The lack of cable makes almost all television viewing impossible.

You were correct in your statement that the college must do a better job allocating funds. I have also been subjected to many upper level English courses with 35-40 people. This makes discussion nearly impossible and forces the professor to follow a lecture format. I can only hope that President Trout and the administration will grace the English department with a new professor and at least come close to the 14:1 ratio they tout so consistently.

Still, though cable television may seem petty, it is something that students have requested and should reappear on campus. Let's see the administration meet a student demand. Although very striking, the Academic Resources Center seems to be nothing more than a building to make the alumni go "ooh" and "aah." Chandeliers and vaulted ceilings may bring in thousands of dollars, but there is little problem with the present Coffee House or Snack Bar. Give the students what they want. This may happen someday, Mr. Kesey, but one can only hope that the administration does not share your close-mindedness.

Sincerely,
Brett Lankford

SEX,

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"You work closely with people and ... you know."

Humor helps – especially in a situation where mood can be everything. Unless you're James Spader, in which case it doesn't seem to matter.

The ad poster for "White Palace" is a big color photo of Spader with his head buried in Sarandon's bosom. It was photographed two months after the movie wrapped.

When asked if it was hard to get back in the mood, Spader laughed.

"Does it look like it was hard?"

Ann Trebbe writes for USA TODAY. Contributing: Stephen Schaefer, Christina Patoski.

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alcohol level of .10 or more could be sentenced up to a year in jail and given twelve points which means an automatic revocation of the driver's license.

Probation before judgement is also a form of punishment for drunk drivers. This means that the driver is found guilty but given no points and does not serve any jail time. They are, however, placed on probation and possibly fined. Rehabilitation is also requested in most cases. Most of the first time offenders receive this form of punishment. Judge Sisk explained that usually no one goes to jail on the first offense no matter what the blood alcohol level is.

Judge Sisk gave an example of a first offense case that would take place in his courtroom. The usual sentence is a $150 fine, sixty days suspended license, eighteen months of supervised probation, and rehabilitation is required. The offended must pay for all costs of the rehabilitation.

Judge Sisk said that the problem can be stopped. "The problem of drunk driving and alcohol abuse doesn't need to be tolerated, people need to be outraged and then do something about it," he said. The question is when will people see that this is a very serious problem and when will they act.

Winkelman

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achievements therein. Perhaps later this year you will mishandle a legislative or political situation and then I will attack your credentials. But be patient until said point arises we all know you have enough confidence in yourself.

For the benefit of a certain individual whom has proven to be inept at basic reading comprehension let me again and perhaps more bluntly, state my basic arguement. Mr. Stuart Neiman is a pompous tyrannical being whose articles and speeches are condescending arrogant and demeaning in nature.

However I must confess you hit my soft spot earlier in your article. As I read your mournful speech regarding the perpetual abuse you have received since becoming monarch I faintly heard a violin (or was it a cello) playing a song (Send in the Clowns) in the background and a soft tear ran down my cheek in remorse knowing I had kicked a man who was blatantly down. I'm sorry Stu.

One last statement; nice security camera.

In perpetual cynicism,
Michael J Winkelman

Stobbart

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and review the paper, they must wonder, "If this is a representation of the kind of writing that this school deems fit for print, how great could the writing program (and the school itself) possibly be?"

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Susan H. Stobbart

[Editor's Note: The mistake of "it's" instead of "its" in the third paragraph is not the fault of the *Elm*. For years the *Elm* has had the policy of not editing letters to the editor.

Rugby, Cont from page1

that they had previously secured but they are not allowed to seek any more funding without going through the proper channels.

Despite the funding problems the administration is lending the rugby team a helping hand and showing their support for the team in a couple of ways. On Sunday, the rugby club's first home game, the school is providing transportation for all those students that do not have a ride out to the game but would like to go. President Trout and Mr. Miller, Director of Athletics, will also both be on hand at the game to participate in the pre-game ceremonies.

Senior

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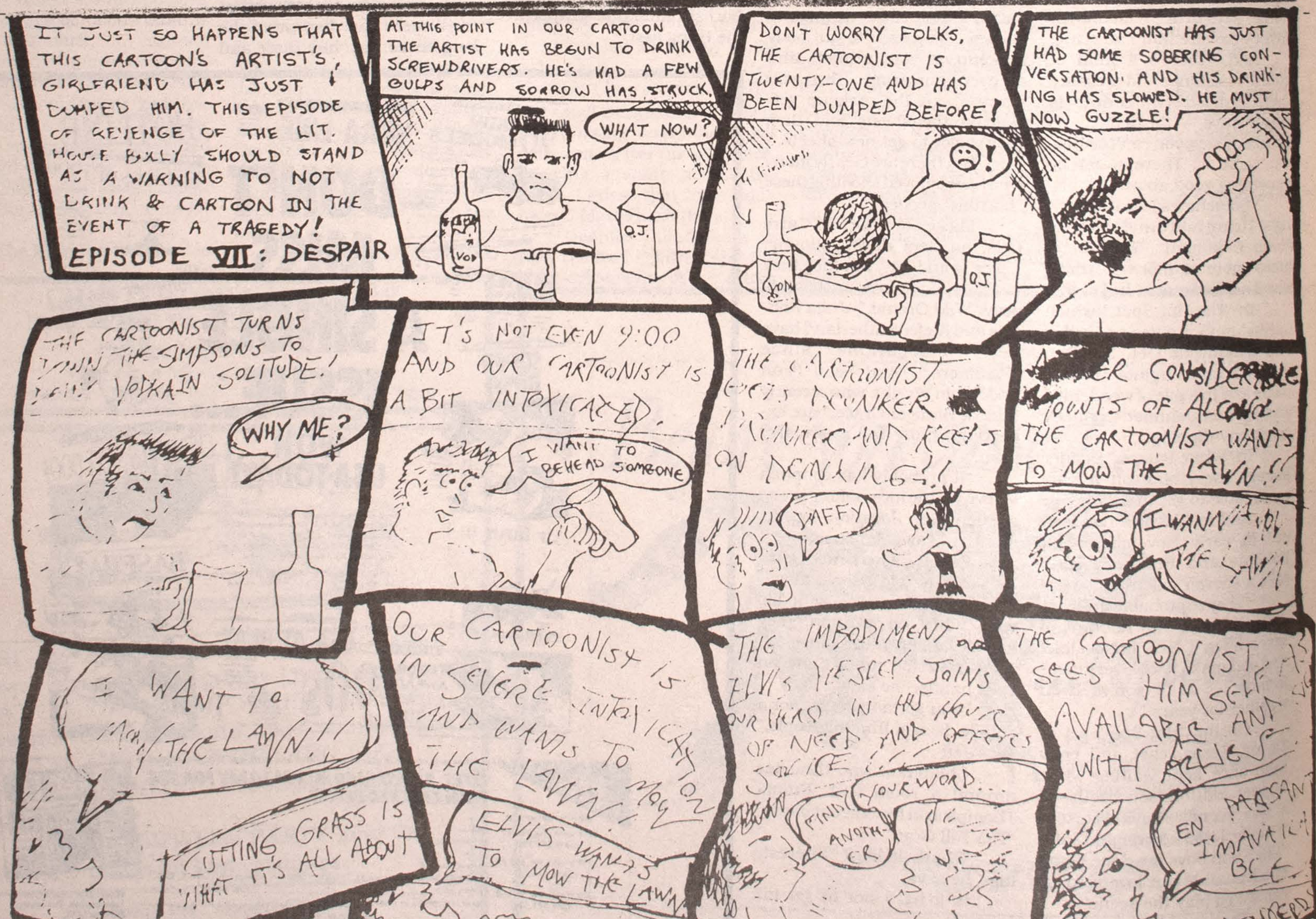
tend.

In addition, Bruchey noted that the Senior Class and the W.C. Health Services will co-sponsor a "Safer-Sex Game Show" known as Groinecology on Thursday November 8 in Hynson Lounge. Groinecology will feature a comedian Bill Goettel and will answer student questions about sex and related issues.

Finally, all students are reminded to keep an eye out for the Washington College mugs that the Senior Class will be selling. They should arrive early next week and be ready for sale by next Monday. The 20 oz. insulated mugs will sell for $3.50 to students and faculty and will be available at meals or from a Senior Class officer.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Washington College receives national recognition

By:Susie Mazzullo

Last month Washington college gained national publicity for the computer system that links many facets of the college. From October 13th through the 17th, a panel of four attended the EDUCOM conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

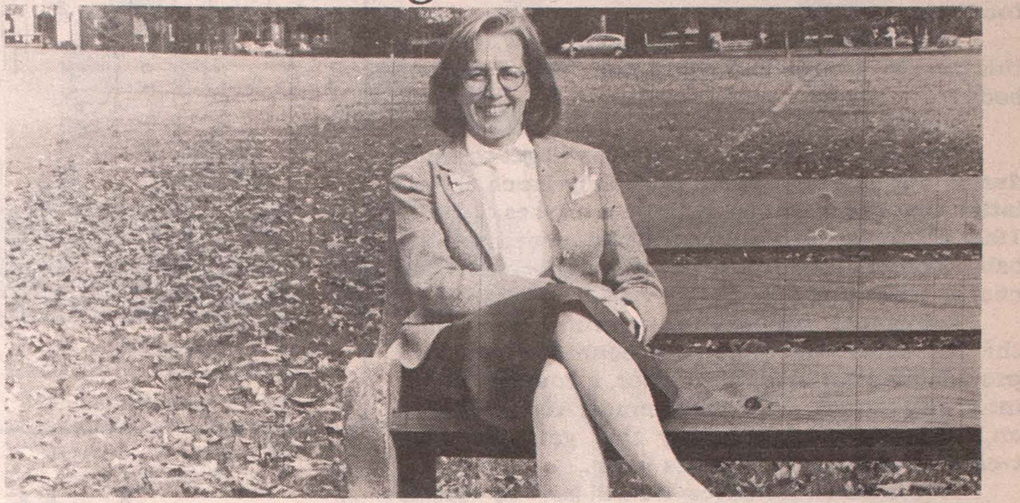
EDUCOM is a national organization that supports academic computing. The conference is held annually in various cities around the country. At the conference presentations are made by selected schools and businesses, speeches are made by keynote speakers, new software, hardware, and computer styles are unveiled, and those who take part are also able to tour nearby facilities that use computers in their every day operations. This year Georgia Tech and the computer facilities of CNN were the tours. Approximately two thousand people attend each year. The keynote speakers at the conference were Former President Jimmy Carter and NeXT founder Steven Jobs. Carter spoke on the universities' role in global communication while Steve Jobs predicted that the interpersonal computing will be the breakthrough of the '90's. Jobs was the co-developer of the Apple Computer and then developed the NeXT computer. He also won the 1990 Andrew Fluegelman Award that is given for excellence in software.

To be eligible to give a presentation, a proposal must be submitted to a judging committee affiliated with the conference the previous January. The proposals that are submitted from all over the country are then gone through by the committee. Only a very small number are selected to take part in the conference. The presentations encompass a wide range of issues from networking on campuses to teaching with computers to developing new computer lines. Washington College had not only one, but three proposals selected this year. Dean Baer commented that this left no doubt that Washington College had been recognized nationally as an academic computing school. "No other small college in the United Stated had as many proposals accepted as we did," she said.

Dean Elizabeth Baer, Provost and Dean of the College; Dr. Steven Cades, professor of sociology; Dr. Paul Bishop, Director of Computing; and Ryder Daniels, a recent graduate of the college, attended the conference in representation of the college.

Each presentation was scheduled to last one hour. The first and second of Washington College's presentations was given by Paul Bishop. The first dealt with student access to computers on campus. The second concerned networking and how the computers in various places around campus are linked together. For both of these presentations, Dr. Bishop had audiences of over three hundred.

The third panel consisted of Dean Baer, Dr. Cades, and Ryder Daniels. They each had ten minutes in which to speak on why and how the computer program at Washington College has achieved academic success. The creation of the new computerized classroom in the soon to be finished Academic Resources Center was also discussed. The three touched on why it was thought necessary for the campus to have such a facility and then how the money was raised in order to complete the technological classroom.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Dean Elizabeth Baer was one of the faculty members that represented the college at the EDUCOM conference that was held this past month.

For the remaining thirty minutes of the presentation time, a representative of Vanderbilt University talked about their multi media classroom, the students response to it, and how effective teaching has been with it. Vanderbilt has had its computerized classroom in effect for approximately a year.

Almost three hundred were present in the audience, Including the first two presentation by Dr. Bishop, approximately a thousand people attended the presentations, which is half of the total number of people that attended the entire conference.

Audio visual aids were used for all three presentations to emphasize the college's use of computers. Overheads and charts portrayed by the use of a computer were used. Slides were shown that demonstrated how computers fit into the every day life here at the college. A consultant hired by Apple Computers helped with converting the graphs and charts into the Macintosh language. This enabled the presentations to be verbally given and then reinforced with pictures. Two audio visual rehearsals were completed before the actual presentation was given in front of a live audience.

Ryder Daniels was the only student at the conference. During his speech he challenged other schools in the audience to get more involved with their students in the area of computing. This is what he attributes Washington College's computing success to. He claims it works because the students are actively involved in academic computing. Whether they are lab assistants in the library or the computing center, working in collaboration with a member or members of the faculty in software publication, or whether they are simply writing out papers that may be due for class, Daniels says that the students are definitely involved.

Two years from now the EDUCOM conference will be held at John Hopkins. Dean Baer commented that this may be a good year to listen to Ryder Daniels and have more students actively involved in the conference, for it is close to home and travel costs will be inexpensive unlike traveling across country for the conference next year. Next year's conference is planned to be held in San Diego, California.

One of the most exciting parts of the conference, as expressed by Dean Baer was when all of the hardware and software vendors are displayed. "Take Miller Gymnasium and multiply that by twenty and then you will get some ides of the space of the room, " she said. New products are unveiled during this time. Apple displayed a couple of new computer lines that they are coming out with. New software and brochures galore are given out. "It's a good opportunity for

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Somerset holds annual haunted house

By: Susie Mazzullo

Somerset dorm hosted their annual haunted house on Wednesday night from 7:30pm until 9:00pm and it was free to both the public and the college community. The residents were helped out by the Student Government which had allocated $200 for the Somerset Haunted House.

Those brave enough to try the Haunted House were split into groups of four to five and were guided through the terrifying spectacle by residents disguised as ghouls. One moment of terror came at the beginning of the tour, and was provided by Senior Vicco Von Voss who scared both college and middle school students alike by coming after them with a chainsaw (for safety reasons, the blade had been removed.)

Upon reaching the third floor, the groups were led through a series of small cubicles. Each cubical contained a separate gastly sight, including an amputation, the grim reaper, Dracula in his coffin, and a man being executed in the Electic Chair. At each turn, the characters tried to grab their frightened audience and pull them into the action. The costuming was excellent, and included a stab at the Washington College—Hobart lacrosse rivalry.

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EDITORIAL

Our gift from the Reagan revolution

In the midst of all the budget fussing and fidgeting, the Congress did come to agree on something, they wanted a pay raise. As the national debt teeters precariously close to one trillion, the members of Congress decide that $ 89000 a year is too little.

This leads into a very big question. What does this have to do with the Washington College student body?

Plenty.

The national debt is the gift we will get to enjoy during our careers. There is already much speculation that the Washington College classes of 1991-1994 will never see a penny of social security, as the baby boomers retire on social security benefits and checks paid for by us.

Remember Reagan's tax reforms? Remember the tax cuts? Now picture a country that can't provide medical care to the poor, a country whose inner city schools are battlegrounds. A country with an oil dependent economy that gets the deep trembles whenever oil prices jump.

This is our inheritance. We will have to work to pay off the foreign investors who feel America is a wonderful investment. What can be done to change what appears to be our future?

A change of attitude is a good place to start. Higher taxes? Well, if the money must go somewhere, it might as well go to the government. Either way, whether money is spent on CD players, or TV sets or just taken away by the government, it's bound to end up in the profit column of a Japanese firm. Wouldn't it be great if the tax payer could specify where their tax money goes—but on the other hand, who really wants to pay for Congresses raise?

Reagan and company didn't create the debt, but they didn't do anything to lessen it. The battlecry of "No new taxes" is old fashioned, and downright dangerous. New taxes are the only way that America will ever get out of debt.

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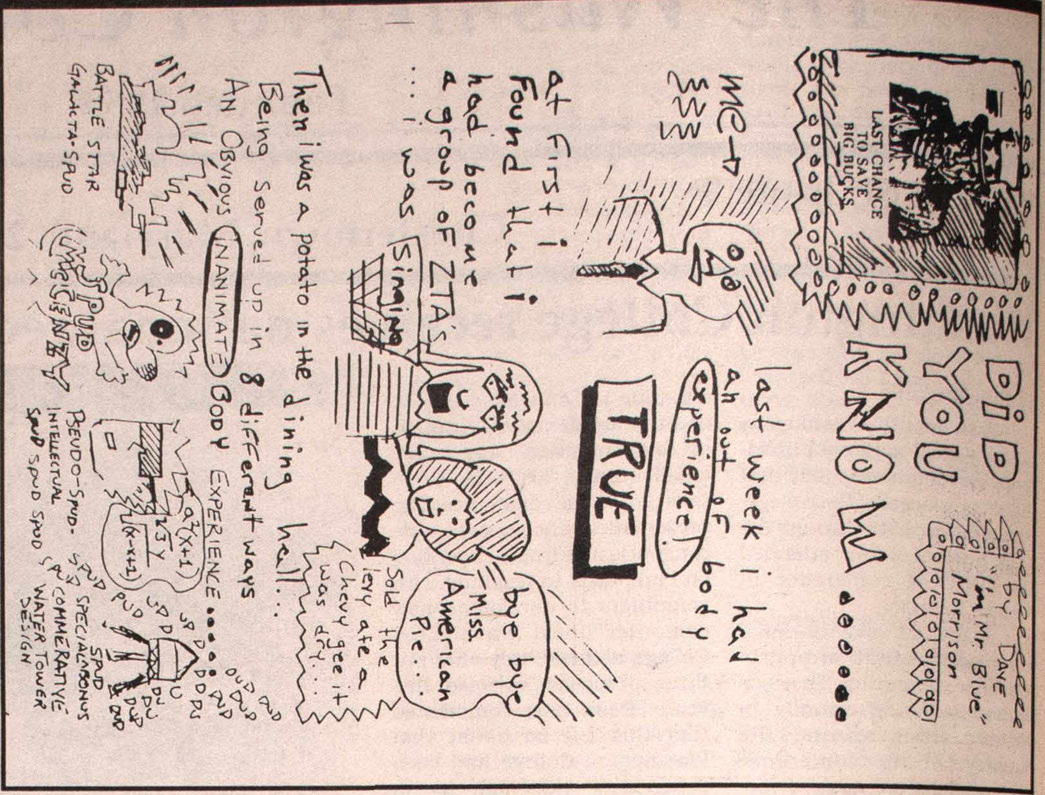
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Letters to the Editor

Make recycling not a fad, but a fact of life

Dear Editor and Global Village residents:

This is a mid-fall update on the Washington College recycling scene. Please share this information with your friends, neighbors, and co-workers. W.C. has recycled a few tons of paper so far. The S.G.A. has received a check for over $500.00 earned by the W.C. aluminum program. However, thinking about where and how their trash disapears is still not a habit for many members of the community. Recycling is not a fad. In ten years every school kid will be taught the rules of the trash as if they were learning the rules of the road. To all recycling Draft Dodgers I now declare a general amnesty.

Right now last year's recycling system is still in place. Aluminum is placed in the marked beige containers by students, consolidated by maintenance, and picked up on Mondays. White office paper is saved in the desk-top trays, consolidated by the users or staff, and picked up on Mondays. There is no glass pick-up service in the dorms. Those good-hearted industrious citizens who wish to recycle their glass should take it to the color-coded drums behind the snack-bar. Soon there will be several more collection stations on campus.

Here are the basics of recycling:

Glass - empty, remove lids, separate clear, brown, and green.

Aluminum - empty, (does not stick to magnet).

White office paper - color saved separately, no plastic windows, no latex address labels, no paper clips, inks O.K., staples O.K..

Newspaper - shiny

see Recycle, pg 8.

Many thanks from the Rugby team

The Washington College Rugby Football Club would like to thank the many fans who showed up to support us on Sunday at our first home game. Though we lost to a much more experienced Delaware team, we played well, and the fan support was greatly appreciated. After the game, several of Delaware's team members commented that they could never draw even a fraction of the number of fans that we had at our game, and they're a Division I school. We understand that many of you were confused as to the rules of the game (you should have seen our first few practices!) but you hung in there with us, cheering when we cheered and groaning when we groaned, so to all of you, thanks. We play in Millersville, PA this coming weekend, but we're home again on Saturday the 10th for a game, then on Sunday the 11th for an intersquad scrimmage during Worton Park's Sports Day. We hope to see you there again.

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CAMPUS VOICES

Do you support the presence of U.S. forces in the Persain Gulf? Why or why not?

We're not just fighting for Texaco

Kyndra Ponder

"Hell no, I won't fight for Texaco!" Maybe its not poetic, but that statement sure echoes the feelings of a lot of Americans over the U.S. involvement in the Persian Gulf Crisis.

Criticism of and hostility toward American government officials would be highly warranted if our own economic interests were the only reasons that American troops are stationed in Saudi Arabia right now. However, oil is not the sole reason for our military involvement - especially not to the degree that we are seeing today. Persian Gulf petroleum is not such a vital commodity to the United States that a combat veteran President would send young men into combat situations against a man like Sadam Hussein. We have greater interests there than just oil. Personally, I'm a little tired of hearing that same argument over and over again.

Some Americans have chosen to believe that we are there acting in accordance with our foreign policy - to help protect our allies against foreign aggression. That too may be true, however U.S. foreign policy would not justify such heavy American involvement in the gulf.

Over the past several years the United States defense industry has sold fairly advanced weapon systems to the Saudis and the Kuwaitis. Our allies in the Persian Gulf have huge arsenals of advanced American technology - including AWACS fighters and highly sensitive radar systems.

Sadam would be a very happy man to have such advanced war-time systems on his side. Fighting against those systems could turn a challenge for U.S. troops into a far more difficult and costly - if not impossible - action.

I, as a normal American citizen, do not know the exact capabilities of each of the weapons that the U.S. has sold, but I do know that we are using many of the same weapons and radar systems in our own armed forces.

You see, President Bush did not mobilize the troops so quickly for just oil or our foreign policy. Although those may be very valid reasons, our involvement goes deeper than that. American Marine Corps, Army and Navy personnel are not in the middle of the Saudi desert solely for Texaco. but they are doing a special job trying to keep Sadam Hussein from gaining the technology to be an even more dangerous madman than he already is.

When one considers the combined reasons for American involvement in the Persian Gulf - the U.S. need for oil, foreign policy mandates and our own military interests there, then I think that most people would understandably be in favor of the government's actions regarding Sadam Hussein.

Kyndra Ponder is a senior majoring in English.

Yes, I think not only the U.S. but all countries should be involved, I think it is great that Japan and the Soviet Union are taking a stand. Iraq's behavior affects the entire world.

Beth Skinner
Junior
White Hall, MD

Yes, I do support the troops in the Persian Gulf for the sole reason of keeping the troops morale up. Yet, I do not, will not, and can not support an administration or government that is willing to go to war because of a state of dependency which they induced.

Tanya Cunic
Sophomore
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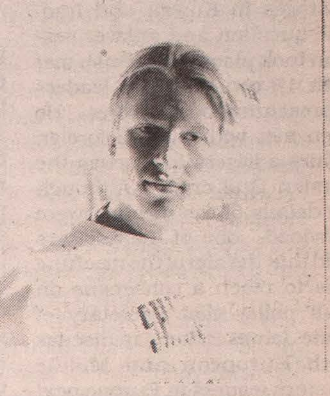
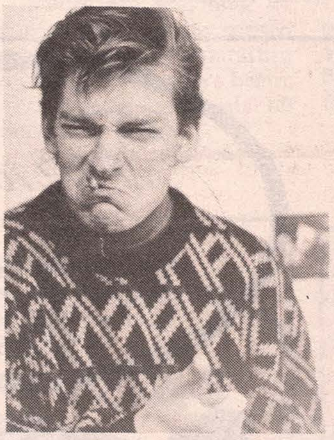


Absolutely not. This looks too much like an excuse for imperialism from where I am sitting. Why didn't we learn our lesson in the '70s. Now that we know that renewable fuel sources can be cheaper and better, why are we supporting dependence on a fuel source that will be used up, some say by 2070.

Justin Cann
Sophomore
Annapolis, MD



Yes, but not indefinitely. The development of nuclear weapons by a country that has vowed to destroy Israel in the past is a terrifying possibility, not to mention the threat by Saddam Hussein to the world's economy. Like it or not, countries act according to their own self-interest, including the U.S., and if we were not there Saudi Arabia would have been overrun a month ago.

Jeff Vail
Senior
State College, PA

No, I don't support the presence of U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf, it is stupid for us to be in a conflict over oil, we should be worried about more important issues. I don't like the thought of sacrificing American lives because of this ridiculous conflict.

Erika Fitzhugh
Freshman
Cambridge, MD

Yes, I do. Our roll in the world dictates that we should help other nations when they are threatened by an aggressive government which does not have a legitimate right to take control of the country. It bothers me that some other nations are not taking an affirmative stand in upholding national sovereignty.

Jean McCall
Junior
Knoxville, TN

photos by Kevin Decker

A devil's advoate view of the U.S. presence in the Persian Gulf

Steve Bruchey

Since the other op-ed opinion in this week's Campus Voices is in favor of the United State's presence in the Persian Gulf Conflict, I shall take a moment to present some alternative points of view. Why are we in the Gulf? Is it for surf? The hell with that, our Fightin' Boys are in Saudi Arabia. Sand: yes. Surf: NO. Are we there to defend the ideals of Western Democracies? If you accept the rhetoric that is being shoveled our way, then it is a whole hearty "Yes Sir!"

Please do not get me wrong, I believe in the United States of America and if this escalated into war and the Draft were enacted, I would go. However, America should not carry the brunt of the load alone. Other Western Democracies use oil and many use just as much or more than the US. Where are they? They are there in spirit. Sure, some of them have written checks. [Germany should be commended in this department because they are not allowed to send troops outside of their borders, so they gave some financial backing.] What about Italy, Spain, and the rest of our "close NATO allies?" If the ideals of Western Democracies need to be represented, then wouldn't it be better if all Western Democracies be working to represent the ideals that they are supposed to be practicing each and every day?

This whole Operation Desert Shield is getting expensive. What effect is this going to have on our own economy? We have had enough problems with getting a budget passed, let alone include enough money to be able to finance this operation. We could always take out a loan to pay for it. Who cares if we add a few billion to the deficit. All of America is obsessed with the credit-card mentality of "Let's take it home now and pay for it later." Phil Rizuto from The Money Store could probably hook us up with however much we need.

If we don't want to take out a loan, we could always cut social spending. That would work. We could cut all aid to college students and then we could send them to Saudi Arabia because they would have tons of free time on their hands now.

I would like to ask another question. What does it matter if the price of oil goes up? It could be one of the best things that could ever happen to this nation. Not only could

see Bruchey, pg 4.

OUTLOOK

In the world: Hindu militants attack mosque in India

UNITED STATES

President Bush was questioned yesterday on whether he is trying to create a situation which would justify the use of military force against Iraq to free American hostages in Kuwait and Iraq. The question and answer session took place when Bush met with 15 congressional leaders representing both parties. He then met with his top foreign affairs advisers to discuss the Persian Gulf crisis. Although no details of the meeting were provided, one of the advisers said that the aim of the meetung was to reach a consensus on Gulf policy that Secretary of State James Baker can discuss with European and Middle Eastern leaders in Europe next month. Several of congressional leaders who met with Bush said afterward that he implied that military action was not imminent, but that the president did not rule it out. Bush's patience is reportedly "growing thin" and he is frustrated by the conditions that Americans are being held in in Kuwait. Both he and James Baker drew attention to the hostages this week accusing Saddam Hussein of violating international law. A State Departmant official said the comments made by Bush and Baker were based on letters from hostages that had been smuggled out and on eyewitness reports.

INDIA

Thousands of Hindu militants, who attempted to storm barricades in order to begin building a temple on the site of an existing Mosque, were fired upon by police in the northern town of Ayodhya. Five people were killed in the incident, and 15 others lost their lives in similar religious violence elsewhere in India. Due to the controversial nature of the existence of an Islamic Mosque in the town, there was heavy security. This, however, did not stop the Hindu militants from staging an early morning charge on the Isalmic shrine. At first police tried to fight off the mob with batons and tear gas, but then resorted to opening fire. Thousand of protesters managed to get to the Mosque where they pried bricks from the wall and chipped plaster from the three domes. Before police were able to chase them away they planted orange flags on each dome. The dispute stems from the Hindu belief that the Mosque stands on the birthplace of Ram, a Hindu god. Independent scholars say there is no evidence for this claim, but the dispute has been infused with religious hatreds in India that have existed since Moslem emperors invaded Hindu-dominated India 400 years ago.

ENGLISH CHANNEL

The two parts of the Channel tunnel or "chunnel", one half being dug from France the other from England, met Monday night to link England to the European mainland for the first time in her history. The hole is as yet only two inches wide and it will take another month before it is big enough for people to pass through. By January it is expected to be ready for the historic meeting of British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and French President Francois Mitterand. Trains are scheduled to run both ways through two 32 mile long tubes by June of 1993. The trains will speed between Calais and Dover at 90 miles per hour. While the French celebrated the breakthrough, the British pondered the consequences of a permanent link with the European mainland. Margaret Thatcher has given only grudging, half-hearted support to the $14 billion project say critics who also say her support for European unity has been similar. France, meanwhile, plans to invest $30 billion in a 2,000 mile high-speed rail network over the next decade. A similar plan for England was recently turned down by the conservative leadership.

Bruchey

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we get more oil from, oh I don't know, Texas, we would be forced to think of less expensive alternatives. I am a realist. The price of gasoline would go up, a lot more than the price that we are used to. Regardless, our gas prices would just begin to reach the level of our Western Allies. We would also be forced to think of cheaper fuels. This would be a wonderful opportunity to phase out our use of fossil fuels. The possibilities are endless. Solar power, nuclear energy, and others.

Our cars would have to be more efficient too; more miles to the gallon, lower emissions, etc. People would be forced to carpool. These high prices would also force us to develop more extensive, economical and efficient public transportation systems. A wave of environmentalism would sweep over the nation. By decreasing the amount of traffic in America's cities and on our highways, we would reduce the amount of CFC's and other harmful emissions.

All of the effects of this new Middle East Crisis, if used the correct way could propel the United States back as the world's leader. We could be on the cutting edge of moving off of the oil standard and therefore let us effect the economy of Iraq in a more powerful way than those effects of our trade embargo. As for our friends in the Middle East, who are not even democracies anyway, that need to sell oil to keep their countries financially afloat will still have the market of the Third World and those who would be reluctant to follow us into the future.

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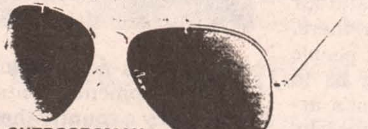

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Amy discovers the true meaning of W.C. athletics

Now that I have completed my final field hockey season I feel many emotions. They include sorrow, regret, and exhilaration. I am sorry because I will never again play for a field hockey team that has achieved so many honors. I feel regret for the losses I will never overcome. Exhilaration fills me because I have had the chance to be a part of such an excellent group for four years. It is not just the end of field hockey that leaves me sad. It is the realization that I will no longer be a part of Washington College and I will never again have the opportunity to experience the many worlds that athletics have opened to me.

Amy Tiehel

Many say that athletics are negative. Professors become annoyed when athletes have to leave class, and school work may suffer when athletes are on the road. However, what we are learning on the field, court or in the swimming pool, we could never learn in a classroom.

Athletics have taught me discipline, sacrifice, commitment, and how to handle loss. When I had an away game and I knew I wouldn't be back until eleven 'o clock at night, I had to do my work before I left. When I wanted to go out to the Vern on a Thursday night I didn't because I knew I had a game on Saturday. When it was cold and raining, I went to practice. The whole team was committed and we practiced hard every day for two hours rain or shine. This in turn taught us the true meaning of commitment. We never gave up, especially where our teammates were concerned. Athletics also taught me how to handle loss. As it happens in life, we sometimes lose no matter how well we perform. Sometimes everybody on the team would play to the utmost of their ability, but we would still not come out on top. In life, we must all learn how to handle loss, and athletics have helped me learn how to deal with it and keep on trying.

Through my athletic connections I have met some of my closest friends. I have also had the opportunity to see schools I never would have even known about. Washington College has offered me the chance to try out for regional and national teams, something that would never have been offered me at a bigger school.

Being an athlete here has taught me the meaning of believing in myself. When I felt like I just couldn't go on anymore, somewhere deep inside of me I found that extra something. Knowing my teammates supported me one-hundred percent encouraged me to push myself to the limit.

When I leave Washington College I will take many memories with me, but my athletic experiences will remain my most cherished memories.

Tahoe experiences season of violence

By FAITH BREMNER

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RENO, Nev. – A Placer County sheriff's deputy takes his 24-foot sailboat out on Lake Tahoe. He is in the process of getting a divorce and is deeply in debt.

Two days later, the experienced sailor's body, clad in a life-jacket, washes up on the Nevada shore. His boat has not been found.

A retired oil company president and his wife are taken hostage in their exclusive Incline Village home. Their two captors, wanted for murder in another state, demand a $500,000 ransom before Washoe County sheriff's deputies storm the house and rescue the couple.

A Kingsbury Grade gas station attendant momentarily steps into a back room late one night. When she returns, she finds a man strung out on methamphetamine helping himself to the till.

The man plunges a 6-inch hunting knife into her, knocking her onto the floor. He climbs on top of her and continues to stab her, fatally, 15 times in all, before he takes off with $350.

The common denominator in all three of these mysterious, violent events is that they happened at Lake Tahoe in the fall. They took place at the close of the busy tourist season when the days begin to grow shorter and the air turns cool and frosty.

Lake Tahoe may be a beautiful, glittery and woodsy get-away for millions of tourists each year. But the lake has experienced bizarre and violent activities nearly every fall.

"The month of October here at Lake Tahoe is the roughest month for violent crime that we have, and I don't know why," said Capt. Ron Pierini, commander of the Douglas County Sheriff's Department Tahoe substation. "The numbers are down as far as transients coming through and people visiting."

One of the most notorious crimes – when Richard Coddington raped two teen-age models and killed their two chaperones in his South Lake Tahoe mobile home – took place in May 1987.

But a search through 10 years of newspaper clippings shows that August, September and October appear to be the most violence-prone months. Of the 33 highly publicized criminal events at the lake, more than half took place during those three months. August, the busiest tourist month at the lake, and October, one of the slowest, tied for first place.

Douglas County, which includes the Stateline casino core, has been getting hit especially hard in the late summer and fall.

On Aug. 27, 1980, a 900-pound bomb blew a five-story-high hole in Harvey's casino. Then, on Sept. 30, 1987, Connie Sue Weiss was stabbed to death at the Kingsbury gasoline station.

The following month, Ohio lawyer David Riebel sprayed the Lakeside Inn and Casino with submachine gun fire in a failed robbery attempt. Also in October 1987, the body of an unidentified elderly woman washed up on Zephyr Cove Beach.

Two years later, fishermen found Modesto, Calif., real estate agent Dori Greene's body in shallow water off the Cave Rock boat landing on Oct. 27. At about the same time, South Lake Tahoe cab driver James Fripp disappeared after picking up a fare at a Stateline casino.

His body was found earlier this month near Sierra Ski Ranch on the California side of the lake. Two weeks ago, Terry Pappageorge, a drifter from Aurora, Colo., was allegedly stabbed to death in a cabin at the Zephyr Cove Resort by two traveling companions.

Police are searching for the men, who allegedly carried Pappageorge's body around in a rented van for two days before they dumped it in the water off Camp Richardson.

"It's like clockwork," Pierini said. "We had a relatively slow summer this year compared to some.

"It looked like we were going to escape this year, but it didn't happen."

Law enforcement officials and criminal behavior experts say Tahoe's August-through-October crime wave is a coincidence.

"I've read a lot of books on criminal behavior but I have never heard of it being related to the fall," said psychologist Carlos Brandenburg, director of Lakes Crossing Center for the Mentally Disordered Offender in Reno.

"The closest thing would be the relationship between suicidal and self-destructive behavior and the beginning of the holidays."

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SPORTS

Volleyball impressive at Invitational

By Matt Giller

This past weekend the Shorewomen traveled to the Chesapeake Invitational and finished second last weekend. Only Johns Hopkins (5-0) played better and bettered all comers.

In their first match the Ladies of the Shore dropped the first game against Goucher 15-5. However, the WAC came from behind and beat Goucher the next two games 15-10 and 15-8. Washington then met Hopkins in the next round only to fall 15-7, 15-2 victims.

The Shorewomen came right back and redeemed themselves by thrashing Hood College 15-7, 15-0. In the next round the Washington adversary was Marymount College. The two teams battled long and hard but Marymount spiked home a 15-13, 15-5 win. Things didn't get any easier for the Shorewomen as their next opponent was Notre Dame. W.C. fell to the Irish in the first game 15-13. But the WAC showed some guts as they came back to defeat N.D. in the final two games 15-13, 15-11.

SInce starting off the season 7-18, the Washington College Volleyball Team has managed to reach a formidable

Rugby loses in home debut

Matt Giller

At Worton Park Sunday, Washington College hosted the experienced club from the University of Delaware in the debut home rugby game. However, the "yellow-yolked" Blue Hens crashed the Shoremen party by defeating them 21-10.

Bill Kelleher scored first for the Blue Hens and Tom "Chewy" Bainter converted the extra point to take an early 6-0 lead. Before the half was over U of D scored two more trys which were converted by Russ Rose. Both kick attempts were wide.

Early in the second half Bainter kicked a field goal for three points into a stiff wind. But the 300 or so fans that showed up rallied the Shoremen on. W.C. pushed the ball up the field via the scrum and some strategic kicks until Eric Bach pushed the ball into the zone for the Shoremen's first try(he paid his dues after the game, however). Don Steele's conversion made the score 17-6.

Washington rallied again and got deep into the Blue hens side of the field. However, Delaware's speedy scrum half Mike Cherubini burned the WAC defense for an 85 meter try. The extra point went wide and the score remained 21-6.

Chuck Cort showed some jets as he scooted 50 meters with the clock running down to complete the scoring.

The club continues the fall schedule with an away game this Saturday at Millersville College in Pennsylvania. They return home to Worton Park to maul the Severn River Club on Saturday, November 10 at 1 pm.

The team is proud to announce that this past week's Rugby Queen was Jen Rowe. The Rugby Team would like to thank Jen for volunteering.

The Great Sabha: Back in black

Things couldn't be worse for the good guys this time of the year. Evil spirits run rampant. They are belly up with glee, soused with mirth,stinko with jocularity. The Great Sabha will fend them off as their powers are traditionaly stronger than his during this month. The Great One must where black in November. He advises all to take part in this struggle to ward them off. Please where something black - anything will do, even a G-string(The Great One will make random spot checks). Anyway let's get to this week's gridiron action.

NFL

Washington -2 1/2 over DETROIT. Lions, Tigers, and Bears - who cares. The Skins all the way. Give the points.

PHILADELPHIA -9 1/2 over New England. Kiam should put a tent over that circus he calls an organization. Give the points.

MIAMI -9 1/2 over Phoenix. Whe Marino's hot, he's hot - and right now who cares, they've got Emmitt Smith. Give the points.

LA Raiders +2 over KANSAS CITY. The Silver and Black is back. Take the points.

CINCINNATI -6 1/2 over New Orleans. Walsh just ain't the Saints's answer - yet. Give the points.

Buffalo -3 over CLEVELAND. The Great Sabha hates both of these teams. He hopes great tidal wave from Great Lake crashes on stadium. Anyway give the points.

San Francisco -6 1/2 over GREEN BAY. The Battle of the Bays should once again go to the city where the gays reach the bay. Give the points.

NY JETS -4 1/2 over Dallas. Sabha doesn't like Jet favorites but then again it is only the Cowgirls. Give the points.

SEATTLE -5 over San Diego. The hawks of the sea should beat the lightning bolts by more than a try, sorry touchdown(I'm getting into this rugby stuff). Give the points.

Chicago -5 over TAMPA BAY. The biggest game of the year for the Bucs to this point. It should be a tough one but give the points anyway.

Houston +3 over LA RAMS. The Rams have look like goats recently. Take the points.

BEST BETS

PITTSBURGH -3 1/2 over Atlanta. After Joe's "O" went on a two week hiatus in the beginning of the season, the Steelers have really turned things around on that side of the ball. Give the points.

Denver -1 over MINNESOTA. The Vikes stink! Give the points.

MONDAY NIGHT

NY Giants -9 over INDIANAPOLIS. Who scheduled this one for Prime Time? My cousin Gandhi could pick this one. Give the points.

COLLEGE

x-Notre Dame -35 over Navy. I will eat my Tarot Cards if the Irish don't score 50 points. Give the points.

VIRGINIA 13 1/2 over Georgia Tech. This will be the Wahoos toughest test on offense. Give the points.

Texas A&M -30 over SMU. Isn't the rivalry it used to be. Give the points.

NEBRASKA 6- 1/2 over Colorado. The Cornhuskers will vie for top honors before this season has completed. Give the points.

WASHINGTON -16 over Arizona. The Shoremen, er Huskies, are the best of the west. Give the points.

Sabha's season totals

NFL: 34-30
Best Bets: 8-2
College: 8-17(Sabha is 2-0 in rugby picks, however)

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Rhymin' Simon rocks on "Rhythm"

by Raphael Koster

When a songwriter of Paul Simon's stature comes out with a new album, the public is expected to sit up and notice. After all, this is the man who gave us "Bridge Over Troubled Water" and "Mrs. Robinson," "The Sounds of Silence" and Graceland. Yet as listeners, we worry when we hear his latest venture is an attempt to bring the native rhythms of Brazil into the American rock mainstream. After all, David Byrne tried that with Rei Momo, and failed quite thoroughly.

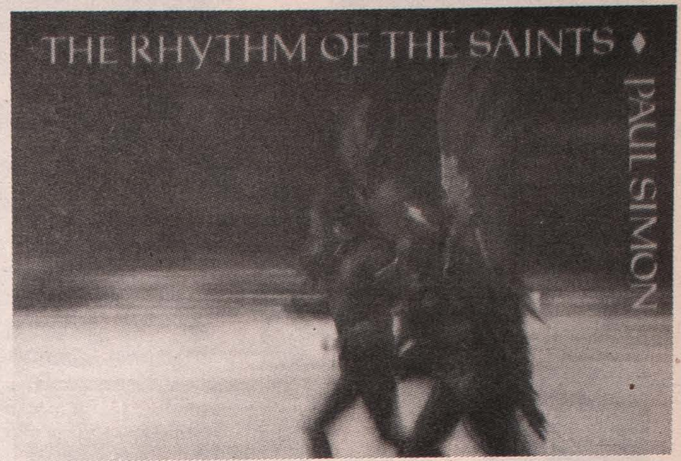
Well, The Rhythm of the Saints is here now, and receiving wide critical acclaim- but will the average college listener like it? Probably not. The problem is not that Simon fails to integrate the frenetic drum tattoos of Brazil with his own personal, intimate, poetic lyrical style; on the contrary, he succeeds at that very well, for the most part.

The problem lies in that his approach to this album included matching his already mellow style to various Latin American styles, almost all of which are also mellow. The result is an album that has few songs that seem musically different from the rest.

Simon has been trying to write a calm pensive album since the late seventies. The Grammy-winning Still Crazy After All These Years was already beginning to inch towards an extremely polished style drenched in electric piano and soft brass: and One Trick Pony and Hearts and Bones were perhaps commercial failures for that reason: they were too melancholy, too calm, too quiet. Despite the fact that Hearts and Bones was a major artistic breakthrough for Simon, it took Graceland, an idiosyncratic, lively, and exotic album, for Simon to once again appeal to the masses.

"Saints" is like that album in some ways, but not in enough. The exoticism is still there; but it does not have the melodic distinctiveness that characterized songs like "I Know What I Know," "The Boy in the Bubble," or "You Can Call Me Al." Simply put, these aren't songs you are going to hum along with. Several of them are interesting: like the bizarre single "The Obvious Child" which was written over a drum performance recorded live in a town square; or "Can't Run But" which sounds quite similar to Peter Gabriel's older work. But they don't have the "hooks" that Graceland did.

Lyrically, they are typical Simon: that is to say, well above the average quality of pop lyrics today. Simon can certainly be classified as a rock poet like Lennon or Dylan, even if he rarely ventures to the visceral realms that those two inhabit.



The song lyrics on "Saints" are mostly excellent, but they often suffer from having been written over the rhythm track: "The Obvious Child" lacks a focus just because the drums play on for quite a while, and Simon has to fill the time with *something*. Among the best on the album are "Can't Run But," "Spirit Voices," "The Cool, Cool River," "Born at the Right Time," and the title track. They feature lyrical gems like "...moves like a fist through traffic," and "A couple was rubbing against us/ Rubbing and doing that new dance/ The man was wearing a jacket and jeans/ The woman was laughing in advance..."

Simon's latest effort is worth a listen; depending on what you look for in music, you may take it to heart, or may never look at it again. It is this very quality that prevents it from being as great an achievement as Graceland: Once Simon has shown us that he has material everyone can love, it is disappointing to hear him talk to only some of us.

Raph Koster has written many music reviews for the Elm. He is a Junior.

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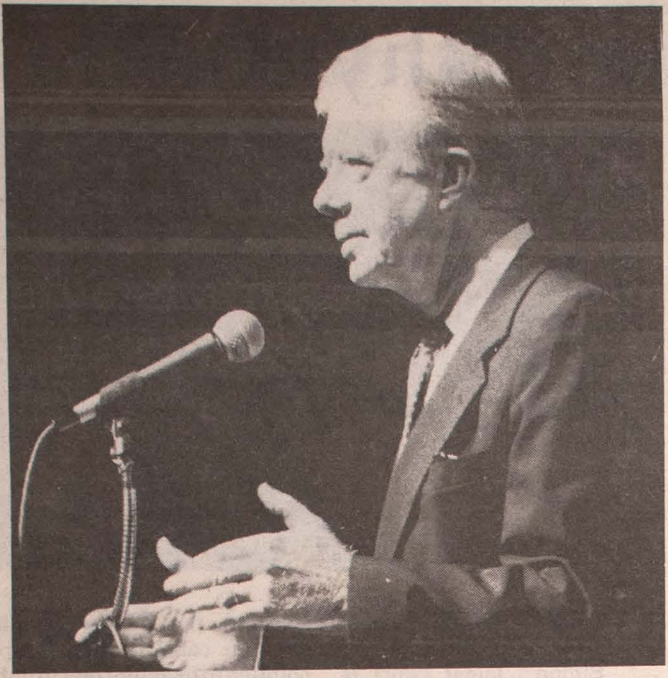

Former President JimmyCarter was one of the keynote speakers at the EDUCOM conference.

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educators to see what is new and improved in the computer field," says Dean Baer.

Washington College's success at the conference can be seen in that a delegation from Japan came to visit the campus after hearing about it at the EDUCOM conference. They wanted to visit the campus in order to learn about the networking capabilities of the computer system here. They toured the campus and looked at the college computer system.

Washington College was recognized nationally and being given three presentation opportunities was indeed a major accomplishment. A quote from the new brochure submitted by the college on academic computing sums up the college's success in the field of academic computing. It reads, "Washington College, Maryland's oldest college, may have its feet rooted in tradition, but its students are poised on the brink of the future. An academic computing network has transformed this small campus into a unified community of computer-literate students, faculty, and staff members who electronically exchange information, ideas and software." Hopefully this will continue to be true in the future and will grow in scope.

This is one of the many exhibits on show at the *Books and Bookends* art exhibit. The show is being held in Tawes Theatre. photo by Monique Ware

Lectures next week

Two art lectures will be held next week at the college.

Helen Sebidi is a South African artist. she will discuss her own art and township art.

Magda Salvensen will be lecturing on Joseph Wright of Derby, a British painter.

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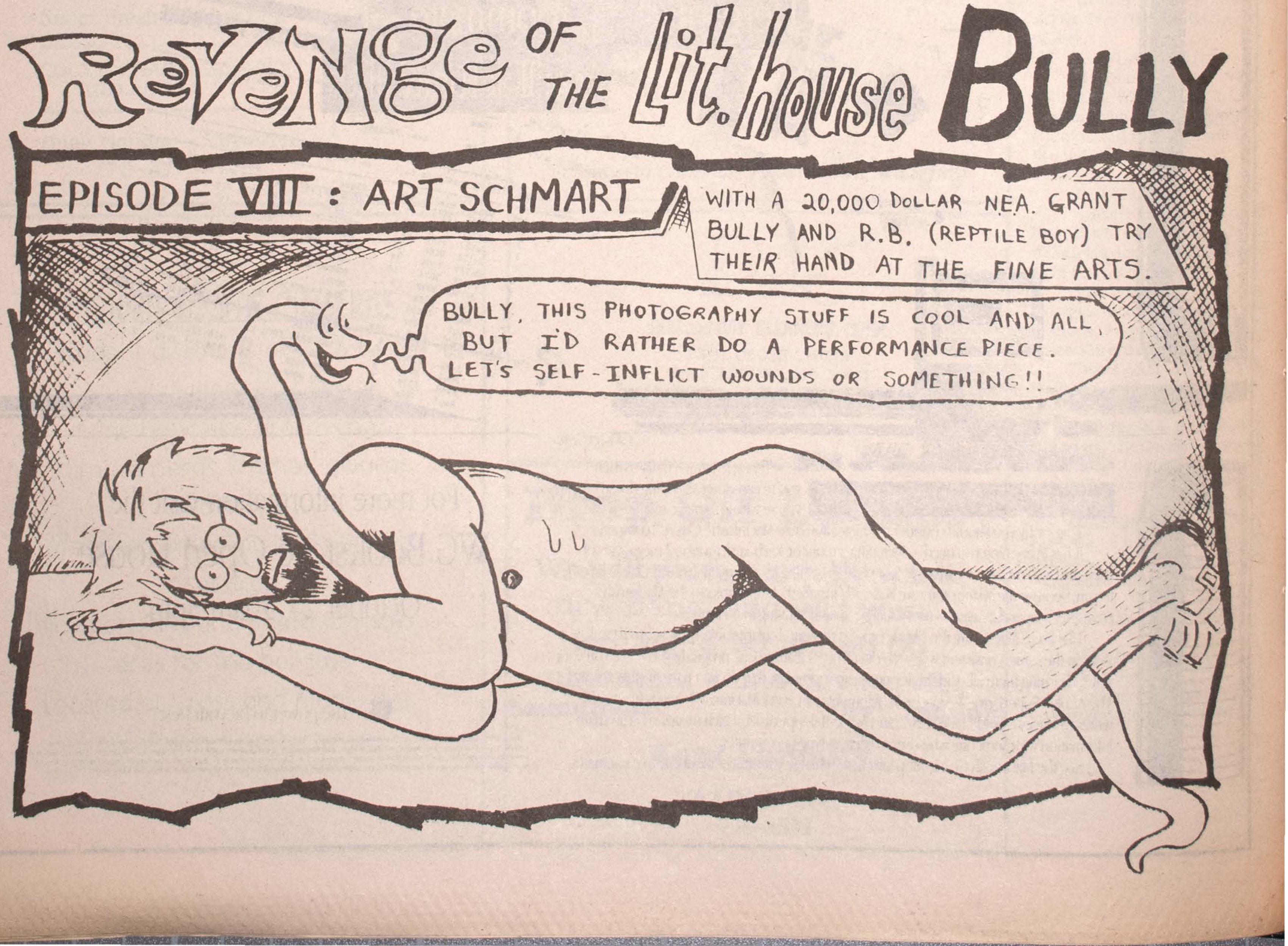
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Student action needed on proposed Academic Council changes

By: Justine DeSantis

Last spring, the Ad Hoc Committee on Governance proposed a change in the structure of Academic Council. Academic Council is the committee that, among other things, must approve all new courses before they can be added to the curriculum. The proposed change would lower the number of committee members from the present two deans, seven faculty (six teachers and one librarian), and six students, to one dean, four faculty, and one student.

There are three academic divisions at Washington College, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities. As the Council stands now, there are two faculty and two student representatives from each division. The proposed change would call for one faculty representative from each division, one faculty member at large and one student. It is unfair and unproductive to have the nine hundred ten students enrolled this semester represented by one individual. How can a political science major accurately represent the interests of a biology major? Obviously the members of the Ad Hoc Committee saw the impossibility of this because they did not suggest that there be only one representative of faculty.

In order for a new class to be added to the curriculum it must be approved by Academic Council. New courses are important to all students, as it is the students who are the recipients of the curriculum, therefore, equal representation of faculty and students on Academic Council is necessary. A proposal to lower the number of members of Council is not detrimental if students are fairly represented - four faculty and one student is not fair. There are less faculty members than there are students but yet the faculty has more representation than the student body. This also does not seem fair.

One of the main issues that led the Ad Hoc Committee to propose this change was lack of attendance at Council meetings on the part of the students. The reality of this situation, one that does not seem to be clear to most faculty, is that it was only a problem last year. For many years prior to that and for this year, lack of attendance has not been a problem.

The S.G.A. asked its members on Monday night, and I am asking you now to please talk to your professors. Let them know that you are concerned about this issue. It is the faculty that will be voting on this proposal so it is to them that we must make our appeal. A brief conversation can make

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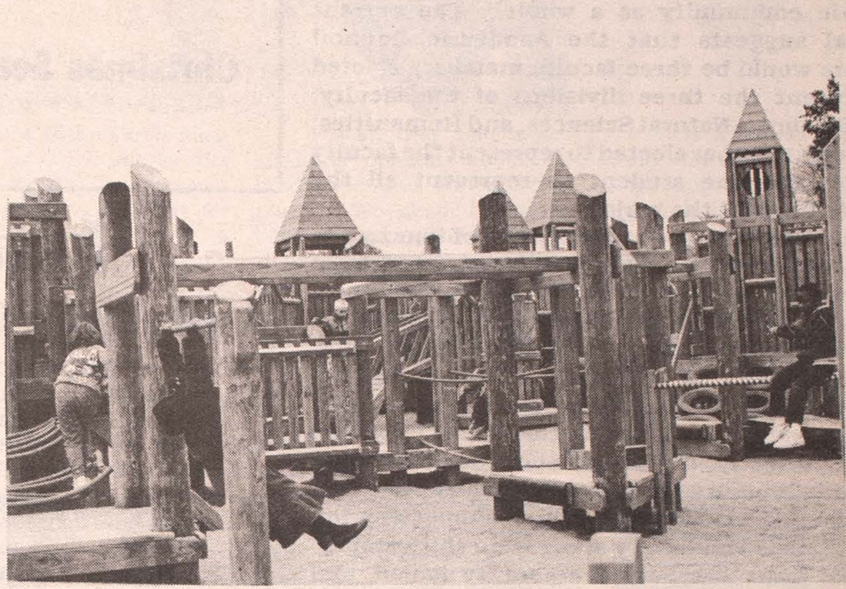

Children can now enjoy the newly completed Garnett School Playground. The school sends its thanks to all of those that helped in its creation this past week.

photo by: Jeff Hopkins

SGA holds meeting to approve funds

By: Kyndra Ponder

On Monday night the SGA held an emergency meeting in the Sophie Kerr Room at the Library. SGA Vice-President and Acting President, Kevin Kelly, presided. The major purpose of the meeting was to approve funding for various groups on campus that requested assistance from the Student Government Association.

The Junior Class requested $1450 from the SGA to pay for a dance in the Dining Hall on November 30. The Juniors plan to use the dance as a fundraiser for the B.U.S. H. project that they have planned - adding new picnic tables and grills to the front of Kent House. Junior Class President, John Kelly agreed to share the half of the profits from the evening with the SGA for co-sponsoring the dance.

The International Relations Club asked the SGA to help pay for the Calypso band which will appear in the Coffee House on Saturday night. The SGA, upon the recommendation of Treasurer Brian Gimelson, approved $600 to pay for the band. Alcohol will be served at the dance.

A Freshman writing group, the Bad Poets Society asked for $200 to pay for a publication and a series of readings for this semester. The Senate approved the allocation, but also expressed concern over the large numbers of organizations on campus which cater to similar needs and interests. Senators wondered why some of the organizations could not work together and accomplish the same set of goals. Secretary Jenny Albers reported that the name of the dorm which won the $50 prize for sending the most volunteers to help build the Garnett community playground would be announced next week. She also read a Thank-You note from the organizers which said that without the work of Washington College students, the playground would not have been built.

Social Chairman, Steve Heuttner announced that he will have questionnaires ready next week to be distributed. The questionnaires will ask students to write the names of bands that they would like to see appear on campus at a large SGA event.

Kevin Kelly then nominated Brooke Frank to serve as the Acting SGA Vice-President until President Stuart Neiman returns next semester. The Senate will vote on Frank's nomination at next week's meeting. All senators are encouraged to attend. Kelly also reported that Lionel Dyson has been appointed to serve as the clerk of the SCC.

Kelly then made the report on the Student Academic Board. One History and one English Professor will be added next semester and one English Professor will be added to the staff next year.

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The yellow ribbon around the Elm is part of the " From Chestertown with Pride" program that was started in order to send care packages to those men and women stationed in the Persian Gulf that are from this area. The yellow ribbon is our small show of support for them.

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EDITORIAL

One is just not enough

A proposal to change the size and membership of the Academic Council deserves our attention as a student body. The Academic Council approves changes in the curriculum, changes that would effect the academic lives of every student on campus. Currently, there are 14 members of the Academic Council; six faculty, six students and two non-voting deans. This size is considered too big. The changes proposed would streamline the council to five members.

The five members would represent the college's academic community as a whole. The current proposal suggests that the Academic Council members would be three faculty members elected to represent the three divisions of the faculty, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, and Humanities; one faculty member elected to represent the faculty at large; and one student to represent all the students from all the majors.

This new faculty—student ratio of four to one is unacceptable. It is impossible for one student to represent the views of all students. Furthermore, there is no reasonable justification for allowing the students only one seat on Academic Council. Student attendance of meetings, although lacking during the past year, has never been stronger. True, there are issues such as tenure that do not effect the students directly, but in the end, the issues that Academic Council addresses will directly effect our education. Education is definitely something important to each and every student on this campus.

This issue has been temporarily tabled, and will be presented for a vote at the December faculty meeting. Tabling this proposal is not enough. It needs to be changed. The number of students sitting on Academic Council should equal the number of faculty. This way, both sides will be able to speak their part.

As students, we need to express our concern over these proposed changes. To sit back, and passively allow our right to equal representation be taken away is a waste. This is our education. We pay for it, we're the ones who will be using it. We should have a say in course changes.

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Letters to the Editor

Many thanks from the Garnett school playground

Dear Washington College Students, Faculty, and Staff:

Thank you all for your tremendous participation in the construction last week of Garnett School's Community Playground. We could not have done it without you. You showed up in large numbers, often at key points in the five-construction period, and many of you came back day after day eager to do more.

Many thanks also to the following individuals for their special help before and during construction: Dr. and Mrs. Charles Trout, Steve and Linda Cades, Geoff Miller, Ed Maxcy, Laura Hopper, Susie Mazzullo, Julie Athey, Doug Peterson, Marty Williams, members of the SGA, and the staff of Central Services.

We heartily thank the following organizations and dorms for their participation during construction: Kappa Alpha, Phi Delta Theta, Alpha Chi Omega, Phi Sigma Kappa, Theta Chi, A O Pi, Zetas, Lambdas, women's crew, men's and women's lacrosse, volleyball, swimming, tennis, field hockey, soccer, baseball, rugby, Minta Martin, Queen Anne's, Reid, Somerset, Middle, Wicomico, East, Kent, West, Caroline, Worcester, Dorchester, Talbot, Cardinal, Campus Christian Fellowship, Neuman's Club, Pegasus, and The Elm.

Our community discovered itself last week, and we are grateful for your help in that discovery. We look forward to seeing you at the playground often.

The Playground Committee

The importance of impeccable grammer

Dear Editors,

"I will not go down to posterity talking bad grammer."

- Benjamin Disraeli, 1881

Although Mr. Disraeli didn't use English in its best form, he deserves credit for stating a noble goal. Equally praise-worthy is Ms. Susan Stobbart, whose letter to the editor lamented *The Elm's* poor grammer. Her principles are anachronisms, but her prejudices are impeccable. She is on my short list of civilization's friends. This list includes the old grammerian whose last words were: "I am about to - or I am going to - die: either expression is correct."

Ms. Stobbart is correct in that *The Elm's* careless editing reflects poorly on our school. Careless use of our language also reflects poorly on our society. Language serves as our principal force of social cohesion. When we are assaulted

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Know Stu before you start to attack him

A letter to the editor:

Is it just me or are many other people tired of seeing the S.G.A. President attacked. Let's face it, a person that becomes involved in a political position, be it a school President or the President of the United States, is going to be up for some harassment. But this is ridiculous! Don't get me wrong, I believe that *some* of the letters were written with good intentions. But I also believe that the authors of these letters went beyond their intentions, and started attacking Stu in an area that doesn't need to be touched. Mr. Winkelman, for example, seems to think that a jacket and tie are not what a 'normal' student would wear. A jacket and tie are what I regard, a mature adult would wear. You may be correct, but I believe Stu to be a more mature adult than some other people on this campus. As to the cigars, please, I know many people younger and (believe it or not) more 'pompous' than our dear President who find contentment in smoking a good cuban 'stoggie'

But in all these attacks on Stu Neiman, I think most everyone has lost sight of, or never really knew, who Stu Neiman is. I know you're thinking, "What do I care who he is?" But you should know. I mean we know that George Bush loves to fish. What does Stu like to do? Lets face it, we don't know our own S.G.A. President. Maybe you don't want to either, which is your choice, but wouldn't it be a little more fair if you knew who you're attacking? Maybe, quite possibly I'm wrong. But isn't it a lot easier to attack someone who you don't even know?

I realize that I've set myself up for rebuttals and disagreements, but do the editor and me a favor, come see me if you don't agree, or you think I'm an idiot.

My point is proved. Stop slandering Stu!

Emily Daignault

Someone do something about Stu

Dear Editor,

If the SGA refuses to impeach Stuart Neiman because they're "afraid to upset him any further than he already is", maybe the student body ought to impeach the S.G.A.

Sincerely,
James L. Jenkins, Jr.
Junior

CAMPUS VOICES

Issue: How do you feel about the recent construction work and reforestation of the Campus

Welcome to the jungle?

Andrew Evans

Upon arriving at school this year, I was pleased to see the ample space for playing frisbee and football in front of the Cullen Dormitories, where I live. During the first couple weeks of school, my friends and I would frequently have catches on the lawn. Occasionally the trees in the middle of the lawn would bring an abrupt end to the flight of a frisbee, but that was only a slight problem that we wrote off as a challenge. Then it happened... I was awoken one morning at 7:00 by the ever so subtle sound of construction. Augers, Back hoes, and bulldozers were busily remolding the earth. At the time the noise was my only concern, the only thing I dislike more than waking is being woken up.

By that afternoon it was apparent that someone intended on robbing us of our playing grounds. The new foliage was lying about the lawn in front of our dorm and on the island across Campus Avenue. Within a week we were blessed with the presence of close to forty new trees just in front of the dorm. Do not get me wrong, I have nothing against trees, but frankly this is ridiculous. Whoever said "Too much of a good thing is never enough." obviously never tried to play frisbee in the middle of a forest.

Furthermore, at the price per tree that the school must have paid a question comes to mind: Is the planting of forty new trees really a necessary part of campus beautification? The trees were not planted until early October, with so little time before cold weather the trees may not have a chance to take root. In this area the ground usually freezes to a depth of two feet, and so the roots will need to be below that depth in order to survive the winter. I would not be surprised if many of the new trees are dead come this spring. if the college did not realize the possibility of failure, I expect that the landscapers would realize this.

The way in which the trees were planted was as absurd as the life of the dung beetle. What's that, you're not familiar with the dung beetle, well let me elaborate. The dung beetle is a small insect that generally inhabits stables, for reasons obvious to its name. the beetle begins with a small piece of dung and it begins rolling it to gather more. The critter continues rolling faster and faster and faster until it amasses on ever-growing, ever-expanding dung empire. In the bug's ultimate moment of glory does it savor it's accomplishment? No, the pile of dung roles back and crushes the life out of the poor fellow. My point is that the campus planting should have been better organized, and that it may in the near future come back to haunt us.

I do believe that the planting of trees across campus is a sound idea and investment. However, if the planting of the trees was planned out a little better, I think it would be much more successful. For instance, the plan would work much better, if the trees were planted in the late spring or early summer and if they were placed more evenly throughout the campus, instead of planting large clusters in just a few location., In the future, I hope the landscaping company and the college will think twice before planting a forest.

I think that a nice looking campus is important for the college's future; but the construction is inconvenient for current students. Living in Worcester, we are awakened early in the morning by the construction and our rooms always have a layer of dust covering everything.

Rose Jarboe
Junior
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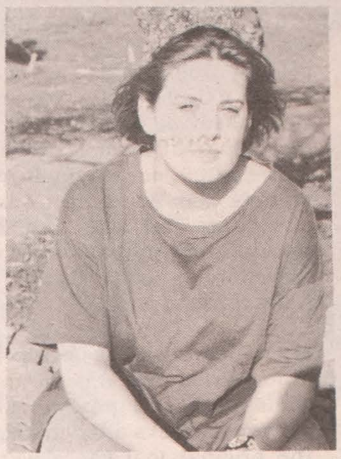

I wish they had asked students' opinions about the landscape and construction plans. We needed campus beautification. Unfortunately, the landscaping has taken away a lot of activity space; open spaces of lawn where people used to play croquet, frisbee, football, etc.

Deb Kulich
Junior
Kinderhook, NY

It is a hassle, especially when they start working early in the morning. I don't like the timing, but I like the results.

Lara Meinke
Junior
Tierra Verde, FL

I like all of the landscaping and I think it will look really good, especially in a few years. One thing I don't understand is why blacktop was laid between the quads; it's not very attractive.

Jamee Dameron
Sophomore
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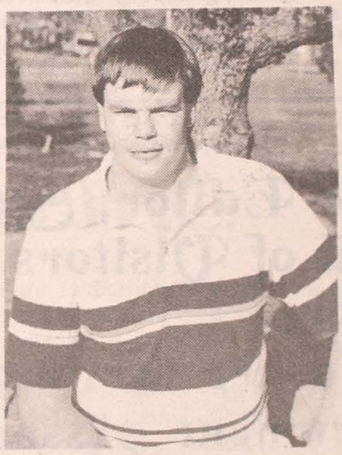

Hell no, it wakes me up at six o'clock every morning. Timing should have been considered prior to the start of construction, and someone should have considered the impact on student life.

Todd Kagler
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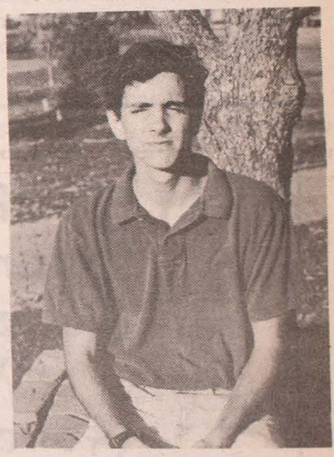

No, I am not pleased; it was supposed to be finished a while ago. It is becoming an inconvenience and I wish they would get it over with.

Jason Imber
Junior
New York, NY

photos by Kevin Decker

Construction does not make for happy students

Julie Greene

No, I am not pleased with the construction and landscaping taking place on this campus. There are several reasons for this.

First, is that the money spent on bricks could have been used to hire more faculty members needed in crucial areas of study. I personally do not care whether I am walking to the dining hall on dirt or bricks. But, I do care whether or not next semester there will still be professors to teach, as well as classes that are not overbooked.

Second, I do not see enough benefits to outweigh the costs of building a circular drive way in the Kent Quad. I've heard the original intent of this driveway was to make it easier to load and unload cars at the beginning and end of semesters.

Security told me that too many cars were driving over the walkways and grass, so they built an official driveway to help reduce the number of tickets being handed out.

Fine, so now we can all drive legally on Kent Quad. Forget that there was a driveway on the other side of Kent, a road in front of the Cullen Complex, and a driveway by the side of Wicomico leading up to Hodson.

Now, besides the construction waking me up early in the morning, I have to deal with students driving underneath my window, shouting, and beeping their horns at three in the morning. Where is security? Well, let's see. The last two times there were fire drills the on duty officer was napping in Gibson. Should the residents at Cullen really have to get out of their toasty warm beds at three in the morning to leave a message on the answering machine at security, which probably will not be taken care of until the noise outside their window goes away.

Another bonus residents of Cullen and Kent get from the new driveway and construction is a new layer of dust and dirt on all their belongings. I cannot leave a book on my desk for one day without having to wipe a layer of dust of it because I left my window open.

What about all the trees and grass that were destroyed to build that driveway? They were helping us improve the quality of our lives by absorbing carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

Then there is the fact that the college has decided to take every free space on campus and plant trees there, or rip them up to build a driveway. Where are the students who want to play catch, softball, croquet, frisbee, football, and practice lacrosse supposed to go now? I assume

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OUTLOOK

In the world: Marine reserves called up

United States

The overwhelming majority of senators, governors, and House members were reelected despite a sharp downturn in public mood and an obvious voter distaste for politics. Seventy-two percent of those who voted said the nation is "seriously off the wrong track," according to preliminary results of an ABC Election Day survey with the economy and the Persian Gulf topping the worry list. Sixty-two percent said they trusted the federal government "only some of the time."

The Pentagon announced yesterday that it is considering a call-up of Army combat reserve units. However, since these units may not be ready to fight in the Persian Gulf, Pentagon spokesman Pete Williams said the reserves would likely go to training camp in the American desert first.

Defense Secretary, Richard B. Cheney initiated the first combat reserve call-up since the Korean War, this week, when the Marine Corps asked for and received his permission to summon 3,000 Marine reservists to fill out the 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade, which would probably be sent to the gulf under a rotation plan now in its final draft.

The first 824 Marines are being called-up this week from units in 14 states, and will report to Camp Pendleton, California. If they go to the Persian Gulf, they will join the more than 200,000 US combat troops and 34,000 non-combat reservists from all services who already are working in support roles in Saudi Arabia as drivers, stevedores, cooks, laundry workers, and water purifiers.

Excavation has begun on nine buried sections of the trans-Alaska oil pipeline for corrosion checks after charges the original inspectors were poorly trained or worked under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Meanwhile, a federal criminal investigation is underway into accusations by a former corrosion inspector that his employer ignored drinking and drug use on and off the job.

Philippines

Imelda Marcos, after negotiating directly with secret emissaries of the Philippine government, asserted through her Los Angeles attorneys that Manila has agreed to drop its multibillion-dollar damage suit against her in exchange for 60% of whatever funds remain in various Hong Kong banks. Her claim, however, was disputed by lawyers for the Philippines. They characterized the "settlement" as simply a discussion of how to divide the Hong Kong portion of assets controlled by Marcos and the estate of her late husband, former Philippine dictator Ferdinand Marcos.

Jordan

Jordan's King Hussein, taking his plea for peace to a United Nation's conference on global warming, declared this week that if war broke out in the Persian Gulf the world would suffer an ecological catastrophe and death toll "beyond our wildest dreams." Hussein urged government representatives from more than 120 nations to undertake "all possible efforts to resolve the gulf crisis through peaceful negotiations." British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher supported King Hussein's concerns.

Greene

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they have to walk over to one of the athletic fields, which is being used for a practice or game. It is very difficult to carry anything out to the car when there is a wall of trees blocking my path to the parking lot.

Last, but not least, why weren't the students notified about the construction and the tree planting first? Why weren't they given a say? The administration might reply by saying that there were maps of the Master Plan on display for the student body to see. I looked at one of those maps and I didn't see a driveway, I saw a walkway going around the quad. I think that the students living in Cullen should have been consulted before they planted trees in their front lawn and the field across the street.

On the issue of whether it is beautification, I think they could have done much better. I really don't see the clumps of trees they planted as beautiful. Granted they counteract the trees torn down, and are good for the environment, but they could have been planted in better areas which would have been more practical for the students as well.

One last thought, why was the construction not started until the students came back to campus? I would think summer would have been a more appropriate and practical time for these projects to have been completed.

Julie Greene is a junior majoring in Economics, and rooting for the IUDs in the Recreational Basketball Tournament.

To the Editor, Students, Faculty, Parents and Board of Visitors and Governors of Washington College:

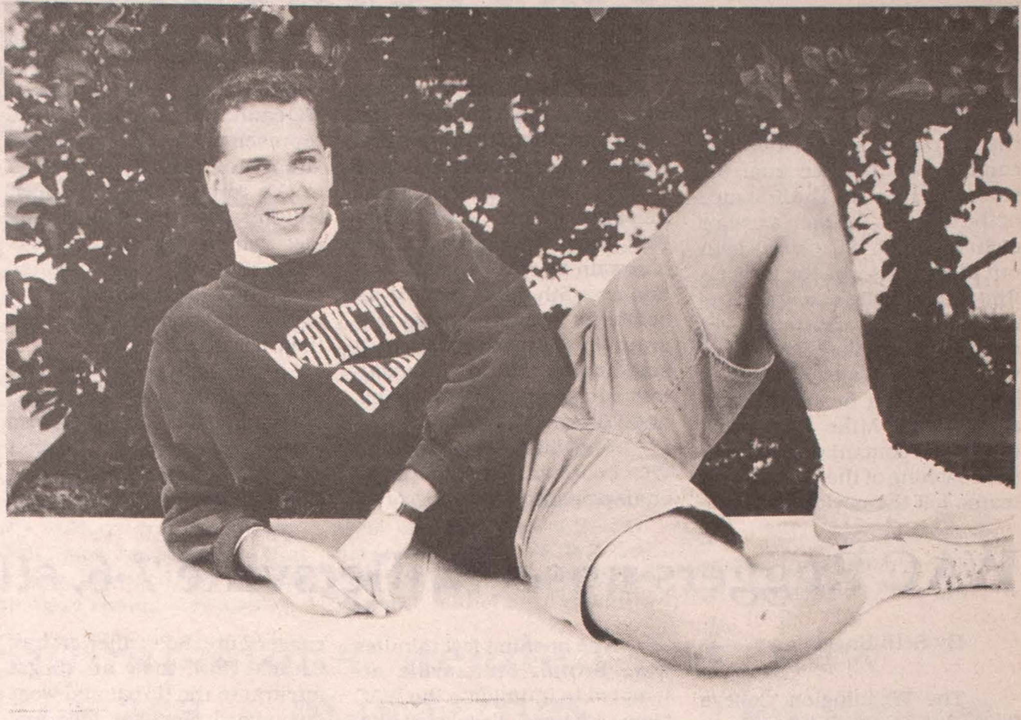
We are writing to let it be known that the Student Government Association of Washington College, on Monday November 5, 1990 voted unanimously that we want EQUAL representation on the Academic Council. At present, the Council consist of six voting students, and six voting faculty. A proposition has been made by an Ad-Hoc Committee to change this voting number to One Student, and Four Faculty, a ratio which we find highly inadequate and unacceptable. We believe that streamlining the Council is a good idea, but not at the risk of losing student rights. We are asking the faculty to vote to have Three Voting Students and Three Voting Faculty members on the Council, thus preserving the equal ratio requested. Please consider this proposition seriously, as the future of this student body is one of our greatest concerns. Respectfully,

The Student Government Association
of Washington College.

FEATURES

General Assembly internships bring valuble experience

Amy Klamberg



Senior Steve Bruchey, who took part in the Maryland General Assembly student internship program

photo by Monique Ware

Applications will soon be due for those juniors and seniors interested in the Maryland General Assembly Internships. This program, held at the State Capital, is for all who want to learn more about Maryland politics and the legislative process. Applicants need not be political science majors although all applicants should have a minimum 3.0 G.P.A. to apply. No previous experience in government is necessary.

This internship opportunity, offered second semester every year to upperclassmen, has been a valuable experience for students in a variety of majors. Senior, English major Beth Ann Shepard interned last semester, and found the job to be a definite "maturing experience." Shepard plans to attend law school.

Each intern works closely with a state delegate, and spends most of his time researching issues or testifying before committees. Along with this exciting, front lines work, the intern is also expected to do some of the "drudgery" such as photo copying, reading mail, and filing. The student interns, chosen from colleges across Maryland, are allowed to sit in on any session of the General Assembly.

The student interns often find themselves dealing with very timely issues such as the environment, and abortion. Senior Brooke Frank worked for the delegate who ran the well publicized pro-life filibuster last spring in the Assembly. The interns really get a sense of the issues important to the residents of Maryland. Many interns, for example, worked on non-tidal wetlands legislation.

Senior, political science major, Steven Bruchey said he found the experience fascinating because it gave him a close look at the process of lobbying, "I got to deal with about 90% of the lobbyists who wanted to speak to my boss [Delegate Weir]"

The interns also got a chance to meet with lobbyists and legislative 'staffers' at receptions. These gatherings give the students a chance to talk about the issues they do research on with the political professionals.

The internship program is worth a total of eight credit hours (the equivalent of two regular classes.) The students work in Annapolis every Tuesday and Thursday. The credits are divided equally between work at the Capital and class room sessions. Every Monday, the student interns meet with Dr. Weissman for a seminar. This gives the participants a chance to discuss their experiences. The interns must also submit a paper to Dr. Weissman applying an issue they have dealt with on the job to some aspect of their major, and a bill analysis to Annapolis. "The issue paper is great," says Bruchey, "because it lets you take any bill you're interested in and apply it to your field."

All students interested should contact Dr. Weissman as soon as possible for applications. The internship program will start a week before classes begin next semester and will last until April. Senior Marie Ensor reflected that her experiences at the General Assembly were "a chance to see all of the facets of the legislative process come together."

Amy Klamber is a junior majoring in International Studies

Amy Tiehel discusses alcohol use at W.C.

Amy Tiehel

As I recall, weekends used to be fun at Washington College. Those seniors who were here with me freshman year know what I'm talking about. Parties like the Sig's Halloween Bash, S.G.A. dances and fraternity parties were celebrated events. What happened to "fun" weekends at the Wac? The answer is that many individuals abuse the freedom we are given here. This in turn has limited our social activities and has resulted in "boring" weekends.

Is it any wonder that there have been few parties allowed on campus this semester? It seems that on quite a few weekends this year drunk, obnoxious students have behaved in ways not exactly exemplary of the mature college student. These students made the choice to drink and acted irresponsibly because of it. This hurts the rest of us who can have a good time responsibly.

The issue doesn't have to be about banning alcohol altogether. However, it could come to that if we don't step back, take a look and make some changes ourselves. We need to realize as a student body that there are students here who actually have drinking problems. Many will say "So, what? It's no big deal. We're just in college." It is a big deal, and guess what, Many people develop life long habits in college.

Too many students depend on alcohol as the basis of their social life. Alcohol becomes the social life. What if our campus went "dry?" What would we do then? Sure, many would resort to off-campus bars and off-campus parties. However, this would soon get old and we would be forced to find other means of entertainment. So, given the choice, why do we always choose alcohol? It relieves pressure, tension and social insecurities. Also, getting drunk can sometimes be really fun. I'm the first to admit that I enjoy drinking beers with my friends or engaging in an occasional caps game.

The issue, therefore, is when we do drink, how much do we drink and why are we doing it? I've found that sometimes when I'm out on a weekend, and I'm not drinking, people will give me a hard time. Either I can't drink or I just don't feel like it. Quite a few people will play twenty questions trying to discern if I'm abnormal or not. When I do drink I often wonder if I'm doing it because everyone else is or because I really feel like it. I look around and see many out of control because they just didn't know when to stop.

If we can learn how to control ourselves when we're drinking and realize when enough is enough, we will all be the better for it. College is about becoming an adult and learning your limitations. We, the students at Washington College, need to grow up and make the right decisions in order to start having fun the way it used to.

Amy Tiehel is a senior english major who is one cool chick

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SPORTS

Crew makes waves at Occoquan Invitational

By Petra Fajerson

Blue skies and temperatures in the eighties this past Saturday was an exception to the usually temperamental conditions at the Occoquan invitational regatta. The first race of the day was the men's novice eight in which WC placed 10th out of 19. This was the novice's first race of college crew and the men looked exhausted yet exhilerated as they got off the water. John Wagner, who has been standing in for the new crew coach Mike Davenport (who is in Tasmania assisting in the coaching of the US national team), felt the novice had done well and rowed up to their abilities.

The women's novice eight race that followed was equally exciting for rowers Jen Sendax, Jen Hozik, Suzanne Groner, Kate Towery, Berna Kemahli, Laura Green, Mary Bird, Kara Wieseneaught, and coxswain Merritt Pridgeon. Attaining 5th place out of 19 boats the women's novice program has proved itself outstanding in beating competitors such as Loyola, Bucknell, and William and Mary.

The third race including a WC boat was of the men's championship eight. Unfortunately, the official starts and times of this race were so inaccurate that the official place of WC cannot be considered a true representation of the mens' strength and skill in comparison to the competitors. The men felt they had rowed a strong piece with a good set, so it was understandably disappointing to end up with an official time of at least 25 seconds more than their actual time.

The women of the WC championship eight came in 5th out of 8 boats, finishing less than a minute after the first place winner. Transfer student Stina Sturges who rowed at University of Vermont last year was very pleased with the race. She felt coxswain Liz Corone did an excellent job in keeping the rowers motivated to give their all throughout the race.

Results have not yet come in for three of the races WC competed in. The boats entered for the men's and women's championship four races consisted entirely of rowers who had already raced earlier in the day. In the club eight boat there were also several rowers for whom it was the second race in the regatta. Obviously it is difficult to keep a good form and power having already given 110 percent in a previous event, but all the boats were able to maintain good pressure and look clean at the finish.

Overall it was a successful day for the WC crew team. Although no medals were won, each of the competing boats brought home the satisfaction of personal victories. The novice had the excitement of their first collegiate level race, and the varsity rowers had felt the improvement of their racing capabilities since the previous year. On November 17th the team will compete in the last race of the season at the Schuylkill Regatta in Philadelphia.

WAC Ruggers upset Millersville 7-6, stunning the Union

By Seth Engel

The Washington College Rugby team's Cinderella season got back on track last Sunday with a thrilling one point win over Millersville University .

In a tough match marred by ugly instances of cheap shots and questionable calls by the referee(who happened to be an injured Millersville player), the WAC (2-1) ruggers dug deep to erase a six point deficit and come back to win 7-6.

The opening few minutes were brutal. Millersville attempted to intimidate the WAC team with hard, illegal high hits. The first two minutes saw the hooker Frank Crivelli take a shot to the head that left him unconscious for a number of scary seconds. However, in a heroic show of heart and guts, Crivelli regained consciousnes and continued to play. This fired up the team, and strengthened its resolve. Crivelli's unprecedented team spirit lit the WAC ruggers' fire. Soon after, fly half Chuck Cort took an illegal forearm to the throat and went down hard. However, following Crivelli's lead, he bounced back up and asked for more.

The Millersville team struck first blood with a fluke bounce that ended up in the WAC try zone. A try and conversion gave them a 6-0 first half lead. The WAC ruggers were heartened by Crivelli and Cort's guts though, and didn't lose hope. They started to dominate the set scrums. Their tenacious defense didn't let play enter the WAC side of the field for the remainder of the forty-minute half.

After a rousing halftime pep talk by captains Crivelli and Eric Bach, the WAC ruggers came out with fire in their eyes and desire in their hearts for the second half. A quick penalty was called on Millersville; prop Matt Wickwire was faced with a very difficult free kick from forty yards out. Carefully measuring his steps, he put foot to ball and forty yards later the score had been cut in half, 6-3. The tide was definitely starting to drown the Millersville 15.

The Shoremen continued to dominate play, narrowly missing scores on numerous occasions. With about fifteen minutes to play, Cort burst through to block a Millersville kick deep in their

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

The Untaming of Shakespeare

by Brett Lankford

The drama department presents their modern adaptation of a classic when The Taming of the Shrew is performed on November 15, 16 and 17. The production, directed by drama professor Dale Daigle, does not take the traditional approach to Shakespeare's comedy. Instead, Daigle has incorporated some contemporary material and joined it with the Shakespearean text for an extremely creative and intriguing production.

Daigle decided to direct Shrew for a couple of different reasons. It has been five years since a Shakespearean play was performed at Washington College. "Every class should have one chance at doing Shakespeare," Daigle said. "I've wanted to do this play for a long time, but I've never had the right opportunity. The students also wanted to do something by Shakespeare." He readily admits that Shakespeare has always been his first love, and he has worked with Shakespearean text off and on for twenty years.

In addition, Daigle was also looking to present the play in a different manner. "While working on the script, I couldn't escape what seemed to be an undercurrent of brutality, abuse and exploitation in this apparent comedy." Daigle decided to make this the focus of his production. "The play is still very funny, but this production looks below the surface of that and elucidates some aspects that are not normally brought to light."

The director has attempted to deal with this new approach in a variety of ways. "I hate to use the word deconstruct because it sounds like pedagogical jargon, but in essence we have deconstructed the text," Daigle stated. He hopes that the addition of the contemporary material will help to shed some light on both the Shakespearean text as well as the modern piece. Daigle does warn that the contemporary work is graphic and explicit, and he suggests that anyone offended by visceral language should stay away.

Daigle admits that this has been more of a challenge than he had ever imagined. "I have always believed in the essence of the idea, but the evolution of it has brought into play the imaginations of all the people involved. The infinite possibilities that have resulted have been difficult to focus." The production has had an extended rehearsal period and has required an extreme commitment from the actors. Indeed, the collaboration between director and students has been one of the highlights of this production.

Cindy Croot and Jason West play the roles of Katherine and Petruchio, while Felicia Shakman plays the part of "the woman". Other cast members include Jeff Daly, Carey Smith, Clay Eichelberger, India Henson, Tim Madison, Karen Iacangelo, Jason Imber, Carl Pupa and Abrah Wilberding. Jason Rubin has designed the show's set, and Tom Andrews is technical director. The performance begins at 8:00 in Tawes Auditorium on Thursday, November 15. It is the last drama department production of the fall semester. Admission is free and open to the public.

Bett Lankford is a senior majoring in English Brett is the former features editor of the Elm.

Submissions needed for new literary magazines

by Bruce Hamilton

Attention all writers, poets, photographers, and artists! There are a number of new literary magazines in need of submissions. These magazines are diversified enough to suit almost all genres and creative venues.

Otherworlds is a magazine of typical genres. It will accept Science Fiction (all types), Fantasy (all types), Horror, Mystery (not action/adventure), Western, and "even Gothic Romance". Raphael Koster, the editor, states that there will also be essays on these genres. Otherworlds will also take poetry submissions and artwork in any of the genres. Submissions can be made to Koster through campus mail, quickmail, or to 213 Caroline or Koster's mailbox in the O'Neil Literary House. The deadline for Otherworlds is November 10, however, the editor is willing to work with manuscripts still in progress past that date.

Koster is also the editor of **Translations**. Translations will accept poetry and short stories from any language (French, Latin, Japanese, Chinese, etc.). Submissions should be in original language and English. Koster will help to polish the English of any translation and can help translate any Spanish. The deadline for Translations is November 15, and submissions can be made to the same address as above.

Shoestrings is a magazine dedicated to children's literature and poetry. Editors Keri Nygaard and Ann Veiga will be working with local elementary and middle schools and will also take submissions from Washington students. The deadline for submissions is December 15. Submissions should be made to either the mailboxes of either Veiga or Nygaard in the O'Neil Literary house. Anyone interested in helping with Shoestrings should contact the editors.

Basic Generic Magazine will contain poetry, short stories, children's literature, illustrations, and black and white photographs. The name of the magazine, according to the editors, "says it all". The editors of Basic Generic Magazine are Caitlin Bell-Hicken, Mark Phanuf, and Wendy Bridges. Photographs should be 8"x10". The dealine for submissions is November 10, and should be left in the editors mail-boxes at the O'Neil Literary House.

The **Broadsides** editors this semester are Tanya Allen and Rechel Demma. Submissions can be made anytime to the Broadsides mailbox (also in the Literary House). Broadsides will accept poetry, short stories and pen and ink illustrations. Unused submssions will be returned.

Bruce Hamilton is a junior and the Arts Editor.

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NEWS

SGA

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He also reported on the Academic Council meeting. Currently 6 students, 6 faculty and two non-voting Dean's sit on an Ad-Hoc committee to discuss student needs and curriculum changes at W.C. The committee, according to Kelly, needs streamlining. The faculty members of the committee would like to cut the membership to 4 faculty and 1 student, but students involved feel that the committee needs equal student representation. The SGA voiced many concerns about the proposal.

Sophomore Whitney Myrus said that this resolution would change the personal feeling of Washington College into something more like larger schools where there is a division between faculty and students. Senior Class Vice-President, Suzanne Hewes agreed. She said that "this is our school" and that we as students should have some say in those changes that will affect us. The SGA voted unanimously to endorse equal representation at the Academic Council.

In addition, Kelly "urges students to go to faculty members to discuss the proposal about equal representation on the Academic Council. I feel that we deserve equal say in deciding the curriculum since we are the ones who are taking the classes and paying the bills." The SGA also suggested that students not only talk to faculty to express their feelings, but also that parents should send letters to the faculty in support of student representation.

Finally Kelly reported that Stuart Neiman had made an agreement with the Vice-President of Simmons Cable that the company would come into the dorms and re-install cable for free. The cable issue needs to be looked into more closely and Kelly is meeting with Gene Hessey to discuss it.

With all business having been completed, the SGA adjourned for the evening. The next meeting will be Tuesday night at 9:00 in the Sophie Kerr Room. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

COUNCIL

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all the difference. Many of you will attend advising meetings next Tuesday, please take a minute to talk to your advisor and let them know how you feel. Talk to your professors after class, or stop them in the halls of Bill Smith. Talk to professors you've had in the past, or those you might have next semseter. We do not want to lose our representation on a committee that so closely effects the courses that are made available to us.

Elfenbein

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by government babble-speak and *The Elm's* weekly work of printed noise, our confidence in public communication is weakened. We must refuse to watch our language being slowly beaten to a tasteless pulp. At last, when our McLanguage is reduced to its final grotesquery, it will still have a function. It will become the supple servant of deviousness, which will proliferate in government and society.

The editors of *The Elm* defended themselves by stating their policy of not editing letters to the editor. As an example, they cowardly point out an error in Ms. Stobbart's letter. T find the editor's policy, all w have to do is read the mast head, "Letter that are printe are published as recieved without editing for spelling punctuation and grammer."

Thank god.

Sincerely,
Edward J. Elfenbein

Rugby

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own half of the field, foolowed it into their try zone, and fell on it for a four point try. Wickwire's conversion was blocked keeping the score at 7-6.

Millersville attempted a last minute charge in the final five minutes(which somehow the referee stretched to eleven), but the WAC ruggers held tough; and when the final whistle finall blew, the Shoremen found themselves with their second win in three attempts. In what was the roughest of the three outings, the WAC team proved itself a force to be reckoned with.

Without as much as congratulations, the MIllersville Rugby team left the field with their heads low, knowing that they had been thrashed by a future power in college rugby.

The WAC Rugby tean continues its dream season thi Saturday, November 10 at 1 pr at Worton Park against th Severn River Men's Club, a ver tough team from west of th bridge. This time around th Alpha Omicron Pi's will be sellin hot dogs and hot chocolate t combat the cold. Injured rugge Don Steele will be doing play by-play as well on the sidelines

Congratulations to Jim Soublis
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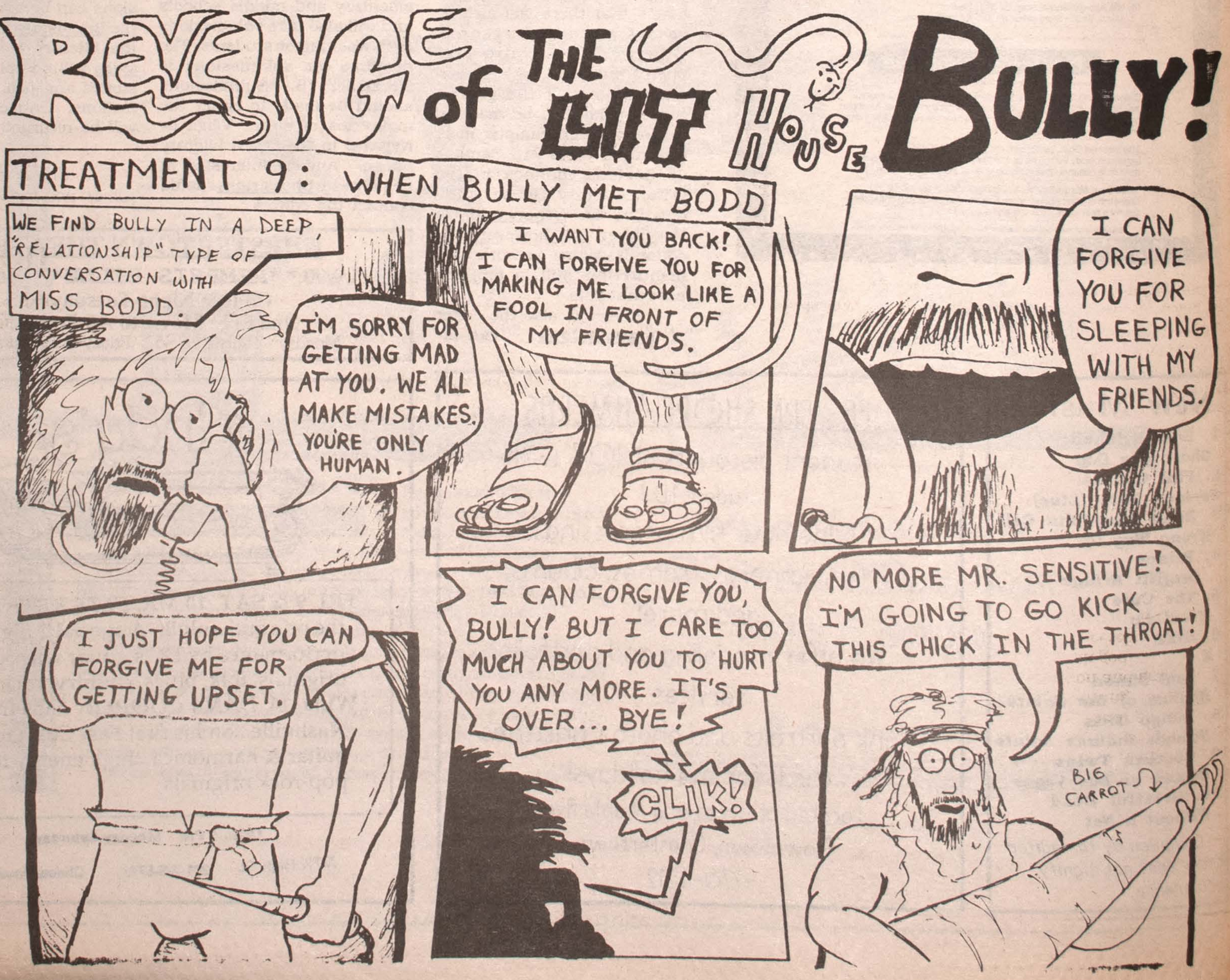
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BIG CARROT

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Campus plan nearly complete

A familiar sight for the residents of Kent and the Cullen Dormitories until recently. Construction of the Hodson Loop is now complete.

photo by: Jeff Hopkins

By: Susie Mazzullo

There will not be any more early morning wake up calls by bulldozers for the residents of the Cullen Dormitories because a meeting with Clint Baer, Director of Planning and Special Projects, revealed that the Campus Plan is almost one hundred percent complete. "Construction around the dormitories ended with the completion of the Hodson Loop," said Baer.

To date, a number of projects of the Campus Plan have been completed. Among them are the new tennis courts behind the Cardinal dormitories, the Hodson Loop road, and the extensive landscaping that has been taking place.

Eight new intercollegiate tennis courts are ready for use by Washington College students. They are located behind Cardinal and were constructed by Sports Systems out of Rockville, Maryland. The company specializes in the construction of tennis courts.

The courts are on two levels with landscaping on both sides. The landscaping was felt necessary for two reasons. It does indeed add aesthetic beauty to the area but its main purpose is to cut down on the wind. The nets will remain up until the bad winter weather hits, so until then, the courts are ready for play.

Also in that same area is a five acre field that is available for recreational use. The five acres have recently been reseeded so that by the spring the area will be ready for students to join in a pick up game of football, throw a frisbee, or participate in any other recreational sport.

The Hodson Loop road has also recently been completed. The completion of this project finishes any construction around the dorms the the time being. The policy for parking in front of the dorms, in the newly created spots, however, will soon be restricted. The parking will be restricted to the pick up and unloading of students and their belongings at the moving in and moving out times of the year. Clint Baer says that this is for two reasons. One is that the dormitories are simply more attractive without cars parked beside them. Parked cars will take away from the buildings. The second reason is for safety of the vehicles. The area in the middle of the loop has been reseeded and is intended for use by the students for recreational activities. Cars could ultimately be damaged by a thrown football or a hit baseball if cars are parked too close.

The landscaping projects that have been taking place primarily around the new Academic Resource Center (ARC) and the north entrance of the college, are also nearly complete. A substantial number of Maple trees have been planted as well as some surrounding shrubery. The landscaping plans were made by Alan Myers of the Bucher-Myers Architectural Firm.

Clint Baer explained that the extensive amount of landscaping was for a reason. Primarily, it was to shield the parking area in front of the new dorms from those entering the college by the north entrance. The trees will give the person driving by something else to see besides the parking lot. Also, the larger trees will take some time to grow. The surrounding plants, therefore, will give the area some color during all four seasons, not just in the spring, and fill in until the Maple trees can take root and prosper. Baer commented that we need to give the area some time to grow into what the plan was intended to be. "I think the spring will be very interesting with all of the flowering trees and plants."

The Academic Resource Center is also near completion. Since Monday and continuing throughout the week, furniture has been in the process of being moved into the building. Some areas still remain to be completed and like any new building, last minute problems need to be corrected, but the building will be open for the spring semester. During the next six to eight weeks, concentration will be on the completion of the fixtures and the moving in of supplies. Most of the book store fixtures have already been installed and the equipment for the computerized classrooms has arrived. Some students can look forward to attending class in the ARC as some classes are already scheduled to be held there.

The Academic Resource Center was made possible by the generosity of the Casey Family, especially, Betty Brown Casey.

The next major project soon to be launched is the start of construction on the Fitness Center that will be located near the gym. Bids have been accepted and administration is currently evaluating them. Ground breaking ceremonies are scheduled to be held during the December board meeting. Baer says that construction is scheduled to begin "when spring weather permits."

For the most part, construction on campus is complete, at least until the warm spring weather is upon us. Construction around the dormitories, however, is complete.

SGA discusses Neiman

By: Laura Hopper

The Student Government Association of Washington College met in the Sophie Kerr Room of Miller Library on November 13th, 1990. Acting President Kevin Kelly called the meeting to order. Following roll call, and the approval of the minutes from the previous meeting, the Senate confirmed the selection of Brooke Frank as acting vice president. SGA Parliamentarian Gordy Scherer administered the oath of office.

SGA Treasurer Brian Gimelson reported that current club spending for the semester equaled $4211.00. Gimelson also reported that he had discussed funding a band with Alpha Chi. The band, *Disappear Fear*, would perform in the Coffee House on the same night as the annual Alpha Chi Casino Night. The Senate approved $800 for the band.

Gimelson also presented funding requests. The first was from Diana Holden and Elizabeth Driscoll. Holden and Driscoll both have been involved in a psychology experiment, and have submitted a paper proposal to a convention in New York City. If their proposal is accepted, they would present their paper and would need funds to defray their traveling and housing expenses. The Senate approved $750 with the stipulation that they will receive the funding only if they are to present their paper.

The second proposal came from freshman Marie Jerardi, who is involved in the Kent County Christmas Committee. The Committee helps provide food and gifts for underprivileged families in Kent County. The Committee would like campus organizations to "adopt" families, and the SGA funding would be used to help the families that are not adopted. The Senate approved $500.

SGA Secretary Jenny Albers announced that the winner of the Garnett School Playground most dorm member participation contest would be announced at the next SGA meeting.

Next, Kelly read a letter from SGA Parliamentarian Gordy Scherer requesting that the SGA begin impeachment procedures against President Stuart Neiman. Neiman suffered a gun shot wound in the left leg, and is in Florida convalescing. Kelly informed the Senate that the Executive Board of the SGA had been debating various proposals, and had decided to write to Neiman and ask him for his resignation. Kelly remarked that he felt that it would be "detrimental to Stu's therapy to find out he's being impeached." Kelly went on to say that if impeachment was necessary, he would prefer it take place next semester.

Secretary Jenny Albers remarked that she felt Neiman's resignation would protect the integrity of the office.

Scherer, in support of his stand, pointed out that Neiman is not enrolled in 8 credit hours, and is unable to perform his duties as SGA president. Scherer went on to say that he did not feel it was right for Kelly and Frank to spend their time as only acting president and vice president.

After a lengthy debate between senators and board members, the Senate decided that the Executive Board would contact Neiman and request his resignation for medical reasons. This would be done first by phone and then by letter to be answered by Neiman within a time limit of two weeks. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 5, with 9 abstentions.

Next, Kelly reported to the Senate on the Cable issue. Kelly clarified that Neiman had not made any sort of deal with Simmons cable. Kelly has spoken to Gene Hessey about the cable proposal, but there is no agreement yet with the company.

The proposed changes in the size and composition of the Academic Council have been sent back to the Ad Hoc Committee on Governance. The proposal, whatever form it is in, will be voted on at the December 5th faculty meeting. Kelly said the Student Affairs Committee is in support of the student position that the student - faculty ratio on the Academic Council be equal.

Kelly also presented some preliminary proposals from the Ad Hoc Committee on Student Life. The 3 proposals dealt with policy changes that would move parties out of the dorms and into large, more easily controlled areas.

Following the meeting, several SGA members were willing to comment on the Neiman issue. Scherer said he had been approached by several people who were wondering what actions the SGA was going to take. Said Scherer, "I believe we [the SGA] have a responsibility to uphold the rules of the College."

Caroline Senator Justin

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EDITORIAL

Advice to a stressing senior

A job hunting senior asked what her liberal arts education is worth. She had just returned from a seminar on finding on careers in public relations. She is afraid that her education here at Washington College had not taught her the specialized skills she will need to compete in the job market.

When we were younger, we used the phrase "When I grow up" now that we are in college, the phrase has been changed to "When I'm out in the real world."

To all those who wonder what we are being prepared for, the answer is we are being taught to think, to organize ourselves into productive units, to challenge ourselves and our peers. We will have the well rounded education that did not confine us to one narrow set of courses designed to push us into one career.

Many people in the Senior class will go on to graduate school, and obtain the specialized skills that today's job market is asking for. Many skills can be learned here, through extracurricular activities.

To the panicking senior, a final bit of advice. Your education has prepared you better than you can understand right now, the true value of your time spent here will be apparent some time in the future.

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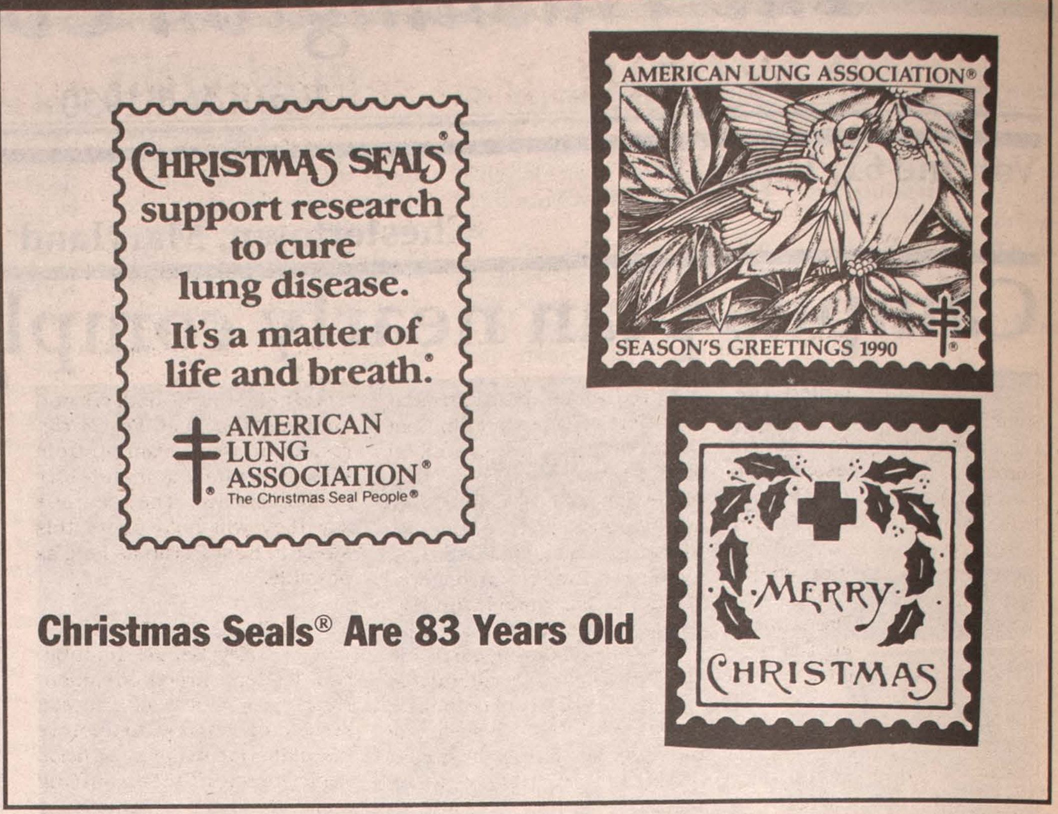

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Letters to the Editor

Winkleman answers Daignault

Is there anybody in there?

An old proverb states "Ignorance is Bliss." Miss Emily Daignault is obviously very happy. Your hypocritical article of a week ago requires an explanation on my part and a tutorial on your part.

Do you look both ways before you discredit it. Your point is that one should not attack a peer without first knowing them. Mr. Stuart Neiman and I happen to be friends. My Sophomore year, that being Mr. Neiman's Freshman year, Stuart and I were very good friends. We participated in multiple school activities together and talked quite regularly. As I was in England last year our friendship grew apart but we have spoken on a few occassions this year. You, on the contrary, know neither Mr. Neiman or myself; ergo, you are a hypocrite.

Your perpetual ignorance is again displayed when you suggest nobody on campus knows the real Stu Neiman. The man was not an introvert. He did come out of his Minta Martin luxury suite a few times a week for food and water and on those occasions I can assure you that the ensuing conversations were enjoyable for both parties. Many people know Stu. Maybe we should have a game show or a forum to satisfy such mislead perceptions as your own. You do realize that the SGA President is elected *by the students*, do you not?

You then touched on the quite dead and extremely beaten horse of Mr. Neiman's attire. It is not normal for a twenty year old college student to wear a jacket and tie everyday. I am impressed by his lovely apparel but it is not normal. Let me not imply that things out of the normal are bad in some way, my writing style, for example, is not normal (although many would also argue it is bad in some way.) You then suggest this attire displays the advanced maturity of Mr. Neiman. Excuse me but does a surveillance camera and multiple firearms necessitate a mature person? Perhaps if you were Al Haig or Sam Nunn, but probably not otherwise.

As you ended your not quite so illustrious letter, you did admit your ignorance, which I appreciate. You encouraged me to seek and confront you to respond to your letter. Hypocracy once again

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OUTLOOK

In the world: Iraq searches for support in the Arab world

PERSIAN GULF:

Iraqui envoys travelled to several Arab capitals today to discuss their conditions for attending summit on the Persian Gulf crisis. Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia, Iraq's principle adversaries, have declined to comment on the summit proposed by Moroccan King Hassan II. Hassan has called the Summit a last chance to avert war in the Gulf. Arriving in Morocco with a message for Hassan, Iraqui First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan said that Iraq "is with any serious Arab action at any level that would serve the Arab nation." Along with Ramadan's visit, Morocco's Foreign Ministry also said Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Vladimir Petrovski was to arrive to discuss the Gulf crisis. Saudi Arabia is waiting to find out whether the Iraqui-Moroccan meetings lead to a proposal that could provide the foundation for a successful summit. As of now, the Saudis are skeptical that Iraq will pull out of Kuwait under the terms of the U.N. and Arab League resolutions. The Saudis also believe that Saddam Hussein wants long, drawn out negotiations that will link the Kuwait occupation with the Isreali-Palestinian issue.

GERMANY:

On Monday, several hundred anarchist apartment squatters on one street in East Berlin built barricades to fend off 1,400 police officers. In a battle that lasted five hours, the squatters fought police by throwing rocks, metal rods and molotov cocktails from rooftops. The police responded with tear gas and water cannons. After the battle ended, the barricade still stood and 20 squatters were arrested and 135 police officers had been injured. The next day the squatters were again at work building ternches and reenforcing the barricade to keep out the police assigned to evict them. Before Berlin was reunified, police and West Berlin anarchists battled each other on a weekly basis. Now, however the West Berlin anarchists have moved to East Berlin where open conflict with the authorities was unknown. The problem is caused by a housing shortage and a surplus of students in the city. Many other cities also have a problem with squatters, but in Berlin there is an added factor: the city became a magnet for draft-dodgers and anarchists because West Berlin residents were exempt from West Germany's mandatory military service. The squatters say they will hold on to this street in East Berlin as long as possible.

UNITED STATES:

Key Senate Republican leaders urged President Bush Tuesday to call a special session of congress to approve his plans for major new troop deployments in the Persian Gulf region. Neither the White House nor Democratic Congressional leaders responded positively to this proposal. Senate Democrats announced that hearings will be held during Congress' mid-winter recess on the administration's move toward a more offensive military policy in the Gulf. Support for U.S. policy in the Gulf is eroding both in the U.S. and abroad as war becomes a greater threat. Secretary of State James Baker defended the continued buildup by saying that the Iraqui Occupation of Kuwait threatens the "economic lifeline" of the West and that the massive military deployment in the region is justified to protect American jobs. On the possibility of a U.S. attack on Iraq Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, Armed Services Committee Chairman Sam Nunn and Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Claiborne Pell, all of whom are democrats, said in a joint statement: "If it is the President's intention to ask the American people to stand behind a military mission that goes beyond deterring Iraq from attack on Saudi Arabia, the President owes the American people the fullest possible explanation of what our military mission is in that region and how he hopes to achieve that goal.

The government gave researchers permission on Tuesday to begin using gene therapy, a radical, but unproven, strategy of scientifically manipulating genes to combat disease. In a matter of weeks, researchers at the National Institutes of Health plan to inject genetically altered white blood cells into three patients with advanced cases of a malignant skin cancer for which there is no effective cure once the cancer has spread from the skin to other organs. The scientists hope the white blood cells will their way to the patients tumors and release a potent cancer-busting compound that could shrink or even destroy the growths. Other cancer patients are also scheduled to be injected in an attempt to gather a wide base of information. Results should be available within the next year.

The Greek update

What is Lambda Pi Delta up to, you ask? Since September we have become an integral part of the Chestertown community as well as the college community. In October, our fraternity helped construct the new Garnett School playground showing our concern and willingness to help out in Chestertown. This opportunity also helped us become even closer with the community and its needs. On Halloween we turned Cecil into the Haunted Fun House and opened our doors to Chestertown's children in yet another effort to closen our ties with the town. The Fun House was a great success and we hope to expand and make it an annual Lambda Pi Delta - Zeta Tau Alpha event every year. Also this fall, Lambda Pi Delta was proud to announce that we captured the highly esteemed Loving Cup by achieving the highest fraternal G.P.A. and we hope to make this an annual event as well. We are extremely proud of this honor because it shows us that social, athletic, and academic success go hand in hand.

This new year also brought our fraternity a new order of leadership. President Jeff Rexford and Vice-President Benji Ward take over as does Dr. Conkling, our new faculty advisor, who will also assist in the many important tasks placed on the new leadership. Other Lambda Pi Delta officers include: Dave Lipinski - Secretary, John Hernandez - Treasurer, and John Morrall - Social Chair. Front and foremost is the issue of national status. This year we seek a national fraternity to meet the demands of the school. All fraternities and sororities must be nationally affiliated and thus our new government has its work cut out for it. A key ingredient in a successful attempt to go national is continued support and guidance from the faculty and administration. Without this cooperation our task is impossible and by staying on course with our successful start this year, we hope to keep those school and community ties open.

This week's Greek Update was supplied by the brothers of Lambda Pi Delta. Members of any greek organization are welcome to submit accounts of their groups actions to the Elm through Campus Mail, either on disk or in typewritten form.

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FEATURES

Washington College's boredom can be fatal

Phil "Slice" Macek

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I was working on a case one night, one of the toughest murder mysteries I have ever encountered in my young private detective career. It was a classic case of lover's jealousy. She had accused him of infidelity. He had flatly denied it and slapped her across the face. The next thing I knew, the guy wound up dead—a bullet right through the heart.

All that night the questions kept rising in my mind like bubbles in club soda. Which of the two women had killed this poor sap? Where was the murder weapon now? Was it a possible conspiracy between the girls against the guy? What time did "M*A*S*H" come on? What was I going to eat for dinner? Should I go to Newt's or the Vern?

I tell you, there were just too many angles on this case, and I don't like angles when it comes to murder. I decided to give up for the night, go home to my apartment, have a shot of bourbon and get a couple hours of shut-eye. But as I stood up, I heard my outer office door open and close, and I figured my night was just about to begin.

"Can you help me?"

The partial lighting in the office hid my visitor's face, and I motioned for him to sit down.

"Well, that depends on what kind of help you need."

The visitor, an older gentleman with deep lines carved in his face, leaned forward in his chair and said in a small voice, "There's been a series of murders at Washington College."

I poured each of us a double shot of sour mash whiskey while my new client continued his intriguing story.

"Well, Inspector, it all started last Wednesday night when a body was discovered in the basement of Reid Hall. The next day, two bodies were uncovered in the laundry room of Minta Martin. And finally, this morning, a corpse turned up in the C-House. The strange thing about these deaths is that not one corpse showed any sign of foul play. There were no bullet or knife wounds, or signs of lethal blows with blunt objects. No, none of the bodies had a scratch on them. However, they were all found in the same position, with their hands over their faces and legs tucked underneath them. This particular body position leads me to believe that the murderer maybe drugged them or strangled them. In any case, the fact is that we won't know until the autopsy reports come back, and right now we have no suspects, no motives, and a lot of speculation. Oh, Inspector, can you help me? As a college official it is my job to get to the bottom of this horrible mystery and restore the school to normal operation. Please understand my position. There is a black cloud looming large over the campus of Washington College and I want you to find this evil killer. Of course, he'll probably only get kicked out for a semester for behavior unbecoming of a Washington College student, but at least we will have shown that we, as a college, pay strict attention to our honor code."

I was leaning back in my desk chair with my fingertips together in front of my face. The official's story fascinated me and I kept turning the unique characteristics of the case over and over in my head. Questioning my client, I took down a few scratch notes about the victims and then concluded, "Well, let me tell you what I plan to do. I'll go up to the campus, investigate the scene of each death, and give you a preliminary report of my findings tomorrow. However, I must warn you that with such a large student body, the chances of finding this bastard are about as good as those of the dining hall serving a good meal."

The official stood up and we shook hands. He said he had to get back home because it was almost time for "The Gong Show." He thanked me for my decision to take the case and expressed extreme confidence in my ability to bring this killer to justice. As I heard the door close, I told myself it was going to be a long night and downed another shot of whiskey.

As I walked up High Street towards campus, the neon of Chestertown's jazzy nightclubs reflected off the wet sidewalks and, by the time I reached Minta Martin, a thick curtain of fog had engulfed the campus. The place was as quiet as a cemetery. As I entered the dorm, I made sure that I had extra bullets in my overcoat pocket. I turned toward the flight of steps that led to the basement, and cautiously entered the hall where the laundry room was located. I moved slowly, looking at each door I passed. STU NEIMAN-S.G.A. PRESIDENT.

"Ah yes, the Neiman case." What I had expected to be an assassination attempt turned out to be nothing more than a self-inflicted bullet wound.

It seemed like I had just handled that case yesterday. But I was here on new business, and made my way to the laundry room. The scene there was the same as the scenes in both Reid Hall and the C-House would turn out to be. There were chalk outlines of the bodies and, as the official had said, no signs of foul play.

It became clear to me that I wasn't going to get to the bottom of these detestable murders until I spoke with the roommates of the victims.

"Where were you the night your roommate cashed in her chips?"

"I was in the library, Inspector."

"Did she say or do anything odd?"

"No, sir, she came in from studying and said she wanted to go out, but nobody else wanted to do anything, so she stayed here. She'd been complaining about the poor weekends around here and how boring they are. But I wouldn't call that an odd statement, I would call it cold, hard fact."

The other interviews pretty much followed the same pattern. And I was beginning to get some very strange feelings about this case.

The next day, I told the college official about my findings.

"Look, Inspector, you don't possibly expect me to believe that these people died from boredom, do you?"

"No, I'm not asking you to believe it, I'm just asking you to consider it as a very real possibility."

"Now you listen to me, Inspector," asserted the college official sternly. "The fact of the matter is that I've got four dead bodies on this campus and no explanation. I want good solid evidence and I want it now. Is that understood?"

My right hand instinctively clenched itself into a knot and connected squarely with the official's chin. He hit the ground in a lump. I kicked him in the kidneys twice and when he finally turned over, spitting up blood, I said, "Now look here, what you've got is four dead bodies without a scratch on 'em. You have got to realize that this is not about murder, it's not about suicide attempts, it's about having a school where the weekends stink, the parties are lame, and everybody wants to go home. These people keeled over from boredom, as the autopsy reports will attest, and if you don't want the entire student body to follow suit like a pack of lemmings running off a cliff, you had damn better do something to make this school fun."

Thoroughly peeved at the official's closed-mindedness, I pulled out my revolver, pushed the end of the barrel up against his nose, and growled, "You know that there are more bored students out there that are on the edge of death and need help—find 'em or I'll find you. Now, Mr. Official, this case is permanently closed, and if you don't mind I've got a date with a glass of finely aged scotch and a classic, kick-ass John Wayne movie, *The Flying Leathernecks*."

I walked slowly out of the official's office to let him know I meant business. And as I made my way back to my place, I felt glad that I wasn't a student at Washington College.

Slice is a senior sociology major who got shut out of Dr. Striner's Civil War class during arena registration

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SPORTS

Preview: Women's swim team

Matt Giller

New swim coach Kim Lessard takes over the helm leading a team that has compiled a 28-5 record over the last 3 years - 10-2 last season. The transition from former coach Dennis Berry(who now coaches the new men's swim team) to Lessard should not be a difficult one since she has been the assistant at the WAC for two years.

Lessard has been dealt an interesting hand as first year coach - out of 15 swimmers, eight are freshmen or first year swimmers at the WAC. The talented rookies and the experienced veterans should complement each other for another successful season.

The wealth of talent in the upperclass is led by junior All-American Kasey Carroll. Her versatility is extremely valuabble to the team. Kasey will swim the freestyle, butterfly, and IM events.

Co-captain senior Sam Streamer, who placed in 3 individual events at the MAC Championships, will lead the team in the sprint free events.

"Lester the Molester" Leslie Newcomb,junior, who also placed in 3 events at the MAC's will be a stronger asset in the breaststroke and distance free events.

The other co-captain senior Vickie Vahos has qualified for the MAC's the past two years in the backstroke. She proved in last Saturday's meet against Ursinus that she will be valuable in sprint free events.

Senior Kristin Callazzo wasn't able to finish the 1989-90 season due to injury. If healthy, Kristin will be extra depth in the freestyle and backstroke events.

Junior Karen Brady has competed in the MAC's in the past 2 years. Karen's been a wonderful asset in all freestyle events.

Joan Colton, junior, will add depth in the fly and IM events.

The eight new swimmers are led by Mimi Devlin, an IM specialist. The freshman recorded the 2nd All-time fastest IM for WC on Saturday in her first intercollegiate meet.

Also in her first meet in the Big Time, Jennifer Green swam the 3rd fastest backstroke time for the Shorewomen.

Other newcomers include Ramsey Bingham who adds depth in the 50 and 100 freestyle. Jennifer McCartney will swm the butterfly and breastroke. Magdalina Fuchs will swim the 50, 100, 200 freestyle. Kelly Loftus will be penciled in in the backstroke, IM, and distance freestyle events. Denim Burk will take to the blocks in the freestyle and breastroke events. Sophomore Karen Prendergast adds depth to the butterfly, backstroke, and IM.

Last Saturday, the Shorewomen hit the home waters hosting a tough Ursinus squad. Ursinus, who had already had a meet under their belt fended off the WAC in a grueling 111-94 victory. Ursinus, incidentally, was responsible for one of the WAC's two losses last year. While Shorewomen finished the year ninth in the Conference, Ursinus finished in the #3 slot.

Carroll came away with three first place finishes(500 free, 1000 free, and free relay, which included Streamer, Brady, and Devlin).

Seven members have already qualified for the MAC Championships with outstanding times: Devlin(100 fly, 200 IM), Carroll(500 and 100 free), Streamer(100 and 200 free), Green(50 free and backstroke), Vahos(200 backstroke), Newcomb(200 breastroke), and McCartney(100 butterfly).

Matt Giller is a senior International Studies major. His hobbies include testing car batteries with his tongue, thumbing through Cliff Notes, and making strange noises with his arm pits. His ambition is to be as cool as Amy Tiehel.

Swimmer Carroll is honored

While junior Kasey Carroll is nationally recognized for her success in the pool, it isn't until now that her success in the classroom as been appreciated at a national level. Carroll recently was named to the 1990 College Swimming Coaches Association of America All-Academic Team.

Out of 156 chosen for CSCAA squad, the All-American Carroll is one of just 30 Division III women. She has stood out in the pool by holding or sharing 12 W.C. swimming records in just two short years.

Applicants for the CSCAA are required to have participated at the NCAA or NAIA Swimming Championships. Requirements in the classroom include a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5.

Among the 15 schools that compete in the Middle Atlantic Conference, only Washington College was represented on the CSCAA team.

Rugby narrowly defeats Severn River

By Simon Black and Kevin McLaughlin

This past Saturday saw the College's fledgling rugby club overcome adverse weather conditions and a determined onslaught by the Severn River Men's Rugby Club to extend their first season's record to a respectable 3 and 1.

Those who braved the rain and biting wind saw a battle of attrition take shape as each team tried to use the wet and windy conditions to its advantage. The first half proved to be pivotal as Severn River failed to score with the wind at their backs; this was a result of Washington College's forward domination in the tight and loose play and effctive tackling by the backs.

Aggressive play at the beginning of the second half allowed Washington to advance deep into Severn territory, where they remained for most of the half. Despite a series of probing attacks by W.C., the Severn River defense held. A well placed kick by their fullback followed immediately by an impressive run on the blind side netted Severn a try. Fortunately a conversion attempt into the wind went wide leaving W.C. facing a 4-0 deficit.

With their backs to the wall and the clock approaching injury time, the WAC applied the pressure. Spearheaded by the forward pack and a series of back-line movements, W.C. found itself again inches from the opposition's try line. Yet another determined "assault" by Matt Giller resulted in a try. With the score tied at 4-4, it was up to Mike Bishop, on his debut, to put W.C. in the lead. Bishop's much heralded golden boot did not disappoint as the WAC went up to stay 6-4. The last moments of the game turned into a defensive stalemate as the final whistle blew.

Notable standouts for W.C. included forwards Frank Crivelli, playing with a broken cheekbone, Matt Wickwire, and Matt "Rocket" Giller, and in the backs Bishop and Eric Bach. The victory, however, was indeed a team effort and bodes much promise for the spring season. We would like to thank the surprising number of supporters who braved the harsh conditions to attend WCRFC's second home game. This Saturday the Rugby Club will again be hosting the University of Delaware in what will surely turn out to be an exciting rematch. Kickoff is 1 pm at Worton Park.

Baseball Team is selling fruit

The Washington College Baseball Squad is presently conducting a fruit sale on and off the campus. Funds realized from this project will be used to enhance the baseball program and facilities. Several projects, such as improving the infield and the construction of new dugouts, are being considered. The expense of making the annual trip to Florida to play seven games during the spring break has also increased and the cost for transportation for this trip must be covered outside the regular budget.

Each student, has or will, receive shortly in their mailboxes, information concerning the cost of the various boxes of fruit. Included with this information will be an order form which can be mailed back to the Baseball Office. Members of the baseball squad will be contacting students individually about their orders.

Orders may be charged through the bookstore. Just indicate on the order slip whether you wish to pay by check or have it charged to your personal account in the bookstore.

Those who received fruit last year were very satisfied.

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SPORTS

Sabha returns from session with the gods

Sabha was torn away from his duties at the Elm last week because of an emergency meeting on Mount Olympus. He regrets to inform that the gods have not been happy with the Great One this season. Many, including Zeus, have lost serious dinero because of Sabha's blunders causing marital strife and economic problems in the heavens. While Sabha's head hangs low, his prophetic powers are at an all-time high(especially his college picks). Sabha's pigskin picks are as follows:

NFL

WASHINGTON -7 over New Orleans. Saints shall go marching home with an "L" stuffed in their jock straps. Give the points.

ATLANTA +2 over Philadelphia. Elvis hates Buddy - it's that simple. Take the points.

KANSAS CITY -4 over San Diego. The headlines will say Monday morning, "Chiefs trounce the Chargers" - say that ten times fast. Give the points.

Houston -3 over CLEVELAND. Browns don't need a new coach, they need a new quarterback, a new offensive line, new receivers, etc... Give the points.

SEATTLE -3 1/2 over Minnesota. The Vikings should only play outdoors because they stink. Give the points.

Chicago -2 1/2 over DENVER. Elway's going to have to pick up his spine after this one. Give the points.

PHOENIX +5 1/2 over Green Bay. Rumor has it that none of the black Packer players are going to make the trip to Arizona. Take the points.

LA RAMS -9 over Dallas. The only action the Sabha will watch in this game is on the sidelines - go Ram cheerleaders! Oh, by the way, give the points.

Tampa Bay +14 over San Francisco. The Bucs will get some cheezy touchdown late in the game to beat the spread - if not, who cares. Take the points.

NY Jets -2 1/2 over INDIANAPOLIS. Rematch of Super Bowl III(kind of). Give the points.

Pittsburgh +2 1/2 over CINCINNATI. Ickey Wood's mother sews socks that smell. Take the points.

BEST BETS

BUFFALO -15 over New England. Bring back Flutie! Give the points.

NY GIANTS -13 over Detroit. The Pistons have a better shot in this one. Give mucho points and bet mucho bavaros.

MONDAY NIGHT

LA Raiders +3 1/2 over MIAMI. Bo to Sabha: "nice shoes." Take the points.

COLLEGE

AUBURN -17 over Georgia. They shouldn't be called the Bulldogs, they should be called the bull—. Give the points.

COLORADO -32 over Kansas. The Jayhawks at halftime will be clicking their heels three times and saying, "there's no place like home, there's no place like home, there's no place like home." Give the points.

Cincinnati +40 over ALABAMA. The Sabha hopes Bama plays gently. Take the points.

NOTRE DAME -7 over Penn State. If the Irish lose this game, Holtz's penance will be 2000 Hail Mary's and climb to the top of the University Chapel naked.

UCLA +4 1/2 over Usc. Like, no Rose Bowl bid here dudes. But like who cares - it should be a rightous, most totally awesome, funky, cool game fer sure. Take the points, dude, totally.

Sabha's season totals
NFL: 42-35-1
Best Bets: 9-3
College: 10-20

This weekend's rugby pick:

Washington +6 over Delaware. Sabha and the gods concur, this is a lock. By the way, Elvis will be in the crowd.

Tennnis team and individuals ranked high in the nation

Washington College's Men's Tennis Team shined in the latest Volvo Tennis Collegiate Rankings as three members were recognized nationally as well as the team.

The Shoremen are ranked #6 behind #1 ranked rival Swarthmore College, Kalamazoo College(Michigan), University of California, Santa Cruz, Claremont College(California), and Emory University(Georgia).

The top three singles all made the nation's top 50 headed by senior Scott Read(#1). W.C.'s iron curtain representative Irakli Metrevelli is ranked sixth nationally and sophomore transfer Trevor Hurd from Spring, Texas is currently ranked in the national polls 48th.

The Reed and Metrevelli doubles team placed seventh on the Volvo Rankings.

Men's Varsity Eight making waves at the Occoquan Regatta.

photo by Petra Fajerson

Fruit sale

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The fruit is being delivered to the campus on or about Decenber 7th. Those who order will have it to take home just prior to final exams.

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Letters have been sent to the parents of all current W.C. students asking them to participate in this fund raising venture. Students should check with their parents concerning their interest.

If any student wishes to order fruit and they have not been contacted, please contact Baseball Coach Ed Athey. His office is located in the basement of the library. If you so wish, drop your order slip in the intracollege mail.

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Radical politics colloquium given

People are beginning to ask again: What will it take to change the world, to make it better, safer, fairer, healthier? After a decade of passive politics, today's college students have little sense of political activism in the United States, claims Dan Premo, professor and chair of Washington College's department of political science.

As curator of the Louis L. Goldstein Program in Public Affairs, a new academic program at Washington College, Premo hopes to answer that question, to challenge current conservative political thought and to show students politics *can* make a difference, with a four-day colloquium on the future of radical politics in America, beginning Saturday, November 17. The events are also open to the public, free of charge.

The colloquium will provide an historical perspective of radical politics in the United States from the 19th century, exploring the relationship between socialism and democracy, and the impact of feminist thought, as well as prospects for the future. The colloquium features both scholarly and activist participants.

The screening of *Reds*, a film on John Reed and the Russian Revolution directed by and starring Warren Beatty, kicks off the series Saturday, November 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Norman James Theater. A second film, The Front, will be shown in Norman James on Sunday afternoon November 18, at 1:30. *The Front*, directed by Martin Ritt, deals with the blacklisting of writers in the 1950s, and stars Woody Allen and Zero Mostel. A discussion with screenwriter Walter Bernstein will follow.

Bernstein returns Monday afternoon at 4 to discuss with Fred Whitehead "A History of Radical Politics in America." Whitehead, a teaching associate at the University of Kansas School of Medicine, has written extensively on the radical tradition.

A symposium on the future of radical politics in America concludes the colloquium on Tuesday, November 20 at 4 p.m. in Hynson Lounge. Moderated by philosophy professor Kevin Brien, the panel includes long-time political activist Michael Albert, who is co-editor of *Z Magazine*; Carol C. Gould, a professor of philosophy and head of the department of humanities at Stevens Institute of Technology, and Fred Whitehead.

Albert has committed his life to political activism in campus, anti-war, anti-intervention and community projects and movements. Founder of the South End Press, he has authored or co-authored several books, including *Liberating Theory* and *Looking Forward : Toward a Humane Economy for the Twenty-First Century*.

Gould is the author of *Rethinking Democracy: Freedom and Social Cooperation in Politics, Economy, and Society*, and has written extensively on feminist philosophy.

Capital Saxophone Quartet to perform

The Washington College Concert Series is presenting the Capital Saxophone Quartet in concert on Tuesday, November 20. Their performance of classical and jazz music begins at 8:00 p.m. in the Gibson Performing Arts Center.

The Quartet, consisting of saxophones in the soprano, alto, tenor and baritone ranges - is a winner of the 1989 Baltimore Chamber Awards. The ensemble is made up of Christopher Ford (soprano), Robert E. Beeson (alto), Walter Todenhoft (tenor) and Evan Olcott (baritone).

Founded in 1983 when the four members were graduate students at the University of Maryland at College Park, the ensemble has since strived to balance significant, original works for saxophone quartet with works adapted for the group.

Their program for Tuesday's performance includes an arrangement by Christopher Ford of Antonio Vivaldi's first concerto, "La Primavera," of Opus 8, known as the "Four Seasons," and the "Quartett," opus 109 by Alexander Glazunov, a Russian musician who later emigrated to Paris. The ensemble will also perform "Quatour," a "bright, typically French work" by Pierre Max Dubois, the "Threepenny Opera Suite" from Kurt Weill's *Dreigroschen Oper*, and a ragtime suite of Tom Turpin and Scott Joplin tunes.

This performance is sponsored in part by the Peggy and Yale Gordon Trust. Tickets are $10 for adults; admission for students and children 18 and under is free.

Upcoming

The International House will present Maureen Ahern, Professor of Anthropology at Ohio State University, speaking on "The First Spanish-Indian Contact in the Southwest: a 1540 report." The talk will take place at East Hall, Tuesday, November 27 at 7:30 p.m.

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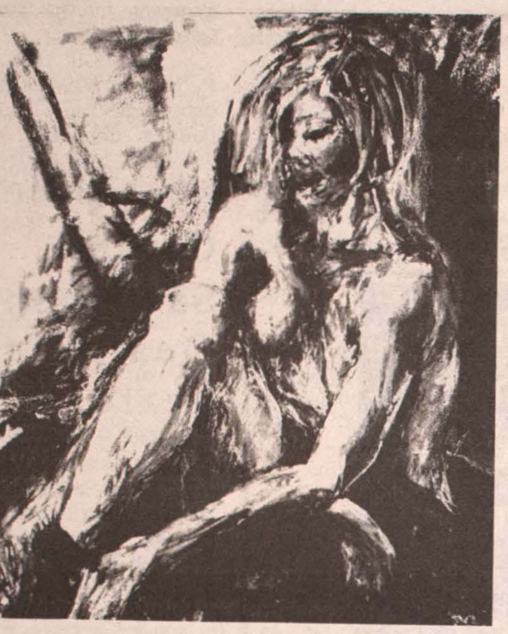
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Terry Wolf exhibition

Eastern Shore artist Terry Wolf will exhibit his recent paintings, including landscapes and figure studies, at Washington College from November 16 to December 16. The exhibit, in the Gibson Performing Arts Center, will be open Thursday through Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. and there will be an opening reception Friday, November 16 at 6 p.m. Admission is free and the public is encouraged to attend.



Terry Wolf has exhibited his paintings at many galleries on the Delmarva peninsula, including Hard Castle's, Muriels Gallery, Veron Good Gallery, the University of Delaware, and the Rehobeth Art League in Delaware; the Chads Ford Gallery in Pennsylvania, and several galleries in Chestertown. Of his painting, Wolf says, "I am interested in the expressive illustrative aspects of painting. The object means everything to me, whether it's in a landscape or a figurative work. I take the object and through color and line press out meanings to give new ways of seeing familiar objects."

Wolf was educated at the Taylor School of Art in Wilmington Delaware and the Barnes Foundation in Merion, Pennsylvania.

Wolf, who works in both pastels and oils, says "my pastels are not done in a traditional manner, but built up loosely in many layers, usually on canvas. My oils are used for a slower, in-depth study of the object." Wolf paints on the Eastern Shore and in Maine, and the "wildness, calmness and appeal to the senses" of both places play an important role in his landscapes.

FBI investigator to discuss explosives

The Washington College Lecture Committee will present a lecture by Dr. Frederick W. Whitehurst, Supervisory Special Agent with the Scientific Analysis Section of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Thursday, November 29 at 8 p.m. in the lecture hall of the Dunning Science Building. The talk, "Terrorist Explosives: In Plain View," is subtitled "Tracking Terrorists Through the Scientific Method," and will present the latest information on scientific methods of identifying terrorist material.

Frederick Whitehurst is part of the Laboratory Division of the FBI and his section specializes in the analysis of bombs and explosive devices. The FBI scientific investigation teams take both a reactive approach - going to the scene of an incident and gathering evidence - and a proactive approach - predicting the types of devices which will be used by terrorist groups in possible future incidents - to their investigations. Whitehurst began his career with the FBI as a special agent and worked for four years investigating bank robberies, chasing fugitives, and conducting narcotics investigations in Texas and on the West Coast. He has been at the J. Edgar Hoover Laboratories in Washington, D.C. for four and a half years. His educational background includes an undergraduate degree from East Carolina University and a P.H.D. in quantum chemistry from Duke University in 1982.

Dr. Whitehurst will be available for conferences with students interested in a possible career with the FBI. Students interested in scheduling a meeting with Dr. Whitehurst on November 29 should contact the Career Development office at 778-2800, ext. 311, to arrange an appointment with Dr. Whitehurst.

Winkelman

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prevails. Why did you not confront me before you scribbled your opinions to the editor?

I will accept an apology in next weeks *Elm* for your false accusations.

Until then remember "If you can't bark with the big dogs, get off the porch."

The Great Dane,
Michael J. Winkelman

SGA

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Cann, who proposed that the SGA contact Neiman directly to request his resignation, remarked that he felt "if Stu were to return, the disruption would be even worse - - nothing personal."

Freshman class president Lionel Dyson took the point of view that "A public decree against Stu would only be detrimental to his mental well being should he return. And there are far more diplomatic means of pursuing his resignation then by compelling him to do so as a result of public ridicule."

Acting President Kevin Kelly focused on what he would like to accomplish, not on the Neiman controversy. Kelly would like to see an equal student faculty ratio and an end to the cable question. "My primary goal for this semester is to finish the cable issue and send a proposal to the administration. Second, to make the student representation on Academic Council equal to the faculty, and third to bring better bands to campus." When pressed about Neiman, Kelly responded, "If the student body feels that it's important that Stu resign or be impeached, I will support that."

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Former SGA President, Stuart Neiman

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Neiman removed from office

By: Laura Hopper

Stuart Neiman was removed from the office of SGA president by a Senate vote of 12 to 7 on Tuesday night, November 11. The action took place during a regualr meeting. After dispensing with regular business, Kelly read a letter from Steven Bruchey, president of the Senior class, asking the SGA to remove Neiman from office in accordance with Article IV, Section III of the SGA constitution which states that "Any member, group, or class, within the SGA may request, in writing, the removal from office of any representative serving in the Senate, SAB, or SCC."

Bruchey explained his request for Neiman's removal is based on the fact that as Neiman is not on campus, but on medical leave in Florida, he can not fulfill his duties as SGA president. Bruchey then introduced a motion for the removal of Neiman.

SGA Treasurer Brian Gimelson then read a statement from Neiman "You have to do what you have to do to best represent your constituents, I recognize that. I'm not going to resign until I have the opportunity to defend myself, and I have an opportunity to speak with those people to who me to resign. That would happen in January when I return to Washington College. If things are operating functionally under Sparky's administration then that's fine, and I think they should continue as such. I don't think that should be forced to make a decision while I'm convalescing until January. In January, I'll either be part of impeachment proceedings, I'll find out what's taken place, or, if asked to by the college, I'll resign."

Senators Vince Sanudo and John Kelly both suggested waiting until next semester to before attempting to impeach or remove Neiman from office. Freshman class president Lionel Dyson requested a roll call vote with the results to be posted in every dorm along with the minutes from the SGA meeting, stating that if the Senators felt so strongly about removing Neiman from office, they should also be willing to attach their names to such an action. Off-campus senator Cyndi Bucci stressed that senators should vote according to the wishes of their constituents, not according to any personal feelings they might have about Neiman.

The senate passed Dyson's motion for a roll call vote 10 to 8 with one abstention. The roll call vote on Neiman's removal was 12 in favor, 7 not in favor, no abstentions. Kelly and Frank were then re-sworn in by parlaimentarian Gordy Scherer. When asked to comment on Neiman's removal, Kelly responded, "I wish he could have been here to defend himself. But I think it's important that we got the issue settled. I think the senators handled themselves admirably."

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Hessey answers rumors

By: Kyndra Ponder

In an interview yesterday with *The Elm*, Gene Hessey - Vice President of Finance at Washington College - clarified many rumors that have been circulating around campus regarding the accidental shooting of Stuart Neiman.

Hessey confirmed that "security personnel were aware" that Neiman was storing weapons in his room. He added that "the department exercised poor judgement" by allowing Neiman to keep the guns instead of putting them in storage as College Policy mandates.

Hessey reported that last spring, Neiman approached the Security Department to ask for permission to keep what the department believed was a gun collection in his room and that security "suggested off-campus storage." Apparently, Neiman did not like that option and when he returned to campus in the fall, offered to "place the weapons in a secured safe". The Security Department agreed after having verified that the guns were properly registered, allowed Neiman to store them in his room on campus.

Although Hessey would not release the names of specific officers involved, he did say that "a reprimand has been issued" to those officers who knew.

When asked for further detail regarding the reprimand, Hessey would only say that those involved were strongly reminded that "College Policy is what the department is charged to enforce" and that at no time should such a decision have

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College responds to Neiman shooting

By: Kyndra Ponder

Last Tuesday afternoon, students were invited to Norman James Theater to "discuss campus safety and related concerns with the Director of Campus Security and the Deans of Students."

Although attendance was poor during the first several minutes of the meeting, Dean Maxcy, Dean McIntyre and Director of Security Jerry Roderick used this time to answer questions from the Elm regarding the Stuart Neiman incident, involving the SGA president's accidental shooting on Halloween. When asked why the college has released no official statement regarding the shooting, Dean McIntyre responded that Neiman's rights under the Buckley Amendment, which protects student privacy, prevent the release of certain information. She went on to add that Stuart Neiman is on medical leave from Washington College as a result of what the Chestertown police have termed an accidental shooting, and is "receiving both medical and psychological help."

McIntyre also stated that while Neiman would like to return to the campus next semester, the "final decision is not his to make," adding that the administration is primarily concerned with the health and safety of Neiman, as well as of other students.

When questioned about whether Neiman will receive a reprimand if he returns to college, Maxcy stated that he will have to appear before the Judicial Screening Board, made up of students from the Student Affairs Committee.

When asked whether he was aware that Neiman stored firearms in his room in violation of the school's code, Roderick refused to answer and referred

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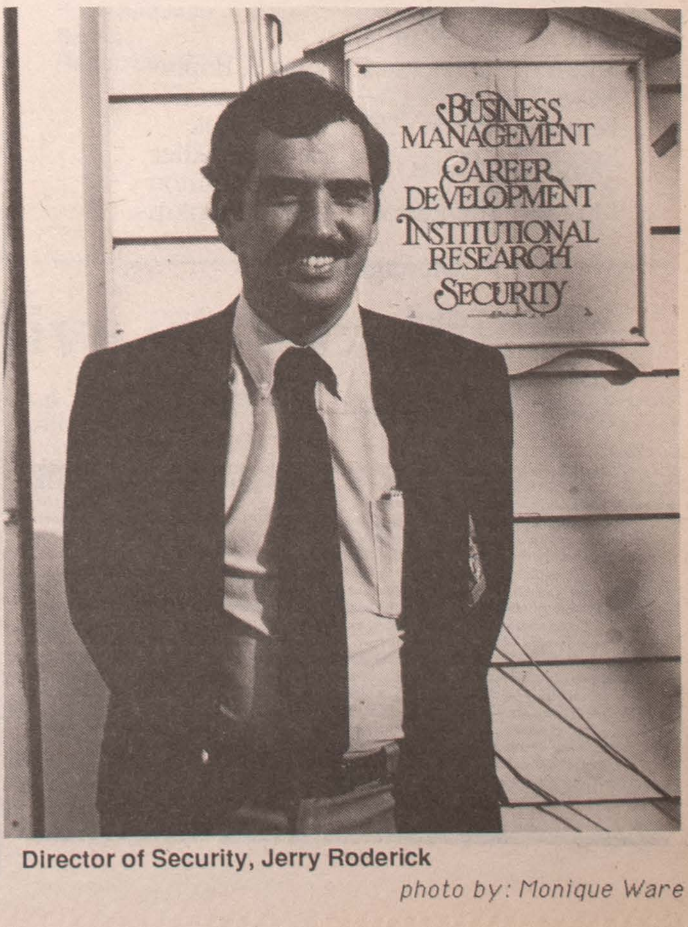

Director of Security, Jerry Roderick

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EDITORIAL

Winken, blinken, Neiman, and Security

Winken, blinken, Neiman and Security...

Gene Hessey, Vice President for Finance and in charge of security for the "Neiman case," has confirmed the rumor that most of the campus has already heard. Security knew about Stuart Neiman's collection of firearms and ammunition, and permitted him to store them in his room. An act which ended up endangering his life, and could have endangered all of ours. But before we start outright condemning everyone who was even slightly involved in the case, let's clarify the situation a little.

One, as president of the student body, Neiman must have seemed a stable, reliable person who would do his up most to prevent any accidents from occurring. With his cigar, navy suit, and skills of persuasion, he would have done his best to reinforce this image.

Two, with all the allegations of possession of illegal firearms, drugs, etc...it was probably a relief to find a student who, although he wanted to break college policy, at least had the good manners to inform the appropriate college agency that he would be breaking college policy.

Now where does that leave the College?

Between a rock and a hard place. What's to be done about Neiman? Should he be allowed to return to campus? Should he face the SCC? If he does, what should his punishment be?

Here's a suggestion. If Neiman returns, make him face charges in front of the SCC. Since he is partly responsible for the accident (partly, because Security knew about the weapons, but didn't make him store them in the proper place,) he should pay for any damages. He should also demonstrate the love he supposedly has for Washington College by, shall we say, working the entire phonathon, or some equivalent community service project. This way, the College gets the benefit of his obviously superior skills of persuasion, while not allowing him off the hook.

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Letters to the Editor

Trout reiterates campus firearms policy

Dear Editor,

On November 14th, I sent to all Resident Assistants the following memorandum and I want to share this message with the entire community:

In response to recent queries about Washington College's policy that governs the possession of guns on campus, I wish to call to your attention and that of the entire student body the following as stated on page 23 of the student handbook:

Students may not possess or use fireworks or firearms of any kind anywhere on campus; however, those wishing to take advantage of local hunting may store firearms in the safe in the Business Office.

I request that you meet with those residents who live on your floor with the purpose of re-explaining the policy.

Please note that the Administration is granting those resident students who own and possess guns on-campus, which have not been registered with Campus Security, a seven-day amnesty period in which to register the gun or guns. Any student found in possession of a gun or guns that have not been registered with Campus Security will run the risk of immediate expulsion from Washington College.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,
Charles H. Trout
President

Daignault apologize to Winkleman?

To 'The Great Dane',

I see that you are expecting me to give you an apology, but alas I cannot. I think for once you should learn that not all journalists are expected or required to redefine their work. On the contrary they should stand behind it fully. So that, Mr. Winkleman, is what I'm doing. The reason that you are not getting your apology is simple, and you already know why. The title of my letter to the editor was not thought of by myself. Therefore I never said that you did not know Stu. In fact after we talked the other

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Seniors!!!

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CAMPUS VOICES

Issue: Do you feel Washington College's Health Services are adequate? Why or why not?

Money for health care, not bricks and shrubs

Patricia Karnes

I do not think that the Health Services at Washington College are adequate. They do serve a needed purpose here, to an extent, however for those students who get ill (inconveniently) at 4:00 in the afternoon, the Health Services are not open to provide care.

The hours are just not adequate. I - as a science major who spends all afternoon in labs many weekdays - should remember to get sick between 8:30 and 3:30 and definitely not on the weekends! What happens to a student who catches a particularly nasty strain of flu on Friday and is, by Monday, dehydrated? In this case, a fairly routine illness turns into a very serious problem because the student did not have access to health care during the weekend.

I also think that one of the problems with Health Services is that they are seriously understaffed. Let's face it, two part time doctors for 900 students is ridiculous. Granted, most students don't need to see a doctor and can be helped with a few aspirin, a little cough syrup or even the handy-dandy over-used cure-all - antibiotics (which don't really help if you have a virus!) There are however, those students who need something more than a handful of pills and the direction to "Go home and sleep. Come back tomorrow if you aren't better". They need to see a doctor and more often than not, there is just not a doctor around.

In order to help both problems - the lack of hours and the understaffing at Health Services - Washington College could invest more time and money directly into the things that the students need rather than spending the resources on things that affect us indirectly. Take for example, the Academic Resources Center. Do we really need it? The new phone system, the dying trees in front of Cullen and the all-brick fire lane are also fine examples of the unnecessary expenditures that the school has made.

Granted, these things all help to improve the college's appearance, but in the process, 900 students have been ignored. Health care is one of the services that cannot and should not be ignored.

I want to go into the health care field and I hope that my attitude toward my patients will be one of compassion and not one directed toward building a monetary facade. In other words, health care should do what it says, care for people's well-being instead of conveniently and haphazardly pushing them aside, collecting the fee then going on to the next poor soul. By concentrating on material goods and appearances, the college is denying Health Services much needed money and causing them to do just that.

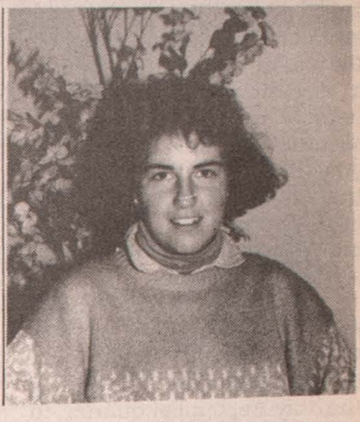
Patricia Karnes is a junior biology major who hopes to attend medical school.

I hate to sound unappreciative toward any type of college service; however I would hardly consider the care administered by the Health Services adequate. I think that most important the facility should expand its hours – it seems as though every time I need medical attention, the doctor is 'out.'

Heather Ann Scholtz
Junior
Brick, NJ

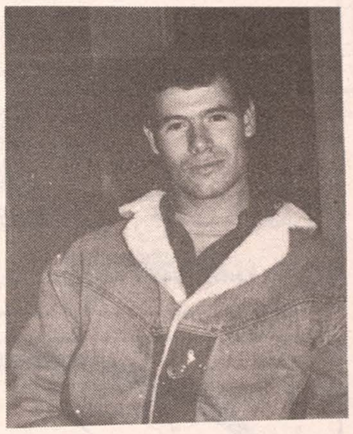
Well, I try to limit my illnesses to when Dr. Ross is here . . . any other time I convince myself I'm not sick.

Renee King
Senior
Bethlehem, PA



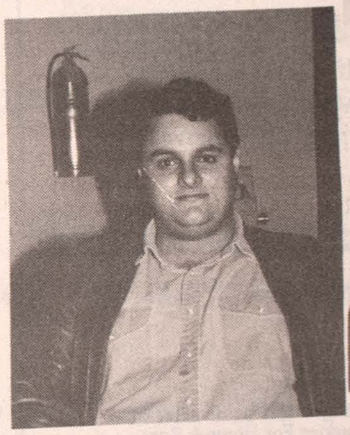
No, the physical medicine of the Health Services is not adequate. I feel I can only trust my family physician. However, the psychological aspect of the Health Services is well equipped, and is often over-burdened.

Suzanne M. Hewes
Senior
Manchester, MD



The two times I have been there, I felt that the Doctor's bedside manner left a lot to be desired.

Justin I. McIntyre
Senior
Bishop, CA



I have not been there since my freshman year; but when I went they gave me a cough drop and I felt MUCH better.

Fred Johnston
Senior
Baltimore, MD

I feel the Health Services do an O.K. job for the minor illnesses we sometimes suffer from. Although during my first experience at the Health Center I thought they were spearing my tonsils; instead of taking a throat culture, but in the long run I did get better and that's what counts.

Susan Czchowski
Freshman
Holbrook, NY

photos by Kevin Decker

Brown bags, cough drops, and drive up windows

Mike Winkelman

Who cares about the health services? Aside from hypochondriacs, students only go to the health service twice a year, i.e. a token visit each semester. These visits are usually to receive armloads of free medicine to cure the common cold. Occasionally "pink eye," strep throat, or minor bronchitis warrant the simple issuing of minor antibiotics. Therefore, why does Washington College need a physician?

Might I suggest a replacement for one campus physician; a drive through drug window. Students would have the chance to receive drugs by simply driving or walking through the lounge of Queen Anne's. Located in the lounge would be a student (work study campus job) with assorted brown bags. Each bag would contain random types of medicines with no labels. You would then return to your room and continue to take these "mystery" pills until you became well again, assuming you were well in the beginning.

For those of you more advanced in the medical field, i.e. non-biology majors, the opportunity will exist for you to choose the medicine of your choice. A few pointers have been given to me by Dr. X.

Bad cough: first visit - cough medicine; second visit - bronchitis, more cough medicine and antibiotics.

Reddening of the eye: first visit - put a patch over it; second visit - pink eye, eye drops and antibiotics.

Sore throat: first visit - don't talk; second visit - strep throat, throat lozenges and antibiotics.

Crotch itch: first visit - scratch em!; second visit - sell a bushel for ten dollars.

Aside from these basic medical procedures, Dr. X is essentially a referral service. Our counselors are fantastic, therefore all suitable cases are referred to them by the doctor. Such major problems as surgeries are referred to the hospital. And anyone socially imbibing on a weekend night that happens to injure themselves is not going to call Dr. X for help.

Many women have approached me lately and complained, "every time I go to see Dr. X the first thing he asks me is, 'Are you pregnant?'" Calm down ladies, illegitimate children are hard to locate these days.

However, if the college decides to keep these medical experts it should be required to print a monthly listing of STD statistics. The dorm with the most STDs would win a case of condoms. It could be scored on a points system ranging from herpes simplex one for 1 point

see Winkelman, pg 12.

OUTLOOK

In the world: Margaret Thatcher steps down

United States

A report issued this week by the nation's top business economists said that the soaring oil prices following the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait have pushed the nation's ailing economy into a recession. A recession is usually defined as two consecutive quarters of declining gross national product. If indeed true, this recession ended an eight year period of continuous growth of the nation's economy, a post-war record.

The Commerce Department simultaneously reported that the United States trade deficit jumped 28.9 percent in the July-September quarter, to $29.75 billion, the highest imbalance in a year. Imports rose 5% to a record $125. 91 billion, as the Persian Gulf crisis drove up the costs of oil. Exports, dampened by the falling overseas demand for US farm products fell 0.6 % to $90.16 billion.

Soviet Union

In an attempt to prevent the disintegration of the Soviet Union, President Mikhail Gorbachev has begun an aggressive, high-stakes campaign to persuade or bludgeon all fifteen republics into the union treaty he has proposed. Alarmed by the "heated rhetoric," the three Baltic republics which declared their independence from the Soviet Union last spring, decided to hold an emergency joint session of their parliaments to discuss the threat of economic or military action. A union would be imaginable without the Baltic republics, however, Gorbachev is also at odds on this matter with his political rival, Boris Yeltsin, a leader in the giant Russian Federation. Without the Russian Federation, a union is unthinkable.

Great Britain

Earlier this week, Chancellor of the Exchequer John Major was selected as the new Conservative Party leader and prime minister to succeed Margaret Thatcher. At 47, he will become the youngest prime minister since 1783. The morning after Mr. Major's selection, Margaret Thatcher turned her resignation into Queen Elizabeth II, after eleven years in power. Within hours, Mr. Major was invited to form a new government. Mr. Major was Mrs. Thatcher's choice as a successor. He has committed himself to "building on" her achievements.

Iraq

It was decided earlier this week, in a meeting between the United States and the Soviet Union, that Iraq would have until January 15 to leave Kuwait. After this date, Iraq faces a possible UN-sanctioned military attack. The resolution will be voted on by the UN Security Council later this week, however, the United States already has an agreement on measure from the Security Council members who could kill the resolution with a veto. Only four more votes are needed for the resolution to pass.

Panama

General Manuel Noriega's taped prison conversations show he was shifting assets around the world at the same time he pleaded poverty before a federal judge, according to court papers filed earlier this week by an attorney for the government of Panama in its $6.5 billion lawsuit against Noriega. There is believed to be $300-$500 billion of assets around the world. General Noriega's attorney disputed the claim during a hearing before a United States court judge.

compiled by Jennifer Stickney. Ms. Stickney is a sophomore intending to major is Psychology.

Asthma — Get the Facts

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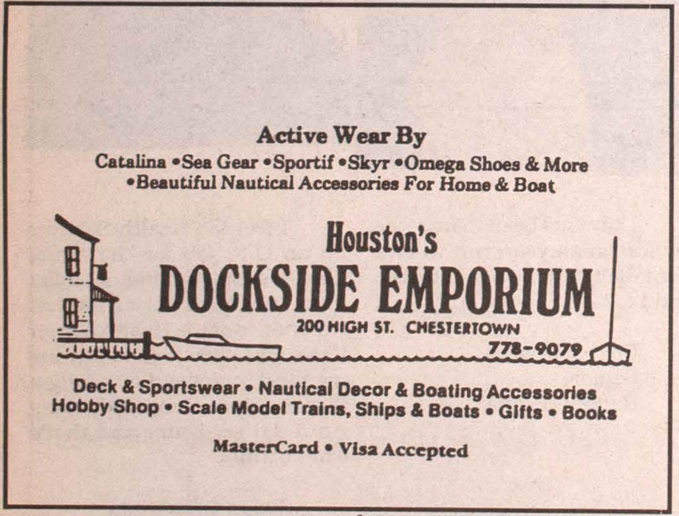
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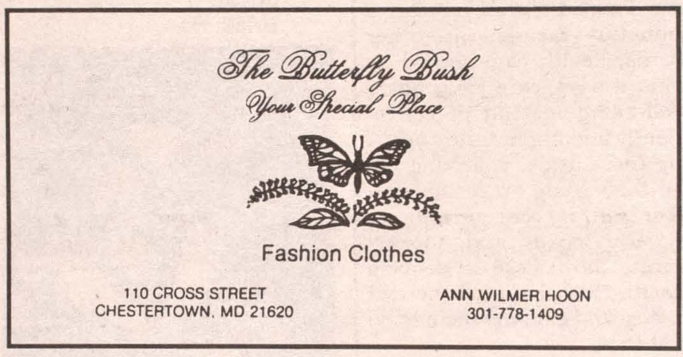
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OUTLOOK

The Greek update: the brothers of Kappa Alpha

This fall has proved to be a busy semester for the brothers of Kappa Alpha Order. As in the past, the Beta Omega chapter of Kappa Alpha Order is involving itself in numerous community service projects.

Traditionally Labor Day is not only the last hurrah of summer, but also the weekend of the Jerry Lewis Telethon to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. On Labor Day, the Chestertown Jaycee's decided to hold a carnival to help raise additional funds for MDA. In previous years the Jaycee's have only worked the phones, taking pledges from the Kent County region, so the addition of a carnival meant more work for the Jaycees. In an effort to help lessen the burden on the Jaycees, the brothers of Kappa Alpha volunteered their time to help man the phones. Kappa Alpha also sent brothers over to help work the booths on the day of the carnival. A dozen KA's in all were involved in everything from the dunking booth to the ring toss, one of our brothers went so far as to dress up as Chessie the Chesapeake creature.

October 6, 1990 was not only an important day for the College, with the inauguration of President Trout, but also an important one for the community as the Lion's Club held their annual Chicken Barbecue. Both these events kept the brothers of Kappa Alpha busy. At nine o'clock Saturday morning a group of KA's headed across 213 to the Lutheran Church to help the Lions cook the chicken dinners. On campus we had brothers serving as tour guides for visiting guests, and also as ushers during the inauguration. That evening four brothers volunteered to be ushers for the special performance of the Manhattan String Quartet. Additionally, Kappa Alpha Order provides ushers throughout the year for the Washington College Concert Series.

Nothing brings a town together more than a local service project that will benefit the entire community. On Thursday, October 31, 1990 local volunteers from across Kent County were on hand to help with the construction of Garnett Elementary School's new playground. The outpouring of assistance continued throughout the five days of labor intensive construction. A valuable part of the volunteer work was provided by students and organizations from Washington College. The brothers of Beta Omega played an important role in this community effort. Twenty brothers were in involved in different aspects of the project. The brothers of Kappa Alpha Order accounted for roughly sixty-five man hours of service, the most of any Greek organization on the campus, and brothers were at the site every day during the five days of construction. One brother spent his entire day, from eight in the morning until nine at night, helping out. Due to the high level of participation by both the college and local community, the event proved to be an impressive success, and it gave the brothers of Beta Omega a chance to get out and show their support for another worthy cause in the Chestertown area.

On Wednesday, November 7, 1990, the brothers of Beta Omega put Advising Day to good use. A day that would normally have been spent sleeping, avoiding class work, and generally being lazy, instead was used to paint the interior of Middle Hall. The necessary paint and brushes were provided by the Maintenance Department, while Beta Omega constituted the labor force. Beginning around eleven in the morning and continuing throughout the day, brothers worked in shifts of four to five painting the walls and trim on all three floors. The next phase of the project will involve the replacement of the old molding in the building. This work will be done in conjunction will minor wall repairs and a complete repainting of the stairwells. The Maintenance Staff will be handling all of this work because of liability concerns.

The Sisters of Alpha Chi Omega, Beta Pi chapter sponsor an annual *Casino Night* to raise money for local charities. This year the event took place on Saturday, November 16, 1990. It was held in conjunction with a special event in the Coffee House. A Baltimore based band, **Disappear Fear**, was cosponsored by the Coffee House and the SGA to provide music and alternative entertainment.

Volunteers from various campus organizations, both Greek and non-Greek, were on hand to work. Among those present were eight brothers from Kappa Alpha Order. The event ran from eight until midnight and included blackjack, roulette, a raffle, poker, and other games of chance. Each volunteer was responsible for a gaming table, and worked one,

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To the Editor, Students, Faculty, Parents and Board of Visitors and Governors of Washington College:

We are writing to let it be known that the Student Government Association of Washington College, on Monday November 5, 1990 voted unanimously that we want EQUAL representation on the Academic Council. At present, the Council consist of six voting students, and six voting faculty. A proposition has been made by an Ad-Hoc Committee to change this voting number to One Student, and Four Faculty, a ratio which we find highly inadequate and unacceptable. We believe that streamlining the Council is a good idea, but not at the risk of losing student rights. We are asking the faculty to vote to have Three Voting Students and Three Voting Faculty members on the Council, thus preserving the equal ratio requested. Please consider this proposition seriously, as the future of this student body is one of our greatest concerns. Respectfully,

**The Student Government Association
of Washington College.**

Stuart Neiman, currently in Florida, was removed from office by the SGA Senate last week. Despite this, Neiman hopes to return to campus next semester

photo by Jeff Hopkins

Stu: the interview

By Laura Hopper

Early on the morning of November 1st, Stuart Neiman accidentally shot himself in the leg. Within hours, rumors were flying around the campus about the nature of the shooting as well as the number and type of weapons removed from Neiman's room by the Chestertown police department. Granted medical leave by the college, Neiman returned to south Florida, while Kevin Kelly, SGA Vice President, assumed Neiman's office as acting president. This past week, the SGA voted to remove Neiman from office. Neiman is still in south Florida and agreed to a brief phone interview.

The Elm: We've all heard about the amount of guns and ammunition you had in your room. Why did you feel it was necessary to bring them with you to College?

Neiman: "Shooting is my hobby. I am a gun collector, and although I fully realize that it was against the rules of the College, I felt compelled to keep my collection under my immediate responsibility. I took every precaution, including purchasing a fire-proof, bomb-proof safe in which to store the weapons. That safe was then hidden inside of a make-shift nightstand and I was the only person who knew the combination. And lastly, I am not the only person on campus with guns in his or her possession."

Elm: You knew it was against college policy, but you still kept your guns in your room?

Neiman: "Anyone who thinks that I am the only one who has taken liberty over school rules is living in a dream world, considering the underage drinking, drug use, animals and long term guests that can be found on campus. I am not justifying my actions, I know what I did was wrong and I am willing to accept the responsibility for my actions.

Elm: What happened that night?

Neiman: "I couldn't sleep since I'd slept most of the day. I got up around 3 A.M. and decided to clean my gun.

Elm: You woke up at 3 in the morning and decided to clean your gun? Why?

Neiman: "My gun was dirty so I decided to clean it. I know it sounds crazy but that's the truth, that's what happened."

Elm: So what did happen?

Neiman: I was using an aerosol propellant to clean the gun. I opened the door to the hall, propped the barrel against my leg. I heard a loud pop. I dropped the gun. I closed the door and noticed a hole in my pants. I didn't feel a thing. About ten seconds later I noticed blood up and down my leg."

Elm: The police report mentions that you told two different stories about the shooting. Do you mind commenting on that?

Neiman: "My story changed out of panic and embarrassment. Getting shot has a funny effect on your thinking."

Elm: You realize that the SGA has removed you from office. Do you plan to fight the removal?

Neiman: "No. I have no anger. I understand where its coming from but by not having been given a chance to speak to the people who voted to remove me from office, and by not being given a chance to speak to their constituents, I don't feel the action was completely fair. I don't believe this action was necessary immediately, I believe it could have waited. While I have no anger, I don't feel as though I was treated fairly because no one knew what had happened. The vote was based on rumor and on a misunderstanding of the situation. I know this to be true because when was I given a chance to explain and defend myself?

Elm: Why do you feel the need to defend yourself?

Neiman: "Because I feel as though I'm being attacked. I feel as though I'm being attacked because there are rumors circulating and a rumor is an indirect way of attacking someone."

Elm: Why do you want to return to Washington College?

Neiman: "I've been asked that question by my family, the deans, and by other students. My answer is simply this, I love Washington College. I've invested three years of my life and energy into this academic environment. I've held representative positions since my first year and have served in more elected and appointed organizations that any other student in this school."

Elm: Wouldn't it be easier to start over at a different institution?

Neiman: "No, I'm not embarrassed by an accident. There are still members of the community who believe in me. I have many friends, and I owe something to the people who have stood by me, and I owe it to myself to continue in an area that I have invested so much of my life in."

Elm: What about your future plans? Would you try to run for office again at Washington College?

Neiman: "No comment. I've not thought about it yet. All

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FEATURES

A modest proposal for a Secretary of the Environment

By David Searles

Last spring, President Bush attempted to act as the "environmental president," as he campaigned to do so. It is time for Congress to make it reality.

Bush had announced that he was going to elevate the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to cabinet level status, to show the world the environmental concerns we have. Unfortunately, knowing Bush, this was more PR than reality. It can become reality, if Congress authorizes the creation of a Department of the Environment. While we are at it, the department should include combining all heritage and natural resources agencies into this department. The new department should be called the Department of Environment, Heritage and Natural Resources.

This is not a new idea. It was a dream of former Democratic U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin, the father of Earth Day, in the late '60s and in the '70s. It was part of his environmental campaign that we would have such a department. His dream is long over due in becoming reality. The department building could be called the Senator Gaylord Nelson Hall, in his honor and for his environmental efforts. It would also be nice if he was appointed as the department's first secretary. In reality, though, Bush is not that serious about the environment, and our heritage and natural resources.

It would probably be better to create two separate departments; environment as part of a Department of Environment, Science and Technology, and a Department of Heritage and Natural Resources. We will be lucky to get one combined department, though. At least with this proposal, all environmental and all heritage and natural resources agencies would be combined within one department. Presently, they are scattered throughout the bureaucracy, where they are lost when it comes to priorities, budgeting and good management. They are also susceptible to politics, when in reality, their missions should be the same, regardless of which administration or political party is in power.

The 1990s will be the environmental decade, as it should be. Our existence depends upon it. It is time for the President, Congress and America to recognize this fact. Creating a Department of Environment, Heritage and Natural Resources would be an excellent beginning.

David J. Searles is a graduate student here.

Daignault on the change of seasons

Emily Daignault

Autumn. The time of change in which Mother Nature takes her paints out and splashs new hues to the grass and trees. But what else happens in Autumn? The wind blows colder, the days seem longer, and the mornings seem rougher. The stores go crazy with the anticipation of Christmas, so much so that they seem to forget Thanksgiving. But as the winds blow colder around our cozy bungalow here in Chestertown, we see other seasonal adaptations. The fall athletic teams wind their seasons to a close (all except Crew, that is) The standard of dress is changed to warmer clothes like sweaters and down jackets. Another sight now, is people counting down the days until we are released from this fine institution we're in.

The leaves twist in their last rites and finally descend upon the Earth, as a nearby gust swoops them up off of their grave and twirls them through quadruple loops. The clouds in the sky accent the pastel lit night as darkness fades

see Daignault, pg 12.

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SPORTS

Women's swim team wins 3 on the road

By Matt Giller

In the last two weeks the women's swim team won three straight on the road without a defeat in impressive fashion. The Shorewomen first defeated Salisbury State (127-78), then Juniata (118-84), and finally Goucher (147-60) to improve their record to three wins and one loss.

Their first match that pitted them against the Sea Urchins of Salisbury State looked good right from the opening heat. The Medley Relay team of Jennifer Green, Jennifer McCartney, Mimi Devlin, and Vicki Vahos started the evening with a first place swim. In the same heat, the team of Kelly Loftus, Devin Buck, Joan Colton, and Karen Prendergast placed third.

Kasey Carroll led with three individual firsts in the 800 Freestyle, 200 IM, and the 400 Free. Senior Sam Streamer won the 50 and 100 Freestyle while Mimi Devlin won the 100 Butterfly and 100 Breastroke. Jennifer Green impressed as she won the 100 Backstroke.

Vicki Vahos, Ramsey Bigham, Kristin Callazzo, and Sam Streamer won the 200 Free Relay to round out the medals in the team's first win of the 1990-91 season.

The long trek to Juniata College in Pennsylvania obviously did not bother the Shorewomen as they won impressively (118-84) over a good MAC team.

Carroll, Streamer, and Devlin led the group with eight firsts between them. Carroll (3 firsts) continued her attack in the grueling 800 Meter Free with a first and broke W.C.'s record in the 200 IM. Carroll then won an event she hasn't swum competitively in two years - the 200 Breastroke.

Streamer easily won the 200 and 400 Freestyles and joined Green, Magdalena Fuchs, and junior Karen Brady for first in the 400 Freestyle Relay.

Freshman Devlin had impressive swims in the 50 free and 200 butterfly. The other freshman who impressed was Green, who continues to improve, with a first place finish in the 200 Backstroke.

Other outstanding swims: Vicki Vahos(200 Free, 200 Backstroke), Joan Colton (200 Butterfly), McCartney (200 Butterfly, 200 Breaststroke) Fuchs (200 Freestyle), Callazzo (400 Freestyle).

Coach Kim Lessard commented on the two impressive victories. "These past two meets allowed us to move swimmers around in some different events and we look very strong. Times are continuing to drop and we'll be ready for our tough conference meet against Widener."

Their successful road trip culminated in their most recent meet. The Shorewomen embarrassed Goucher in front of their home crowd. The 147-60 thrashing of Goucher improved the WAC record to 3-1. The whole team swam well but some surprises came from Brady who won the 100 Butterfly the first time she ever swam it. Colton placed second behind her. Karen Prendergast qualified for the MAC's in the 100 Backstroke. Fuchs, by winning the 200 and 500 freestyles, qualifies for the MAC's as well. McCartney joined the bevy of WAC swimmers at the MAC's by winning the 100 Breastroke.

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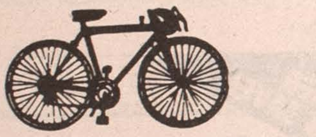

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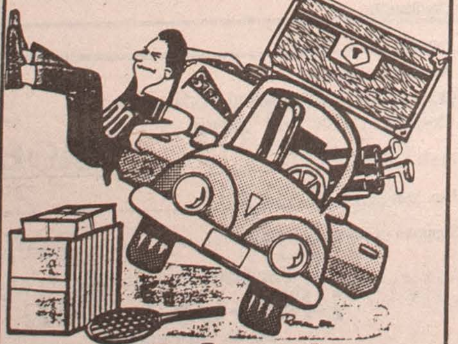

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The Great Sabha returns from his turkey feast. Matt Giller generously took him to his house so the Great One could experience the All-American Thanksgiving. The Sabha has been fattened and ready to prophecize so more pigskin picks.

NFL

WASHINGTON -2 1/2 over Miami. The Skins just flat out will not lose. Give the points.

BUFFALO -3 1/2 over Philadelphia. Bruce Smith will hit Randall so hard it'll hurt his feelings. Give the points.

TAMPA BAY +1 1/2 over Atlanta. Vinnie should dim Neon Deion. Take the points.

CLEVELAND + 3 1/2 over LA rams. The Dog Pound's bark will probably be good enough to beat the Rams. Take the points.

PITTSBURGH -4 over Cincinnati. Its the battle of stupid names - Bubby vs Boomer. Give the points.

PHOENIX -3 over Indianapolis. Wake the Sabha up when this is over. Those who care, give the points.

DENVER +3 over LA Raiders. Sabha's shocker of the week. The Broncs have had ten days to lick their sores; they should ready for this one. Take the points.

SAN DIEGO -6 over NY Jets. The Jets' attack hasn't gotten off the ground since Broadway Joe - don't expect anything this week either. Give the points.

Houston pick 'em over SEATTLE. Sabha just feels it. Pick the Oilers.

DALLAS +1 1/2 over New Orleans. Sabha loves the boy named Troy. Take the points.

MINNESOTA -3 1/2 over Green Bay. Somebody woke up the Vikes last week. Maybe they'll stay awake this week long enough to pull it out. Give the points.

BEST BETS

Kansas City -7 over NEW ENGLAND. Hey Pats, psst, Flutie could use a job. Give the points.

Detroit +9 over CHICAGO. The Sabha doesn't necessarily say the Lions will win, just cover the spread, and after all that is the name of the game. Take the points.

MONDAY NIGHT

SAN FRANCISCO -3 1/2 over NY Giants. No gays by the bay Monday night. Give the points.

COLLEGE

Houston -13 over Arizona State. It's amazing that these two universities with such academic prowess could allow thier students to miss so much class to play in a dumb football game in Tokyo. Anyway give the points.

GEORGIA +15 over Georgia Tech. These are never blowouts. Take the points.

FLORIDA STATE -3 over Florida. This game should be played in Daytona Beach over Spring Break. Give the points.

TEXAS -8 over Texas A&M. No steers and queers in this game. Give the points.

Tennessee -27 1/2 over VANDERBILT. The Sabha hates country music, but he likes the Volunteers. Give the points.

Sabha's picks thus far:

NFL: 50-41-1
BEST BETS: 10-4
COLLEGE: 13-22

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College responds

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The Elm to Gene Hessey, Senior Vice President for Management and Finance, who is involved with the investigation of the Neiman case. Roderick went on to add that the security office makes provisions to store weapons in the Business Office for students who wish to hunt. However, difficulties arise when students want access to their guns when the Business Office is closed.

The College was unwilling to make any further statements regarding the shooting because officials "do not want to compromise the fairness of the judiciary proceedings by divulging any further information."

Maxcy explained that the shooting has "clearly brought to the forefront the issue of firearms on campus." He stated that Washington College students who bring guns on campus will be severely disciplined, with the possible exception of those "few, very responsible off-campus hunters." Maxcy concluded, "If you want to hunt, go hunting. If you want to go to college, go to college, but don't try to do both."

Five other students who attended the meeting expressed concern over the nonfunctional fire extinguishers in Middle Hall and Minta Martin, discovered during two recent fires in those buildings. In Middle Hall, one of the two extinguishers worked while in Minta Martin, only one of three worked. Roderick replied that the fire extinguishers are supposed to be checked by an outside company three times each semester to ensure that they are in operating order.

The students then expressed concern over the fact that twenty minutes elapsed before campus security responded to the fire in Minta Martin. According to the Supervisor at the 911 emergency dispatch center, operators cannot contact the Fire Department unless they are absolutely certain that there is "a serious fire" - which usually means that Security has to confirm that there is a fire in a building on campus. The deans and Roderick denied that information, saying that in the event of a serious fire, students should call the 911 emergency number as well as Security.

In addition, Christabel Garcia-Zamor, a freshman volunteer at the Chestertown Fire Department, questioned the lack of seriousness with which students approach fire alarms. At Middle Hall, for example, students said that there were people standing in the hallways despite the alarm, and it was not until an upper floor resident came downstairs with a severely burned hand that residents realized the seriousness of the problem.

One of the girls in attendance suggested that the college implement regularly scheduled fire drills and that the students be informed about them. As a result, students would be more likely to take alarms outside of the schedule seriously.

Dean Maxcy proposed that the college begin a Campus Safety Committee, comprised of students who are truly interested in student safety at Washington College.

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The Washington College Jazz Ensemble rehearsing in Tawes theatre photo by Jeff Hopkins

Hessey responds

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been made "unilaterally within the department."

Hessey stressed that in the future such decision will not be taken care of within individual departments, but will instead be referred to him for further consideration. Hessey stated that in the future, "there will be no exceptions." In addition, Hessey reminds students of the college's firearm policy, saying that "failure to register guns will be cause for dismissal."

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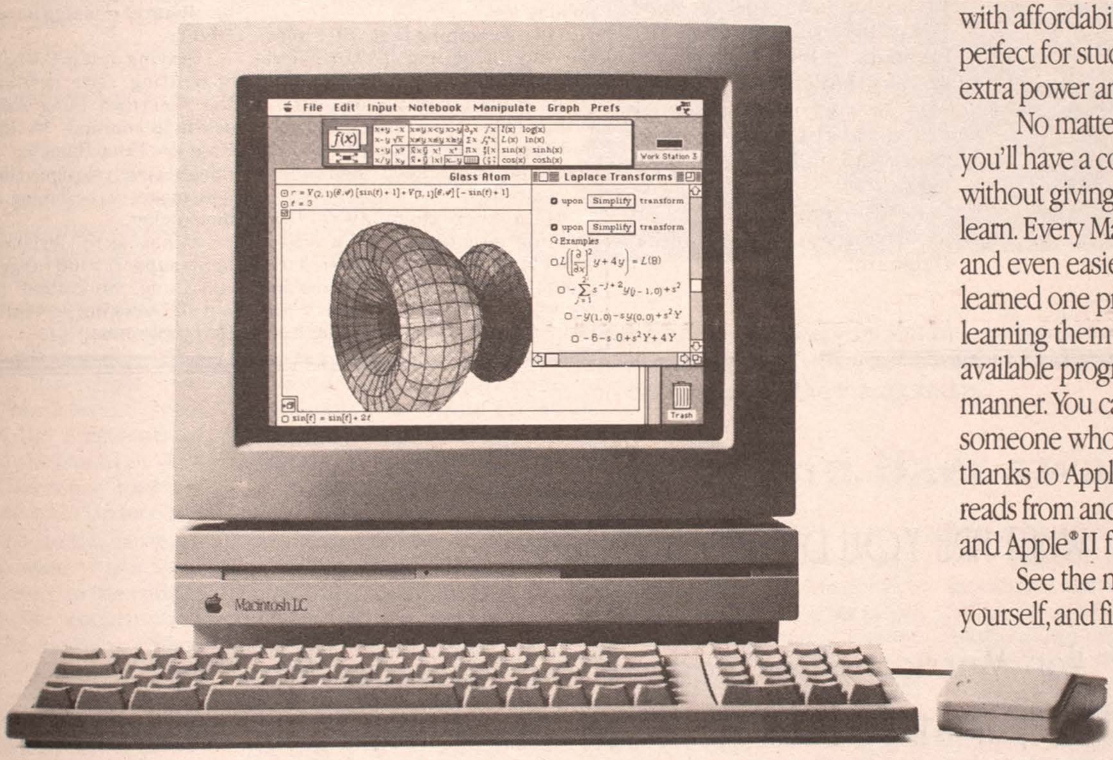

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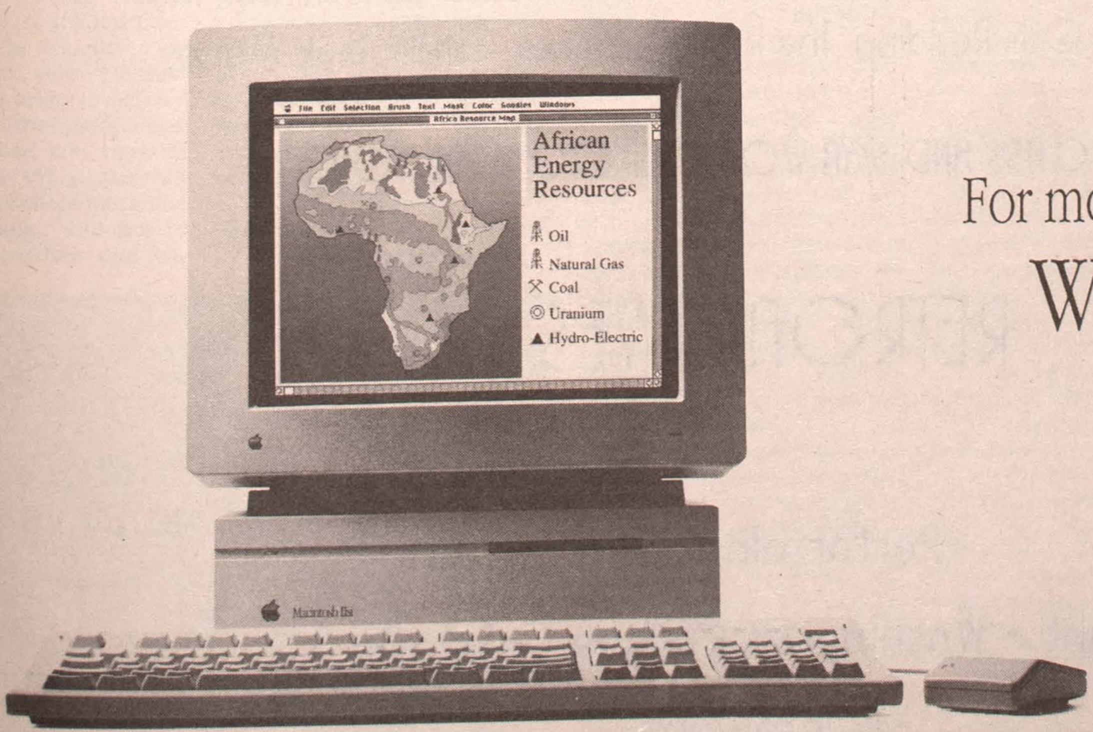

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NEWS

Stu

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that I'm worried about right now is getting better."

Neiman's return to Washington College depends on many factors. He asserts that he is recovering more than satisfactorily from the gunshot wound, He would like to thank all the students who have called and written him. He hopes to be allowed to return to campus for the spring semester.

Daignault

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over the land. The pictoresque skies linger in the atmosphere for as long as the hands of time will let them. During all these seemingly perfect epilogues to the days, there is still the cold reminders on the evening news. Our peaceful world is at the edge of war.

Emily Daignault is a freshman who hopes to major in English

College responds

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Another student brought up the issue of insufficient outside lighting on campus. Roderick replied that there will be no new lighting installed within the next few weeks, but that when the new Academic Resources Building is opened, both that area and the road off of Washington Avenue will have new lights. He added that more lights were recently installed near the Cardinal dorms, but that some areas between the new dorms and the Dining Hall are still in the dark.

Maxcy said that "students need to let people know what we need in terms of lighting" as well as the needs and concerns in other areas of safety on campus. He said that there will be another open meeting with Roderick and the deans at the beginning of next semester so that students will once again be able to express their concerns over campus security.

Neiman

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Upon hearing of the senate's actions, Neiman responded "It would have been nice had the Senate allowed me the opportunity to defend myself. I was not given a chance to defend myself, therefore I believe this action to be unfair."

When asked if he would fight his removal, Neiman said no and added, "I understand it [his removal] and wish Sparky the best of luck and my complete support. I will do whatever I can to help him should I be allowed to return to Washington College."

KA

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two-hour shift in conjunction with a sister. This year approximately one-thousand dollars was raised to benefit The Easter Seals. The entire evening proved to be a success, and a good time was had by all who attended.

Next week Kappa Alpha will be sponsoring two of our bigger events of the year. On Thursday, December 6, 1990 we will be holding the annual Faculty Staff Christmas Party, and then on Saturday, December 8, 1990 we are holding the annual Christmas Party for underprivileged children in the Chestertown area.

Winkelman

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to AIDS (Am I Dying Slowly) for 5 points. As the Sigs are out of East Hall, the preseason favorites are Minta Martin, Minta Martin, and 102 Somerset with a solid 5 points. Good luck teams!

Daignault

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day, I strongly believe that you know Stuart Neiman better than some people, including, not surprisingly, myself. I admit I took myself out on a limb with the letter, but since this is the profession that I wish to enter, I'm going to start out in this business with fervor. If you do not like that I'm not giving you what you want, well then, go crawl around with your porverbial tail between your legs.

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President Trout holds open forum

By: Kyndra Ponder

Tuesday night students were given an opportunity to discuss the state of the College as well as to voice any concerns that they might have about the school with President Trout. Although attendance was poor, Trout spoke out about many issues that he would like to work on during his time at Washington College.

Trout began by saying that he has three major goals for the campus in the near future. Each of his goals will work to increase the quality of the education that students here receive. He would like to ensure that the college has enough money to award "adequate financial aid" to those students who are unable to afford the $16,000 price tag of Washington College. He also said that he would like to actively recruit more faculty and consequently, enhance the academic environment of the college.

Trout then stated that he and his predecessors have been accused of caring more about "bricks and mortar" than the academics of the school ,but, he asked "What would have happened if the Presidents of the 80's and the Board of Visitors and Governors had remained status quo?" in terms of the appearance of the campus. He said that while it has been an inconvenience to the college community, the construction has enhanced life here. "Face it," he said, "the place looks good."

Updating the students about the final phases of the campus plan, Trout mentioned the Johnson Lifetime Fitness Center - noting that it has been promised to be completed by October of next year. He then took the opportunity to address the criticism of the fitness center which appeared last week in *This is Not The Elm*, saying that "Washington College has a fine athletic tradition and not to nurture, strengthen and encourage it here would be a mistake."

Trout also mentioned that he would like to see two other changes to the college, including the complete renovation of William Smith Hall and Ferguson Hall - which he termed a "ghetto".

Junior, Cynthia Fields-Bélanger asked President Trout if there were any plans to renovate the Gibson Fine Arts building, citing the lack of a large chorus room and adequate space in which to practice. Trout replied that there is no plan to redo Gibson in the near future.

Senior Mike Winkelman asked Trout about the "extortion" that students here endure with the WCDS Meal Plans. He pointed out that the price seems extremely high and that when a student chooses the 14 or the 10-Meal Plan, the prices do not drop in proportion with the number of meals served. Winkelman also asked why the students in the Cardinal dorms were required to board when the dorms are equipped with modern kitchens. Trout promised that he would look into the situation for Winkelman.

Raphael Koster brought up the subject of parking and lighting on campus. Trout responded that he would look into the lighting problem but responded that the parking situation will become worse over the next few years as the campus plan moves into completion. He added, however, that "American culture is such that we think that if your car isn't parked within 50 feet of your entry, it's a death sentence. It's not." Trout said that "a courageous SGA will have to deal with the parking issue by deciding, for example, if freshmen will be banned from having cars on campus.

SGA Vice-President, Brooke Frank asked whether

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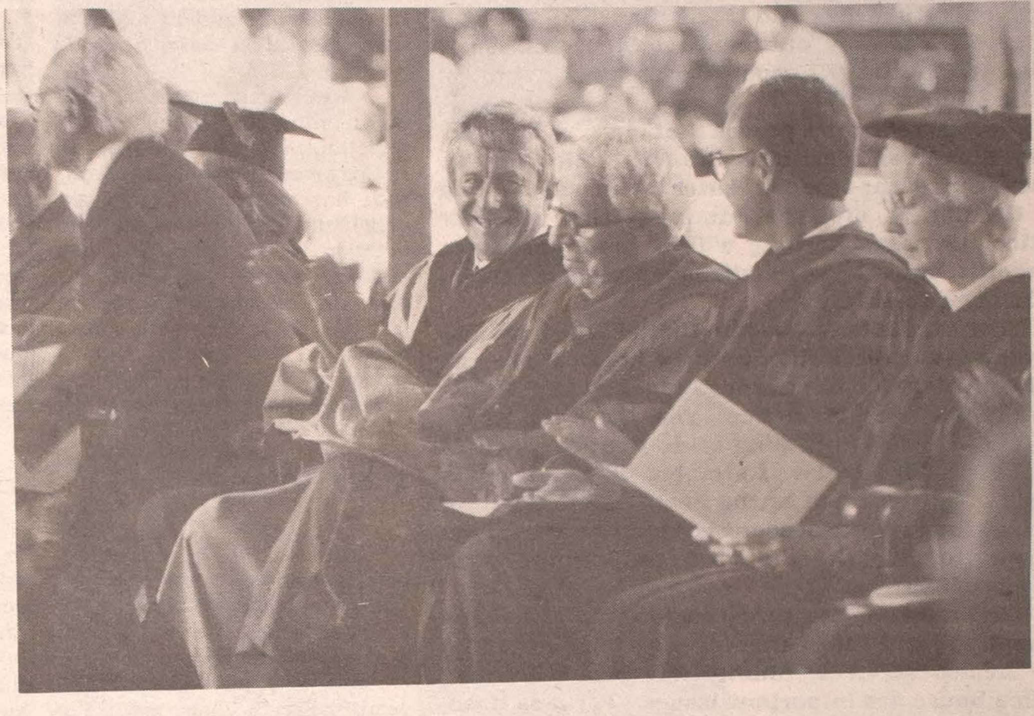

President Trout, seen here at his inauguration with former President Doutglass Cater, met with students this past week to discuss campus issues including his involvement on campus since the inauguration. *Photo by: Matthew P. Spangler*

Trout and Baer award grants to faculty

By: Susie Mazzullo

President Charles Trout and Dean Elizabeth Baer have recently awarded grants of money to a number of faculty for a variety of projects.

The Enhancement Fund has existed since 1984 and former President, Douglass Cater, was instrumental in raising money every year for this fund since it is not an endowment.

Twice a year the members of the faculty are invited to submit proposals that explain their budget and the specific outcome of their project. Also with that invitation they are sent a list of guidelines that explain deadlines for submitting the proposals, guidelines for what specific information should be contained in the proposals, the criteria for selection, and a list of types of projects that have received funding in the past.

Deadlines are twice annually, one in the fall semester and one in the spring semester. This year's deadlines are October 1, 1990 and April 1, 1991. As explained by Dean Baer, the October deadline proposals are usually projects that the faculty members wish to undertake during the academic school year, while those submitted in the spring semester are those projects that will be started during the summer months.

Some of the areas that faculty members must discuss in their proposals are the goal(s) of the project they wish to undertake, the relationship of the project to the research and/or teaching of that faculty member, the benefit that the project would have to the institution, and they must also include an itemized budget.

Once submitted, the proposals are read by Dean Baer and President Trout. They then decide who will receive funding. "It's a painful process to decide who gets funding and who doesn't," says Baer. Proposals are approved until the funding that has been set aside for this project has run out. Those who receive funding must present a full report at the completion of their project.

As explained in the guidelines that faculty members receive, the selection process is based on a number of factors. There are six criteria that President Trout and Dean Baer look for when they are reading the proposals. These include the benefit of the project to the individual as a teacher and a scholar and the benefit of the project to the institution as a whole. The feasibility of the project, the possible outcome of the project such as publication or the development of a new course and how much effort has previously been made by the faculty member to receive funding from other sources, are also criteria for selection. Dean Baer and President Trout also note the amount and time of any other awards that that particular member of the faculty has previously received.

This year, thirteen faculty members were awarded funding. These are Richard De Prospo, Dale Daigle, Mary Ann Baenninger, Satinder Sidhu, Benjamin Alexander, Tahir Shad, Tex Andrews, Ellen Klein, Emilie Amt, Gail Kaplan, Rosette Roat, Tom Cousineau, and Kate Verville. The proposals of these faculty members range in scope from reimbursement for tapes acquired this past summer to funding for the ability to do research of two books in Oxford during the Christmas break. Other requests for funding included a request to attend the International Beckett Symposium in Monaco, funding for continued research on chlorination of drinking water, funding to write a book, and funding to research and develop a new psychology course.

The purpose of the project according to Baer is to "support the faculty in a number of activities that will enhance their lives as teacher and scholars."

EDITORIAL

Congratulations

At the faculty meeting next week, the Ad-hoc committee on governance will present their revised proposal for the Academic Council. The new proposal is that the membership be changed to four faculty members, one mediator and one representative for each division, and three students, one for each division. A committee member remarked to one of the deans that these changes would not have been made if it were not for the number of students who approached faculty members asking them to vote against the original proposal.

Congratulations and thank you to all the students who took time out to talk to their professors. This could not have happened without the support of the student body.

This experiences proves that if we, as a whole, unite behind an idea, be it the Academic Council, renovation of the student center, increased funding for the library, etc...the Administration will take notice. Perhaps nothing will be done about our concerns, but at least we will have registered them, and not just sat idly by.

The students of Washington College have underestimated the influence they hold. Since the college exists for the purpose of educating us, we have a great deal influence. Yes, there are issues that have little or nothing to do with us, such as tenure, faculty by-laws, etc...but issues that do effect our lives, such as the Academic Council, or renovations for the student center, are within our jurisdiction, and deserve more student input then we give them.

As we head into Christmas break, give some though to issues that effect us. Parking, hours for the health services, dining hall, snack bar and coffee house are important issues. Perhaps if we, under the guidance of the SGA, we to unite behind a solution to one of these problems, something would get done. But it will take forever, if as students, we can't or won't make our feelings known.

I will be returning as Editor-in-Chief next semester, so until then, Merry Christmas to all, and to all, good night.

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Letters to the Editor

Student apologizes to College

To the Washington College;

As a result of my actions at the 1990 Division III Tennis Championships, I was disqualified from further participation following the first round. I sincerely apologize to my teammates, students, faculty and alumni of Washington College for the behavior and hope that the reputation of our fine athletic and academic institution has not been discredited.

While spending the last several months looking back on the regrettable event, the focus of this apology came into view. My attitude has changed. The insight enlightened by the past event in addition to my experience as a resident assistant led to one conclusion. This conclusion was the fact that all actions have consequences. I would like to direct my reflections not only to the many new students but also the upperclassmen as well. I can recall the first days of my freshman year when hallmates found it amusing to vandalize the dorm. However, as the year progressed, it became less frequent as the weeks passed. I would attribute this to their maturation and realization that actions do in fact have consequences.

A more recent experience also had a profound impact on my view of the decision-making process and its consequences. While visiting the Herman Toulson Boot Camp, a shock incarceration center for youthful offenders, I realized just how important good decisions are in relation's to one's future. Inmates of this maximum security prison had all made choices while broke the law. Focusing on the consequence's of one's decisions, the corrections officers hoped to guide the young men down a new path of consistent and correct decision-making to be used in the future. One example of this philosophy was the use of the "decision bag." If an inmate made a bad choice, he was required to carry a 70 lb. bag for 15 minutes each hour. This behavior reinforced a good decision when placed in a similar situation in the future.

Each and every day we make decisions which influence our lives. Unfortunately for the inmates I visited, their choices led to consequences which put them behind bars. Although many of us will not face consequences as severe, it is nevertheless still important to remember that all actions result in consequences.

Sincerely,
Scott A. Sheppard

Do we really need another paper?

This is the Elm and it has been a tradition at Washington College for some 60 odd years. At a college of such esteemed literary stature, the Elm perhaps is one of our most important traditions. This year the Elm has come under fire by claims of tainting this tradition from a standpoint of quality. Not a very unrealistic possibility considering that the paper is violently understaffed with only a handful of dedicated but overworked students. This is not the first time that the paper has been attacked in this manner. In years past similar problems have befuddled this publication, however the school has been able to survive these phases due to the large pool of qualified writers who have come to the paper's rescue and have brought it up to a respectable standard. Has the Washington College family become so unwilling to cooperate that we need two school newspapers for 900 students? The staff of This is Not The Elm has shown through the production of their own newspaper that the Elm has been somewhat lacking over the semester. However, the need for them to produce a weekly paper to rival the official college newspaper is ridiculous and counterproductive. The first issue of the paper proved its point by demonstrating that the Elm truly needed to cover some important issues which had been overlooked. As has been previously stated, the Washington College family should not be divided with two competing publications. On the contrary the college should be united under the umbrella of one campus newspaper – The Elm. It is somewhat of an embarrassment for people to be viewing Washington College, with its reputation of such literary prestige, and see two papers whose goals are for the most part identical fighting for top honor. Competition breeds innovation, granted; but at the same time there is much to be gained by cooperation. If the people in charge of these publications truly have the schools best interest in mind, they will find SOME WAY to work together, and unite their resources. In a time of such world crisis, we should show some initiative to try to reconcile our differences at home, and not mirror the pigheadedness which is being demonstrated on a much more grandiose scale.

Sincerely,
Brian Gimelson
Troy Petenbrink.

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CAMPUS VOICES

Issue: What do you want for Christmas?

My christmas list

Carolin Leibig

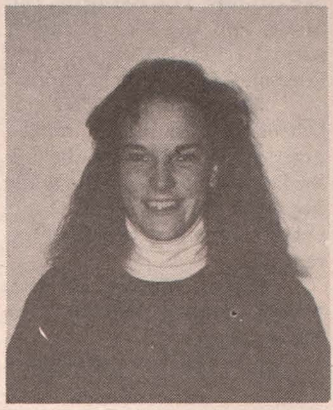
Now that there are only 17 shopping days left until Christmas, it's time to make a wish list to assist those who want to buy us something. I have already given this some thought and I have realized that this process gets harder every year. As a kid, I could list 20 or more items per holiday season without so much as lifting the pencil from the paper. Ah, yes, life was simple back then. But now that I am older I see the world less as a 30 second commercial for the "Barbie Dreamhouse" and more as a place of war and suffering. It is difficult to make Christmas wishes without thinking about those who cannot; those who, for whatever reason, do not have the chance to sit an Santa's lap and say: "I would like a Sony CD player with remote control." In fact a lot of people, if given the chance to ask Santa for something, might say: "I would like some food and clean water." Sadly, that could be the wish of someone right here in the U.S.. Not everyone celebrates Christmas, or wants to sit on the lap of some large man wearing a red suit and fake beard, but at this time of year a large percentage of the world's population celebrates some kind of religious holiday, so why don't we all merge our holidays and have one big party. That is definitely on my wish list: A world party. Also on my Christmas list is world peace, end to world hunger, and love, health, happiness and the time to enjoy them all. I also wish for greater understanding between people, and that we all finally come to our senses and quit harping on our differences and start emphasizing our similarities, of which there are more.

The other day I watched "Santa Claus is Coming to Town", I know you have seen it. It is the one where we find out how Santa became what he is today. He had to go through many hardships: being left on the Kringle's doorstep, being attacked by Winter Warlock's tree, and being arrested by Burgermeister Meisterburger for repeatedly giving the children of Sombertown toys. But through it all Santa never lost the spirit of giving, in fact it was only intensified. At the end of the show, the stop-action figure of Fred Astaire said that if everyone could be just a little more like Santa, then there would be peace on earth and goodwill to man. I was touched and inspired and immediately made the aforementioned items part of my Christmas list. Peace, love, goodwill...I better add a 1991 Porsche 911 SC Cabriolet to my list since it is more likely I receive it than the other items on my list, which are nothing but pipe-dreams. But maybe they will be realized one day...Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, and may 1991 be the year we all wake up and smell the coffee!*

** See me for a lengthy and detailed explanation.*

I want for Christmas are a car and a stereo; oh, and also a hug from my boyfriend.

Heather Feezer
Freshman
Baltimore, MD



A big tree and some fish.

Jessica Hall
Freshman
Ellicott City, MD

I want a job.

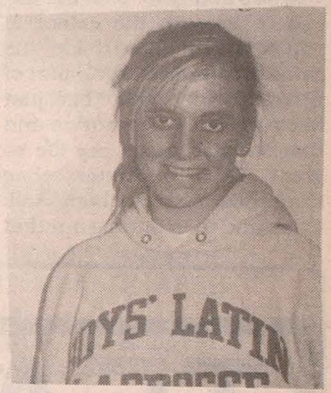
Elizabeth Driscoll
Senior
Philadelphia, PA

I want an ergometer, roller blades, and a new mountain bike. I would also like a new frisbee because I lost mine.

Christina Sturges
Sophomore
Marlboro, NJ

I want a trip to Cancun.

Cindi DeWaters
Freshman
Kingsville, MD



I really want a new snowboard.

Suzanne Groner
Freshman
Ellicott City, MD

Photos by Kevin Decker

Dear Santa Claus, do you have a limit?

Emily Daignault

As the Christmas season approaches, many children find themselves working fervently on the usual task. A Christmas letter of their desires addressed to the North Pole. Yep, that's right, it's the letters to Santa. In the olden days, the wish lists consisted mostly of pleas for sweeter foods, later bed hours, and toys. The latter being the most predominant want for many, many years. Train sets, Lego's, Barbie dolls, Slinky's, Tyco car sets, a shiny red bicycle, and of course, a matching red wagon top the list of favorites. But what about the wish lists from the 'Adults'. Do the professors of this college sit at home and write Santa, asking for train sets? O.K, I know that's extreme, but what would certain members of society in Chestertown and the U.S. ask for? Here's some possibilities...

Nate 'The Great' Smith: New Nike's. Possibly in purple.

The Health Services: Glow in the dark 'Three for Free'.

The Dining Services: A resting place for the 'Veggie Puffs'.

Kevin 'Sparky' Kelly: Some cigars and a tie.

Stuart Neiman: A plane ticket to Chestertown.

Dan Quayle: A draft card. (He was in the National Guard during Vietnam)

President Bush: The dismissal of his evil twin "Skippy".

The Secretary of State, James Baker: A bulletproof vest.

Enough of this insidious guessing games! The question is "What do I want for Christmas?" Well, here's my answer.

Through the past several months, our country has been on the edge of war. This is a well known fact. But what I would like for Christmas is this. I would like for the conflict to be resolved in the Middle East. I would like for the people of this planet to be equal in every necessary way. I would like to not find myself being launched off my horse like a rocket so often. To be able to exist on less than six hours sleep. To have all of my term papers and exams receive an 'A'. But these are pipe dreams! Reality must be confronted, so here it is what I'll really ask for.

Nintendos and racing cars,
Free passes to all the bars,
Male species beyond belief,
Wearing nothing but their briefs.
An answering machine and new phone,
just to add to my new home.
A horse that doesn't buck,
so I won't continually yell, "f—k".
A computer that works itself,
hopefully cheaper than the Stealth.
A room in Reid that has power,
(Hopefully every hour.)
A strand of pearls that shine with luster,
Costing the same as a Dustbuster.
A pack of friends in my life,
But none of whom will call me their wife.
A car that won't stall or quit,
Thereby curbing my saying, "Sh—!"
My Christmas wishes are not complete,
Until I leave this seat..
My final one is no shock to me,
Or, I think, to Thee.
I wish you all,
Hope and glory in spring, winter, summer, or fall.
So now I'll be off to by my evergreen,
But here's one more thought that's keen.
Merry Christmas to the Students of W.C.
To all of you, from all of me!

Emily Daignault is a freshman who hopes to major in English.

The end of an era, the Carter years (1986-1990?)

Phil "Slice" Macek

Let's make no mistake about it, we are in the midst of a true living legend. A man who takes on a demanding full-time job just being himself. Yes, it's not easy being Wayne Carter, but Wayne wouldn't have it any other way. "It's so hard to be good at so many different things. Let's face it, being as great as I am is a curse when your surrounded by mediocrity." Wayne does not say these things with the smug tone of a "holier-than-thou" arrogance in his voice. On the contrary, he is just stating cold hard facts. With all of Wayne's greatness in mind, I humbly picked up my interview pad and entered the presence of the true "Big Daddy." I specifically wanted to ask him about the facet of his life that has raised him to his present level of national prominence—his ability and desire to excel at the game of caps. A big reason for Wayne's ability to "toss the tin" can be seen in the extent to which Wayne has made the game of caps an integral part of his philosophy of life. "Life, just like caps, is a competition and that is what makes my life so great. There's no better feeling than hearing somebody talk trash and then finding out that they can't back it up on the caps court. I'm talking about people like Gumby, Bob Kennedy, Bill Shaw, and the king of nasty, sandy trash talking, Andy Prevost. P.S. Andy, get a phone."

With the way Carter embraces the game in my mind I proceeded to ask him the following questions, all the while hoping and praying that some of his influence would rub off on me.

Slice: Wayne, if you would, please describe the ideal caps shot.

Wayne: The ideal shot is a retaliation shot with good loft so as to splash the other team. Under optimal conditions, this retaliation shot would win the game. Bounce shots are also good just for the "sheer cheesiness" of such shots.

S: Tell us about shots that float.

W: The floater is a bad shot that either hits the rim and lightly settles into the cup or bounces in.

S: Wayne, in all honesty, are you a pioneer of the game?

W: You know Slice, I've been asked that question many times and I like to answer it by quoting one of America's finest actors, Bill Murray: when it comes to caps "I am the little acorn that becomes the giant Oak." I have taken this game as a tiny sapling and nurtured it through practice into a strong sturdy tree. This game is a mainstay on campus, And while I don't want to toot my own horn for making it as popular as it is, "Toot, Toot."

S: This leads me to a seemingly inevitable question Wayne, Where did you perfect your craft?

W: In the ideal caps arena, the upper eight man of Cecil.

S: So Wayne, let me see if I can sum up a typical "Big Daddy" day. You wake up at noon. Then after a quick shower and saying your daily prayers to Pete Townshend, it's off to Burger King for a lunch consisting of three double cheeseburgers and the biggest bucket of Coke they have. Then after a challenging afternoon of Nintendo golf and napping, it's back to Burger King for dinner and then a few rounds of Bud longnecks and eight ball at the Blue Bird Tavern. My question is this, with all the taxing demands of your frantic lifestyle, how do you find time to practice and promote the game of caps?

W: I promote the game by taking it to the rookies. I play in all kinds of arenas, with my personal favorites being Cecil, Cardinal F, and a few private off-campus locales. I will always make time for caps. That's a promise. I am always looking to take the game to new areas, you might say it is my "calling" in life.

S: It's been said more than once that you are a "small god" on the Caps court. Do you see an heir apparent to your throne upon your graduation?

W: In talent maybe, but certainly not in the overall package that is Wayne Carter.

S: O.K. Wayne picture this, the other team has just hit a shot to put them up 18 to 16. It's your rebuttal, and a miss means a loss for your squad. What goes through your mind while you teeter on the edge of defeat?

W: This is the position I wanna be in. I want the pressure; I want the game to come to me. If I make the shot, I want the glory. If I miss, I'll take the blame. Remember, Slice, the true legends want this kind of pressure, and I am a true legend.

S: What is your position on talking trash in order to get a psychological edge on your opponents?

W: You sit down, you toss the cap in the cup, the other guys chug. There is no room for talking trash in this league.

S: What player on the campus touring circuit strikes the most fear in your heart?

W: When it comes to caps, I fear no man. However, when it comes to key shots there's nothing like looking across the court and seeing the long arms and longer hair of Scott Peterson ready to fire up the cap. It affects some players so badly that they become ineffective players, but it fires me up and usually leads me to victory. I cannot be defeated!

S: Well at the other extreme, who is the worst player you have ever seen?

W: John Kircher

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NEWS

Changes in store for Miller Library

By Laura Hopper

As the students head home for vacation, Miller Library will undergo a few changes that will effect the students. These changes are part of a plan to utilize the library space as effectively as possible.

The week after the students leave, workmen will remove the carpeting, draperies and furniture from the Smoking Room. The room will be cleaned, repainted, and recarpeted. New shelves will be installed, and the old smoking room will become a periodicals reading room, complete with some new furniture. The newest issue of each periodical and newspaper the library receives will be located in this reading room. Students will, hopefully, be able to locate and read periodicals here, as well as socialize.

Also planned is the rehabilitation of the Meeting Room, currently used for Art History courses. With the opening of the ARC and its new audio-visual center, the Art History courses will be relocated, and the Meeting Room will become the microforms center. This would only happen if new Audio-Visual equipment for the ARC arrives, is installed and tested before the students return.

With the renovation of the smoking room, smoking will not be allowed in the library. The library staff requests that students honor this, and not smoke in the stairwells or bathrooms.

Trout

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there were any plans to renovate the dorms - highlighting the Caroline and Queen Anne's complex. Trout told Frank that there were no current plans for total renovation.

Freshman, Tarin Towers asked about a tuition increase for next year. Trout responded that there will be - out of necessity - "some raise in tuition". He added that the cost of tuition has increased "dollar for dollar" over the years with most luxury items like cars.

Finally Freshman Class President, Lionel Dyson, asked Trout whether he planned to have a "higher profile" on campus next semester. Trout responded that he was upset with not being more available and more visible on campus and gave himself only a "C or C-" for his performance. He then asked what he could do to make himself more known to the students, but also added that with the schedule that the Development Office has given him, it is hard to just keep afloat of the work load.

Trout thanked everyone for coming and closed by saying that he has been "delighted with the students that he has come to know and that he regrets that he hasn't had the chance to meet more, but he looks forward to knowing more students in the future."

Carter legend

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With Carter's legendary status firmly cemented in the annals of Washington College history, I decided to see how other members of the college community saw this symbol of all that is good and right with the world. Chris Seymour, a junior and budding young caps superstar in his own right, had this to say about Wayne's prowess on the caps court. "Carter is constantly walking that fine line between genius and insanity. He's a crafty, right-handed veteran who always commands respect from his opponents. His blue collar, workman-like ethic coupled with his true love for competition makes him a legend of the game and a certain Hall-of-Famer.

Wayne has also garnered the respect of Cardinal R.A., Matt Moore. After saying that Wayne was a dinosaur, a "throwback" to the days when men played caps and nothing else, Moore expanded on Carter's dedication to the game. "Wayne is a professional crusader with a profound sense of duty to the game." Moore further stated that Carter was a "visionary" and that "he seems to be everywhere on the caps court." Lastly, Moore stated that Carter's unique ability to innovate new techniques in the middle of a game and to keep his opponents off balance with key rebuttals "transcended all conventional boundaries of the game."

While it is true that Wayne's caps career has been the paradigm of achievement, starting with his Olympic gold medal against the Russians in Lake Placid, 1980, and continuing up through his recent naming as Sports Illustrated's "Athlete of the Decade," he is certainly no stranger to controversy. Back in early 1987, Wayne got entangled in a point shaving scandal that rocked the world. Citizens everywhere were appalled. "How could our hero, the role model we want our kids to become, be subject to such horrible allegations?" Fortunately, Wayne was never convicted of any criminal acts. However, he will always live with the anger that his reputation has been tainted. Recently, there have been a flood of rumors that "Big Daddy" has been using steroids to increase his caps ability. However, when I asked Wayne about this he responded, "That is just not true. I do not believe in steroid use, I just try to eat as much fast food as possible. This is all a great misunderstanding, and I will overcome!

Finally, while it has been a great learning experience for me to spend some time with an extraordinary member of the human species, it must be remembered that Wayne's personality goes far beyond the game of caps. "You must remember that nobody is above the game," says Wayne sternly. "This game has been so very good to me, and now I would like to give something back. I want to share my good fortune with those who haven't lived the Wayne Carter fairy tale life. I am especially concerned with the young of this country." When I asked Wayne if he had one message for the young that stood above all else, Wayne paused for a minute and said, "I have become a caps legend because I have tremendous respect for the game of throwing a discarded beer bottle top into a cup of cheap beer while sitting on a dirty floor. Thus, I beg all people not to abuse alcohol, and above all, do not drink and drive. If you pattern your life after me, I might just see you in the Hall of Fame one day."

I thanked Wayne for his time and asked if I might have the highly coveted chance to play a game with him. As he headed toward the fridge to get a cold case he said, "We'll go to 25, challengers shoot first."

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SPORTS

Swim team wins a pair

By Matt Giller

Last week the Shorewomen's swim team(5-1) trounced Notre Dame 164-97 and defeated MAC rival Widener 118-85.

The meet against Notre Dame started off with an exciting first heet. The 200 Medley Relay team of Jennifer Green, Mimi Devlin, Kasey Carroll and Magdalena Fuchs outswam Notre Dame by one tenth of a second.

Sam Streamer added three individual firsts by winning the 50, 100 and 1000 meter Freestyles. Carroll broke her own team record in the 200 Butterfly to accompany her 200 Freestyle victory.

Green won both the 100 and 200 meter Backstroke with Vickie Vahos and Kelly Loftus placing second and third behind her, respectively, in the 200 and Vahos and Prendergast taking third and fourth in the 100 Backstroke.

Freshman Mimi Devlin won the 100 Breastroke with Devin Burk and Loftus placing third and fourth, respectively. Leslie Newcomb had a season best time in the 200 Breastroke to win and placed second in the grueling 1000 Freestyle and 200 IM.

Freshman Jennifer McCartney won the 500 Freestyle (swimming it for the first time) as senior teammate Kristin Callazzo placed second behind her. Fuchs added two important second place finishes in the 50 and 100 Freestyle qualifying for the MACs in the 50 meter sprint. Prendergast and Joan Colton finished third and fourth, respectively, in the 100 Butterfly with good times.

Last week included the Shorewomen's biggest win ever over MAC antagonist, the Widener Pioneers.

Carroll, Streamer and Devlin led the Shorewomen with a combined seven individual firsts. Carroll won the 1000 Freestyle and back three events later to break the team record in the 200 IM (2:19.9). She later won the 500 Freestyle in a season best time (5:20.5).

Streamer broke her own school records in the 50 and 100 Freestyle with times of 26.3 and 57.6 in the respective events. Devlin and Green added first place times in the 200 Freestyle and 200 Butterfly. Green also gained a first place time in the 200 Backstroke.

The 400 Medley Relay teams of Green, Newcomb, Devlin, and Fuchs won while Vahos, Burk, McCartney and Ramsey Bingham placed third in the same heat.

Other key swims were turned in by McCartney (200 Butterfly, 200 Breastroke - both were personal best times), Kristen Callazzo (personal best in the 50 and 100 Freestyle), Fuchs (personal best in the 200 Freestyle), Joan Colton (fourth in the 200 Butterfly), Prendergast (third in the 200 Backstroke).

The women end the pre-Holiday schedule with a meet at Bryn Mawr College tomorrow.

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Darren Vican and Co. will defend their Wild Goose title this weekend

photo courtesy Gary Brown

Basketball splits two

By Matt Giller

This past week the Shoremen netters(2-4) played two difficult contests but were only awarded one win. While the Shoremen thrilled the home crowd with a 68-53 victory over Gallaudet, they were unable to pull off a road win at Widener as the Pioneers held the WAC off 66-50.

Saturday's contest was close throughout as both teams went into their halftime lockerrooms with Widener leading 27-24. After Junior Tim Liddy sank two free throws to cut Widener's lead to 47-45 with 7:49 remaining in the game, the WAC did not score another bucket until sophomore Darren Vican scored with 1:21 left. Widener rolled from there. Liddy led the WAC with 19 points and 6 rebounds.

The Shoremen rallied from a 32-25 deficit to defeat Gallaudet last Tuesday night and pick up their second victory. Liddy again led W.C. scorers with 19 points. Peter Basel and Vican contributed with 13 and 12 respectively.

Quote of the week: "What's the difference between a three year old puppy and a sportswriter? In six weeks, the puppy stops whining." - Chicago Bears coach Mike Ditka,

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

An Interview with the Brain Chillins

by Bruce Hamilton

ELM: First question, how did you guys form?

Joe Boone: I'll take that one. Squawk, peep, moo!

ELM: Was that all this year?

JB: Snort, euhhhhhhh.

ELM: I'll have to print that phonetically.

Morgan Huff: That was yesterday, he's talking in past tense.

JB: Burp.

MH: That's in the third person. That verb there, it's in third person.

ELM: So you guys must have known each other a long while for you to be able to understand him when he makes noises like that.

MH: Umm.

ELM: Who are your major musical influences?

Joe: Mr. Kurt, the manager at Acme.

MH: He's good. I got arrested for shoplifting.

ELM: I didn't know that.

MH: He was gonna make me and [another student] an example to the rest of the student body, because- shoplifting is a crime. I don't know if you knew that or not. But uh, of course [the other student] here stole a chocolate donut, shoplifting his favorite pastry. I, of course, on the other hand had to explain to Mr. Kurt that mine was a star-shaped pastry, known in America as a French Cruller.

ELM: Did you do any time for this, Morgan?

MH: No I didn't, but if all goes well Mr. Kurt will do the just thing.

ELM: Were you eating the donuts in line?

MH: Yeah, he said we were 'still licking our lips in the line'. So, you know... we're sort of outlaws already. But yeah, I do like James Brown.

ELM: Any other influences?

JB: Nope.

ELM: Is all your stuff original or do you covers as well?

JB: Bruce, you were there.

ELM: Yeah, I was, for the one performance but I was also there last night when you guys were doing Cheap Trick.

MH: It wasn't them. We wrote that.

ELM: Oh, sorry. It sounded vaguely familiar, like a late seventies pop tune.

MH: They stole that from us.

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Reviewing Jacob's Ladder

by Chris Goldenberg

"Once you've made peace with the devils around you, then those devils become angels." This quote is one of the fundamental and reverberating themes which pervades the haunting but stimulating film Jacob's Ladder.

The movie focuses upon Vietnam veteran Jacob Singer portrayed by Tim Robbins (*Bull Durham, Cadillac Man*). Several years have lapsed since Jacob Singer's tour of duty in the war and he must cope with civilian life again. He works as a mailman for the post office to support himself, separated from his wife Sara and living now with his girlfriend Jezzie in an apartment building. But Jacob's simple and banal life is suddenly plagued not only by horrible flashbacks from his military service but also by unexplainable ghastly visions of devils and other hellish images. During the day he hallucinates that men in business suits and mouthless demons are stalking him everywhere while at night he dreams of his deceased son and of his own terrifying conceptions of Hell. His life becomes one of constant misery which nobody else understands, alienating his girlfriend and believing himself to be insane. He sets out to discover the hidden causes for his delusions and the reason for his inability to distinguish nightmarish fantasy from reality. The answers prove to be quite shocking.

The film abounds with many religious references and distinct images of Heaven and Hell. The names of the movie's characters can all be cited from the Bible: Jacob, Jezebel (the name of a woman in the New Testament who seduced many Christians), Gabriel, and Sara. Jacob's life is an explicit representation of Hell where he must endure torture and suffering because of the fantastic demons which constantly torment him. His only salvation lies with his friendly and fatherly chiropractor Louis played by Danny Aiello (*Moonstruck, Do the Right Thing*). Louis, whom Jacob seeks for medical purposes to ease his back pains, is the only character who actually cares for him. Louis, who is the speaker of the above quote, is an illustration of the heavenly messiah who attempts to rescue Jacob from the abyss. Jacob even tells him, "Ya know, Louis, in this light, you look like an old cherub." One can observe several religious symbols in Jacob's bizarre dreams as well where the concept of Hell is manifested in the images of his own personal fears such as the phobia for hospitals and the phobia of being trapped alone in a gloomy subway station.

But the real subject of the film is not Jacob's search for the reason for the illusions which harass him but actually Jacob's search for himself. As Louis had stated to him, Jacob must deal with the terrors that surround him, confront his fears, and learn to live with them. The depiction of his deep fears gives us not only an insight into Jacob Singer's being but his overcoming of these fears also allows us to view Jacob as a man of internal strength and determination.

The only qualm from this critic was the last ninety seconds of the movie. Without revealing the film's ironic conclusion, the ending left me disappointed, somewhat angry, and feeling almost insulted as an avid moviegoer. It's simply easier to view for yourself. The film, however, must be seen for the excellent acting of Tom Robbins, and of Danny Aiello, and for the fine special effects used to display Jacob Singer's demons (which were inspired by the macabre, abstract drawings of Francis Bacon in the 1600's). Just as Jacob Singer was haunted, this film will also remain with its audience for a long time.

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Chillins

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ELM: But they were almost twenty years your predecessors.

TI: Joe's parents actually write all the songs.

JB: Fax.

MH: Joe's Dad faxes them to us.

JB: When I act bad at home he sends me hard bass lines.

ELM: Would you classify your music as..

TI: Chillins.

ELM: As chillins? Not falling under any typical genre?

JB: Sort of a keopectate slash meat by-product reggae fusion kinda thing.

MH: I kind of think of it as like.. you're drowning in a baby pool and instead of screaming for help on your last breath someone gives you a large bite of a meat snack.

ELM: A generic meat snack?

MH: Well, a jerky or something so you drown with the taste of pepperoni in your mouth.

JB: The socially acceptable meat snacks.

TI: It's kind of like being fondled by a rusty iron duck.

ELM: Where did you get your name?

MH: From a polyurethane bag.

JB: We found it at a garage sale.

MH: It's like a brain child, but .. it's not. It's plural.

ELM: So it's a sort of bastardization of brain childrens.

MH: No, it's not really a bastardization, it's vernacular.

JB: Sort of a heavy black motherly woman version. Are you interviewing us or are we interviewing you?

ELM: Well, that's the question.

ELM: How long have you been playing bass, Joe?

JB: Four months.

ELM: How long have you been playing drums, Morgan?

MH: I don't like to be called a drummer. Since the dawn of time I have played, but, I'm not a drummer. I just like to get sweaty with round things. It's not a technical thing, it's.. primal.

ELM: Do you break a lot of heads?

MH: Yeah, I play with a lot of heads.

ELM: How long have you been playing guitar, Tom?

TI: Captain!

ELM: Captain Tom.

TI: Captain Kermit.

ELM: Captain Kermit.

TI: I was at the zoo once, and there was this woman with this balloon. From then on I knew I just had to play.

ELM: So you went to the zoo and saw a woman with a balloon and you knew you had to play guitar.

TI: Well, first I had to scale a fish with my bare teeth. Then I had to make a sauce, and it was composed of mostly radishes and pickled yams.

ELM: So where do you plan to go with your band?

TI: Out of Chestertown. Vermont. Virginia.

JB: Across the street to Rock's bathroom?

ELM: But you're hopeful of getting a recording contract?

JB: Does Rock have one?

ELM: Not in his bathroom, I guess.

MH: He should.

ELM: Is it safe to say you have a lot of Hendrix influence?

TI: Jimi Hendrix was a superb guy at making desserts. He put ice cream on top of deviled eggs, he put paprika in apple sauce! I think Elvis is a large element in many things.

MH: The periodic table.

TI: He was a genius. He could roll things. He could roll fruit.

MH: He could do things with biscuits. Buttermilk? He could take buttermilk and throw in some jalapenos and make a hybrid Mexican biscuit, just for breakfast or an after-dinner snack!

ELM: Do you think Elvis ever got arrested for shoplifting a donut?

MH: No.

TI: But only because of the size or magnitude of his eyebrows, which, often, were financed.

ELM: Joe, you're from Memphis, right? Grew up in Memphis, went to school in Memphis?

JB: Yes.

ELM: So would you say that influenced your music?

JB: Yes, but not because of the music that was being played there. It was simply because I did live there and I could not be influenced by anywhere else because I didn't live there.

ELM: Tom, where are you from?

TI: I am from the island off the coast of the one that we are part of at this very moment. The island I am of course referring to is Long Island, known for its cabbage fields or its long chain of Arthur Treachers establishments.

ELM: Morgan, where are you from?

MH: I am from the state known as the commonwealth state.

ELM: Is that where you got your Elvis lamp?

MH: Yes.

TI: The structure of our music is basically an amalgam of the distant breezes you would often find unbelievable.

ELM: I see you have the New Kids pasted on your toilet and also a world tour poster.

MH: When were you in my toilet?

ELM: Do you respect or envy them in any way?

MH: Well, most of the New Kids are Sagittarius, and myself being a Gemini I have a strong leaning towards Sagittarius.

TI: Professor Sidhu is a real influence on our music. A lot of our songs are written about him, or during him. Like on song entitled "Oh black hole, how I long to be within thee" and it's basically a mathematical equation, which noone can understand. It's basically an attempt by all of us to write an essay on that and translate it into musical terms, that escalate upwards and then downwards and explode in your nostrils like a fresh piece of bacon.

MH: He's lying of course.

ELM: You mentioned the black hole song, what are some of your other song names?

TI: We have a song called no, a song called yes, a song called perhaps, and a song called..

MH: And 'Never mind the yogurt'.

TI: Which is definitely derived from the Sex Pistols.

MH: Yes, and there's 'I'll never be your bleach detergent'.

ELM: Do you write mainly ballads?

JB: Yes, all ballads.

TI: No, we're an anthem band.

JB: Ballads!

TI: Anthems!

JB: Ballads!

ELM: What are your favorite odors?

MH: Spring wine. I used to smell my mother's frying pans. Then I discovered what cheeze whiz could do for the personality. I don't like cheeze whiz, just what it can do for a personality. Also bound encyclopedias.

ELM: What's you favorite color?

TI: Jimi Hendrix. Elvis Costello. Elvis Presley. Judas Priest. Lots of bluegrass. Perhaps Frankincense?

MH: One last word. My violence. My girl. My accelerator.

Sabha has holiday wishes, egg nog, and bowl picks

Before you students go away to your winter wonderlands, the Great Sabha would like to giv the gift that keeps on giving - his college bowl picks(as well asthis week's NFL sure bets). The Sabha is indisputably the hottest pigskin prophet in the Milky Way(last week's results: NFL - 10-2-2; College - 8-2). The Great One is inebriated with joy - and wants to pass this holiday glee to all by letting them in on his genius. You will agree, Sabha's picks are worth more than your average petty gift. Sabha's gift is the gift of prophecy; his gift is now your gift. Let's get on with this, yo.

NFL:

PITTSBURGH -13 over New England. Santa Claus saw Victor Kiam naked and said,"Ho,ho,ho." Give the points.

Seattle +3 1/2 over GREEN BAY. The Sabha's going to try out his new ear muffs at this game. Take the points.

HOUSTON -13 over Cleveland. This used to be a war. Give the points.

NY GIANTS -6 over Minnesota. The Vikes will come down to Earth - hard. Give the points.

Phoenix +4 1/2 over ATLANTA. Both of these teams have a lot to ask Santa for. Take the points.

San Francisco -4 over CINCINNATI. I left my heart in Cincinnati? No. Give the points.

KANSAS CITY -7 over Denver. Elway, shmelway. Give the points.

New Orleans +4 1/2 over LA RAMS. The Saints should be marching home a winner here. Take the points.

Chicago +4 over WASHINGTON. The Skins will win by a field goal - by the way the Sabha thinks that the Hoggettes are really ugly. Take the points.

BEST BETS

Buffalo -6 over INDIANAPOLIS. Jeff George will ask Santa to come early and give him an offensive line. Give the points.

MIAMI -1 over Philadelphia. Shula vs. Buddy - need I say more. Give the points.

COLLEGE

NAVY +6 1/2 over Army. Remember when this game used to matter? Take the points.

BLOCKBUSTER BOWL

Florida State -5 1/2 over Penn State. Should be the best bowl game. Give the points.

PEACH BOWL

Auburn -9 over Indiana. Who's kiddin' who? Indiana's a basketball school. Give the points.

HOLIDAY BOWL

BYU -5 over Texas A&M. The Great One will choke on his turkey if Ty loses this one.

HANCOCK BOWL

USC -1 over Michigan St. What the hell kind of bowl is this? Give the point.

COPPER BOWL

Wyoming +9 over California. Sorry dudes, the Cowboys are totally rightous. Take the points, fer sure. Totally Sabha.

GATOR BOWL

Mississippi +11 over Michigan. First year coach at the Big "M" will choke just as Bo did. Take the points.

HALL OF FAME

Clemson 1 1/2 over Illinois. Clemson's paw on their jersey looks a lot like the Sabha's birthmark on his butt.

CITRUS BOWL

Georgia Tech +2 1/2 over Nebraska. The Cornhuskers can't win the big one. Take the points.

COTTON BOWL

Miami -7 over Texas. This is Sabha's holiday lock. Bet dad's Christmas tie on it. Give the points.

FIESTA BOWL

Alabama -8 over Louisville. Another basketball school pretending to play football. Give the points.

ROSE BOWL

Washington -8 over Iowa. The Sabha doesn't like Iowa because their cheerleaders look like poster girls for safe sex.

ORANGE BOWL

Notre Dame even over Colorado. It's deja vu all over again. Take the Irish.

SUGAR BOWL

Tennessee -5 1/2 over Virginia. The ACC just does not belong on New Year's Day. Give the points.

Sabha's picks this season:

NFL: 60-43-3
BEST BETS: 12-4
COLLEGE: 16-24

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College Reacts to War in Gulf

By: Susie Mazzullo

The war in the Gulf is now nine days old. It brought with it many feelings, such as fear, anger and a renewed pride in our country. Most of all, however, the start of the war brought questions.

When classes first began in the fall, not much about the Persian Gulf crisis was heard except for the nightly news coverage and an occassional grumble or two about the drastically rising fuel prices. As the semester progressed,however, reminders of what was going on half way around the world gradually began to be seen more and more, in the way of news stories, yellow ribbons, and even more importantly the growing abundance of letters received from loved ones and friends who were experiencing the crisis that we, for the most part, weren't bothered by.

Then Thanksgiving and Christmas approached and many family members and friends were missing from the celebrations. This left a void in the hearts of many Americans, for this year they weren't going to see that "special someone". Feelings of dread also clouded the holidays as the January 15th deadline for Saddam Hussein to withdraw from Kuwait was fast approaching. Peace talks were not accomplishing much and all in all, there was just a feeling of helpless waiting that was felt throughout the country.

For the students of Washington College, returning to school following the holidays was not quite as easy as it had been in the fall. A sense of panic about the crisis in the Gulf and the impending deadline was felt all over campus. Many students had questions about the situation and nowhere to find the answers. A rally in the Norman James Theatre on January 15th provided some of the answers.

"The End of the World Party", as it was called, turned out to be the place to be on campus that night as Norman James was standing room only for the event. Dr. Kevin Brien, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religion, and Dr. Peter Tapke, Professor of Philosophy and Religion both spoke on the subject of the crisis in the Middle East. Following that, the rally became a question and answer period for the students. One student described it as "having a bunch of friends over in your living room discussing a common problem".

The theme of the rally was in a sense "what can we do?" Washington College students wanted to do something but they didn't know what. Ideas were put forth to protest, write to senators and voice opinions, hold a blood drive, and to support the troops there with letters and packages. By the end of the meeting, the general consensus of the faculty and students in the room was that education was the key. Most of the participants felt that they needed to learn more about the whole situation before they could act in a proper way.

That night the students didn't know just what was going to happen. The very next night, however, on January 16th the feelings of anxiety and dread that the country had been feeling for so long, turned into feelings of outright fear, both for the troops stationed in the Middle East and for the families and friends that they left behind. The crisis, as it had been called for so long, had now turned into a war.

A second forum was held this past Monday night in the hopes that some of the ques-

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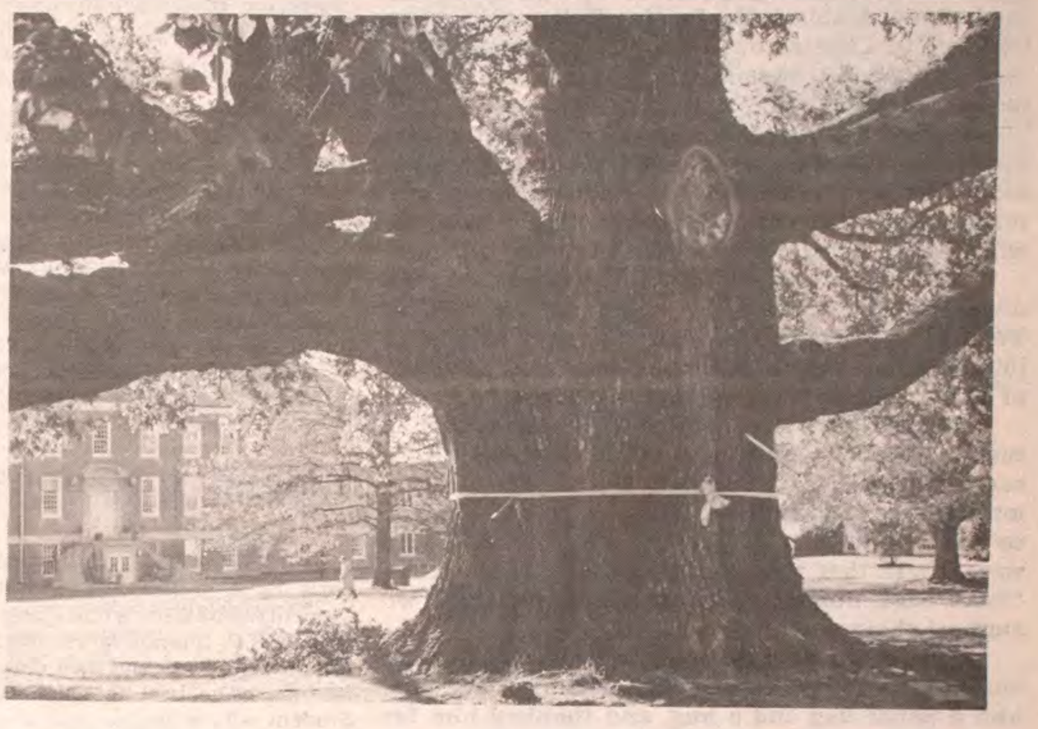

Students plan campus activities

By: Clay Eichelberger

In the wake of the U.S. declaration of war on January 16th, many students have wondered how best to deal with the reality of war. Thanks to the efforts of several members of the student body, some campus activities are being planned to help in this matter.

One such activity has already taken place last Sunday January 20th, when dozens of students turned out for a candlelight march from the Elm to the waterfront. The march was not meant to be either in favor or in protest of the war, but rather in support of the U.S. troops in the Middle East, explained sophomore Tanya Cunic, who organized the march. "Whether you're pre-war or anti-war, nobody wants to see death and destruction," she said.

Cunic says she got the idea for the candlelight march from "a woman in New Hampshire who put a candle in her window at midnight" when the first U.S. troops were sent to the Middle East. "What I did was take the candle out of the window. I brought it one stop further, " Cunic Explained. she wanted to organize something because "I was confused, I was upset, I felt alone, and I needed to know that there was a community, both students and townspeople, who felt the same way. By building up our morale and building support, care, and love, we're going to be able to give all that back when the troops come home."

Freshmen Sara Hunt and Abrah Wilberding agree that student involvement is important, but feel that in light of the complicated background behind the situation in the Middle East, education is vital. To that end, they are organizing a "teach-in" to provide more information. Like the candlelight march, the teach-in will be impartial, concentrating not on pro or anti war sentiments, but on education. "All it's really meant to do is give the background on the Middle East," Hunt said. "You have to be educated on the subject before you can form an opinion," adds Wilberding, who wants the teach-in to "help students see both sides of the issue."

Both Hunt and Wilberding would like to see a series of talks and plan to invite both Washington College professors and speakers from outside the College. They hope to offer literature focussing on all sides of the conflict, including such diverse subjects as Middle Eastern religion and culture. Hunt feels it is important "to let the students know, before they jump to conclusions, that there are ways they can find things out."

No date has been set for the teach-in as of this writing, though Hunt expects to be able to announce a date within a week. Students who are interested in helping with the teach-in many contact either Hunt or Wilberding.

Letters from the desert

By: Laura Hopper

"This conflict started August 2nd when the dictator of Iraq invaded a small and helpless neighbor...five months ago Saddam Hussein started this war against Kuwait. Tonight, the battle is joined."

With those words, President Bush told the nation that we commenced air strikes against Iraq, ending five months of suspense over the invasion of Kuwait.

For the last five months, the students of Washington College, like Americans everywhere, have lived with the aftermath of Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait. The effects of the invasion were numerous. For some, it was higher gas prices. For others, it was watching loved ones ship out to defend Saudi Arabia in Operation Desert Shield.

Joan Browne of the Registrar's office has a son stationed in Saudi Arabia. In one of his letters to her he wrote, "Dear Mom: Just a few words to say thanks for the latest package that had the hard pretzels in it. I only shared a couple, the other items I shared with all the guys. Am staying pretty busy and staying healthy. Some of the guys are starting to break

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EDITORIAL

They're in this for us

We grew up in a time of peace, and now come of age in a time of war. Most of us are too young to remember Viet Nam, although it has affected our lives. What we do remember is Ronald Reagan, the icon of the Eighties, Mr. Peace through Strength, Mr. Let's sell arms to Middle Eastern dictators.

The service people in the Gulf are our age. They are, in a way, fighting in place of us. Because they are in Saudi Arabia or the Persian Gulf enables us to be here, in Chestertown, perhaps the least likely target for a SCUD missile attack. The debt that we, as a generation, will owe them is immense.

These past weeks, the College and Chestertown community have gathered together to support our troops in the Middle East. Candlelight vigils and marches, blood drives, and letter writing campaigns, will all become part of our lives in the near future.

Although the war seems to be just a newsbreak during a soap opera or an extended *World News Tonight with Peter Jennings*, it is very real. The only thing we, safe from missiles and other weapons of death, can do is to support our troops.

In order to write "Letters from the desert" I read mail sent to Washington College student from service people in the Middle East. Many of the letters were sad or bitter. They expressed a desire to keep some form of contact with home. Some were afraid that they had lost the support of the "folks back home." It's time to show them we support them.

A little Saudi Arabian girl approached Andrew McDaniel, a member of the 82nd Airborne. She gave him a Saudi flag and a hug, and thanked him for protecting her country. That's what this war is about.

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Letters to the Editor

Satirists beware

Dear Editor:

Although I've recently graduated and am no longer a part of college life per se, I still have an interest in what goes on at Washington College. So, I've found it difficult to ignore the recent rash of rebellions being launched at the school.

To what I'm referring is, of course, the "This-Is-Not-The-(place the noun of your choice here)-Syndrome." For example, we now have "This Is Not The Elm" and "This Is Not WacHappenings." Parenthetically, it would be nice if the editors of these publications could come up with names that carry with them a little more integrity and then let the reading masses figure out the rest. But, as a former professor said to me, satire is an enabling force of much literature, but not of all of it. Satirizing existing institutions is an age-old and valid form of art, but, at the same time, it is the easiest.

I feel the missing ingredient in this potpourri of disestablishmentarianism is RESPECT. In order for one to lose respect for someone or something, one must have had it in the first place. Aristotle obviously had great respect for Plato and learned much from him before going on to disagree completely with his point of view.

Contrary to how this may sound, I am not criticizing the actual work of said editors; this seems to be relatively organized and intelligent. What I am criticizing is the attitude, the spirit in which the work is done. The institutions they satirize seem to me to be taken for granted, providing a mere excuse for them to strut their journalistic stuff, so to speak. The depth and insight of their publications can only be as great as the creators' open-mindedness. And isn't one of the main points of a college education to open one's mind? In other words, for every action their is a reaction, but in this case, the reaction takes an unwarranted precedence. It becomes its own action, thereby negating its own raison d'etre.

One final word: as I understand it, the same people who edit "This Is Not The Elm/ WacHappenings" have inadvertently laid the groundwork for a counter-revolution, namely, "This Is Not The Writer's Union." When I came here as a freshman, the Writer's Union rebellion, just as, in its way, The Elm was. So, here emerges a warning to be heeded: beware the satirist, for he may be the next to be satirized.

Alison K. Auber
Class of 1990

Student questions relocation of Student Affairs

Dear Editor:

It has struck me in the still early days of the A.R.C. that Student Affairs is really out of place in the A.R.C. It is now far removed from the students and their daily routine. The best thing about Student Affairs in the past was how accessible it was to students and that it was no big deal to drop by to get things off your chest. Its new location is not convenient for those who want to clear their minds with the Dean's. If this building's purpose is for academic resources than why not put the Writing Lab in this building. The school has always prided itself on its writing reputation so this building would seem an ideal setting for such a program. In my years here I have used Student Affairs a few times and it has been a great help, but it is one of those facilities that's glory was in the ease with which one could go and chew the fat. Now, I feel awkward to drop by uninvited.

Sincerely,
Don Steele
Senior

Alumnus responds to editorial

Dear Editor:

Your recent editorial on the national debt, which took longer than usual to cross the Delaware, caught up with me in post-Christmas rumination.

I was surprised at your willingness to surrender to the belief that higher taxes are the way out of debt. We in New Jersey have just begun to feel the effects of the single largest State imposed tax increase in the history of the nation. Governor Florio's $2.8 billion increase was done to close a $600 million budget deficit. If the logic used in your editorial were correct, New Jersey would be in fat city. His plan, however, has had the opposite effect. It has caused another $600 million deficit and started a business exodus that will lead to even less tax revenues.

When you say that, "if the money must go somewhere, it might as well go to the government," you are wrong. Money is best left in the hands of the people who earned it, for they know best how to expend their income and produce economic growth at the same time.

Sincerely,
Glen Beebe '81

Best Wishes
from the Elm Staff
to the
Washington College
Crew Team
in their
endeavor to break
the world's record
Sunday, January 27, 1991

CAMPUS VOICES

Issue: What is your opinion of anti-war protests? How much influence do think these protests have on policy makers, public opinion, our troops in the Gulf and others?

If they had a solution, it would be different...

Last week, despite all of the interest with which I had followed the Middle East Conflict, I was still quite shocked to hear the words - "America is at War." That was just not something that I thought that I would ever hear in my lifetime. Most of us were so young the last time America fought a war that we were either ambivalent to the facts or other things were more important to us. When I was two and three years old, I was most concerned with my toys, my parents and new little sister and what was going to happen the next day on Sesame Street. I was never acutely aware of the Viet Nam War. So last Wednesday, a part of my life changed, and admittedly, I cried - in fear and sadness for the inevitability of the deaths of many young American men and women.

Understandably, our involvement in the Middle East conflict has produced disagreement in our society. There are some who say that the war should have begun on August 2 and there are others who believe that the U.S. acted far too hastily in its decision to fight, not to mention the whole spectrum of beliefs in between. Perhaps because of the nature of Americans or the nature of our freedoms, many people have chosen to voice their support for or more often than not, their opposition to the Gulf War by having demonstrations.

I have been taught many things by my parents - much of which I respect and try to abide by. One of the things that has been important in my upbringing is the cliché that "You should stand for something or you will fall for anything." War demonstrators are standing up - or sitting down - for what they believe in. In that sense, I truly respect them. It takes courage and strength to put yourself on the line for others and such dedication is not always easy to come by.

While I admire the dedication of protestors, I have to return to some other of my parents' teachings in order to develop a clear opinion as to whether or not I should join them in their efforts.

I have been taught to love our country, right or wrong, because it is our country. (I'll admit, I tend to get a little teary eyed when the national anthem is played!) I have also been taught that if something is wrong, I should do my best to make it better, not through complaints and slander, but through honest hard work and love. The last of my childhood lessons that pertains to today's situation is that while the extreme may make a statement, logic and rationality usually make the difference.

Kyndra Ponder

After I have considered the advice of my parents and the way that following that advice until now has worked, I have decided that I can not protest the Gulf War at such an early phase of our involvement, nor can I truly regard the actions of war protestors with utmost respect.

The ideals which the protestors stand for are what I believe to be good ideals - peace and resolution as opposed to war and death. Yes, they are saying how they feel about our involvement in the Persian Gulf, but they have not - to my knowledge - offered any viable alternatives.

The protests are not solving anything - and in fact may be contributing to more prob-

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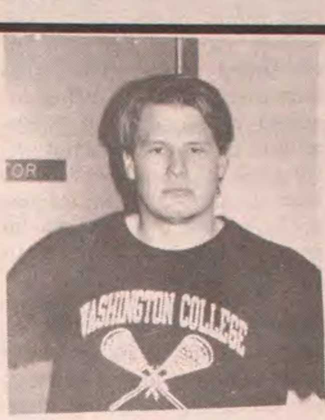
"I do not believe in the anti-war sentiment, I do however believe in those peoples rights to protest. I have two friends in Saudi Arabia and from contact with one of them I know the soldiers are not happy with the demonstrations back home. We need to support those serving in the Gulf one hundred percent. Now that fighting has begun we must pray for victory."

Andrew M. Evans
Freshman
Fort Washington, PA



"Anti-war protests are like going to an opera: a bunch of people yelling about stuff no one can understand anyway, and you fall asleep after the first ten minutes."

Christopher Head
Freshman
Lake Forest, IL

"I am by nature a pacifist, but by not standing up to Saddam's aggression it is letting non-pacifistic attitudes grow exponentially, and at this point we don't want to encourage another generation of scared Vietnam veterans."

Jasper Hopper
Freshman
Washington, DC

"I think that the time for protest has past and should have happened before any bombs were dropped. Now, I think that all we can do is write letters and support the troops. In peaceful demonstrations an intelligent and caring statement is most effective".

Sabrina Kenny
Junior
Baltimore, MD

"I went to D.C. the other day and there were people who were protesting the war; interestingly enough I thought that there were more people there supporting the war. Some people had signs that said "Honk if you support our troops.""

Belinda McLeod
Sophomore
Greenwich, CT

"If you protest against the war you inadvertently lower the moral of the troops. I would like to sit down with each anti-war protester and ask him/her what he/she thinks are plausible alternatives to war, as I see it there are none; it is either fight now or fight later."

Pam Feeney
Junior
Crofton, MD

Here come the protesters! Here come the protesters!

You got it. With every war there must be a few good red-blooded liberals who are intent on utilizing their first amendment rights. This time however the 'Peace' protesters in Washington, D.C. are being anything but peaceful. Reports from the capital, substantiate that the protesters are attacking police, and have set a few police cars on fire. At this moment protesters somewhere are planning yet another anti-war rally to voice their opinions on the government. The theory behind these protests and their continual appearances in the major cities, is that during the Vietnam war the protesters of the Seventies were active for the whole war. The protests then were strong and they could not be ignored. But Bush already said that this is " Not another Vietnam." So onto our question. "What influence will the protesters of today have on the people and the government?"

The protests to this point have been a mixture of sizes and of points of view. The widely seen rallies have been anti-war rallies held in some of the nations major cities. But alongside those rallies were the anti-Bush and the rest of the government groups. With the protests so far we have seen some amounts of actual damage to properties. Here in Baltimore, for example, a building had it's front "redecorated". That is to say that a large group of protesters got onto the roof and dumped a few gallons of red paint down the face of the building. In San Francisco, protesters closed the Bay Bridge, due to the massive blocking of traffic. And in Boston, protesters were carried off to jail after blocking the entrances to many government office buildings. But here's the question of it all. WHY?

It's understood that the people have the right to express their differences with the world, and like Vietnam they can object to an aggressive manner of problem solving, but there's a new factor now. War has started. Like it or not. And unlike Vietnam, our troops who are there, are ALL VOLUNTEERS!

I'm sure that if you had signed up for one of the armed forces, you would have thought through the possibilities of war. However vague they may have seemed at the time of registering, the possibilities were there. Right now those men and women are over there fighting for America. Unlike Vietnam, there has not been a draft. No one has been forced out of their living rooms and into a tank. I don't doubt however, that many of those troops would like to be back on stateside. But they're there. Fighting for their pride in the ideals of our country. Instead of seeing reports that major cities back home are in chaos because of them, which is probably very unsettling, why not support their choice? The time for anti-war protests is over. It's time to support our volunteered troops. They don't need

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NEWS

Community gathers to celebrate King's Birthday

By: Laura Hopper

The Washington College and Chestertown community came together on Monday afternoon to celebrate the birthday of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The program was organized by Ruth Shoge, the reference librarian at Miller Library.

Jacqueline Jefferson, Assistant Director of Buildings and Grounds at the College, welcomed the audience and introduced each speaker. The first speaker was Cynthia Fields-Bélanger who read from "A Time to Break Silence" by Dr. King. Delivered a year before his death, King spoke movingly about the Viet Nam war.

President Charles Trout read from "Letter from the Birmingham Jail" and called Dr King event making, and stated that "one day the nation will recognize its heroes." We mourn his loss, President Trout told the audience, but we celebrate his commitment.

The key address was delivered by Beatrice Fenner, Principal of the Henry Highland Garnett Elementary School in Chestertown. Ms Fenner outlined the background out of which Dr. King emerged to become the "dominant force in the civil rights movement." Ms. Fenner recalled her own involvement in the civil rights movement, and of being inspired by standing in Washington D.C. and hearing Dr. King tell the assembled that "I have dream." Ms. Fenner also spoke of her own desires for peace and the safe return of our troops in the Middle East.

Following Ms. Fenner's address, Dean Lucille Sansing spoke to the audience about Washington College's Committee on African-American History and Culture. The informal committee strives to acknowledge the contributions of "people of diversity" to American culture and history. The committee has arranged several upcoming events to meet this end including an exhibit of photographs from the early life of Frederick Douglas on the Eastern Shore, the new Spike Lee movie, and lectures by Elizabeth Clark Lewis, Daphne Duvall Harrison, and Brigadier General Clara Lewis.

Freshman class president Lionel Dyson read from "I See the Promised Land" which King delivered the day before his death on April 3, 1968. Karen Waters sang a spiritual, and the audience rose and sang "We shall overcome."

When asked about her participation in the program, Cynthia Fields-Bélanger said "every now and then, you look back in history and there's something there that makes you realize you're not alone." The passages she read from "A Time to break silence" dealt with the Viet Nam War and have a stark parallel today. Fields-Bélanger is very active in Amnesty International and finds Dr. King's work to be an important base, "new ideas have to come from someplace, what you need to find is a connection with the past."

SGA holds first meeting of the year

By: Laura Hopper

The Student Government Association of Washington College met held its first meeting of the semester on Tuesday, January 22. President Kevin Kelly called the meeting to order, and introduced Katie Simms as the second social chair. Simms had been abroad last semester.

Treasurer Brian Gimelson gave a summary of spending for last semester. The SGA spent $ 9105.73 in club funding and $ 7481.72 in social funding. He announced that the funding committee would meeting on Thursday from 2-7:30 P.M. Gimelson then proposed several allocations which the Senate passed. The first was $ 200 for the Christmas Dinner to go to the Dining Services. The Senate also approved $ 500 for Gene Hamilton to perform in the Coffee House on February 1. The SGA has been approached by the Wellness Awareness committee to sponsor a pick-pocket magician to perform in the Dining Hall and Coffee House next week, $ 400 were allocated; and finally, the Senate approved $ 100 for a full page ad in the spring Lacrosse book.

Social Chair Steve Heuttner reported that only 5 senators had returned their lists of bands from last semester. Of the bands listed, the Ramones appear to be the best choice since they are available and affordable. Several senators suggested other bands.

SCC chair Vicki Vahos reported that there are 6 cases waited to be heard by the SCC this semester. Secretary Jenny Albers reported that due to resignations, senators are needed to represent off campus and Cardinal.

Vice President Brooke Frank reported that Student Academic Board would be meeting soon, and would begin the preparation of State of the Major reports. Frank also gave the results of the recent All-Campus Judiciary hearing on Stuart Neiman. Neiman was suspended for the semester, and will be placed on disciplinary probation when he returns next semester.

President Kevin Kelly passed out a preliminary copy of the Cable T.V. survey. The survey inquires as to what the students would like to pay per room/per month, whether or not they feel that College should subsidize the costs and what the students would use Cable for most. Pending approval by Mariane Benninger, the students will be receiving the survey.

Kelly also nominated Debbie Smedhurst to replace R.J. Eldridge as head of the Conduct Screening Board. Smedhurst was approved by the Senate, and Jen del Niro was approved as Smedhurst's replacement as a member of the conduct screening board.

Finally, Kelly read two letters to the Senate. The first, from Dr. Susan Ross of Health Services, urged students to use the crosswalk when crossing 213 and to be careful. Ross wrote that she was concerned that students endanger their health by crossing in front of Minta Martin and the Literary House, and also by moving slowly in the crosswalk. The second letter, from President Trout, reinforced Ross's letter and stated that he too had seen students crossing 213 at the pace of a "lame snail."

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LETTERS

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as it sinks in they may be here for quite a while. I am taking it in stride and look on the bright side, we won't be fighting the war in the States where our families are. If we had let Saddam get away with this he would have come to us in a few years with nuclear weapons. Don't let Congress pull the plug on us as some are trying to do, we belong here to keep y'all safe."

In August, Susie Mazzullo received a letter from a friend stationed in Saudi Arabia. Andrew McDaniel is part of the 82nd Airborne Division. In August he wrote, "I can't wait to come home...Right now that seems a million miles away. I know that sounds sad but its true. I never thought I could feel this far from home with no end in sight. Right now they're saying six months if nothing happens. But if it does hit the fan it will happen quickly because people want to go kick his ass now and go home to the good ole U.S. of A. I know a lot of good men would be lost this way, but if we don't fight now, we will just have to do it later. And that will definitely cost us a whole lot more soldiers. It seems there's no real good solution to it. But I guess that's the way life is sometimes."

While the press and the "experts" debated what should be done about the situation in the Middle East, and while the United Nations passed resolution after resolution condemning the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, life went on around here pretty much the way it always has.

The college went home for Christmas break. During the holidays, some members of the College community remembered our troops in the Persian Gulf and sent them Christmas cards. Freshman Susan Czechowski sent a Christmas card address to "Any Serviceperson" Lieutenant Corporal Lee Charpentier wrote back "You are absolutely right about how mail can cheer you up. I love getting mail, and you probably do too. Even when I was in the States, I was 850 miles from home. When I am 12,000 miles away, I can't even make a phone call. So mail is my only communication with home."

Senior English major Kyndra Ponder also sent Christmas cards to the Gulf. John Byrne serves on the Iwo Jima as a hospital corpsman. He wrote, "I've been in the Mid-East since August of last year. Things over here are going O.K. though it's very boring and nerve racking not knowing what's going to happen. The daily routine while at sea is never changing. We exercise in the morning and have combat readiness classes in the evening. Though no one wants war, we would like an end to the stalemate, one way or the other. At least then we would have set goals and priorities."

Many of the letters are sad or even bitter. They express a desire to come home, and frustration over many hours spent in a blazing desert 12,000 miles from home.

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NEWS

Our responsibility to act: war, community and commitment

By Erin Hodge-Williams and Erin Paige

We should be insulted our generation is nicknamed the "Lost Generation." The headlines we read are depressing and overwhelming: poverty, illiteracy, the homeless, drug abuse, violence, the environment, and now the war. Rather than choosing to sit at home and suffocate under a blanket of helplessness, many of today's college-age citizens are working to change what they can.

The sixties were thirty years ago. Announcing world problems or rallying is no longer a radical or effective movement. Instead, our generation has quietly propelled itself into motion. In soup kitchens, day-care centers, inner city schools, hospitals, drop-in centers, people of all ages are each volunteering as little as two hours a week, and making a difference. We should not tolerate being called "lost" merely because our voices are quiet. We operate individually, not as a collective mob, and consequently our efforts tend to be overlooked.

The war has shifted our attention away from issues here in the United States. Nobody wants to remember the elderly, or a recycling program when they can turn on the television and watch on-the-scene coverage of the Persian Gulf. Watching television can amplify feeling helpless and leave us all with the question, "what can I do here?" Other than joining the Red Cross, as one Washington College student considered, individual efforts might feel ineffective. They aren't. Individuals on campus are arranging debates, awareness meetings, teach-ins, a blood drive, vigils. If you choose not to participate, at least remain aware of these efforts. Other options are to write letters or mail packages to soldiers in the Gulf (to: Any Soldier / Operation Desert Shield / USCENTAF - IN / A PO NY 09852).

The war will end, and we need to by prepared. Until we learn to solve the problems among ourselves in this country, the problems we solve outside will mean less. If more of our peers involve themselves in their communities, our voice as a generation will be influential. Our educations cannot stop at the classroom door because "solutions" are not taught within those doors.

Hands Out is a new Washington College program designed to support individuals with an interest in their community. Hands Out wants to draw together all members of the college (students, faculty, staff, and organizations) into a collective organization. The program can inform students who don't know where their service is needed, offer support and generate enthusiasm for anyone who wants to organize a volunteer project, all in an effort to link the college to the Chestertown community. Anyone who is interested in the community, or volunteering, should realize they can play a significant role in directing the course of the Hands Out program. Career Development is temporarily serving as the base, and all are encouraged to stop by. In addition, Hands Out members will be at the Wellness Expo distributing pamphlets of local services needing volunteers.

Erin Paige and Erin Hodge-Williams

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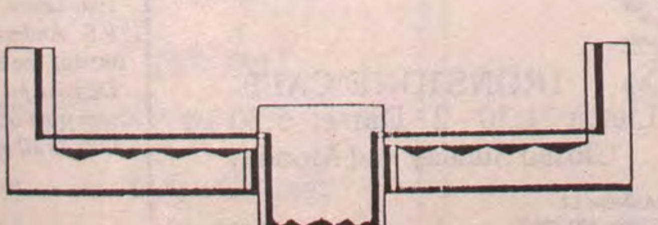

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What do you think of the anti-war protests?

"I believe that the people protesting are only looking out for human life. Our policy makers especially George Bush seem to feel that protest will have no effect. I think that anti-war protesters will be blamed as being unpatriotic when all the really want is peace. I think some people in the armed forces will be upset be the protests, but I think that others may feel the protesters are the only part of the American public looking out for them."

Suzanne Groner
Freshman
Baltimore, MD

"It's our generation that is going to die, I don't believe that my friends and other young men should have to go to war for economic reasons. It makes me cry when I see the coverage on television. It will certainly have a long lasting effect on the armed forces personnel serving in the Gulf. The loss of life could be so great, not just those people in the armed forces but also civilians."

Cindi DeWaters
Freshman
Kingsville, MD

"It's okay to be in favor of peace and to protest the war for the casualties, but I think that as Americans we should support our troops. Our troops are at the mercy of our government. I think they need to know that their lives are valued. Anti-war protesters are only stirring up bad feelings. There is a lot of talk about these protesters but we need to remember that they are only about one percent of the U. S. population. I do not think they have much of an effect on anything."

Anna M. Herrmann
Freshman
Kirkwood, PA

"At this point the protesting has been fairly low key. People are more concerned (and rightly so), with the safety of our troops than they are with ending the war. I think this will change when boys start coming home in body bags. Personally, I don't believe in this war. I can not support our justification for being over there. I feel it is important to let the troops know that being anti-war is not the same as being anti-soldier. I respect and pray for the troops and wish them a safe, quick return home.

Caitlin D. Bell-Hicken
Freshman
Baltimore, MD.

"I believe the protesting is absolutely ridiculous, not only will it have no effect on the decision-maker, but it also helps decrease the moral of those fighting the war. It has a terrible effect and it is only negative."

Frank Cabraja
Senior
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Where were you when you heard about the war?

Campus Voices
photos by
Kevin Decker

"I sympathize with the passion behind anti-war protests but what do they really accomplish ? The decision has been made for U.S. involvement by the President and by a majority vote in Congress. If you wanted to protest anything it should have been done beforehand. Now we have to support our troops because they want to come home just as badly as we want them to."

Brian Gimelson
Junior
Doylestown, PA

I was eating dinner with some friends, enjoying the evening when the new came on the television.

Victoria Douglas
Freshman
Wilmington, DE

"A friend came and told me to come into her room because President Bush was about to speak on television."

Cristin Albert
Freshman
Albany, NY

"I was under my bed looking for a sock when a friend of my roommates called and told us over the phone."

Emily S. Daignault
Freshman
Towson, MD

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P.S. And special thanks to the men of the 82nd Airborne Division for our cartoons, all the way from Saudi Arabia.. Good Luck to all of you.

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NEWS

Poll Results:

Students support the military action in the Gulf

By: Susie Mazzullo

A poll in last Sunday's USA Today showed that 76% of all Americans support the President's decision to attack the Iraqis last Wednesday. 16% of all Americans oppose this decision. The poll that was published this past Sunday shows that support for the President is up 1% from before the decision to attack was made. Opposition to the President's Middle East policy is down 2%.

Tuesday evening, the Elm conducted their own poll to see how the college community compares to the rest of the nation in their reaction to the Persian Gulf Crisis/War. The poll was taken inside the dining hall during dinner hours. Results show that feelings here in Chestertown are the same as those of citizens all over the country. According to the poll, 76% of all Washington College students support the U.S military involvement in the Gulf and 24% do not. Some of the reasons that were stated as to why a student chose a particular side are as follows:

In support of military involvement-

"I support the U.S. involvement because part of living in the greatest contry on the planet is helping maintain order."

"People do not realize the important effort of our country for peace and what it represents."

"Ethically speaking, we couldn't do anything else."

"I think it is about time that the U.N. is given some real power so that in the future we can fight our wars in its chambers instead of in the field."

"How can you not support the soldiers when they are saving our lives?"

"Nuke 'em!"

"It's too late not to. Those men and women are in the midst of combat. Their safety is my only concern. The time for philosophizing is passed."

"Kuwait deserves freedom like ours."

"This is not Vietnem, this is a maniac on the loose that needs to be put in his place."

"I support it to the point that I will be going to fight with the Marines."

Against military involvement-

"There is no reason to donate blood of any nation, for oil of any nation."

"We have enough problems here at home. We cannot continue to solve everyone else's."

"I find it very interesting that the United States feels the need to protect the people (or

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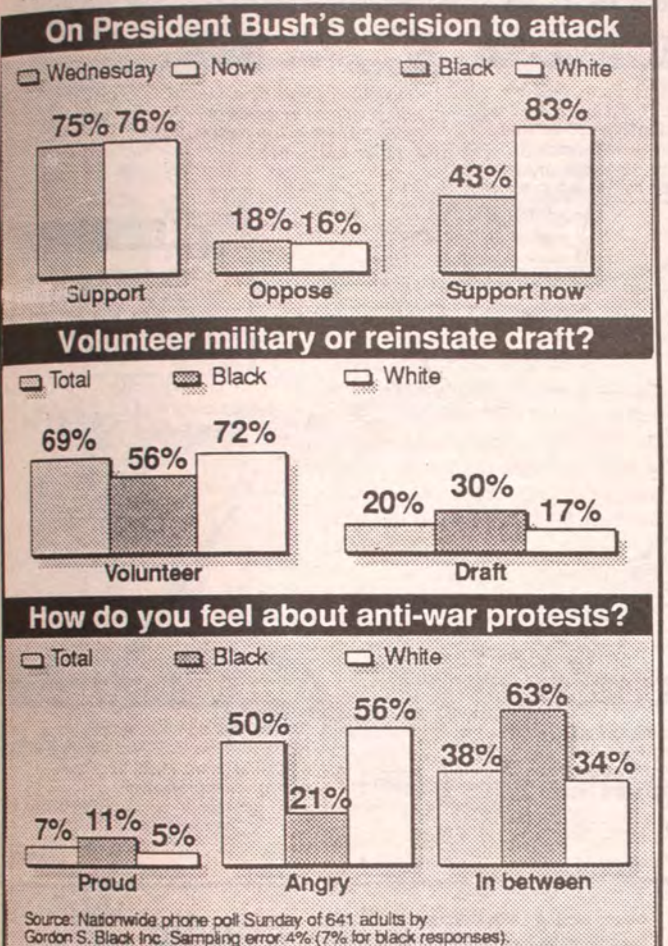
Big support for war effort

A significant majority of the U.S. public agrees on many of the key questions of the war with Iraq, a Sunday USA TODAY poll shows.

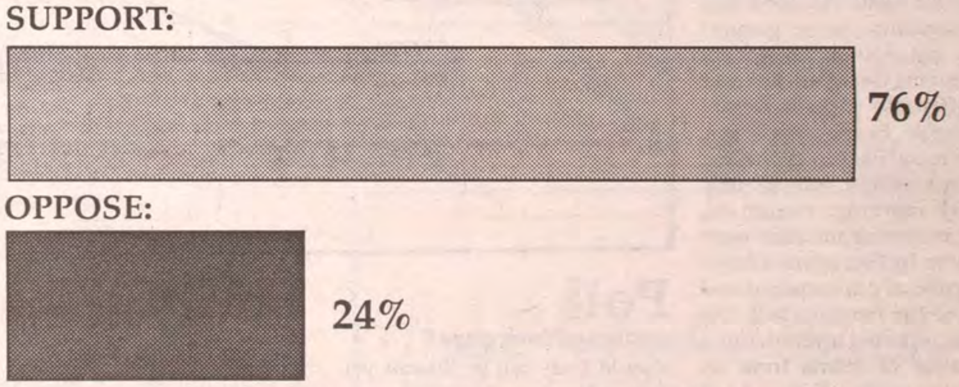


Source: Nationwide phone poll Sunday of 641 adults by Gordon S. Black Inc. Sampling error 4% (7% for black responses).

Keith Carter, USA TODAY

Washington College Student Poll

Do you support or oppose the U.S. military involvement in the Gulf?



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OUTLOOK

In the world: War in the Gulf; Crackdown in the Baltics

ISREAL:

A Scud missile hit a residential neighborhood in Tel Aviv killing 3 people and injuring 70 others. The Scud apparently missed being hit by two Patriot missiles fired to intercept it. Speculation has already begun as to why the Patriot missiles were unable to down the incoming Scud. Some reports said they were manned by Isreali military personnel still learining to use the equipment properly, while others maintain the Patriot fired was of the older variety, and not the new state of the art version.

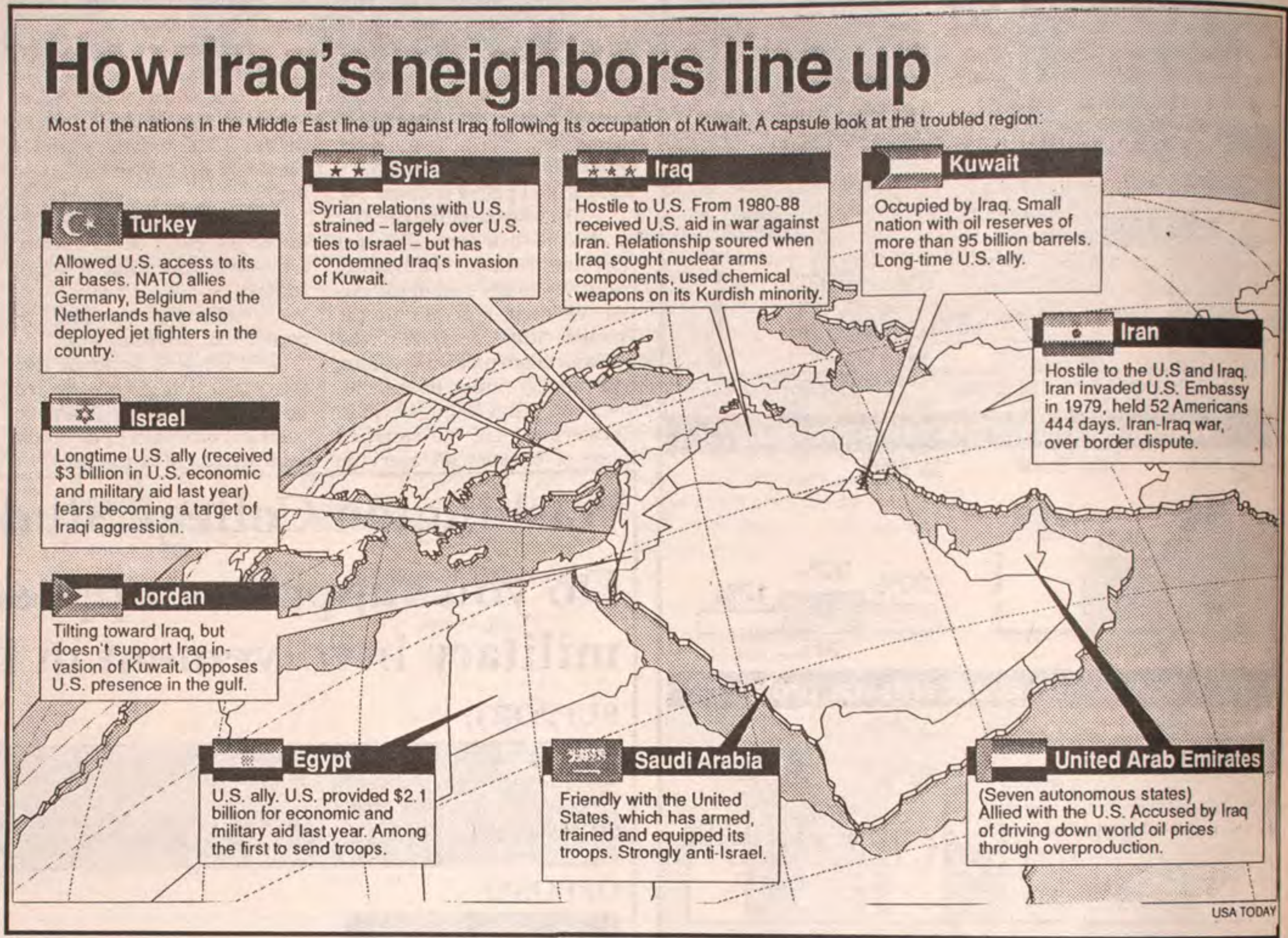
This latest attack is the third Iraqi attack on Isreal in a week. Tuesday searchers continued to dig trough debris for survivors. Although the goverment did not react immediately after the attack, the pressure for Isreali military reaction is mounting in a nation where military self-reliance is of extreme importance. Only discussions with the U.S. and the deployment of additional Patriot missiles convinced the Isrealis to refrain from retaliation after the first two attacks.

SAUDI ARABIA:

U.S. and Arab military officials have said that the Iraqis are preparing for a ground attack by Allied forces by repositioning their front line and setting Kuwaiti oil fields ablaze. Also, Iraqis Scud attacks on Dhahran and Riyadh, including the first daylight attack early Tuesday morning, continued. All the incoming missiles were shot down by Patriot missiles of fell harmlessly in unpopulated areas or the Persian Gulf. No one was reported injured, but a large piece of debris from an exploded missile fell on a street in Riyadh causing some damage. The threat of Iraqi Scud missiles has not yet been eliminated, but officials from both the U.S. and Saudi Arabia seem to believe that there are enough Patriot missiles to meet the threat.

SOVIET UNION:

Gorbachev denied Tuesday night that he ordered ttoop attacks in two Baltic capitals , and maintained he had not abandoned his move toward democracy, freedom of the press and a market economy. "Neither domestic nor foreign policy has undergone changes." Gorbachev said. He also siad that foreign criticism was "reminiscent of the ideological warfare of the the past," and based on a misunderstanding of Soviet policy. Gorbachev read a statement in which he declared: "the developments in Vilnius and Riga are by no means expressions of the policy of presidential power. Therefore I resolutely reject all suspicions and salnder on the score." He also said the attacks on the Lithuanian broadcast facilities on January 13 and the Latvian police headquarters a week later were not ther result of "mythical orders from higher authorities." In the meantime the Baltic statescontinue to ask the U.S. and the United Nations for assistence in dealing with what they perceive to be a communist crackdown.



How Iraq's neighbors line up

Most of the nations in the Middle East line up against Iraq following its occupation of Kuwait. A capsule look at the troubled region:

Turkey
Allowed U.S. access to its air bases. NATO allies Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands have also deployed jet fighters in the country.

Syria
Syrian relations with U.S. strained – largely over U.S. ties to Israel – but has condemned Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.

Iraq
Hostile to U.S. From 1980-88 received U.S. aid in war against Iran. Relationship soured when Iraq sought nuclear arms components, used chemical weapons on its Kurdish minority.

Kuwait
Occupied by Iraq. Small nation with oil reserves of more than 95 billion barrels. Long-time U.S. ally.

Iran
Hostile to the U.S and Iraq. Iran invaded U.S. Embassy in 1979, held 52 Americans 444 days. Iran-Iraq war, over border dispute.

Israel
Longtime U.S. ally (received $3 billion in U.S. economic and military aid last year) fears becoming a target of Iraqi aggression.

Jordan
Tilting toward Iraq, but doesn't support Iraq invasion of Kuwait. Opposes U.S. presence in the gulf.

Egypt
U.S. ally. U.S. provided $2.1 billion for economic and military aid last year. Among the first to send troops.

Saudi Arabia
Friendly with the United States, which has armed, trained and equipped its troops. Strongly anti-Israel.

United Arab Emirates
(Seven autonomous states) Allied with the U.S. Accused by Iraq of driving down world oil prices through overproduction.

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should I say oil) in Kuwait yet they cannot protect their own children from crime in the streets."

"If we were really over there to liberate Kuwait, we would have done the same when Chad was invaded."

"I support the troops, however, I do not agree with Bush's reasons for going to war."

"Now that we are at war, we must hope for a quick, decisive victory so that troops can come home, but I do not think we should have gone."

Emily

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to hear that we hated their choice to serve our country. On the contrary, they need to hear that we SUPPORT their choice to defend the United States and all the peaceful ideals it holds. The anti-war protests have no doubt brought the attention of the governments of the war but I believe that it's Saddam Hussein who's happy to see it not Bush. George Bush and the troops need our support. Without it, well, what would you do if your country hated your being in a war zone. You'd be there to protect all the people who would be despising you. Point is they need our constant support. Ifd you agree with Bush or don't agree with him that's fine, everyone has the right to hold their own opinion. But by voicing it now when the countries' support is needed, will do anything but aid the situation. I think the Ohio State Students said it best, "USA ALL THE WAY".

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lems. Cities like Washington, San Francisco, New York and even Baltimore have had to deal with Anti-War Protestors in the last week by calling in more police officers to serve as crowd control. These cities are having financial problems as it is, and don't need the extra strain of paying overtime to hundreds of extra officers to handle protestors. Drugs and crime are still problems in our cities and police presence should be "on the beat" helping to control violence instead of on the streets keeping protestors in check.

For all of the shouting and sit-ins and other demonstra-

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FEATURES

A comedy of errors in the Middle East (the fiction)

Phil "Slice"Macek

It's time once again for another thrilling episode of everybody's favorite Middle Eastern soap opera, *The Edge of Wetness*. In today's episode, we find our three main characters: the studly womanizer, George Bush; the ruthless, revenge seeking Saddam Hussein; and the penniless, vodka swilling Mikhail Gorbachev, on their way to a very crucial meeting to determine the fate of the free world.

If you'll remember from last week, we found out that George and Saddam, at birth, were really Siamese twins joined at the buttocks. Luckily, their mother, Margaret Thatcher, gave her approval for a risky operation to separate the two boys, and today they lead perfectly normal lives. Meanwhile, Gorbachev had recently returned from Hawaii, where he had ended his short-lived love affair with Corazon Aquino. She demanded that Mikhail have Raisa killed off by the world's most dangerous assassin, Dr. Gillin, so they can get married and live happily ever after. Finally, we find Dan Quayle suffering from the severe trauma of finding out that he is gay and desperately hoping that he can conceal his true tendencies, so that he can remain on the high school basketball team and still shower with the guys after practice. His ultimate dream is to be pinned to a sophomore named Chip.

We pick up today episode as the three leaders are sitting in a bar, discussing world events over pitchers of Schlitz beer.

Saddam: Comrade George, if you do not let me take Barbara to the Birthday Ball at Washington College I will uphold my promise to attack Israel.

George: But Saddam, she's my wife; and it wouldn't be prudent to let her go out with another man. But I think Millie is free that night.

Saddam: Shut up funny man! Or I will fire my Scud missiles where the sun don't shine.

Mikhail: Gentlemen please, stop all this arguing. We need more beer, and as you well know I have no money.

George: Relax fellas. This one's on me. Oh waiter, I want you to bring us a pitcher of beer every seven minutes until someone passes out, then bring one every ten minutes. O.K.? Here' s a little something for your trouble (hands a dime and a piece of paper saying in red letters "Bush for You in '92—reelect George." to the waiter).

Mikhail: But George, how much good is getting drunk going to do us?

George: I don't know about you Mikey, but I'm sick and tired of looking at that funky red tattoo on your head while I'm sober.

Mikhail: You insensitive boob! That is a birthmark and no fault of my own.

George: Pipe down Mikey, or I won't let you play Risk later with me and Saddam in the Oval office.

Mikhail: But you promised!

George: I know I did, but you promised me that we were gonna go see the *Hunt for Red October* and *Rocky IV* double feature at the Moscow drive-in last week. But no, you insisted on going sledding up at Camp David with Barbara. So why should I keep my promise, you potato eater?

Saddam: Please gentlemen, can we get back to the reason for this meeting?

George: Forget it Saddam, I'm not letting you go out with Barbara.

Saddam: No, the other reason

George: Oh that's right, the damn war.

Mikhail: What war?

Saddam: No concern of yours comrade

Mikhail: Oh well, in that case I'm gonna go throw some darts and chase some skirts. I'll see you mugs later.

George: Now look Saddam, it's about time we ended this little disagreement of ours, don't you think?

Saddam: Not until you hook me up with Barbara. What a woman! So firm, so round so fully packed!

George: Not gonna do it Saddam. And if you insist in occupying Kuwait I'll have my troops work up a number 6 on you.

Saddam: Number 6? I'm afraid I'm not familiar with that.

George: That's we go a ridin' into town, a whoppin' and a whumpin' every living thing that moves within an inch of its life. Except for the women folk of course.

Saddam: You spare the women folk?

George: No, we get them stinking drunk and then take them to the Number 6 dance later on that night. Come on Saddam, there has to be a way to end this stupid war. I've a sagging economy that needs attention and I can't afford to chase your narrow little butt all over the Middle East.

Saddam: Well, there might be one tiny way to make me forget about Kuwait.

George: Just name your price. Hey waiter! can I get a bourbon and water over here? my throat's a little parched.

Saddam: I want to see the great American game of football.

George: Is that it? You want to see some big overpaid dumb guys fight over an inflated piece of leather.

Saddam: More than anything in the world.

George: O.K. I've got the perfect game; we'll go see the New England PATRIOTS play. How does that sound?

Saddam: Patriots? No way George. If you're gonna be that way about it forget it. I go back to my original proposal— taking Barbara to the Birthday Ball.

George: No way, Can I get another hot dog over here please? And bring some extra nachos too.

Saddam: George, want to try some of my broccoli dip? It's really quite delicious.

George: Shut up fat man. Listen dummy, it's pretty obvious that we're getting nowhere with these talks. Let's get out of this hole and hunt down some action. I hear there's a party in Cardinal tonight.

Saddam: Hey look! Check out Mikhail busting a move on that chick over there.

George: That's what I mean Saddam, let's get out this creep joint and hit the party scene.

Saddam: You can go hit the scene George, I'll go keep Barbara warm; maybe give her a foot massage.

George: Come on Saddam, let's go play air hockey.

Saddam: No, I think I'm gonna go invade Turkey.

George: All right man, catch you later. Hey Mikhail! Wait up!

As the three leaders leave the bar, the world wonders what the outcome of the war will be. Stayed tuned next week, when we find Dan Quayle asking Saddam Hussein, "Won't you please fire your Scud missile at me?"

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tions that have been going on in the last week from those opposed to the War, I have yet to hear any logical statement of what can be done to end it. If someone is so intent on making things better, protests just don't seem to be the most effective way of bringing about that change. If things are ever going to improve and this war is going to end, we need those people who stand for peace to work from the inside to change the system, or at least offer solutions to the problems instead of creating new ones.

The Anti-War demonstrators, while they may be "standing for something", and consequently be worthy of praise (at least according to the lessons that Mom and Dad have taught to me over the last 20 years), but in terms of offering any solutions or even presenting their arguments in rational ways, they have failed to earn my true respect or my support. Maybe Mom and Dad aren't right, but I think that there is a lot of merit in their conservative beliefs.

Kyndra Ponder is a senior who excells at last minute Campus Voices essays.

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SPORTS

Hoops: Conference games bruise the Shoremen

by Matt Giller

The WAC started Conference play last week with losses to Johns Hopkins 74-65, Swarthmore 65-59, and Ursinus 69-66.

Last Wednesday night the Shoremen (4-11, 0-4) went on the road where they have yet to win to face the Blue Jays of Johns Hopkins.

During the first half of action, the Jays and the Sho'men virtually traded baskets the entire twenty minutes. The two teams went into the locker room with the Jays leading 34-33. At the mid-point, Sophomore pivotman Darren Vican and freshman guard Geoff Rupert led the WAC scoring with 10 and 12 points respectively.

In the second half, however, Hopkins controlled the action by scoring the first six points, increasing their lead to the largest of the game at that point to 40-34. The Blue Jays later stretched their lead to 46-35.

The two teams traded bucketsuntil, with the score 52-44, the WAC went on a small seven point scoring run. Sophomore captain Peter Basel scored five of those points to get them within one point of the Jays.

However, Hopkins matched the Shoremen streak to make the score 59-51 with 7:33 remaining in the show.

A Basel three-pointer with4:41 remaining cut the Hopkins lead to four, 63-59. But the more experienced Jays were able to fend off any Shoremen lat threats to pull out an important conference "W."

Vican led the way for the WAC scoring 18 points and pulling down seven rebounds. Guards Basel and Rupert had 15 and 14 points respectively, while junior Tim Liddy contributed with his usual consistent play and ten points.

Last Saturday night the WAC went on the road again to play a much-improved Swarthmore squad (10-7, 3-0).

This game had the same k as the Hopkins game as both teams traded baskets up until the halftime horn sounded. With the Sho'men leading 25-24 with 5:07 left in the first half, both teams put on their defensive shoes. Not a point was scored for the next 4:42 until Washington's floor general Allen Lester scored a layup with :25 remaining. Swarthmore knotted the score 27-27 by converting a three-point play with one tick left on the clock.

Swarthmore opened the second half with a layup to gain the lead and hold onto it for the remainder of the game. Swarthmore stretched their lead to fourteen, 48-34 with ten minutes left. They remained at least ten points ahead of the Sho'men for the next 6:30 until a Basel three-point bomb hit its target to trim the lead to 54-46.

While the home team was struggling to hold on to victory, the WAC scrapped to make it a six point contest with just 1:38 when Lester sank a lay up making the score 58-52 in Swarthmore's favor. However, the Shoremen were unable to scalpel into their lead any further.

Basel and Lester dominated the Sho'men scoring by pouring in 19 and 17 points respectively. Vican ripped down 15 boards while tallying 8 points.

The Shoremen hosted its first conference game of the season against Ursinus College Tuesday night in the "Cain Cave."

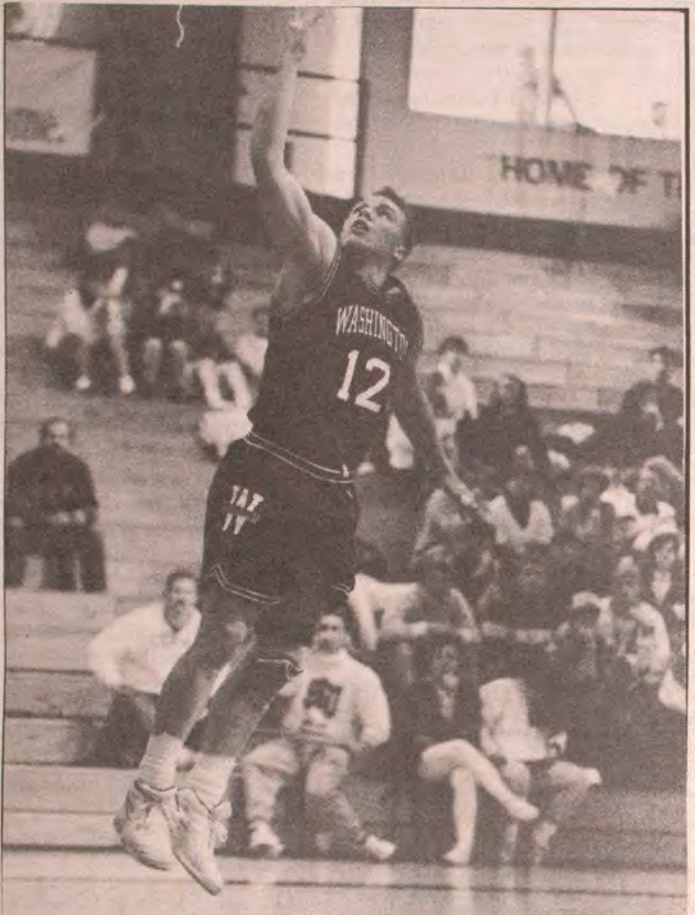
The WAC was not very hospitable early on as they took a 26-20 halftime lead. They increased their margin to ten, 39-29, five minutes into the second half.

However, with 1:43 left in the game, Ursinus took its first lead, 52-51 by Andy Lesher's one of six three-point shots. Vican's lay up put the WAC back on top with 1:17 left.

Ursinus had the ball, down 56-54 when William Briggs(no relation to W.C.'s outstanding math teacher) traveled with :25 remaining on the clock. Freshman Greg Rogers was sent to free-throw line where he made one of two to increase their lead to 57-54. Lesher(29 points) of Ursinus ruined the homecoming by sending the game into overtime with one of his many three-point bombs. Ursinus took advantage of their opportunity by pulling out a heartbreaking victory over the WAC.

Basel again led all WAC scorers with 19 points, while Vican contributed with 16 of his own and 11 rebounds.

The next home tip-off is this Saturday night at 7:30 against MAC Conference foe Haverford College.



With the Shoreman in the midst of a five game slump, Allen Lester looks to the heavens for answers. They will have a chance to get back on track tomorrow at 7:30 vs. Haverford in the Cain Gymnasium.

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Swim team: women trimmed by Dickinson

Washington's women's swimteam lost a heartbreaker last weekend in their home natatorium by falling to a tough Dickinson College squad 105-99.

The W.C. women almost pulled off a major MAC upset against a team that finished last year's season ranked fifth in the conference.

The Shorewomen were up by as much as 15 points mid-way through the meet but couldn't hold off their strong competitor.

All-American Kasey Carroll led the group with three firsts. She broke her team record in the 200 IM and swam to two season best swims in the 500 and 1000 Freestyle. Co-captain Sam Streamer added important first and second place finishes in the 50 Freestyle and 100 Freestyle respectively.

Freshman Mimi Devlin continued to add valuable points by winning the 200 Butterfly and placing second in the 200 Freestyle.

Streamer and Devlin joined Jennifer Green and Leslie Newcomb for second place in the 400 Medley Relay. Green added second place points in the 200 Backstroke, while Newcomb contributed greatly with an impressive second place finish in the 200 Breastroke and third place in the 200 IM.

Freshman Magdalena Fuchs had her best meet of the season with MAC qualifying times in the 50 Freestyle and 100 Freestyle. The 100 Freestyle placed her fourth on the all-time W.C. list of official times. She joined Green, junior Karen "Boom Boom" Brady and Kristen Callazzo for a second place finish in the 400 Freestyle relay. Callazzo also had season bests in the 50 and 100 Freestyle while qualifying for the MACs in the 50 Free.

Other good swims were turned in by Brady in the 500 and 1000 Freestyle. Senior Vickie Vahos turned in quality times in the 200 Backstroke and 00 Freestyle. Ramsey Bingham(200 Freestyle), Kelly Loftus(200 Breastroke), Karen Prendergast(200 IM) and Joan Colton(200 Butterfly) all performed well for the WAC.

Coach Kim Lessard was extremely pleased with the effort of her young team. "It was a very exciting meet," Lessard commented after. "I never expected us to be ahead by as much as fifteen points after the 200 Butterfly. The girls swam extremely well and have proven they will be in the pack at the MAC championships in February!"

The women's next home meet is tomorrow afternoon at 1:00 against Hood College.

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Washington College's Presidential Advisory Council on Lifetime Fitness will sponsor its second annual Wellness Awareness Week, January 27 - February 1, 1991. Designed to focus awareness on physical and mental health and well-being among students, faculty and employees as well as for the community, Wellness Awareness Week will include lectures, presentations, displays, and a popular, day-long Wellness Expo Wednesday, January 30.

The week of the events begins Sunday, January 27 with a 3-kilometer "Frostbite Run" organized by the recreational sports department. The run is set for 1 p.m. starting at the front of the Cain Gymnasium. On Monday, January 28, the college's Health Services Department will sponsor a lecture on relationships, "Love Entanglements," by psychologist Bruce Hutchinson, at 4 p.m. in the New Casey Academic Center.

Tuesday, January 29 has been designated "Nutrition Awareness Day," and information about nutrition and eating habits will be displayed in the college's dining hall. On Wednesday, January 30, the Wellness Expo will be set up in the college's Hynson Lounge. A popular event last year, the Expo will once again feature displays and handouts, mental and physical health assessments and evaluations, and scientific analysis of body composition and nutrition. The Expo will be held from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. January 30.

Thursday, January 31 will be "Substance Free Day." At 9 p.m., following a talk on the outlook for the economy by columnist Julius Westheimer, the Student Center in the Dining Hall will sponsor a special performance of "The Magic Comedy Pickpocket Show" by magician John Frajance. There will also be a Yoga workshop at 2:30 p.m. in Cain Gymnasium, and the college's Christian Fellowship will hold an open house at 7 p.m. in the Caroline Dormitory.

Wellness Awareness Week ends on Friday, February 1 with a workshop on "Exercises and Care for the Lower Back," at noon in the Casey Academic Center, and a "Walk Off the Job" health walk for all college employees at 2 p.m. In addition to scheduled events, there will be video and computer programs on nutrition, birth control and AIDS, all week long in the dining center and Cain Gymnasium, and the Washington College Rowing Teams will be rowing around the clock in an effort to beat the World Rowing Record in the Hall of Fame Room in the Cain Gymnasium.

All events are free and the public is encouraged to attend. For information about any of the events during Wellness Awareness Week, phone the college at (301) 778-2800, ext. 231 or ext. 402.

Travelling with the Blues Traveller

by Raphael Koster

Blues Traveler, "Blues Traveler". A & M Records. Produced by Justin Niebank

In beginning this review, let's get the superlatives out of the way early: Amazing. Brilliant. Incredible, fantastic, magical. Virtuoso. All these can describe the harmonica playing of John Popper, the front man for Blues Traveler. Unless you have heard the album, or the first single, "But Anyway," you have no idea just how good this man is on his chosen instrument. But now that these adjectives are out of the way, let's look at the virtues of the band that calls itself Blues Traveler.

The reason for the name is immediately evident. This group can be described as a garage rock band with blues licks in guitar and harmonica grafted on. The most clearly blues-influenced song is "Warmer Days," which sounds much like the kind of blues you rarely hear anymore: the instrumental pauses reminiscent of Bo Diddley, the piano with its Ray Charles licks, the classic blues ending, and of course Popper's harmonica taking over what would ordinarily be a guitar solo. This is a band much given to three-minute instrumental interludes, to improvisatory solos.

Given the rough and ready approach the band has to their music, the comparison with your typical roots rock band is inevitable. When the harmonica is absent, that is what Blues Traveler sounds like; the actual musical sensibility of the group seems not to be rooted as firmly in the blues as they would like to have us believe. Not a single song is in a traditional blues format. The music is refreshing, driving enough to satisfy those who want grittier rock than the glam-rock bands produce. The producer, Justin Niebank, wisely stays away from over-production, and as a result, not a synth is heard on the whole album. The list of guests is likewise minimal, including only a piano on one song, a sax on another, and some backing vocals.

Lyrically, the songs display a marked pessimism, in fact a cynicism that fits the musical style of the band. Take the first verse of "Gotta Get Mean," by three of the band members: "In this vale of toil and sin/ You're stuck in a race that you just can't win/ Take a look around and it's so obscene/ But's that's the way it is". The songs tackle existential fatalism, as in the song "100 Years"-

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WELLNESS AWARENESS

Sunday, January 27 - Friday, February 1, 1991

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

Fun and Fitness Day
Recreational Sports Activities
3K Frostbite Run
Cain Gymnasium, 1 p.m.

Starting today and around the clock, the WC Rowing Teams will attempt to beat the World Rowing Record,
Hall of Fame Room, Cain Gymnasium

MONDAY, JANUARY 28

Mental Awareness Day
Hearing Tests
Health Services Office
9 a.m.-12 noon

"Love Entanglements,"
lecture by Dr. Bruce Hutchison,
Casey Academic Center Forum, 4 p.m.

"Careers in Banking," with representatives of First National Bank
Sponsored by the Career Development Office
Sophie Kerr Room, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

Nutrition Awareness Day
Nutrition information on display in
Hodson Dining Hall

"Job Interviewing Tips," with
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Sophie Kerr Room, 7 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

Wellness Awareness Day
Wellness Expo
Hynson Lounge, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

Substance Free Day
Yoga with Karen Smith
Dance Studio, Cain Gymnasium, 2:30p.m.

Magic Comedy Pickpocket Show,
Main Dining Room, 5-7 p.m.

Open House, Newman Club/
Christian Fellowship
Caroline House, 7 p.m.

"The Outlook for the Economy,"
Julius Westheimer
Casey Academic Center Forum, 8 p.m.

Magic Comedy Pickpocket Show,
Student Center, 9 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Employee Wellness Day
"Exercises and Care for the Lower Back," Jon Ferber
Common Room, Casey Academic Center, 12 noon

Walk Off the Job, health walk
for all College employees
Under the Elm, Campus Lawn, 2 p.m.

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NEWS

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tions raised at the previous meeting could be answered. Approximately fifty students attended, along with some members of the faculty and also the President and Mrs. Trout. The panel consisted of four faculty members: Dr. Tahir Shad, Dr. Edward Weissman, Mr. Kenneth Wantling, and Dr. Stephen Cades. Dr. George Shivers, Professor of Spanish, organized the forum so that the professors on the panel could share their knowledge with those present and hopefully clear up some of the questions that students have concerning the Middle East situation.

Dr. Cades, Associate Professor of Sociology, began by introducing the members of the panel and explaining the purpose of the forum. He said that he hoped the panel would answer any questions that the students had and in particular the questions why we were there in the first place and why war was the only way out for us.

Dr. Weissman, Associate Professor of Political Science, spoke next on the colonial history of the Middle East. It is necessary to understand the history, he explained, as it is the key to understanding what is now happening there.

Dr. Weissman gave a short history lesson on the Middle East from the end of World War I when the area was undergoing a major change. The Ottoman Empire was at the end of its reign, as it had backed the wrong side in the war, and the countries that used to be under its rule were now British mandates. Dr. Weissman gave an account of the history up until Saddam Hussein's rise to power.

Dr. Shad who is a specialist on Middle Eastern affairs, spoke next and in his presentation he covered the Pan Arab Movement, the economic trouble of Iraq following their war with Iran and he then gave a few prediction of his own on post war Persian Gulf. His presentation differed from that of Dr. Weissman in that he viewed more on the country of Iraq and Saddam Hussein and the problems he has encountered recently. Dr. Shad also tried to explain why Hussein believes the way he does. According to Shad, it is a result of political socialization and the kind of political world that surrounded him as he was growing up and maturing.

Shad's post war predictions included that there would be military presence in the Middle East for a while to come, whether it be the United States or another nation. His reason for this was that when Hussein is defeated, there won't be a powerful leader in the area such as Hussein has been. Military power will be needed in order to maintain order. Shad also predicted that the war would only last approximately five weeks if the allied troops didn't move into Iraq, once liberating Kuwait.

Dr. Cades then spoke about the Jews and the Arabs and Palestine and Israel and the conflicts that they share. He also attempted to explain why Hussein wanted to bring Israel into the war and how that intervention could harm the coalition forces.

Mr. Wantling, Assistant Professor of Math and Sciences, spoke last. Although Mr. Wantling isn't a specialist on Middle East affairs, he does know quite a bit about the region, mostly from personal experience. He spent his high school years in Beirut, Lebanon and therefore gave a westerner's point of view on the war. His main point was that it was important to understand the culture and the interrelationships of the area in order to understand the politics. He recommended that if further interested, those attending the forum should read the novel, From Beirut to Jerusalem as "it gives the best perspective on how Palestinians and Arabs think".

Once each professor completed his initial presentation, the floor was opened up for questions. Most of the questions centered around the topic of why are we there and what possibly would have happened if the United Stated had failed to get involved. The members of the panel answered questions as long as there were any. Not every question could be answered but at least those present left with a greater understanding of the situation.

Although not as many people attended the forum held this past Monday as did the first one, many questions were asked and an abundance of information was given. No one can say what the future will bring, but at least with forums and discussions such as these we can begin to understand what is going on in the world around us and maybe one day prevent a similar crisis from happening, like the one in the Middle East.

Blues

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a list of daily occurrences that "won't mean a thing in 100 years...", and the simple crudity of human nature ("Sweet Talking Hippie"). If these songs had been recorded by a different group, there would be no trouble is accepting them as part of the punk movement's lyrical anarchy.

The album clocks in at just short of an hour, which is rare in these days of the 46 minute LP. If you want to just sit and marvel at instrumental brilliance, then John Popper's harmonica is definitely for you. If this man had done this on guitar, we would be hailing him as the next wizard. Instead, his guitar playing, and that of the lead guitarist, Chan Kinchla, is workmanlike, and often influenced by speed metal's frantic playing of simple riffs. This is definitely not an album for the R&B ballad fans, unless they enjoy catching a glimpse of what their favorite music originally came from.

All in all, Blues Traveler needs to show some growth before they fulfill the potential of their style and most particularly their harmonica player. Maybe if the bassist, Bobby Sheehan, had something to do, and if the musicians learned to ignore a few of the more commercial influences (the hard rock sound just doesn't fit the music), they'd have really hit on something magical. Give them a few years, and they could be the next Allman Brothers: a successful reworking of blues and roots rock motifs for the 90's.

Raphael Koster is a Junior who frequently writes music reviews for the Elm.

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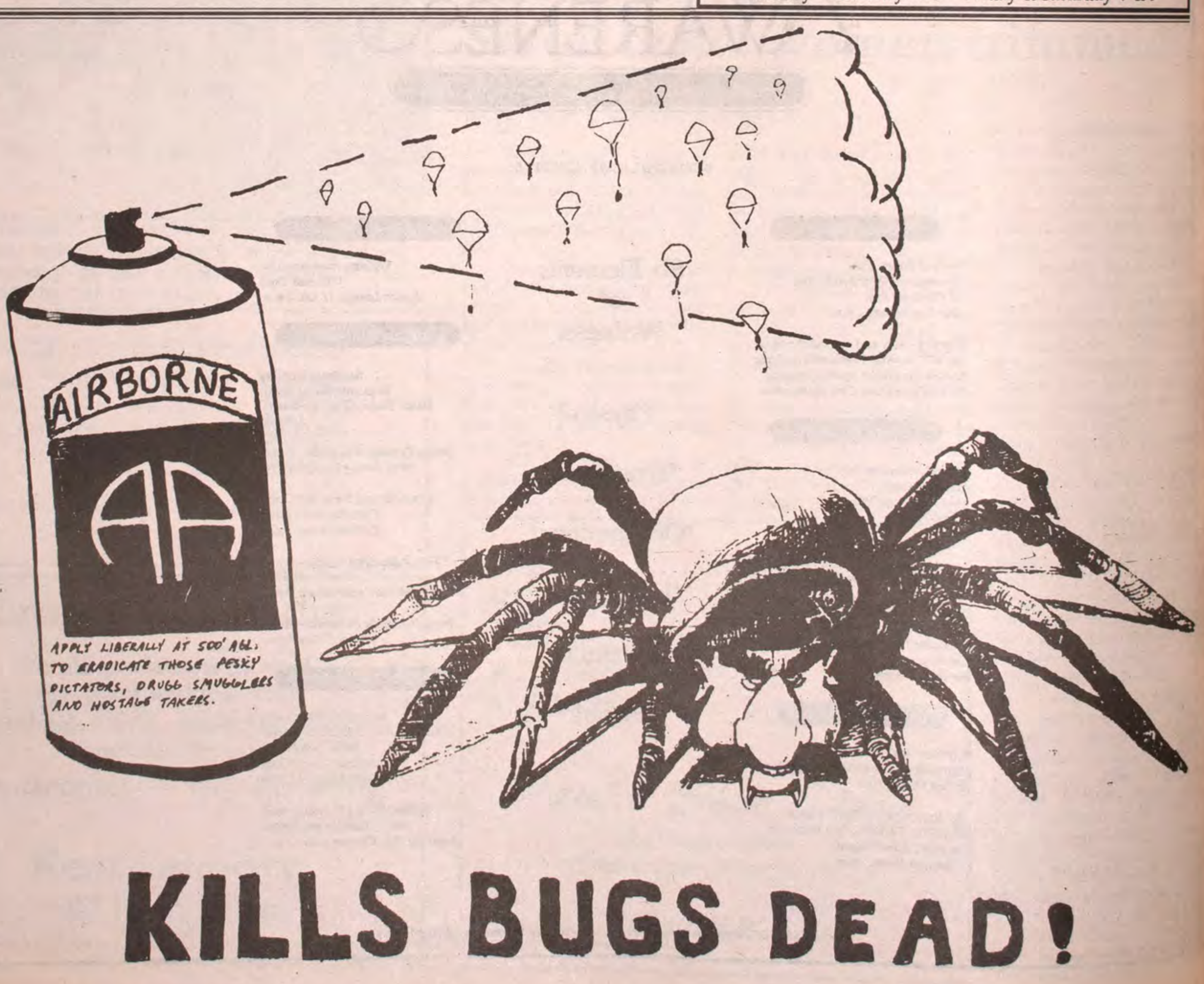
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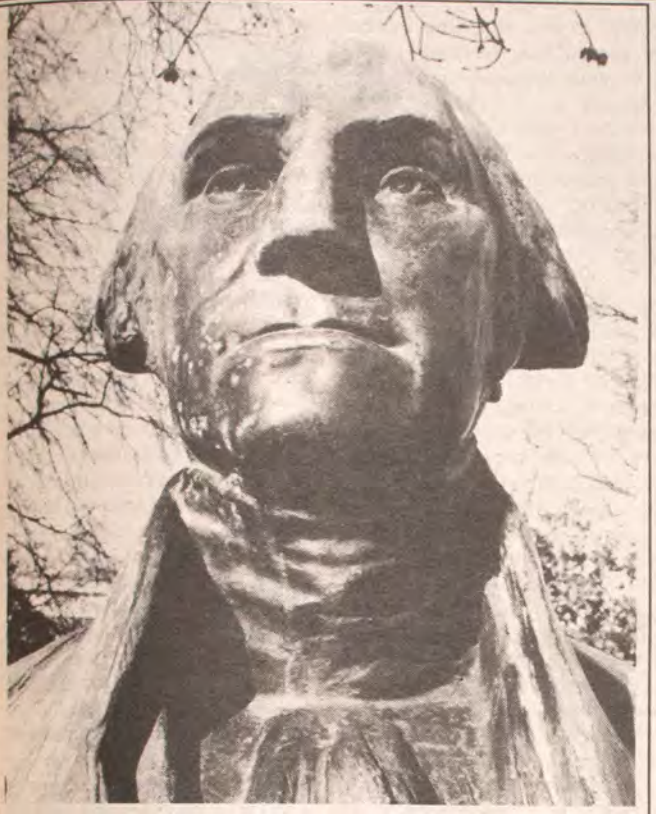

On February 16th, the campus will celebrate the birthday of our founder, George Washington, with a lecture by distinguished war scholar, William S. McFeely, and then festivities will end with the annual Birthday Ball.

SGA gives spring funding

By: Susie Mazzullo

This past Monday, the SGA held its weekly meeting. The subject of this meeting was spring funding. A total of $20, 185. 00 was requested by various clubs and organizations. The SGA awarded a total of $15, 950.00. The following received funding:

Amnesty International- $500, Campus Christian Fellowship- $200, Chess Club- $300, Cooking Club- $600, French Club- $300, German Club- $700, Hands Out Program- $100, Historical Society- $500, International House- $1250, International Relations- $800, Mystic Harold- $100, Newman- $400, Otherworlds & Tranations Magazine- $250, Phi Delta Theta- $1250, Omicron Delta Kappa- $250, Phi Sigma Tau- $1000, Psychology Club- $450, Roll Playing Club- $100, Rugby- $1000, Sailing Team- $900, Sigma Delta Pi- $550, Society of 12- $300, Society of the Sciences- $550, Spanish Club- $650, Visual Artists' Union- $700, Wac Happenings- $500, and the Young Democrats- $500.

Treasurer, Brian Gimelson commented on the funding meeting. "I'm happy with the results of the funding meeting. We got requests for over $20,000.00 in organizational funding with less then $13,000.00 to spend. Considering that clubs on average spend only 2/3 of their funds, the Student Government Association will be in good shape for next year."

The Cable questionaire was also distributed at the meeting.

SCC holds hearings on theft

By: Laura Hopper

The Student Conduct Council of Washington College met on Wednesday night, January 30 in the Academic Resource Center. The SCC heard five cases involving students of Washington College.

The first case involved a student charged with attempted theft from the snack bar. The student was accused of attempting to leave the snack bar without paying for the food ordered. The student was found not responsible because of lack of evidence.

The second and third cases involved students who failed to complete twenty hours of community service as assigned by the SCC last semester. The students, Joseph Cronin and Janiero Hernandez were both assigned additional hours of community service to be administered under the auspices of Student Affairs, and will remain on Disciplinary Probation pending the comple-

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Flato's "Quick and dirty interviewing techniques"

By: Kevin Decker and Susie Mazzullo

"Quick and dirty interview techniques" was the topic of conversation at a lecture hosted by the Center for Career Development.

Mr. John Flato was the guest speaker for the evening and gave some timely advice for Seniors and students seeking a summer internship. Mr. Flato is a graduate of Washington College ('69) and is currently Manager, Employee Relations for Allied Corporation, where he regularly interviews perspective employees. He graduated from W.C. with a B.A. in sociology. He then went on to get his masters in higher education from Catholic University in D.C. and his MBA from Loyola College in Baltimore. He also lectures in Personnel Management at Johns Hopkins.

Mr. Flato began his speech by warning those who will be out in the working field very soon that times are tough. "Cherish every moment you have in college," he says. As one reads headlines "Fewer Jobs for College Grads" and regularly reads of lay-offs, mergers, and shutdowns, one is haunted by feelings of uncertainty and anxiety. It is even more important, according to Flato, that all of those going into the job market today be practiced in the art of interviewing. "It's all a matter of preparation."

Even when the job market is good, being prepared for an interview is very important. Mr. Flato quoted that most people change jobs approximately ten times during their lives and that they change careers three to five times.

Interviews are generally a scanning device used to follow up on the information in the resume. According to Flato, who does most of the hiring for his company, the interviewer looks for three things when he is interviewing a potential employee. These are, can that person do the job, will they have the motivation to do the job, and will that person fit in the organization and style of the company.

To help those going out into the job market achieve what is necessary to have a successful interview, Flato described his fifteen "quick and dirty" interviewing techniques. They are as follows:

1. Research the company. Plato says that you should always have a general understanding of the company before you go to the interview. Interviewers don't want to have to explain the nature of the business to you, you should be aware of the nature of the company; what it does, subsidiaries, etc.

2. Research the profession. Know about the profession you are being interviewed for. The applicant should try to get some idea of the position from occupation handbooks or other sources. Interviewers are usually more impressed with someone who has taken the time to find this background information.

3. Sell accomplishments and skills. "Sell yourself," he said. The worst thing that could happen, he said, was when you left an interview wishing that the interviewer had only asked you about that one thing you are really good at. Mr. Flato said that you must take the initiative to describe what you have done over and above average. Don't wait to be asked.

4. Know what you want to do and set realistic goals. "You must be focused," he said. Sending long distance resumes are not necessary. It isn't any more successful to send resumes haphazardly. He calls this the "shot gun approach" and warns against it. He also warns against getting pushed into a direction that you don't necessarily want to go. There are tests available at the Career Center on campus that can reveal talents and capabilities. Knowing what appeals to you in terms of careers and also what doesn't is very important.

5. Practice possible questions and answers. Practice with your roommates or anyone you can find. Mr. Flato also told of software that is now available for this purpose. "Know thyself," he said. He stressed that it is necessary to know your strengths and weaknesses but when telling about the weaknesses, turn them to a positive statement such as, "but I'm working on that." Don't ever by negative. "People don't want to hear other people's problems."

6. Be observant about company culture. During your time at the interview, observe the attire in the company, whether they are friendly or not, the cafeteria, if cars are there past closing and anything else you can. Mentioning these during the interview will show that you are interested in the company and will also let you get a feel for whether you will indeed fit in at this company. "Be a sponge," he said.

7. Find hot buttons. "If there are a few pictures of sailboats and a sailboat model on the desk, chances are the guy likes sailboats." Plato says that a good ice-breaker would be to mention sailboats if you know anything about them but he warns against getting in over your head. "Don't look stupid and you must be genuine." He also said that putting hobbies and activities on the resume is a good idea. "It's all part of the entire consciousness."

8. How to handle salaries and benefits properly. "It's not ever a good idea to ask 'how many sick days are given the first year' as your first question, " Mr. Plato warns. This could make the interviewer think that you used them frequently. Salary is an important subject because most benefits are based on your range of salary. Going into an interview it is important to know the range that you would like to see your salary in. The College Placement Council produces a paper quarterly that surveys various industries and will contain current salary levels. The Career Center has a copy of this. Discussing salary is a delicate subject and the best way to get around it, said Plato, is to put the salary determination back on the interviewer.

9. Dress appropriately. "Dress for the profession." This doesn't always mean wearing a suit but looking nice is always a must according to Plato.

10. Maintain eye contact and use proper body language. Always look eye to eye when answering questions. Looking down shows that there isn't any confidence in the answer, said Flato. The way you sit is also important. Plato recommends sitting back with your hands

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EDITORIAL

Lend a helping hand to the community

There is a new organization on campus that deserves whole hearted student support. It was introduced in last week's Elm. The organization is Hands Out.

Hands Out offers students the chance to make a difference in someone else's life through volunteerism. Volunteerism was one of the subjects that President Bush touched on in his State of the Union address. The president proposed that some of the ill of society could be eased if people reached out to each other. He cited the example of literacy volunteers helping to teach other Americans how to read.

In the Chestertown area, Hands Out will be able to make a difference in the lives of many people. But it can only reach out to them if the organization has students willing to take time and help others. The organizers will be publishing a directory of agencies and organizations in the Chestertown area that welcome student volunteers. Far too often, the only image of the College in the town is a bunch of spoiled, rich kids who have nothing better to do than get drunk. An organization such as Hands Out offers Washington College the opportunity to give back to the community, and improve its image at the same time.

The Garnett Community Playground offered the town and College a glimpse of what a motivated student body could achieve. Don't default on that promise. Support Hands Out, and help yourself and the College.

Letters to the Editor

Protestors are anti-war, not anti-troops

Last Friday I came into the dining hall to eat my lunch. I also picked up a copy of *The Elm*, as is my usual practice. While reading our school paper I was outraged by the protester-bashing that was evident in much of what I read. It is amazing to me how much of this campus is misinformed or has misjudged the feelings and views of the majority of people who are against the war in the Gulf. Comments such as, "Anti-war protesters are like going to the opera: a bunch of people yelling about stuff no one can understand anyway, and you fall asleep after the first ten minutes.", "But by voicing it [the opinion that the war is wrong] now when the country's support is needed, will do anything but aid the situation", or "I believe the protesting is absolutely ridiculous, not only will it have no effect on the decision-maker. . . " These are only a few of the statements that shocked and appalled me.

First, let us look at the definition of protest according to *The American Heritage Dictionary* ; "A formal declaration of disapproval or objection issued by a concerned party." This definition says nothing indicating that protesters are against all the people of their country. It simply says that someone is voicing their opinion against a policy or the policies of a group of people. We must also look back to our forefathers who founded this great nation, including our college's namesake. Our nation was formed by a group of protesters. They were protesting the policies of their mother-country, England. The important thing that one must remember is that our forefathers were against the actions of the government of England, not the people of England. In fact England was their homeland and I am sure that the separation from England was extremely painful to our founding fathers. Yet they felt that they had to stand up for what they believed in. That is exactly the way the majority of protesters feel today, and it is extremely painful for us to be called "anti-Americans." We expect you to hear our opinions, but you do not necessarily have to agree with them.

I am concerned with the fact that people are comparing the Gulf War protesters to the protesters of the Vietnam War and saying that therefore we do not support our troops. But as the President said, this is not the Vietnam War. I have always thought that the Vietnam War was wrong, but I also thought the protesters of the Vietnam War were wrong to condemn the troops fighting the war. I do not think it is the fault of the troops when we are at war, but it is the fault of the members of the government that send them there. I have spoken to many people who are against this war and am proud to say that no one has said anything derogatory concerning our troops. Everyone of them is in full support of our troops in the Gulf. In fact that is why we are protesting, we do not feel that the situation in the Gulf is worth their deaths.

I attended the rally in Washington D.C. on Saturday, January 26th with over 300,000 other people. Among these 300,000 people were a vast variety of Americans. There were many different organizations as well as individuals. Organizations participating in the rally consisted of: The Gray Panthers, Greenpeace, N.O.W., The Communist Party, the Mennonites, Anarchists, students and faculty from colleges all over the country, Veterans, homosexual organizations, Grandparents for Peace, and many more. Several of the people were parents with their children, who I believe had some of the most touching signs and sentiments. There was one woman there who carried a sign stating "I'll Give Up My Car Before I Give Up My Son;" the bottom was lined with pictures of her son. A nine year old girl held a sign that said simply "We Want Our Moms Back." A tear was seen in many eyes when a three or four year old boy on his father's shoulders lead the cry of "Peace Now!" Many signs were in support of the troops, my favorite being, "Pro-Troops, Pro-U.S.A., Anti-War." In fact the majority of the signs were in support of our troops and revealed our desire to have them home and alive. I did not hear one person utter a single syllable against the troops stationed in the Gulf. The people on this campus and around this country who say that the supporters of peace are anti-American and hurting our troops are obviously misinformed and confused and should understand the peace movement better before condemning it. The best way to show support for our troops is to keep them alive and bring them home.

Martie J. Smith
Freshman

Student objects to *Edge of Wetness*

Dear Editor:

I have found Mr, Macek's homosexual "jokes" in his article "A comedy of errors in the Middle East (the fiction)" to be extremely offensive. In these times of AIDS and anti-gay hysteria, I feel that such "humor" only tends to stir the pot. Perhaps Mr. Macek needs to open his mind to new ideas and lifestyles that are different than his own and stop picking on such groups as women, blacks and gays. Before someone fires a SCUD missile at *him*, that is.

Scott Cagan

Student responds to Ponder

Editor of the Elm:

I am writing in response to Ms. Kyndra Ponder's article in last week's Elm regarding the protesting of the Middle Eastern war. Ms. Ponder makes some statements that lead me to think that either she is incredibly naive, or else she hasn't thought things out properly.

The first of these is her assertion that she loves our country, right or wrong, simply because it is our country. This statement is misleading in its implicit claim that with this love must also come support for our country, "right or wrong." This is a trap into which blind patriotism has led many people; the tendency is to say that it doesn't matter whether a given national policy (in this case, war) is right or wrong— if it's the U.S. policy, then allllll riiiiiiight! Loving our country is well and good, particularly in light of the need to show our troops a unified home front; but make sure after you wipe those national anthem-inspired crocodile tears from your eyes that you take a good long look at the country you love, and make certain that you respect it. Respecting something is an important part of loving it, and in 1991 blind respect and blind faith— in your leaders, or in anything— can get you killed.

I am also troubled by Ms. Ponder's assertion that the protests in major American cities should stop because of the strain on the budget caused by the need to pay police officers overtime to handle protestors. Oh, come on. Granted there are some arguments against protesting that may be valid, but saying that we should knock it off because we can't afford to pay the police is a bit miserly.

Ms. Ponder also states that "for all the shouting and sit-ins and other demonstrations...I have yet to hear any logical statement of what can be done" as an alternative to war, and that therefore the protestors should stop their activities. I agree with part of this; I haven't heard any viable suggestions for alternatives either, and that saddens me deeply. But to suggest that the protestors just go home and sit on their hands is folly. President Bush has got to be made known that there are people who don't agree with him, and the troops don't nec-

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CAMPUS VOICES

Issue: Do you think the President will reinstate the draft?

All hell would break loose

Since the war in the Middle East began two weeks ago, it has remained uppermost on the minds of American citizens everywhere, especially on those with family or friends stationed in the thick of it. It would be hard to imagine anyone who has not felt the fear of losing someone they love because of the war; indeed, this is a fear many of us at Washington College have come to know well. But there is another fear on the minds of many people our age, a fear that grows greater the longer the war stretches on: "Am I going to be drafted?"

It has been theorized that George Bush would rather do anything than reinstate the draft at this time; indeed, to some, such a move would seem political suicide with another election year only a year away. But just for the moment, let's consider what would happen if George Bush were to come on the news tonight— no, not even tonight. What would happen if George Bush came on TV and radio everywhere *right now*and announced that the draft was on?

Well, all hell would break loose, that's what would happen. I won't debate the moral question of the government's right to force its citizens to fight in a war some of them do not believe in, but if anyone thinks Washington, D.C. is crowded with protesters now, they should try to imagine the pandemonium that would ensue if the draft were activated. Consider: one of the major differences between this war and Viet Nam, as far as we at home are concerned, is that currently, all our troops are over there of their own free will, at least as much as free will exists within the military. No one is being forced to serve, no one is being forced to fight in a war they don't believe in; and those troops over there who do oppose the war do so knowing that they agreed to military enlistment knowing that war was at least a possibility.

Clay Eichelberger

All this has worked to Bush's advantage. Polls aside, there are enough people our age in this country who oppose the war that if a mandatory draft was enstated, the Bush administration would be inundated with petitions, letters, protests, and more cries of "Hell no! We won't go!" than Jimmy Carter had teeth in his big, smiling face.

People everywhere, including President Bush, have said repeatedly, "This is not another Viet Nam," and they're right. But reinstating the draft would be the first step in ensuring that the Middle Eastern War becomes as long and as vicious as Viet Nam ever was, here on the home front. And lastly, to set the record straight, hell no, I *don't* intend to go.

Clay Eichelberger is a senior who hopes the war will end soon.

"I think they will consider it. It would effect me personally, I know a lot of people, family and friends, who would probably be drafted. It would probably be harder for the American public to support the war when they have family over there fighting."

Jessica Hall
Freshman
Ellicott City, MD

"I personally feel that the President and/or Congress will use the draft as a last resort; considering the fact that we have enough forces in Saudi Arabia as part of "Desert Storm" to not warrant the use of a draft. Also with the implementation of an additional 180 day period for reservists this will maintain our forces in the Gulf. But on the other hand if we implement a ground attack and suffer an enormous casualty rate, I think it will be another Vietnam and the draft will be a necessity !"

Christopher Spezio
Sophomore
Rockville Centre, NY

"I think that they will consider it. I really wouldn't like it because I would not want to have my family or friends go off to war. It would be harder for America to support the troops if many of them were forced to go."

Ivette Gormaz
Freshman
Venice, CA

"I think the president would as a last resort, he would certainly wait as long as possible before doing it. Actually I think the American people would be on both sides, both for and against the decision. There are several ways of looking at this; people would be concerned if they had family or friends drafted into service, but you could use the logic that a larger force would end the conflict sooner."

Lynn Massicott
Junior
Owing Mills, MD

"I don't think that Bush would consider the draft because of what happened in Vietnam, because too many people in the country would be against it, and Bush would loss a lot of public support for the war. I would be very concerned if there was ever the possibility of a draft because so many of my friends are draft age."

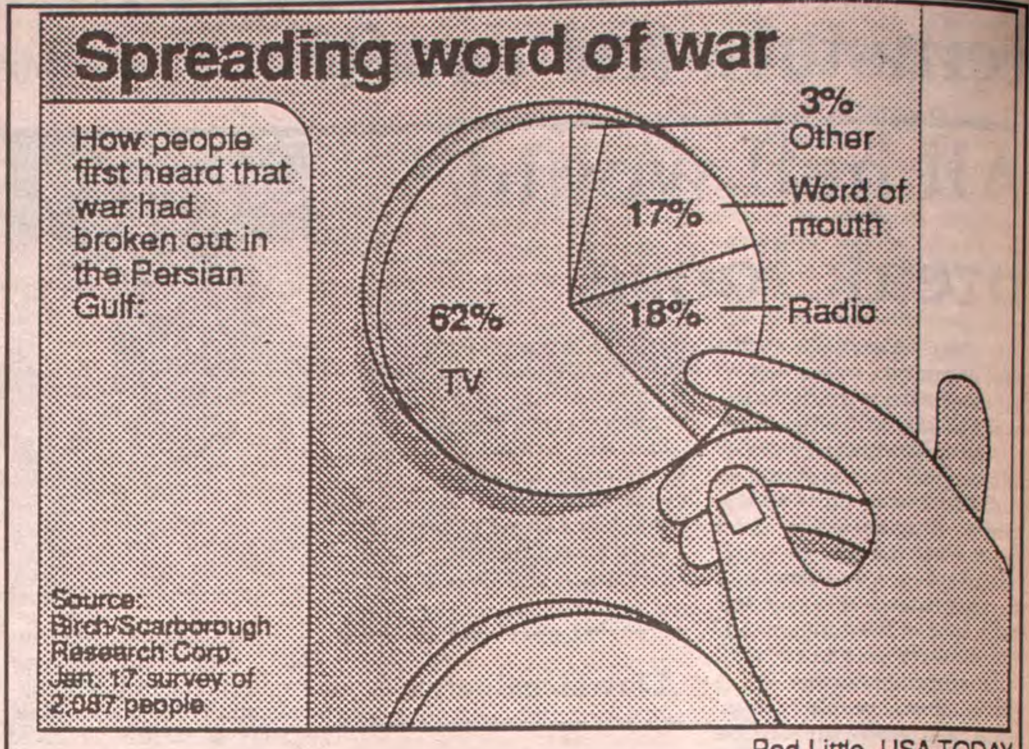
Cindy Young
Freshman
Westford, MA

"After listening to Dr Shad at the evening conference the other night, I was convinced that President Bush and Congress would consider recalling the draft as a last resort. A draft would be politically damaging to say the least. Plus there are many partially trained reservists and recently retired fully trained personnel which would be called first. I doubt a draft will be called."

Jennifer Griffin
Junior
Reisterstown, MD

OUTLOOK

In the world: Bush delivers State of the Union address



Rod Little, USA TODAY

UNITED STATES:

Secretary of State, James Baker III and Soviet Foreign Minister Alexander Bessmertnykh issued a joint statement concerning the situation in the middle east Tuesday night after a lengthy meeting. In the statement, the United States and the Soviet Union told Iraq that hostilities could be halted if Iraq made "an unequivocal commitment to withdraw from Kuwait" followed by "immediate, concrete steps leading to full compliance with Security Council resolutions". The two countries also agreed to become partners in the promotion Arab-Israeli peace talks once the war ends to help stabilize the region. This joint statement marked the acceptance the Soviet Union's role in the Middle East by the United States, and a relaxation of the U.S.'s tough stance on ending the war. The statement went on to say that the establishment of enduring stabilty and peace as high on the agenda for both the Soviet Union and the United States.

Tuesday night the President gave the annual State of the Union Address. Instead of outlining the state of the nation, Bush talked at length about what it means to be an american and praised the people in the U.S. armed forces for doing the "hard work of freedom". Half of his speech was devoted to the Persian Gulf war. The problems facing Americans at home were also mentioned, as Bush said the "hard work of freedom" requires the same commitment as the war effort to make the most of America.

Among President Bush's proposals are: a comprehensive national energy stategy combining conservation, development and alternative fuels; Record federal investment and a permament tax credit to strenghthen private research and development; blueprint for a new national highway system; refocusing the Strategic Defense Initiative; and introducing tax-free family saving accounts and penalty-free IRA withdrawals for first-time homebuyers.

SOVIET UNION:

Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev ignored protests against a plan for military patrols, and personally reaffirmed the order of his ministers of defense and internal affairs to begin such patrols today. With this decree, Gorbachev sent a message that the new hard-line policy is not just that of generals and police officers, it is the policy of the president. The decree came a day after the postponement of a Soviet-U.S. conference, which officially was postponed because of the war, but more likely because of the growing U.S. criticism for the events in the Soviet republics. With this decree Gorbachev find himself again at odds with Boris Yeltsin, the popular leader of the Russian Federation; as well as with leaders in Moscow, Leningrad and several other Soviet republics who oppose the use of military patrols in Soviet cities.

PERSIAN GULF:

Overnight on Wednesday, U.S. marine jets surprised and Iraqui armoured column crossing the Kuwaiti desert. 24 tanks, armoured personnel carriers, and supply vehicles were destroyed. As the war entered its third week, the number of U.S. troops in the region was 490,000. That number is significantly higher than the 430,000 the administration said would be the upper limit.

Iraqi officials said today that on of the allied pilots held prisoner as a "human shield" was during an allied bombing raid in Baghdad. The name of the alleged victim was not given ans the Pentagon could not confirm the report.

Iran offered new assurances that it will continue to impound any Iraqi planes that land within it's borders until the hostilities come to an end. U.S. officials speculate that the 90 planes flown to Iran have been so to protect them from destruction in allied attacks. States Department spokesperson Margaret Tutwiler said that the president and the administration believe that Iran will keep the Iraqi planes out of the war.

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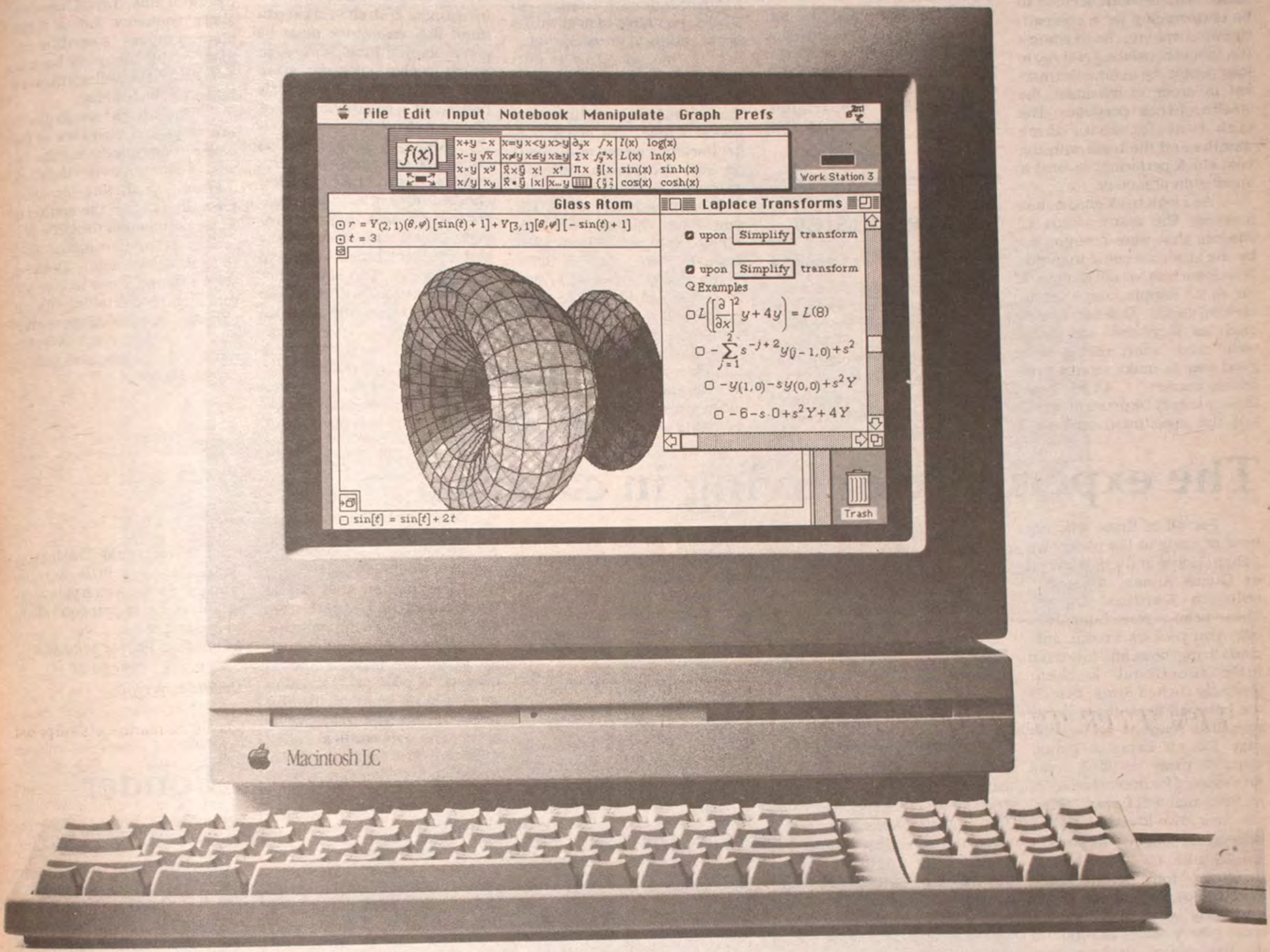

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Fun with the W.C. investment club

Steve Pursley

The Washington College investment club had its first meeting on Tuesday, January 22nd. The turnout seemed to be encouraging for a competitive atmosphere. Each semester, teams consisting of three to four people try to time the market in order to maximize the wealth of their portfolio. The club runs for about three months and the team with the best stock performance wins a small sum of money.

As I look back on the first meeting, the many words of wisdom that were brought up by the students come to mind. Words such as "do not buy stock on tips," "Apple computer is looking good," "Defense stocks such as Raytheon are doing well," and "short selling is a good way to make money in a falling market." All of these thoughts may be prudent ones, but the investment club and many other investors have seemed to overlook the more important points to investing in the stock market.

First, let's clear the air. There is no such thing as a hereditary knack for picking a profitable stock. The market is not as esoteric as one may think. It is personal preparation, knowledge, and research that distinguishes the successful stock picker from the bone headed nerd who throws darts at the Dow Jones stock listings. The impetuous stock picker should forget Wall Street all together and take the money to Bermuda, California, or even the Village Tavern. At least when you lose a sum of money betting on a pool game, Nick will compensate your loss with a shot of Sambuca. However, in stocks, you have to deal with a tax accountant every Spring.

To me, investing is putting your money someplace where you can expect to find that it has kept its value over a period of time. The stock market itself has grown at an average rate approaching 10% per year, with dividends reinvested and compounded annually. The Dow Jones climbed an astonishing 2,000 points from 1982 through 1989. Stocks delivered a yearly return of 17.4%. This rate would double your money every four years. I am not saying that stocks are not risky. Nowhere is it written that a stock owes you money, but over the long haul you can reduce your risk in the market.

One of the problems with the investment club that misleads the participating students is the short term results that are expected. Members of the investment club should keep in mind that enterprise must be given longer time frames in which to plan, succeed, or fail than quarterly or even yearly bottom line calculations usually permit.

Although Wall Street is often blamed for short term success, the stock market cheers future oriented managers and rewards them accordingly. To the members of the club the stock market ought to be irrelevant. You should not concern yourself with what the Dow Jones closed at today, tomorrow, or even in a month from now. If you don't believe me, believe Warren Buffett, who said, "As far as I am concerned the stock market does not exist. It is there only as a reference to see if anybody is offering to do anything foolish." Warren Buffett, one of the great investors of all time, turned his seven share company into a 6,825 share company. A small investment in his company back in 1960 would be well worth over a million dollars today.

The advice I would give to investors and members of the college community is this: invest in companies not the stock market. Predicting the short term direction of the market is futile. Remember the GE's, Wal Marts, and Apple computers did not get big overnight. The long term returns from stocks are relatively predictable. As an investor, take advantage of what you know and don't overestimate the wisdom and skill of professionals.

The experience of living in cardinal

Phil "Slice" Macek

For all of those who are tired of living in the pit known as Kent House or the hole known as Queen Anne's, there is a solution--Cardinal Dorms. These semi-private bungalows offer you your own room, spacious living room, and full-sized fully functional kitchen. Quaintly tucked away behind the baseball field, these separate little heavens are all the rage for on campus living. Usually, these dwelling areas are reserved for upperclassmen, so freshmen will have to tolerate their cave like rooms for a little while longer. Anyway, I would like to give you an imaginary tour of one these sanctuaries, so you can get in line early when the time for room lottery comes around. In the first place, please excuse that all the houses are the same dull shade of gray. If you can past this little inconveinence then it's smooth sailing. Oh imagine that! As we walk up the sidewalk we find ourselves at the threshold of Cardinal F. The porch, boldly decorated with empty bottles of some strange beverage called beer, and empty twelve pack boxes seems to carry that homey "Sanford and Son" look, don't you agree?. Anyway, moving past the traffic pylon, the rolled up garden hose, the folded up beach chair, some strange magazine called Hustler,? some dirty towels, some ancient Procolino's pizza boxes, four socks without mates, and some rusty mousetraps. This symphony for the eyes must have taken weeks even months to accumulate. It really whets the appetite to see what's inside. Opening the door, we find the epitome of a bachelor's paradise. Below the T.V. and VCR lies the item most responsible for numbing the brain--NINTENDO. This is especially true of the fine residents of Cardinal F. The Nintendo component is always hot to the touch, and so far three games have simply melted from over use.

The movie library of these fine, upstanding youths contains all the classics: Caddyshack, Animal House, Dirty Harry, The Naked Gun, 15 Years of Saturday Night LIve, Rocky III, Airplane, Blazing Saddles, and A Nightmare on Elm Street. However, don't think that these students waste all their time on escapist fantasy, they also have all 11 hours of the Civil War documentary.

In terms of decorations, Cardinal F takes a backseat to nobody. Amongst the Budweiser posters, the ad for Meyer's Rum, the Michael Jordan poster, and the banner advertising 99 cent Big Macs, lies a Blues Brothers poster that will rock your world. One can see how much meticulous preparation went into the decorating of this suite.

The kitchen area is just what one would expect from some college loving youths. While it is not quite clean enough to eat off the floor, it should manage to pass an inspection by the local board of health; provided that the inspector is blind. The cupboards are filled with only the most nutritous foods: Spam, Chef Boy Ardee's Mini Ravioli, and a big bag of Cheeto's. In a similar way, the refrigerator is stocked so as to keep these growing boys fit and trim. There are individual pan pizzas, bottles of rum, and week old entrees from the China House.

While our dream tour is now almost complete, let me mention some of the drawbacks to living in Washington College's version of Oz. First off, the laundry facilities are outside in a common shack-not exactly a conveinence. One should also know that the walk to class is a little longer, this should bother everyone except those who cut class on a regular basis.

Finally, just let me say that living in Cardinal, if you get the chance, should be the summit of your college career. After all, when living on campus , this is the closest you can get to the real world. This hereby concludes our little tour of heaven. Please watch your step as you leave, so you don't stick to the carpet.

Slice is a senior who is a two time veteran of Cardinal living

Ponder

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essarily have to be condemned for him to be made aware of that. Likewise, to use Ms. Ponder's argument against her, what is her alternative to protesting? Doing nothing? Since before this country was founded, the American people have been notoriously bad at keeping their mouths shut when they aren't happy about something. Protesting the actions of a government with which the public disagrees is an American tradition older than the flag many people have been waving about. Most anti-war protestors with level heads don't deny those who are in favor of the war to show their support; let's see the same courtesy from the other side.

Finally, I'm glad Ms. Ponder thinks there is "a lot of merit" in the conservative beliefs of her Mom and Dad. I'm sure they think so too. It is obvious that she has spent a lot of time thinking about these issues. I hope that she is able to allow those who do not support the conservative beliefs of Mom and Dad to state their side of it.

Respectfully,
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Colonel Sanders, the ghost of Birthday Balls past

by Brett Lankford

Hello, my children! This is Colonel Sanders, the Ghost of Washington College Birthday Balls Past. Not many people know that I claimed this job after going to that great Tub O' Chicken in the sky. Even so, I'm here to tell you all a story about one of the memorable moments in Birthday Ball history. No, not that time Dean Maxcy had one too many spritzers and asked Clint Baer's beard to sleep with him. No, not that time that Dr. Gottfried Baumann escorted a tall Nordic woman named Inga to the Ball before accidentally hanging her on a coat rack and causing her severe spinal injury. Those were wonderful times, rating up there with the invention of the ball peen hammer among the most memorable moments of my days. Still, this tale has a moral much like one of those silly Aesop's Fables, if you will. I hope you become a wiser person as a result of this story.

Once upon a time there was a guy named Arvid. This was the least of his problems, ranking just behind his tendency to blurt "I wanna fondle some hot little number RIGHT NOW" at extremely inappropriate times. As one might expect, Arvid was without a date for the Birthday Ball.

It wasn't that he hadn't asked enough women - heavens, no. It's just that no woman wanted to be seen with him. An attractive female named Becky chose to date a three-legged dachshund named "Petey" rather than be seen with Arvid. When his mother turned him down, claiming to have fallen victim to a touch of mange, Arvid decided to take drastic measures. He called on me.

I was busy inventing the KFC Skinless Boneless Chicken Meal at the time, but any man named Arvid is a friend of mine, so I took the time to help him. I set him up in a leisure suit, gave him some platform shoes and gave him a position in the Bee Gees. Well, the rest is history. He first broke onto the charts with "How Can You Mend A Broken Heart", and "Jive Talkin'" made him a permanent fixture in the Top 40 for many a year. Arvid was known as "the silent Bee Gee", but his triangle-playing prowess made him an important member of the Bee Gee circle. His career ended suddenly, however, when he finally lost his temper with his bandmates. Arvid sealed his own fate when he called Barry a pantywaist and tied the gold medallions of Robin and Maurice together. His career was over.

The roller coaster ride of fame convinced Arvid that getting turned down to the Birthday Ball was no big deal. In reality, Arvid became the hit of the Ball when he and his date Carol Channing began slamdancing to "You Make Me So Very Happy". This form of dancing allowed Arvid to release his frustrations while Ms. Channing suffered several facial lacerations and basically ruined her career except for occasional appearances on "The Love Boat" as Doc's love interest.

The moral of this story? Please don't wear plaid to the Birthday Ball, otherwise people will be forced to laugh at you. Have a good time at the Birthday Ball, folks, and dance the Funky Chicken once for me, O.K?

Slice's not-so-perfect Birthday Ball evening

Now is the time of year when the collective minds of Washington College turns towards flowery dreams of the ideal Birthday Ball. All the campus Romeos get gussied up in their rented tuxedos and seek the hand of some stunning school Juliet angelically decked out in a flowing silk gown. Well this scene has been replayed over and over every year here at W.C., so rather than bore you with the typical mumbo-jumbo that surrounds these gala events, I would like to present to you a scene which would be, at least to me, the not-quite-perfect Birthday Ball.

On the one hand, we have Dexter Long, our gallant and dashing stud. Luckily, Dex was charming enough to entice the lovely fair maiden, "Jersey" Jean Alcott, to accompany him to the royal ball. After a romantic dinner for two at Hardee's, at which our hero and heroine were entertained by the birthday party of little Ritchie Wadsworth in the adjacent corner booth, we find our two love birds to be going their separate ways so as to prepare themselves for the ball. Dex retired to his luxurious flat in Kent House, where he proceeded to join his friends for a few cans of beer and some shots of cheap tequila; all the while singing the praises of the love of his life, "Jersey" Jean. After showering and shaving (and waiting for the cuts to stop bleeding), Dex donned his bodacious polyester, yellow plaid tuxedo, complete with shark-skin collar. Yes, Mr. Long was a true sight as he slipped on his thick gray hiking socks and finally his camouflauge colored Chuck Taylor canvas high tops. Just before leaving to pick up his date, Dex slapped on a few splashes of his favorite aftershave, "Aquavelva." After this, Dex was on his way to the best night of his life.

We find "Jersey" Jean stepping out of her bathrobe and into a royal purple gown of sheer brilliance. She dabs herself with a few precious drops of that new Joan Collins perfume, "REALLY OLD SPICE" and then settles down to wait for her Prince Charming. While peering out the window of her condominium-like suite in Minta Martin and seeing how the stars kiss the sky, she wonders if tonight will be all that she hopes. Finally, she hears a knock on her chamber door, and upon opening it sees the dashing Dexter Long in all his glory.

"My dear, you look simply radiant tonight."

"Oh Dexter", says "Jersey" Jean weakly. "Give me a kiss."

After gagging on her totally nasty, putrid perfume, Dex finally manages to give her a peck on her cheek. "Jersey" Jean withdraws with her hand clasped over her cheek like she wouldn't want anything to remove it. However, this is not the case. We find her covering her mouth and mumbling under her breath, "What a heinous cologne this dork is sportin' tonight. He could have at least popped the granddaddy of zits he has on his forehead."

Thus, with love in their eyes, a song in their hearts, and at least two pints of Suds 'n' Soda vodka stashed on their persons they head off to the Ball.

They wander into the Cain Athletic center and check out the Hall of Fame room. Finally, ready to make their grand entrance, they step through the heavy smell of sweat wafting up from the locker rooms and make their way onto the scene. Their ears are greeted by the opening song of the night's entertainment, Alice Cooper, as he tears into the opening riffs of "Welcome To My Nightmare."

Tragically, that was the last happy moment that the two of them shared. Later on, after killing all the booze they had brought in, the two got into a major fight about the other person's minor.

"Dex, you're a sociology major, why on earth would you want to be an art minor?"

"Jean, you stupid witch. Don't you know anything.? I want to be able to draw groups

see Slice, pg 11.

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Dressing the part

With the arrival of the Birthday ball as an actual date and time on everyone's calender, there pops up the perennial question: what to wear?

For the men, the answer seems simple—a tuxedo or a very nice suit. For those who own neither tuxedo nor car, Brambles on High Street is the local distributor of mens' finery although Lucinda and Company, also on High Street also carries dinner jackets. For those who do have transportation, both the Dover and Annapolis malls have branches of the large mens' formal wear (Small's Formalwear and Gingiss Formalwear, for example) which have fairly large inventories. Men are usually able to rent everything from the jacket, to ties and cummerbunds, to tuxedo shirts at one location.

For the women, the options are a bit more staggering. There are many colors and styles to chose from, and the first consideration should be; how dressed up do you feel like getting?

The best rule of thumb to apply to the Birthday Ball is to wear what you will feel comfortable in and what you feel flatters you. If you don't feel like getting dressed up in a floor-length evening gown with matching wrap and elbow length gloves, then don't.

Its always a good idea to keep in mind the season. February on the eastern shore can be anywhere from balmy to sub-arctic cold. Also, it has been four to five months since most of us had any long term exposure to the sun, so last springs lovely pale blue or pink full length taffeta gown will not look quite so sensational, while the same gown in black or a dark color will be show stopping. (For those who feel the need to pursue a golden tan, Chestertown does have its fair share of tanning salon. A wellness note however, the UV rays in tanning booths can cause premature aging.) Darker colors such as forest green, navy blue, burgundy and the ever popular black look good on almost everyone and accent the delicate winter pallor so many of us sport right now. Another overlooked color is gold.

The length of the dress is entirely dictated by taste. Remember the rule of thumb and wear what feels comfortable. Floor, ankle, three-quarter, below and above the knees lengths have all made appearances at the Birthday Ball.

For those who want to attend the Ball, and don't have a gown, Lucinda and Company on High Street offers a selection of gowns in many different styles from many different decades. The gowns are reasonably priced and in good condition, most need only to be dry cleaned. Lucinda and Company also offers a selection of evening wraps and gloves to complement your gown, as well as a wide variety of vintage and costume jewelry. Macy's at the Christiana Mall and the Hero Group Outlet at Chesapeake Village always carry a wide selection of formalwear no matter what the season.

Accessories are an often overlooked area. Jewelry, gloves, evening wraps and bags, nylons or stockings, and shoes are all important. Most department stores such as Macy's and Strawbridge and Clothier at Christiana, and Hetch's at the Annapolis Mall carry these small but invaluable items. The malls also have branch stores of the accessory chains such as Claire's and Accessory Lady. Victoria's Secret at Christiana carries a wide selection of nylons and stocking in many different colors and patterns as do the Parklane Hosiery stores in both the Dover and Annapolis Malls.

Shoes are a final consideration. and can either be dyed to match your gown or just basic black pumps. Again, wear what you will feel comfortable in, and remember that spiked heels look great, but are almost impossible to dance in.

--the Editor would like to thank the Imperial Hotel, the Chestertown Bank, and Lucinda and Company as well as Emily Daignault, Kevin Decker, Jeff Hopkins, Jessica Hall, Ivette Gormez, and Julia Scheid.

Lucinda and Company,on HighStreet, has a large selection ofevening gowns at resonable prices.

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Dining in and around Chestertown can be an experience. Local restaurants run the gamut from very formal to very informal and relaxed. For those who feel the immediate area lacking in their particular culinary requirements, there are some excellent restaurants located in nearby Georgetown, Chesapeake City, and Rock Hall. For the more adventurous, Annapolis is 45 minutes away, and Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Washington D.C. a mere two hours. So whatever your poison, you can certainly find something to your liking.

In Chestertown:

The Imperial Hotel
208 High Street
Chestertown
778-5000

Arguably Chestertown's finest restaurant, the Imperial offers a rare treat. The cuisine, featuring such entrees as Norwegian salmon and filet mignon, would be hard to match in a major city. The surroundings complement the menu excellently. The Imperial is located within walking distance of the College, making it an ideal choice for those without cars who want to dine in style. The Imperial does not accept credit cards, and reservations should be made as soon as possible. (The Imperial will be offering special dinners for college students, so keep it mind if you want to take someone special to a unique place.)

The Ironstone Cafe
236 Cannon Street
Chestertown
778-0188

An intimate and charming restaurant, the Ironstone offers a wide variety of entrees. Its small size and excellent food guarantee a crowd of diners on Birthday Ball night, so make reservations early.

--photo by Emily Daignault

The Old Wharf Inn
Cannon Street
Chestertown
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Located on the Chester River, the Old Wharf is a perennial favorite among students, parents and faculty. Despite its familiarity, the Old Wharf should not be overlooked for the Birthday Ball. They serve a creamy Crab bisque that is unmatched. Reservations are only needed for large groups, but expect the Old Wharf to be crowded the night of the Birthday Ball.

China House
Kent Plaza
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Chestertown's newest addition to the dining scene is the much awaited Chinese restaurant. While diners have praised the cuisine, they suggest ordering take-out for the night of the Ball, and eating in a more romantic setting. China House offers a full range of traditional favorites, including Sweet and Sour Pork and Chicken with Broccoli.

Nearby:

Kitty Knight House
Route 213
Georgetown
648-5305

Located just off 213 in Georgetown, the Kitty Knight House is situated on the Sassafras River and offers a wide selection of beef and seafood entrees. Reservations are required.

The Granary
Route 213
Georgetown
648-5566

Across the river from the Kitty Knight House is the Granary. The Granary specializes in Eastern shore seafood, but also features non-seafood on the menu. Reservations need to be made early, especially for large groups.

The Fin, Fur and Feather Inn
424 Bayside Ave
Rock Hall
639-7454

For the hunting and fishing enthusiasts, the Fin, Fur, and Feather Inn is a must. The restaurant offers a unique charm that surely will appeal to these individuals. The entrees are priced slightly less than the Old Wharf, and the setting is informal and very relaxed.

Schaefer's Canal House
Chesapeake City
885-2200

Schaefer's Canal House is just across the bridge in Chesapeake City and offers a panoramic view of the C&D Canal. The menu includes prime rib, duck and shrimp almondine. Reservations are required.

The Baynard House
11 Bohemia Ave, S.
Chesapeake City
885-5040

Located in Chesapeake City's historic district, the Baynard House offers unique entrees such as braised pheasant with plums and lobster thermadore. Reservations are required. To get to Baynard House, watch for signs for the historic district before the bridge.

It's a good idea to make reservations as soon as possible. Many of these restaurants shortly will be booked solid for the night of the Birthday Ball. For those without the financial wherewithal for dining out, trust our own WCDS to pull out all the stops on Birthday Ball night.

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of people interacting. Ultimately, my dream is to get one of my pictures onto the cover of a sociology text book. And what about you? Your chemistry major is perfectly suited to your philosophy minor."

"That's right Dex, I'm going to prove that mixing sodium ions and potassium ions will give unequivocal proof for the existence of God."

"Yeah, well good luck you stupid moron."

"Me a moron? You're the one who wants to draw groups of people for childrens' books."

"Not childrens' books you idiot, college text books."

"What's the difference?"

"Damn Jean, I have no clue why I thought I would have fun with you tonight. You're a mindless, heartless, selfish shell of a person, and I never want to see you again."

"Oh is that so Dex? Well the same goes for me. Goodnight."

As the two lovers make their separate exits, one can help but ponder the enchanting effect the Birthday Ball has of turning friendship into love. Here's hoping that this year's ball is just as exciting and wonderful for some lucky couple out there. Hope to see you all there!!!

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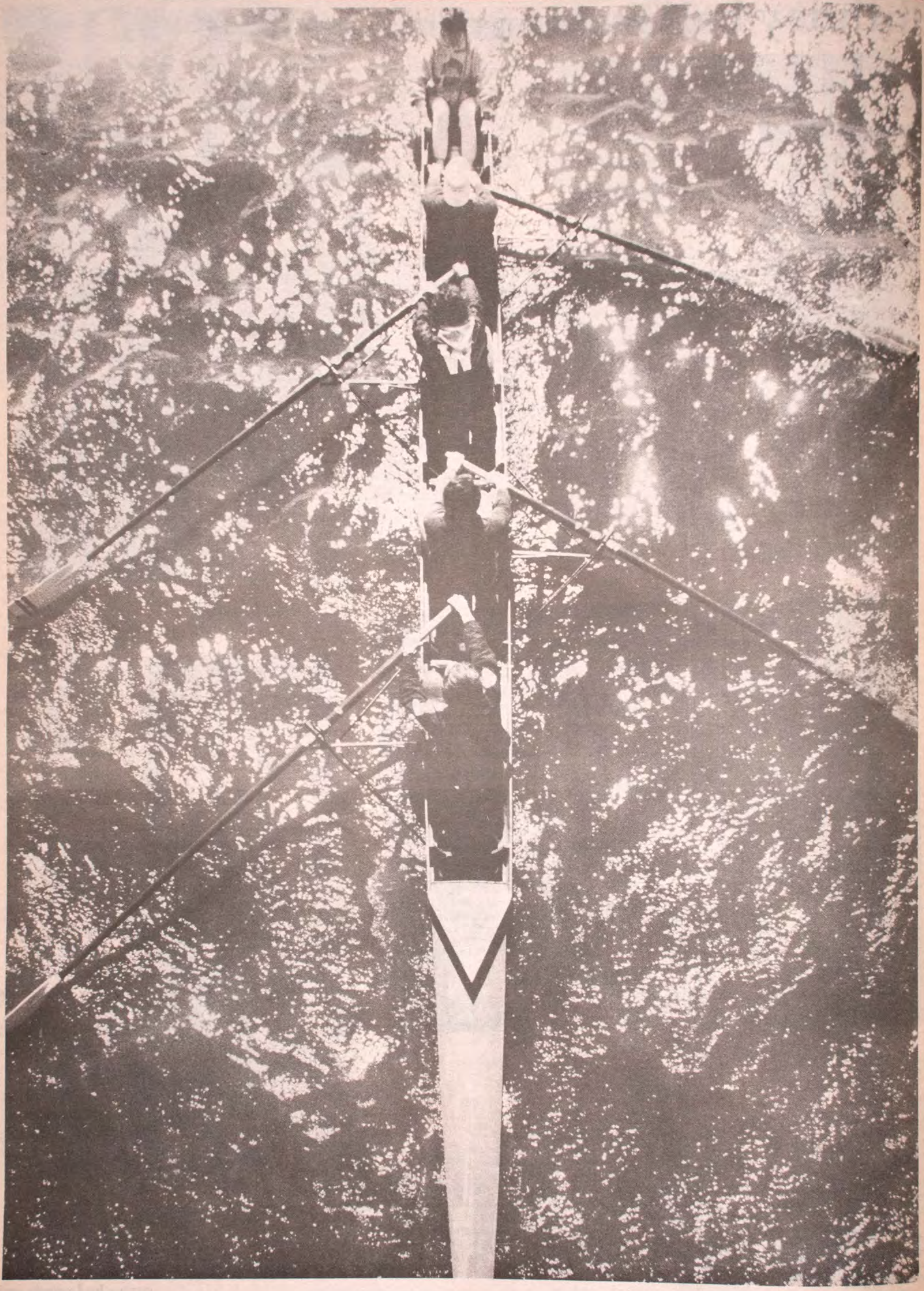

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Basketball swept by Swarthmore, romps Haverford

By Matt Giller

The Shoremen (5-12) last Saturday night halted the longest losing streak in recent memory - six games - by pummelling the hapless Fords of Haverford 88-39. But before that, however, the WAC lost to Swarthmore last Thursday 87-73.

With the Shoremen losing to Swarthmore on the road just five days prior, the loss was extremely vivid in the WAC's mind as they entered the Cain Cave.

The Shoremen demonstrated excellent "D" as they allowed Swarthmore to hit only 35% from the field in the first half. However, the visitors went into the half leading the WAC 35-33.

Although Washington improved from 43% field goal shooting in the first half to 50% in the second frame, the Main Line Marauders upped their shooting clip to an impressive 56%. Swarthmore, combining hot shooting and 26 more total free throws than the Sho'men, was able to seal a season sweep of the WAC. One of the shining performances of the game was that of freshman Greg Rogers. The rookie guard poured in 11 points and snared five rebounds. Other stars were guard Allen Lester and Darren Vican, who scored 16 and 14 points respectively.

While Swarthmore was an extremely stingy foe, Haverford did not rank as such(although they were rank). As the alumni played a game on the same court just prior to the Ford/Sho'men battle they apparently brought with them the legacy of a final four appearence in the NCAA's and numerous MAC championships. The Shoremen, who may have been fighting these ghosts all season, had these ghosts on their team that night. The WAC, playing some of their best team basketball of the season thus far spooked Haverford enough that the Fords hid under their bed until the ghosts were gone and the final buzzer sounded.

Before the cheerleaders could do their first human pyramid (which, by the way, will be dedicated at the game Saturday night to the men and women fighting in the Middle East), the WAC had shot out to a 20-2 lead to open the game. The Fords went over seven minutes before Russell "Yellow Belly" Coward, although out of his range, was able to sink a layup to trim the Shoreman lead to 20-4.

The WAC then went on an eleven point sprint capped off by an off-balance, no look, fadeaway 3-pointer by Billy "B.B." Baldwin(5 points, 4 assists). The Fords threatened with a run of their own - 4 points - before Mike "Hungry Man" Swanson(9 points, 12 rebounds) scored a layup while two Haverford players tried to hold his feet on the floor, one other Ford held on to his shooting arm, and the other two Ford players - one on top of each other like they were about to start a chicken fight - stood between Swanson and the net.

Inspired by Hungry Man's individual effort, the last two minutes of the first half were dominated by the Shoremen, who went on a 10-0 run to give them a commanding 43-10 lead.

Haverford came out the second half and tried to make a legitimate attempt to scare the Shoremen as they outscored the hosts 10-9 during the first seven minutes. However, the WAC shifted up a gear and cruised until the end of the game not allowing the Fords to come within 34 points.

The Shormen defense tamed the Ford sharpshooters to 26% field goal shooting causing them to miss all 14 three-point bombs.

A strong 34 point contribution by the bench and balance starting scoring was an asset to the team's smooth performance; a style that, if maintained consistently throughout the season should guarantee some "W's" for the WAC.

Junior co-captain Tim Liddy paced the scoring with 16 points. Lester and sophomore co-captain contributed with ten each. Other impressive performances included Darren Vican(9 points, 11 rebounds, 4 steals), Geoff Rupert(9 pts, 9 rebs.), Bill "Charlotte's" Weber(7 points), Greg "Get out of my neighborhood" Rogers(5 points), Kris Murphy(4 points) and Joey "You poked my" Eineker(4 points, 66% FG)

Asked if pleased about the performance of his team, especially the bench, Peter Basel said profoundly, "yes, I am."

The WAC is scheduled to play York College Saturday night; tip off: 7:30.

Sophomore Mike Swanson posts up during loss to Swarthmore last week.

Photo by Gary Brown

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Women's swimming trounces

Washington College Women's swim team improved their record to 7-2 with a win over Hood College 152-83 last Saturday afternoon.

Freshman sensation Mimi Devlin made impressive waves by leading the team with two new school records while junior Kasey Carroll qualified for the NCAA National Championships for her third straight time.

Carroll only competed in one event but it was good enough to qualify her for the NCAA's in Atlanta(the site of the 1996 Summer Olympics) March 13-16. Kasey almost brought the house down as she raced to an unbelievable 18:12 in the 1650 yard Freestyle(the mile) five seconds below the national standard.

Devlin shined as well as she recorded school records in the 50 Butterfly(29.8) and the 100 IM(1:08.2) and won the 50 Butterfly impressively. The Frosh joined seniors Vickie Vahos and Sam Streamer and other rookie star Magdalena Fuchs to win the 200 Medley Relay.

Five other WAC women recorded a first place finish. Most of them came from the swimmers off the juggermaut 200 Medley Relay squad. Streamer added firsts in the 100 and 200 Freestyle events, while Fuchs placed second in both those events and finished first in the 50 Freestyle. While Vahos fell to second in the 100 Backstroke, the wiley veteran came back to lead the way in the 50 Backstroke.

Garden State native Junior Leslie Newcomb thrilled the rambunctious capacity crowd when she won the 1000 Freestyle with a season best time (12:16) and then, obviously weary, returned to place second in both the 500 Freestyle and the 100 IM.

Junior Karen Brady won the 100 Breastroke by a bunch and later returned to place second in the 100 Butterfly. Brady joined Kristen Callazzo, Ramsey Bingham and Vahos to place second in the Free Relay.

Joan Colton had a great afternoon by taking second place in the 100 Breastroke and third in the 50 Breastroke and 100 Butterfly. Kelly Loftus got into the act as well pulling off a third place finish in the 100 Backstroke and fourth in the 500 Freestyle.

Another Shorewomen, Karen Prendergast, qualified for the MAC's this weekend by swimming an impressive time in the 200 Backstroke. Prendergast didn't leave the pool until she added a fourth in the highly competitive 50 Butterfly and a second place finish in the 50 Backstroke and third in the 100 IM.

The speed disease spread to Ramsey Bingham as well as she raced to season best times in the 50 and 100 Freestyles while placing third and fourth in the respective events. Senior Callazzo rounded out the group with a fourth in the 200 Freestyle and 50 Backstroke.

This Saturday will be the last home meet of the season for the Shorewomen. They host Lebanon Valley; opening gun: 1:00.

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Croot directs *The Maids*

by Timothy Madison

Jean Genet's *Les Bonnes* (*The Maids*) opens in Tawes Theater on Thursday, February 7 and runs through Saturday, February 9. Genet, a French dramatist and novelist, is best known as standing alongside Samuel Beckett Eugene Ionesco as a major figure of the theater of the absurd.

Presented by the Washington College Drama department, *The Maids* is directed by senior Cynthia Croot. This is the second production Croot has directec at Washington College, the first being David Campton's one-act Then..., in the spring of last year.

The Maids focuses on the relationship between two sisters, Claire and Solange, and their mistress Madame. The play illustrates several themes of primary interest to Genet: the mutability of himan identity and the inversion of traditional moral values. Croot also describes the play as being about "escape- escape from oppression through a number of means: sexual fantasy, role playing, power struggle, romanticization, and a kind of emotional intoxication".

As a director, Croot was originally attracted to the play because of Genet's poetry and the unique relationshpi between the two sisters, a relationship she describes as "mystifying...almost mystical". As the rehersal process began, Croot became more and more interested in the nature of oppression in the play and Genet's exploration of the way a human life can become "subordinate to another's vision".

The Maids probes the very nature of unfulfilled desires and the fantasy world that frustration can create. Lisa Woodcock, who portrays Claire, says "the role allows me the opportunity to test my reality and to explore the other side of my sexuality".

Felicia Shakman portrays Solange and Carey Smith portrays Madame. In addition to directing, Croot is also the production's set designer. The production crew consists of Jason West as Technical Director, Shan Driscoll as Lighting Designer, Deidre Reigel as Stage Manager and Jacqueline Collins as Assistant Stage Manager.

The Maids will be presented at 8 p.m. on February 7, 8, and 9 in Tawes Theater. Admission is free and no reservations are required.

Timothy Madison is majoring in Drama and minoring in English.

Dr. Alban Urbanas to speak on Deconstruction

"Deconstruction, Poetic License, and Playful Metaphysics" will be the topic at Washington College's William James Forum on Monday evening, February 4. The meeting, open to all without charge, begins in the new Academic Resource Center at 7:30 p.m.

The speaker will be Dr. Alban Urbanas, a Baltimore native who holds three earned degrees in philosophy from the University of Paris-Sorbonne. Dr. Urbanas is currently Assistant Professor of Philosophy and French at Wesley College in Dover.

"Deconstruction" is an influential movement in current continental philosophy that has important implications for literature as well. According to Dr. Thomas Cousineau of the Washington College English Department, deconstruction is "an attack on the Western metaphysical tradition going all the way back to Plato".

Dr. Urbanas has taught English at the University of Paris and French at Franklin College in Lugano, Switzerland. Since returning to America he has held teaching posts at Georgetown, George Washington, and New York Universities and at Colby College in Maine. His current research concerns contemporary continental interpretations of Greek theories of justice.

Stricker discusses *Awakenings*

Parkinson's Encephalitis, the subject of the current film *Awakenings*, and other neurological diseases will be discussed in the lecture "Behavioral Neuroscience: Advances in the Study of Brain Function and Neurological Disease," given by Edward Stricker, chair of the Behavioral Neuroscience at the University of Pittsburgh, Tuesday, February 5 in the Dunning Lecture Hall at Washington College. Admission is free and the lecture is open to the public.

Awakenings, which has focused public attention on neurological disorders, tells the story of Parkinson's patients whom after long periods of being comatose, are awakened by the use of the drug L-dopa. The film stars Robert DeNiro as a patient and Robin Williams as a character modeled on Dr. Oliver Sacks, author of several pioneering books on neurological diseases, including *Awakenings* and *The Man Who Mistook His Wife For a Hat*.

In his lecture at Washington College, Edward Stricker will talk about advances in neuroscience that have occurred in the past 25 years, focusing on studies of brain function as they relate to the central control of motivated behavior and the biological bases of Parkinson's disease.

February Calendar

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Wednesday, February 6
Lecture: "World Hunger: A Philosophical Discussion," Simon Glynn, Professor of Philosophy, Florida Atlantic University. Casey Academic Center Forum, 7:30 p.m. Admission free.

Thursday - Saturday, February 7-9
Theater: The *Maids*, by Jean Genet, presented by the Washington College Drama Department. Tawes Theater, Gibson Performing Arts Center, 8:00 p.m. Admission free and unreserved seating.

Tuesday, February 12
Lecture: "The Physical Oceanography of the Chesapeake Bay," Lawrence Sanford, Assistant Professor, Horn Point Environmental Laboratory, University of Maryland Center for Environmental and Estuarine Studies. Dunning Lecture Hall, 7:30 p.m. Admission free.

Wednesday, February 13
Lecture: "Black Pearls: Women's Contributions to the Blues," Daphne Duval Harrison, Chair, Department of African

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Guitarist and Flutist to perform at W.C.

Guitarist Peter Segal and flutist Harold Jones will perform works by Bach, Guiliani and Ravel at Washington College on Monday, February 18, at 8 p.m. Part of the Washington College Concert Series, the performance will be held in Tawes Theater on the Chestertown campus.

Segal, a distinguished soloist, has performed throughout the United States with various orchestras and chamber ensembles from Wyoming to New York. His repertoire encompasses solo works from the baroque through 19th century masters such as Sor and Guiliani, to contemporary composers such as Villa-Lobos, Rodrigo and Britten.

Segal has collaborated with other artists in ensembles such as guitar and harpsichord, guitar and strings, guitar and voice, and even guitar with narrator and mime. In the early 1970s he formed a notable association with flutist Janet Ketchum and the two developed an extensive repertoire for flute and guitar.

Recently he has toured with a new piece called "To Life," which was written especially for him by Michael White.

Jones, who earned the "Outstanding Woodwind Player" award at the Juilliard School of Music, now teaches at the Westchester Conservatory of Music, Manhattan School of Music and the Manhattanville College of Brooklyn College. He has been first flutist and soloist with several orchestras, including The Bach Aria Orchestra, the American Symphony Orchestra, and the Brooklyn Philharmonic.

Jones' recent recording on Performance Records brought this comment from the New York Times: "Among today's legion of distinguished flutists, Mr. Jones has little to fear from being compared to the very best in

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Tickets are $10 for adults; admission for students and children 18 and under is free.

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American Studies, University of Maryland Baltimore County. Casey Academic Forum, 8:00 p.m. Admission free.

Saturday, February 16
Convocation: Annual George Washington's Birthday Convocation. Keynote address: "Frederick Douglass and the Eastern Shore," William S. McFeely, Professor of American History, University of Georgia. Tawes Theater, Gibson Performing Arts Center, 2:00 p.m. Admission free.

Monday, February 18
Concert: Peter Segal, Guitar, and Harold Jones, Flute. Tawes Theater, Gibson Fine Arts Center, 8:00 p.m. General admission $10.

Tuesday, February 19
Author's Reading: Christopher Tilghman, author of *In a Father's Place*, reading from his fiction. Norman James Theater, 4:00 p.m. Admission free.

Wednesday, February 20
Panel Discussion: "Gender Relations: Conversational Differences Between Men and Women." Sophie Kerr Room, 7:30 p.m. Admission free.

Monday, February 25
Exhibit: Photographs by Robert Willis. O'Neill Literary House. Opening reception at 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 26
Lecture: "The Greenhouse Effect and the Planetary Trust," Peter Brown, Environmental Studies Program, University of Maryland School of Public Affairs. Casey Academic Center Forum, 7:30 p.m. Admission free.

Wednesday, February 27
Lecture and Video: "Freedom Bags: African-American women who migrated from the deep south to Washington, D.C." Elizabeth Clark-Lewis, Professor of History, Howard University. Casey Academic Center Forum, 8:00 p.m. Admission free.

Thursday, February 28
Lecture: "Global Warming and the Chesapeake Bay," Victor Kennedy, Professor, Horn Point Environmental Laboratory, University of Maryland Center for Environmental and Estuarine Studies. Dunning Lecture Hall, 7:30 p.m. Admission free.

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crossed on your lap. To achieve this Flato suggested videotaping yourself in a interviewing situation. He described the experience as a real "eye opener" because you are the most critical of yourself. The Career Center has this service available for students.

11. Arrive on time. "There are no excuses for lateness." If it takes going the day before to find the right building then that is what you should do, said Flato. Being too early isn't good either. He recommends that you should arrive at an interview approximately fifteen minutes ahead. Being on time says something about commitment and your personal habits. One way to avoid missing an interview is to confirm by writing or by phone the day and time of your appointment. This will clear up any confusion that might result.

12. Indicate how you can be reached on your resume. A phone number is very important as is a place where messages may be left. Messages are critical because if you don't get them then you won't get the job. Flato recommends getting an answering machine because companies won't call back.

13. Ask revelant questions. "The questions that you ask are just as revealing as the answers that you give," said Flato. Asking questions shows that you have an interest in the company. He also recommended taking notes during your visit with the company. Write down names of those you talked to for later reference.

14. Show your personality. Show enthusiasm for the job and show that you want the job. "You wouldn't be there if the company didn't want to hire you- they called you for a reason." Initial first impressions are important such as the handshake and eye contact. Flato suggests finding the bathroom upon your arrival and there making sure that everything is in order.

15. Follow up the interview with a letter of a phone call. This is just a short acknowledgement of thanks to the interviewer for taking time to talk to you. Letters should always be signed personally.

Following the fifteen pointers Mr. Flato just mentioned a few other miscellaneous pointers such a always turning down a cigarette if offered to you, and warning that drug screening is becoming more prevalently required in businesses.

The main point stressed throughout the lecture was that being prepared is the most important thing. Have a list of references and phone numbers with you, along with a pay stub from your current job, and even an unofficial transcript from college. Most interviewers require these to be sent upon completion of the interview

Flato says the key to an interview is being one step above the interviewer.

Mr. Flato suggested that you should go to an interview even if you are not especially interested in the job because like with anything else, practice will probably help. The Center fro Career Development in Spanish House is also prepared to help with books, computer software, workshops, and other services to help make interviewing and job hunting easier.

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tion of their community service work.

The fourth case involved a student charged with theft and fraud. The student, Mike Johnson. Johnson pleaded responsible. The SCC ordered Johnson to complete 100 hours of community service, 50 of which must be completed during the spring of 1991. Johnson must also participate in freshman orientation next fall and speak to the incoming freshman on the Honor Code. The SCC also ordered Johnson to move from his current residence hall by Sunday, February 3.

The fifth case involved a student charged with trespassing and unlawful use of college property. The student, Henry Miller, was found responsible for conduct unbecoming a Washington College student and ordered to perform 10 hours of community service. Miller also received a formal college warning.

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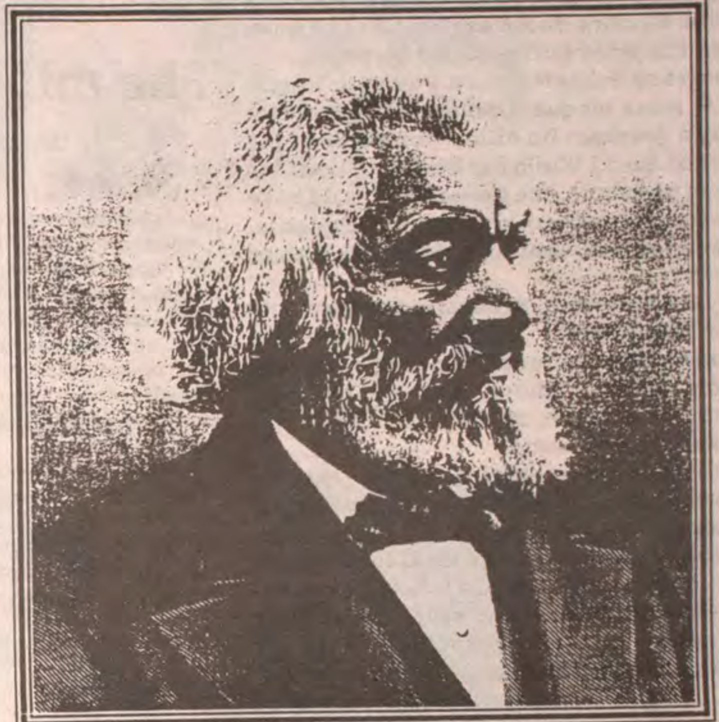
McFeely to attend Convocation Ceremony



Frederick Douglass, pictured here, will be the topic for discussion at the Convocation ceremony, featuring William McFeely as its keynote speaker.

Washington College's celebration of George Washington's Birthday will begin with Convocation at 2:00 PM in the Gibson Fine Arts Gallery. William McFeely will be the keynote speaker for this event. At the Convocation ceremonies McFeely will receive Washington College's honorary doctor of letters degree.

William McFeely is a distinguished Civil War scholar. His talk for convocation will be "Frederick Douglass and the Eastern Shore". Frederick Douglass was a slave on a Talbot County plantation. Through hard work he learned to read and write and eventually escaped to the north using this knowledge. After setting up residence in the north, Douglass earned enough money to buy his freedom and became one of the leading abolitionists of the civil war era.

McFeely is the author of a newly published biography of Frederick Douglass and contributor to several other historical volumes, including The Black Experience in America, Key Issues in the Afro-American Experience, Region, Race and Reconstruction, and The National Experience. He also wrote the introductions to the memoirs of Grant and General William T. Sherman and also to the novel The Negro in the Civil War. Frederick Douglass, his latest book, was billed as "a full length portrait of this slave turned abolitionist [that] also contributes to our understanding of Douglass' America- North, South, free and slave."

McFeely is a Pulitzer Prize winner for his biography of Ulysses S. Grant and the Richard B. Russell Professor of American History at the University of Georgia.

Alonzo G. Decker, Jr. and W. James Price will also be honored at the Convocation ceremonies for their role in the College's Campaign for Excellence which has recently been completed. Price is managing director of Alex Brown & Sons, Inc. and Decker is the retired chief executive officer of Black & Decker. The Campaign raised a record $43.7 million during the past five years.

At approximately 3:30 PM, following the ceremonies, an Open Forum will Dr. McFeely and President Charles H. Trout will be held in the forum room of the Casey Academic Center.

To end the ceremonies for the day, the annual Birthday Ball will be held. Festivities will be held at 9:00 PM in the gymnasium and those that attend will be entertained by the sounds of Zim Zemarel. The cost is $50 per couple at the door.

All are invited and encouraged to attend the festivities of the day.

The editor would like to thank the Washington College News Bureau for their help in the putting together of this article.

Habitat for Humanity needs volunteers

By: Susie Mazzullo

Chester Valley Habitat needs volunteers to help prepare the foundation on a house near Georgetown. This house will be the organization's first project. Volunteers will be needed Saturday, February 23rd beginning at 9:00 AM.

Habitat International is a world wide organization that aids those unable to afford housing. The purpose of the organization is to make ownership possible for low income families.

Habitat will take old houses and renovate them with the help of volunteers and donations. They will also build houses if possible. Most, if not

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SGA announces elections to be held at the end of February

By: Laura Hopper

The Student Government Association of Washington College met on Tuesday, February 5 in the Sophie Kerr room of Miller Library. SGA president, Kevin Kelly announced two new senators, one for Cardinal and one for off-campus. The two senators were sworn in by parliamentarian Gordy Scherer.

Kelly asked the senate to collect and return the cable surveys given out earlier in the semester. Vice President Brook Frank needs to collate the data for Student Academic Council.

Social chair Katie Simms reported on the efforts of the SGA to get a big name band this semester. The Ramones, she reported to the Senate, have decided not to tour this spring. The SGA is now trying to contact Blues Traveler and They might be giants to play at the College this spring. Simms also thanked Senator Whitney Mieurs for helping with clean up after Gene Hamilton

SGA Treasurer Brian Gimelson presented two requests for funding. The senate approved $ 1500 for the William James Forum, and $ 400 for the Blackhearts Committee. The Blackhearts Committee, Brett Lankford and Felicia Shakman, are bringing back the Blackhearts Ball, an all-campus party held in Phoebe's the night before the Birthday Ball. The senate approved $ 210 to help with the Pan-hell Bid NIght Party.

Vice president Brook Frank reported that Student Academic Board (SAB) would be meeting within the next few weeks to discuss major surveys. The surveys ask majors to evaluate their fields and propose changes. Frank urged the major representatives to encourage students to fill out and return the surveys. Frank also said he would be meeting with the Registrar, Dr. Hamilton, to discuss possible changes to Arena Registration. Frank asked the Senate for suggestions.

The Executive Council announced that elections for SGA officers would be held on February 28. Candidates may give speeches on the preceding Monday in Hynson Lounge. Elections chairperson Kristin Kujowski asked for volunteers to help with the polls and counting the ballots. She also announced that she will be posting the announcements about elections and drawing up the petitions for candidates within the next few weeks. Under the current SGA constitution, the new Executive Committee will meet after spring break.

The SGA had received complaints about the $ 1250 allocated to the Phi Delta Theta fraternity at last weeks' funding meeting. Kelly said he approached Phi Delta Theta about the complaints. Phi Delta Theta agreed to change the $ 1250 allocation and $ 1250 loan to a $ 2500 loan to be repaid over three years. The Senate approved the change and Kelly thanked Phi Delta Theta, stating that the fraternity could have refused to make the change.

Crack Magazine asked the Senate for funding to put out a 25th anniversary issue. Crack has 15 confirmed authors and plans to interview several famous authors including Kurt Vonnegut. The current plans for production include newsprint pages with a 3 or 4 color cover. The goal of this issue is to give Crack Magazine a "reputation it doesn't have." The Senate allocated $ 1400 for Crack magazine. Crack Magazine received $ 1750 last semster, but did not put out an issue.

EDITORIAL

When governors go astray

Politicians have a funny way of sticking their feet in their mouths. From town dog catchers to presidents, sooner or later the opportunity presents itself, and darn it, they get that old foot stuck in their mouth so tightly it'd take a tractor to pull it out.

The most recent gaffe was that of the beloved governor of Maryland, William Donald Schaefer who chose to alienate roughly half of the state by referring to the Eastern Shore as a...well...the news programs use the word outhouse, to be polite.

Yes, Governor Schaefer has a way with words, to be sure. A more eloquent statement has never been heard by a governor (in office, but for how long one can never be sure.) While the Eastern Shore has its fair share of problems, the Governor should have taken more care with the phrasing of comments, since one never knows what an aide might leak to the press.

Thank you, Governor Schaefer, for insulting the home of Washington College. Or were you simply not thinking? Not every student here lives on Maryland's western shore, and we consider Chestertown to be a home, of sorts. So thank you again, for insulting our home.

Perhaps, since your opinion of the eastern shore is so low, you might consider a bill that would give the eastern shore to Delaware. Or perhaps we, on the less favored shore, are the ideal location for a Palestinian homeland. Wouldn't that be convenient, killing two birds with one stone; you might even get your photo on the cover of *Time*. Wouldn't that be the crowning achievement in your career.

Letters to the Editor

Billy Don needs a spanking

Washington College
Chestertown, Maryland 21620-1197
February 6, 1991
Dear Editor,

In regards to the hate mail Governor Billy-Don Schafer is apparently famous for, are not his actions similiar to those of former President Richard Nixon before the Watergate scandal when Nixon kept an "enemies" list? Has anyone informed him that the tracing of a license plate for purely selfish purposes is illegal? And where is Billy-Don's mother when he needs a good spanking for his childish behavior? I hope the Maryland state legislature will deal effectively and appropriately with this immature, vengeful behavior.

Very Truly Yours,
James L. Jenkins, Jr.
Richmond
Michelle L. Harrison
Woolford
Brett A. McCrea
Georgetown, Delaware
cc: Hon. Wm. Donald Schaefer, Governor of Maryland

The mind is the stuff of immortality

Walking through this campus, I can't help but notice the plethora of moss covered plaques entangled in old tree roots. What a wonderful thing this is. Here I am, years later, looking at the names of ancient alumni. Donate a tree, a building, a million dollar floor, and serve yourself a small slice of immortality, your name carved in stone, cast in bronze, left for thousands of future scholars to ponder upon.

The more I wonder about these names, tastefully plastered about the campus, the more I realize that is exactly what they are, just names, not people, not ideas, in no way influencing me, just names.

After I graduate, I plan on possessing obscene amounts of money. Naturally, this will assure me an annual Christmas card from the alumni association. When I'm old and start to scribble my name at the bottom of the check, no doubt I will think about the things for which I would like to earmark my million dollar donation. Something permanent would be nice, something grandiose, something becoming my obvious significance to world events. A plaque, perhaps? A building? A new lifetime fitness center!

But what was it about Washington College that left a lasting impression on me? Was it the plaques, the buildings, the new racing shells? Was it the people, the professors, the books I read? If I build a new building, I will live forever as a faceless name carved above the doorway. If I endow a scholarship, a faculty position, the newspaper, the library, won't my money influence the thoughts of future students for decades? Plaques are pieces of metal buried in the dirt. The mind is the stuff of immortality.

John Need

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CAMPUS VOICES

Issue: How long to do think the war in the Gulf will last? What are the possible outcomes?

Entities of war

I, like 99% of the students here and all around this great nation have experienced war in an extremely detached sense. We have, of course, all grown up in our educational systems, discussing and learning through history books, old newspapers and periodicals, and professors that there were wars. The first half of the of this century, wars dominated international affairs. The threat of war and its effect on the existence of mankind dominated the next four decades.

However, unfortunately, today war is no longer isolated to stories told by old, grey-haired vets and unglorified Vietnam GIs. Today's War in the Gulf allows us to see war and its effects the day it happened, and if we're lucky we see it live. We who have never seen war are thrown into the Gulf Crisis at a personal level like being blindfolded and pushed off a plank; while we fall we have hopes and doubts; the sea that awaits our fall is filled with countless possibilities.

Some experience this crisis at a more personal level, however. As we watch this struggle come alive on CNN, etc., the missiles cross their preplanned airspace and arrive at their preplanned destination faster than our soldiers can open a letter from a loved one. I have no friends or relatives fighting in the war or who live there, hence I consider myself extremely lucky. Those who do, however, are put in a most unenviable situation. Day after excruciating day, night after night, their emotions go round and round like anti-aircraft radar. Their war is completely different from mine. While I sometimes superficially and pragmatically view winning and losing quantitatively, their war is one of writing letters, looking at old photos, comforting friends and growing more fearful of bad news. While I am comfortable with headlines like, "Iraqi Planes Shot Down," or "Iraqi Tanks Destroyed in Desert," I am aware that there are those who carry the war more intimately are only soothed when their loved-ones are home safely.

Whether we are "Protesting for Peace," and/or supporting the troops, just place somewhere in your mind that all of us are in the learning to walk stage when it comes to dealing with the many entities of war.

Matt Giller

The war in the Gulf could not be avoided. We as a country did everything possible in the name of peace. It will probably be a long war. As a solution, Hussein should get out.
Karyn Iacangelo
Junior
Silver Springs, MD

The war's length will depend on Saddam Hussein's ability to endure. The longer he lasts, the greater the leader he will appear to be. The Iraqis are use to hardship after an eight year war with Iran. I believe this war will last until fall.
John Goebel
Junior
Church Hill, MD

I really can't say how long the war will last, so many things could happen. I don't see how anyone could predict when it will end.
Cheryl Rinehart
Sophomore
Vienna, MD

The war will probably last about seven months with the outcome being Hussein's withdrawl from Kuwait— which would be the only solution to the conflict.
Kris Wallenberg
Senior
Chestertown, MD

I quite honestly don't know how long the war will last. We really don't know how long the ground war will take since the liberation of Kuwait will have to include the occupation of Baghdad. I do think military victory will belong to the Allied forces, but assuredly, Saddam Hussein will also claim a victory over the infidels.
Tom Sheppard
Sophomore
Charlottesville, VA

I think it will last until March, and I think Bush is doing a hell of a job.
John Hernandez
Sophomore
Columbia, PA

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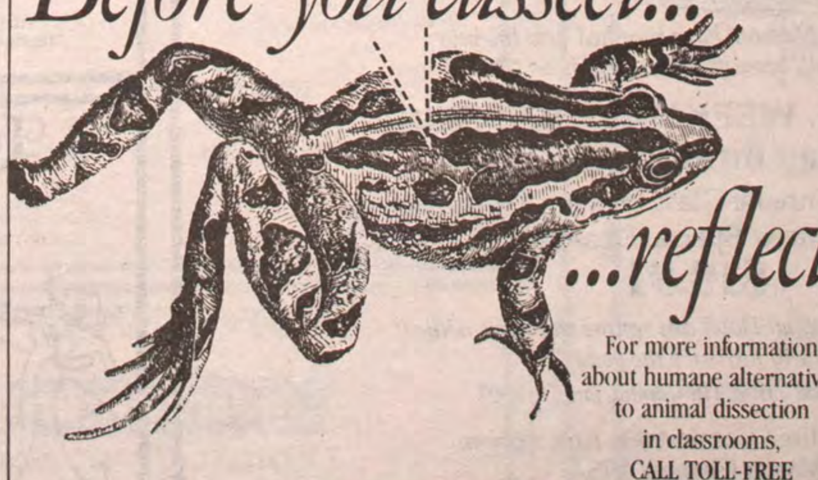

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OUTLOOK

Academics versus athletics?

By Penny Fall

It keeps running through my mind. Why are athletics and academics at crossed swords? Why at Washington College, a Division III school, which means that there are no athletic scholarships, is there this antagonism between two of the most important segments of the college experience?

Being both a professor and a coach I fail to see any real difference in our basic mission which is to educate the young people who chose Washington College. Chose is the operative word here. It is a very personal, hopefully informed decision made by young people at a crucial time in their lives. Admissions and the athletic department understand that sports can have a tremendous impact on that choice. And whether we feel it is wise or not, over three hundred members of our present student body would not be here if the athletic program did not exist.

I think the faculty knows this. I am not sure how much impact this has on the negative attitude many of my colleagues seem to harbor towards athletics. They seem to feel that "student-athlete" is an oxymoron. I have often wondered if it is an attitude of superiority or inferiority - psuedointellectualism, or envy. Whether it is the "dumb jock" syndrome or students choosing an away game over class, it is a divisive, unproductive negative which does not have a place at Washington College.

Such an atmosphere can poison the admissions process. Most liberal arts colleges offer approximately the same curricular choices, consequently other variables such as size, location, etc. are given added weight. For many of the "best and the brightest" the sports, the coaches, the facilities, and the playing schedule become the deciding factors. A number of our sports are the direct result of requests from admissions, so that they can compete with other similar colleges. The institutional attitude towards athletics, as perceived by the prospective student-athlete, will have a profound effect on where they choose to go.

The "oxymoron" tag is an insult to our kids. No question that we have students on teams that struggle academically, but we also have non athletes who are not making the grade. Statistically there is no significant difference between the GPAs of the athletes and the student body. Actually a number of athletes achieve grades well above the average and they do it during their competitive season. They have a tendency to organize and utilize their time better.

When students add athletics to their college lives it is a given that they will miss some classes, particularly if it is an outdoor sport. This is not an indictment of the professor or the course, but is a product of a number of variables including point/time constraints, warm up, day light savings time, team structure, and travel. The latter is probably our biggest problem. We are "2 hours away from anything." Also Washington College is on the geographic perimeter in the MAC, which means that if we are to meet our NCAA and conference requirements we must spend a lot of time in vans.

Coaching on the Division III level is far from a glamorous profession. It is an educational process as much as any lecture or lab. Not only must a coach teach the skills and strategies of the particular activity to 14-40 individuals in motion and try to put together a coherent whole, but a coach has the questionable privilege of being graded and second-guessed afterwards in public print. I would hazard a guess that there are few, if any, professors who would like to have their course evaluations made public. Also there is the matter of recruiting . . . the most distasteful aspect of an already pressure-packed profession.

Why coach? First of all you must enjoy working with young people. You are with them more and probably get to know them better than any other segment of the college community. The metamorphosis most of them go through during their 4 years is exciting to witness, but frequently taxing to deal with. Secondly, there is the "thrill of victory and the agony of defeat," which adds a certain spice to life, but it is a double edged sword. As an educator I try to keep their focus on the learning process and the quality of the experience, when everyone else is riveted on the won-lost record. To maintain this perspective against the public's fascination with winning is a constant battle.

The imperative, however, is an intense belief in the personal attributes that can be gained from participating in the athletic experience. Not just learning how to win or lose gracefully, but also how to depersonalize it. How to accept responsibility for your actions and reactions and understand how they effect others. How to challenge yourself to fulfill your potential and then accept your shortcomings. How to come out of yourself subjugating your feelings and problems, no matter how bad the day, for the betterment of the team. Also, it's fun.

Why am I flailing away at ivy covered windmills at this point in time? Because I am tired of bucking the old stereotypes and prejudices as witnessed at last year's faculty meetings. I am tired of defending my profession to people who, for whatever reason, seem to feel threatened by what I do. But more importantly I am fed up with our student-athletes becoming upset because they are, in most cases, undeservedly caught in the middle of the "academic/athletic battle." Fortunately the number of professors who feel this way is small, but it is not insignificant when it generates such profound unhappiness in our students.

Athletics within the college milieu reminds me of a local news broadcast. We have no illusions about being "hard news;" i.e. academics. But we are not a "fluff piece" either. Athletics does have a place, a different but important place, if the broadcast; i.e. the total college experience, is to be complete.

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In the world:

UNITED STATES:

President Bush acknowledged yesterday that he is skeptical that air power alone can win the Persian Gulf war. He also announced that he will send Defense Secretary Richard Cheney and Gen. Colin powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to Saudi Arabia to asess the progress of the conflict. The purpose of the trip is "to take a final look...[at] when a ground attack should begin," accordin to a senior White House official. At a news conference, Bush remained tough and uncompromising and deflected questions concerning the timing of the ground war. He emphasized that the air assault on Iraq and occupied Kuwait will continue. Bush also said that a cease-fire could not be considered without "a credible, visible, totally convincing withdrawal." A remark made by Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Belonogov, in which he asserted that the war in the Persian Gulf is "getting out of control" and causing "irreparable harm" to the Iraqi people, was indirectly disputed by the President during the news conference. Belonogov was not directly referred to, but Bush again stressed that the U.S. had gone to "extraordinary lengths" to spare civilians non-military targets. Said Bush: "We are not trying to systematically destroy...Iraq."

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Hamilton: the doctor is in, the word is out

Phil "Slice" Macek

I don't know about the rest of you but now I know why I came to this school. I thought it was for the peaceful, rustic setting conducive to an invigorating small-college liberal arts education; but I was wrong. I thought it was for the personalized attention and the 13:1 teacher to student ratio; but I was mistaken. I thought it would be for the delicious, award-winning dining hall food and the incomparable experience of living in Kent House; but I erred in my judgment. Dammit, to put it bluntly, I came to Washington College to see and hear Eugene Hamilton pump up the volume at the Coffee House. And this past weekend did not disappoint me. After weeks of agonizing anticipation and monumental hype for "Mean" Gene's show at the C-House, the night had finally arrived. I kicked off the weekend's festivities with a jumping cocktail party as thrown by Don Steele and Co. on Somerset's fourth floor. As fine a party as this was, the time had come for the main event.

I was glad that I had brought my dancin' shoes as I entered the concert hall to the pounding sounds of Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Gimme Three Steps." The air was charged with electricity as I pumped my fist to the jack-hammer beat and heard the vicious hooks rumbling like a funky earthquake. The audience came to rock and rock they did. "Mean" Gene was the captain of this musical odyssey and as an experienced performer he wasn't about to let his legion of fans down. In short, "Mean" Gene the rapping machine whipped the crowd into a frenzy, feeding off the crushing bass lines of hits like "Funky Cold Medina" and the theme to "The Beverly Hillbillies." Make no mistake about it, this was music that made no compromises and went straight for the guts. In the midst of this "bop til you drop" atmosphere was Gene himself, standing confidently behind the keyboards and almost defying the audience not to have a good time.

His musical wizardry coupled with his bold reinterpreting of several time tested rock classics, transcended all boundaries of time and carried the crowd back in time to an era when the music was all that mattered. His virtuoso rendition of Led Zeppelin's immortal epic, "Stairway to Heaven," left his army of admirers free-floating in a rock-n-roll paradise and proved Gene's performance to be one of the most liberating forces in American rock-n-roll history. His cover of the Doors' anthem, "Light My Fire," conveyed all the sexual urgency of the original as done by a wailing Jim Morrison and his fellow bandmates. Gene's voice on "Dancin on the Ceiling" was so over the top that you just couldn't help but believe him. Hell, he seemed to be singing from his sweat glands. Indeed, my experience of this song was further enhanced when I was turned upside-down and hoisted up so I could in fact dance on the ceiling. At this point of the evening I was literally flying high.

There was a desperate manic energy to Gene's version of "Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band," that made me wonder what on earth was preventing a Beatles' reunion. It seemed painfully obvious to me that Gene was surely the heir apparent to the legacy that was and still is the spirit of John Lennon.

Long one of rock's best kept secrets, Gene Hamilton is a true star and he proved his staying power on such "balls to the wall" versions of "Jump" and "Like a Surgeon." At this point, Gene was playing with such raw energy, such inarticulate passion, and such unbridled abandon that it seemed like he might have exploded at any minute. His stunning, hypnotic Beach Boys medley very nearly summed up 25 years of rock-n-roll greatness in about seven minutes and prepared the audience for both the wild charge of "Ramblin' Man" and the psychedelic thrust of "Funky Town."

Although the evening as a whole was pretty hazy for me, I do recall shaking my groove thing to "The Hustle" and complementing my boogie-woogie free for all with a few stage dives to the driving beat that was the foundation for "Sweet Home Alabama." All in all, Gene "the doctor who has his Ph.D. in soulful funkmanship" Hamilton proved himself worthy of the title, "The Hardest Working Man in Show Biz." Ever the craftsman, Gene gave a show that will likely influence an entire population for years to come. His extraordinary gift for touching the very soul of every person in the house clearly labels him as the next rock icon of a lost generation. His impeccable infusion of rock, soul, rap, country, and disco left me dazed and weak in the knees. Looking around me, I clearly saw a few people shed a tear and make no attempt to hide it when Gene played the final note of the evening. Indeed, one misty-eyed senior, Matt Woolston, was so overcome with emotion that all he could say the whole night was, "Where'd he get all the neat stuff?"

Of course, I would have loved to hear such favorites as "Purple Haze," "Highway to Hell," and "One Bourbon, One Scotch, One Beer" and hopefully Gene will consider working these tunes into his playlist for the next show.

Finally, after a physically draining danceathon, the evening of liberation came to an end. While for one night Gene made damn sure that no one would complain about Washington College being dull and boring, one has to wonder when his next rock extravaganza will take place. Lastly, as the curtain came down on the greatest show on earth, I tried to give the rest of my evening some measure of fulfillment. Alas, all I remember is being really drunk and trying to reenact the Battle of Waterloo with a stray cat I had found acting as Napoleon. So, here's hoping that "Mean" Gene plays the C-House again soon and that other colleges don't get wind of his talent. For if this terrible tragedy transpires, W.C. might lose Gene forever to the world of million dollar record contracts and year-long marathon world tours. Long live Gene! Long live rock

Slice has labelled Gene's performance as this generation's Woodstock. He also hopes that someday Gene will play at his wedding.

Living my life in line at the dining hall down under

Phil Macek and Matthew Woolston

We don't even know where to begin. We'ew standing in line trying to get a candy bar before class. Luckily, we got to the snackbar a hour before class so we might just make it. So while standing in line we struck up a conversation.

Matt: Hey Slice, remember the days when you could just walk in here, throw your money on the counter, get your food, and roll?

Phil: Yeah, those days are long gone on the wind. Hell, it's taking me an hour just to get a three minute egg. By the way Stone, I'm looking around and I don't see Miss D anywhere, what's up with that?

Matt: I heard she's vacitioning in Centreville with all the money she got from selling her franchise. By the way did you get that fifteen page manual that tells you how to get around this place?

Phil: I don't think they have one out.

Matt: Well they should.

Phil: Hey Stone, are we still going to play basketball today?

Matt: Don't have to. I got my exercise taking my order over to the register and then coming back to the counter for my food. I guess they got this new computer system to save money rather than save time.

Phil: Save money? Have you gone stupid? This is Washington College, we don't save money here. By the way, don't we get to charge fifty dollars worth of food anymore?

Matt: Got me hoss. I think it's another one of those ploys they use to help us deal with life after college. And even if we can stll charge, I wish they would go back to those green and yellow "D dollars."

Phil: Look man, I think that's your food over there. Why don't you go get it then we can do some extra studying before class?

Matt: That would be nice, but I have to stay in this line so I can pay for it. And if I leave this line we'll certainly be late for class.

Phil: This new system is really beat, I got a cup of milk once and by the timeI had paid for it and picked it up the milk had turned to butter.

Matt: Here comes our already paid for food. Let's get out of here and never come back.

Phil: O.K. we still have five minutes to class. We'll have just enough time for the walk over there. Bring back MIss D! Please!

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Crew team shatters world record

by Matt Giller

Last Friday night the Washington College men's and women's crew team rowed their way into the record books by out-erging the globe.

As the sun was setting on the Hall of Fame room in the Cain Gymnasium the crew team completed its 130 hour odyssey, and left the old British record of 120 hours eating their wake.

President Trout christened the voyage with the first 400 meters. Following the prez were the 47 dedicated men and women of the WAC crew team who took shifts all week to sustain the erging. Philosophy pundit Dr. Peter Tapke garciously sweated for the record as well.

The idea of erging for consecutive hours was originated by the ergometer company, Concept II. As a cure for boredom, employees of the company would row on the ergometer. It became so popular within the company that they rowed consecutively for 80 hours. W.C. crew coach Davenport helped his Albany University brake the record with 96 straight hours of erging.

That record was broken twice more - by New Zealand(110 hours) and a team from Great Britain(120 hours).

New coach Davenport was extremely impressed with the team's effort, "the dedication of the kids is inspiring to see."

He stressed the importance of the effort and not the actual record, "although the record is something to be incredibly proud of, the kids shouldn't lose sight of the fact that an indelible lesson was learned last week. The lesson that with hard work and dedication, anything can be accomplished."

Members of the Shoremen crew team and others from the College community gather to watch the shattering of the world record previously held by Great Britain. photo by Gary Brown

Women's swim team trounces once again

Matt Giller

While coach Kim Lessard was giving birth to her daughter, her women's team continued on the winning path by defeating Lebanon Valley 112-48.

The day started with the relaye team of Jennifer Green, Mimi Devlin, Sam Streamer and Karen Brady winning. Placing second right behind them was the relay team of Vickie Vahos, Joan Colton, Karen Prendergast and Ramsey Bingham giving the WAC an early fifteen point lead.

Junior phenom Kasey Carroll continues to be undefeated this season winning the 500 and 1000 Freestyle.

Carroll also broke her own team record in the 200 Butterfly with a scorching time of 2:16.9.

Leslie Newcomb had two season best swims in the 1000 Freestyle and 100 Breastroke. Green broke her best time in the 100 Backstroke. Her time was the third best all-time at Washington College.

Bingham also had her best swim of the season qualifying her for the MACs in the 50 Freestyle.

Devlin and Kelly Loftus added first place turns in the 200 IM and 100 Breastroke respectively.

Colton, Brady, Kristen Callazzo, Vahos, and Prendergast added the final team points for the impressive victory.

This Wednesday they have a meet against Western Maryland at 6:00. The meet will end the regular season for the WAC before the Conference championships.

Basketball crushes York and Haverford

By Matt Giller

While the war in the Gulf continues, the WAC took no prisoners back home while they trounced York College, 73-57 and the Fords of Haverford, 94-63.

Last Thursay night the Sho'men hosted York and played an outstanding second half en route to a huge margin of victory.

Riding on the coattails of guard allen Lester's 11 points(15 total points), the WAC went into the lockerroom with a very precarious 4 point lead, 33-29.

However, freshman Geoff Rupert(17 points, 12 rebounds) scored eight of the Shoremen's first ten points of the second half spreading the WAC lead to 43-35.

York crawled back to make it a 51-47 game in favor of the WAC. However, freshman Greg Rogers9 points, 3 assists) hit a three-pointer and a layup and sophomre Darren Vican(14 points) slammed an alleyoop down to give the WAC an irreversible lead.

Junior co-captain Tim Liddy paced the Shoremen with his 24 points and 12 rebounds as they romped Haverford for the second time this year. Lester, Rupert and Peter Basel each had 14 points. The team shot an amazing 55% from the field. The victory raised the Shoremen's record to 6-13.

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Sting sails on *Soul Cages*

by Raphael Koster

Sting
The Soul Cages
Produced by Hugh Padgham and Sting

Sting's long awaited follow-up to ...Nothing Like the Sun is perhaps his most ambitious and personal work to date. It is his attempt to deal with the pain of the deaths of his parents, the pain of the deaths of his co-workers in the recent staging of Threepenny Opera, and to deal with how personal faith affects one's methods of dealing with grief. The album is dedicated to his father, Ethyl Eichelberger, and John Dexter (the latter two were his co-star and director for Threepenny Opera, and both passed away soon after the run ended).

Sting fans will be glad to know that both Branford Marsalis' sleek saxophone and Kenny Kirkland's stunning keyboard wizardry are back with him on this outing, but do not expect the kind of flashy jazz-inflected rock that was so prevalent on the previous solo albums. Instead, the album opens with the haunting sound of Northumbrian pipes, played by Kathryn Tickell, setting the stage for a song cycle of somber intensity. Musically, the album lacks as many hooks as Sting's earlier work- most of the songs are not catchy; instead, we get great stylistic cohesiveness and dramatic moments.

More than once Padgham (producer for, among others, Suzanne Vega, Phil Collins, Genesis, and the Dream Academy) manages to evoke the Phil Spector "Wall of Sound" with the extensive use of synthesized strings. This is a very lush sounding album, perhaps a tad too lush- some of the instrumental flourishes get lost in the shuffle. The constant background of strings sliding along at a steady tempo reminds me of Sinead O'Connor, but the synths here do not usually get the interesting part to play.

This is a carefully integrated album, musically speaking: the melodies and orchestrations of previous songs return whenever a theme is touched upon in a later track. It also features Sting's first instrumental work ("St. Agnes and the Burning Train") since "The Dream of the Blue Turtles." In summary, the sound that Sting was going for on ...Nothing Like the Sun but didn't quite reach is exactly what he has achieved with The Soul Cages.

Lyrically, this album is excellent, and among the best efforts of recent years. The very personal response to his parents' deaths is explored in a carefully conceived song cycle. The songs are primarily narrative ones, and are often centered around a nautical motif.

The first track, "Island of Souls," is about his childhood and the life of a family in a shipbuilding town that offers no hope for its working class. In the song, the narrator's father dies. This is followed by "All This Time," which is about the failure of organized religion to provide comfort to the bereaved. Speaking of two priests, Sting says, "One to learn, one to teach/ Which way the cold wind blows/ Fussing and flapping in priestly black/ Like a murder of crows." Never mind the fact that this is a bouncy song and the first single- it is a bitter condemnation of an institution by a man who found no surcease from grief. "Men go crazy in congregations," Sting sings, "But they only get better one by one..."

That is far from being the only lyrical gem on the album, but the thing to keep in mind here is the way everything is interconnected. We follow with songs about the obsession of love ("Mad About You", also pervaded with religious imagery), the problem of guilt and failure to express love to one's parents ("Why Should I Cry for You?"), about a completely cynical view of the world belied by its own refrain about guilt ("Jeremiah Blues, Part 1"), and finally, two more songs that return to the narrator of the first song: "Soul Cages" and "The Wild Wild Sea."

The latter of these is about a dream, in which the narrator finds himself aboard a ship steered by ghosts- and the ship, on the verge of foundering, is saved by the captain, who wears his father's face. The song ends, "If a prayer today is spoken/ Please offer it for me/ When the bridge to Heaven in broken/ And you're lost on the wild wild sea..." We follow right into a recap of sorts of "Island of Souls"- the title track, in which the boy of the first song saves his father's soul through a wager with the King of the Sea. The last verse is identical to the last verse of the earlier song, and we see that redemption is achieved.

The final song on the album, "When The Angels Fall," offers a recapitulation, a short odyssey of guilt, fear, mortality, and love. In it, churches fall as one man takes his father's cross from the wall- men with no roots wander graveyards in search of meaning, and find none. The album ends with a demand: "Bring down the angels/ Cast them from my sight/ I never want to see/ A million suns at midnight.../ You can't control us anymore/ When the angels fall." The album therefore stands as a sort of reply to Paul Simon's Rhythm of the Saints, in that Simon's work is about a discovery of spirituality, whereas Sting is seeking a sort of human faith rather than a holy one.

The Soul Cages is definitely not for everyone. The bounciest tunes are in fact quite depressing. But it is a very thoughtful work, and a remarkable artistic achievement: one to be appreciated emotionally and aesthetically, and not as casually as the typical rock album. It is interesting to see today's most talented songwriters edging away from rock and into more experimental territory without sacrificing accessibility. Sting with this album has experienced his cathartic moment, and thanks to his talent and musical skill, we as listeners are permitted to experience it with him. But it demands a careful, attentive ear, and a willingness to meet the artist halfway. For those who want more than a rhythm to tap to, the sound of angels falling is to be heralded as the first great album of 1991.

Sting will kick off his American tour soon and will play the Capital Center in the first week of March. He will be touring with a stripped down band that includes Kirkland.

Raphael Koster is a junior and an English Major. He frequently writes music reviews for the Elm.

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Dr. Harrison, who is chair of the Maryland Commission on African American Culture, is a specialist in jazz and blues music and musicians with a master's degree in music from Northwestern University and a doctorate in education from the University of Miami. She is the author of Black Pearls: Blues Queens of the 1920s, a study of the influential blues singers Sippie Wallace, Edith Wilson, Victoria Spivey and Alberta Hunter. Using recordings and photographs to augment her lecture, Dr. Harrison will discuss these and other women who have made lasting contributions to the history of the blues in America.

"Black Pearls" is presented by the Washington College Committee on African American History and Culture. For more information call the college at (301) 778-2800, ext. 402.

Dr. Daphne Duval Harrison. Photo by Tim Ford

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In the world

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PERSIAN GULF:

Since the war in the Gulf began three weeks ago, some 47,000 sorties have been flown by aircraft from six nations. The allies have dropped everything from laser-guided missiles to leaflets urging immediate surrender and suggesting how that might be done. By all accounts, official or unofficial, the "success" of the war is impressive. All of Iraq's biological, nuclear and chemical capabilities are said to eliminated; command and control centers crippled. Many Scud missile sites, airfields, ammo and fuel dumps, and countless defense industries ahve been virtually destroyed. These results, however, will not determine when and if there will be a ground war. That decision will be made after allied war planes have had a chance to destroy Iraq's 50,000 man army, with it's 4,000 tanks and 2,500 armoured personnel carriers. The immense army mostly entrenched behind elaborate fortifications in Kuwait and southern Iraq. The allied assault on the Iraqi army began in earnest last week.

SOVIET UNION:

A republic-wide nonbinding ballot on independence that Lithuania plans to hold Saturday was declared invalid Tuesday by Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev. Gorbachev said the poll is "without legal foundation" and is an attempt by Lithuania's leaders "to generate support for their separatist aims. This latest incident is sure to intensify the confrontation between Moscow and the pro-independance government in Lithuania. The decree by Gorbachev voiding the ballot was rejected by Lithuanian President Vytaustas Landsbergis saying: "it reflects an old tradition of the Soviet Union, according to which law and government arise not from the will of the people, expressd by a free vote, but are formed instead by the decrees of autocratic rulers." He went on to say that any action to prevent the poll would constitute "impermissable political interference in the matters of the sovereign Lithuanian state." Although the decree referred vaguely to preventing the poll, there was no indication whether Moscow plans to block it. Landsbergis also rejected Gorbachev's demand that a referendum be held in order to begin legal secession proceedings, saying that the Soviet Union illegally annexed the baltic states in 1940 and the declaration of independence made by Lithuania's parliament last March is legally binding.

--compiled by Carolin Leibig

Habitat

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Chester Valley Habitat is the local branch of Habitat International and is new to the area. They are currently starting their first project and need the help of the Kent County community and the Washington College community. This project involves a house that the organization moved from High Street to outside of Georgetown. On February 23rd, help is needed to prepare the foundation. No special skills are required. Volunteers should wear old clothes. Shovels, hoes, and five gallon buckets are needed so please bring any to the site if they are available to you. Lunch will be served to all those helping. The rain date is set for March 3rd.

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The Editor would like to thank Susan Comfort for her help in gathering information for this article.

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Aids on college campuses nationwide

By: Renee Guckert

Last spring, like many college students, a young girl of twenty scampered off to Ft. Lauderdale for warm, sunny beaches and lots of uninhibited fun. While there, she met a guy, and a week later they began sleeping together. When she returned home to Baltimore, she explained to her mother about the fabulous man she'd fallen madly in love with. Her excitement, however, was short-lived. Days later, a small package arrived in the mail– contained in brown paper wrapping was a small coffin with a message that read "**Welcome to the world of AIDS.**" Her fate had been sealed for she soon was found to be HIV positive.

This girl's story, although tragic and frightening, contains a message to be learned by all: AIDS doesn't discriminate– anyone can be infected. According to the United States Public Health Service, as of April 30 of last year, over 80,000 Americans had died of AIDS, and over 1 million are currently infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). More and more, the disease is spreading throughout all college campuses infecting individuals even after just a single "one night stand." Due to the obligation of maintaining confidentiality, Washington College Health Services was unable to confirm whether or not there are students here who are presently infected with AIDS. They did, however, explain that 1 out of every 1,000 college students nationwide is currently HIV positive. A health service representative commented that "college students still think that 'it can't happen here,' but statistics say it surely can."

One of the factors aiding the continual spread of the virus is ignorance. It may simply be that everyone is just sick and tired of hearing that it can happen to them and that they need to take precautions. The fact of the matter is that individuals, especially those on college campuses, **still** insist on practicing unsafe sex. Forget about the birth control pill– it may protect against pregnancy but it's not going to protect you against death. Believe all the pamphlets you read and all the specialists you hear who constantly nag you that when you have sex with someone, you have sex with every person they've slept with because it's the absolute truth. Many individuals don't even show signs of the virus for years but simply carry it, consequently passing it on to others, perhaps without even knowing it. When someone does begin to acquire symptoms of the HIV or AIDS, the pattern is a slow, agonizing death including ailments such as Kaposi's sarcoma, a form of skin cancer which leaves painful, bruise-like lesions on the body, pneumocystis (AIDS related pneumonia), muscle and brain deterioration, loss of eyesight, and countless other problems. Knowing all this, why would anyone possibly risk being infected for one night or even countless nights of uninhibited, unsafe sex? Unfortunately, there are those who still do.

The key, then, is to educate ourselves and others and to continue to remain educated in order to fight ignorance. More current information becomes available every day as research slowly, but surely progresses with hints to possible cures and vacines. Frequent misconceptions about AIDS include the following:

1. You can contract the disease by using facilities previously used by an infected individual such as water fountains and toilet seats.

FACT: although you can expect to catch crabs from a contaminated toilet seat, there has been no documented evidence that you can catch AIDS from one.

2. You can contract AIDS by kissing, hugging, or touching someone who is infected.

FACT: The truth remains that the virus is only transmitted through the interaction of bodily fluids such as blood, vaginal discharge, and semen. Casual contact is not a risky activity and should not be eliminated because someone you know is sick.

3. AIDS patients obviously lead dangerous lifestyles and therefore, they deserve what they're getting.

FACT: AIDS patients like the rest of us are human beings whether they're children, homosexuals, women, men, or i.v. drug users. Ignorance of this type continues to be the most nauseating of all. This stereotype, the one that claims AIDS patients are to blame for the disease they are plagued with, is the very thing that staps ugly prejudices in the minds of many Americans; this kind of ignorance must be stopped if we are to combat this deadly predator.

With these few concepts in mind, it's time that college students across the country as well as all members of this society stop pointing fingers of blame and start educating

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Amendments to SGA constituion proposed at meeting

The Student Government Association of Washington College met in the Sophie Kerr room of Miller Library on Tuesday, February 12. SGA President Kevin Kelly called the meeting to order, and after roll call, Vice President Brook Frank swore in the new off-campus senator, Chris Deri.

Social Chair Katie Simms reported that the band Blues Traveler has been tentatively scheduled to perform at the College on April 5. The executive council is continuing its efforts to bring the band They might be Giants to campus this spring as well.

The Senate approved $ 100 to help funding Brook Frank's trip to Rollins College. Frank is attempting to help set up an exchange program between small colleges in different regions of the country. Frank will meet with the Board of Visitors and Governors of Rollins College. Rollins is a small, liberal arts college located near Orlando, Florida. If implemented, the exchange program would allow eligible Washington College students the chance to attend a similarly sized college in different parts of the country. Frank's trip is also being funded by the Office of Student Affairs.

Frank reported on the recent meetings of the Academic Council. During the meeting,

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Hands Out needs help

By: Jen Del Nero

Hands Out, WC's newly formed volunteer operation, is sponsoring an open house for students to meet and talk with representatives of various community groups about positions available to which students can donate time. The event, which will be on Wednesday, February 20 from 10-4 in the lobby of the Casey Academic Resource Center also promotes the student/faculty directory Hands Out recently published.

One of the focal groups that will be represented is Big Brothers/Big Sisters, an organization that matches kids from ages 6-16 with an adult of the same gender.

According to Lee Peterson of the program, volunteers are often instrumental in the development of those children, who frequently are from single parent homes, by offering attention and support which in turn increases the youngsters' self-esteem and outlook on life. Peterson adds that these pairings afford an opportunity for the child and the family as a whole since the intervention of another adult can release some of the parent's burden.

Volunteers for Big Brothers/Big Sisters are asked to devote several hours a week to their match, yet other arrangements are possible that do not demand as great a time com-

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Honor, honor

The Washington College Honor Code needs help. The obvious kind of help is student involvement, reporting cheating incidents, vandalism etc...but that doesn't seem to happen very often around here. The other kind of help is tightening up punishment, in short, stricter enforcement of the Honor Code.

For starters, change the language of the Honor Code. Get rid of the mights, the woulds, the coulds, and substitute will. You will get kicked off your team for cheating. You will be expelled. You will get a fair hearing, and a just punishment if you are guilty.

Next, professors should change their exams, and not give the same exam year in and year out. Don't leave exams unproctored. In short, don't trust the students taking the exam. Sounds pretty harsh, doesn't it?

The reality of the situation is that every time someone cheats on an exam, everyone else loses. If the person doesn't get caught, they destroy the curve. They make the time the other students spent on studying worthless. They make our degree from Washington College worthless, because they are getting off without putting the time in that everyone else did.

There is very little actually wrong with our Honor Code. What makes Washington College's Honor Code different from the Honor Code at Washington and Lee is that Washington and Lee uses strict enforcement and sure punishment to reinforce its honor code.

Yes, Washington College students should be adults, and should abide by the rules of the Honor Code without threat of punishment. We should be able to leave dorm room doors unlocked, or our book bags outside the Dining Hall, because we should be able to trust our peers. The problem is that we can't. Maybe an Honor Code can't change human nature, but a strcitly enforced one can set examples.

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Letters to the Editor

Woops, we goofed...

In the SGA article in last week's issue of the Elm, we mistakenly referred to the Blackheart's Ball as an open all-campus party. It is not. The Balckheart's Ball is by invitation only. The Elm regrets the error.

Also, the campus voices photos of Chris Wallenburg and Karyn Iacangelo were switched. Again, the Elm regrets the error.

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Remember to sign up
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this week
with Hands Out
to help
Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity needs College assistance

By James Plaskitt

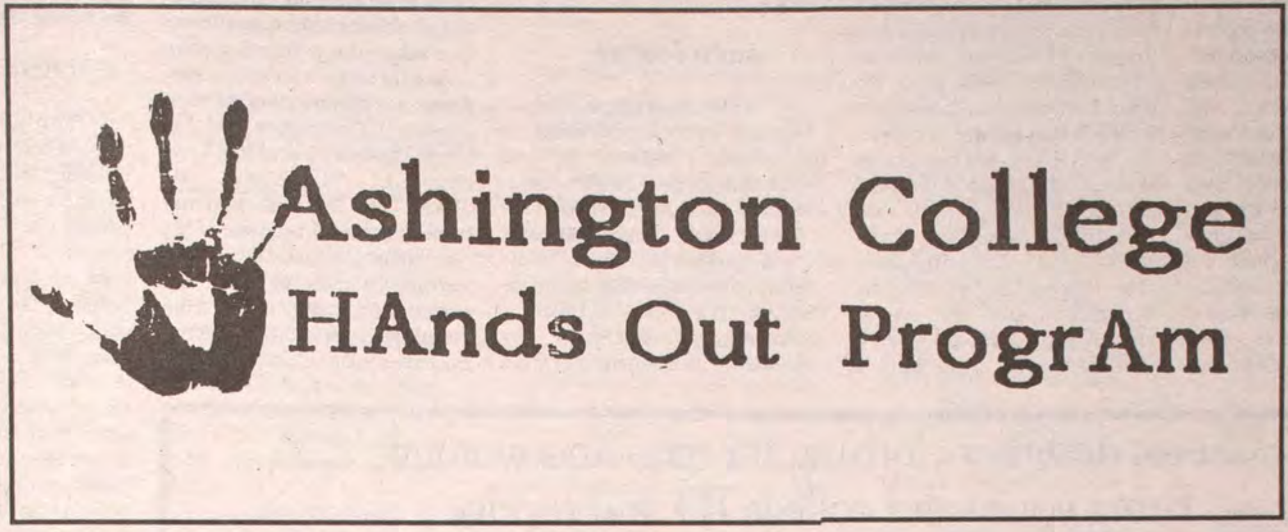
During lunch and dinner next week, there will be a sign-up booth in the Dining Hall manned by members of the newly organized Hands Out programs of Washington College. Hands Out is asking for student contributions of time and materials for the Habitat for Humanity program. Habitat will be helping to dig and level a foundation for a house in Georgetown on Saturday, February 23. They have asked the College for volunteers through the Hands Out program.

Students and faculty are encouraged to sign up for the project. No experience is necessary, just the desire to help others through this community project. Volunteers are asked to wear sensible shoes and clothing they won't mind getting dirty. Faculty members who would like to help, but won't be able to participate, are asked to bring shovels, hoes, picks, and barrels, with their names on them, and put them in a box in the Faculty Mailroom. People with cars who are willing to carpool would be greatly appreciated. Two caravans will be leaving from the William Smith Parking Lot at 9 A.M. and 1 P.M. There will be returning trips at 12 noon and 5 P.M. Volunteers will be fed lunch at a church near the homesite, and help is also needed with lunch.

The Hands Out program is a new campus organization based on the idea of volunteerism. The memory of the Garnett School playground project is not so distant, and Hands Out hopes to keep that spirit of college involvement alive and growing as a way to strengthen town and gown ties. Hands Out has created a directory of volunteer programs that is available at the Career Development Office. The directory lists organizations in the community that range from teaching handicapped children to ride to programs for the elderly to environmental and recycling campaigns. All organizations will appreciate student support be it by individuals, fraternities or teams.

Hands Out offers students the opportunity to take a break from school work and contribute something positive to the Chestertown community. By helping others, the Washington College community of faculty and students get to experience the joy and satisfaction of giving. All members of the College community are invited to take advantage of what Hands Out has to offer.

James Plaskitt is a senior



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the council discussed the possibility of a math requirement at the College, as well as curricular changes including new courses in the Math, Business, and Political Science departments. Frank also reported on his recent meeting with the Registrar, Dr Hamilton. The format of registration will be changed by next fall.

The executive council formally presented an amendment to the constitution that announces the creation of the Charles Hathaway Trout Council on Undergraduate Research. According to the proposed amendment, the purposed of the council is to "review all requests submitted to the council for funding on the undergraduate Academic level [and] decide whether the requests are valid" based upon six criteria including academic standing of said students, need and possible benefit, significance to course of study, favorable exposure for Washington College, alternative resources available, and the availability of council funds.

A second amendment to the constitution was submitted concerning elections. The proposed amendment sets the dates for executive council, class officers, Academic Board, and dorm senator elections. It also would change the date when the new executive council would take over, pushing it back to the next to last Senate meeting. Executive Council-elect members would be required to attend all Executive Council, and senate meetings between the election and taking office but would have no voting rights. The proposed amendment also fixes the location for SGA and class officer elections. Both amendments will be voted on at

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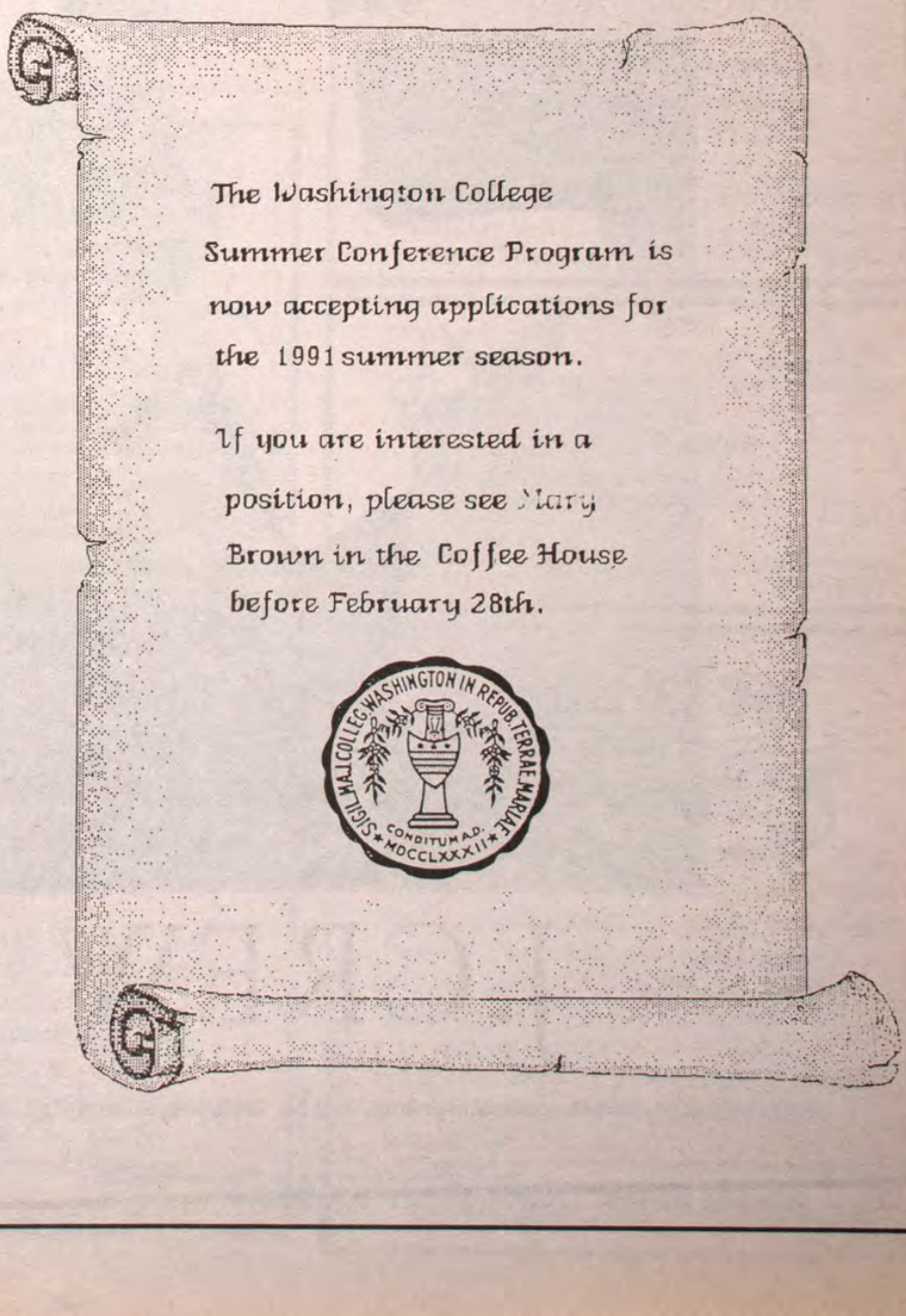

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In the world: Soviet Union sends envoy to Baghdad

IRAQ:

Allied bombardments of Baghdad continued yesterday damaging two government ministries, while President Saddam Hussein met with a Soviet envoy whom he reportedly told that he is "prepared to extend cooperation" in efforts to end the Gulf war. The statement to Soviet emissary Yevgeny Primakov that Saddam is willing to help the Soviet Union and other nations find a peaceful settlement to the crisis drew skepticism from the Bush administration. However, Saddam also condemned the actions of the United States and vowed that Iraq would make "the sacrifices needed until the aggression and the aggressors are beaten back."

Baghdad radio, monitored Tuesday night from Cyprus, said that Primakov had delivered a private message from Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev to Saddam. The braodcast went on to say that Saddam was willing to cooperate with other nations in the interest of finding a peaceful, equitable, and honorable solution to the situation in the Middle East. U.S. administration officials noted that the broadcast and the earlier statement by Saddam failed to mention Iraq's occupation of Kuwait and appeared to tie peace in the region to other problems such as the Palestinian issue. This "linkage" has been repeatedly rejected by the U.S.

SOVIET UNION:

A plan involving unnamed Western and Soviet banks to overthrow President Mikhail Gorbatchev and restore capitalism has been thwarted, claims Soviet Prime Minister Valentin Pavlov. In an interview, Pavlov said that those involved had hoped to create a "financial catastrophe" by flooding the country with worthless rubles. He said "advocates of instant privatization" would have seized the opportunity to sell the country out to the West. "Such operations are conducted in many regions of the world when someone wants to change the political system or overthrow unwanted leaders. Someone simply decided that President Gorbachev had become a nuisance and had to be removed," Pavlov said. He added that the plan had not been successful because of his controversial decision last month to remove high-denomination ruble notes from circulation. Pavlov provided no evidence to back up his allegations, which are much like those of the communist controlled sections of the media. Pavlov said he was obliged to keep certain details quiet and added that the "fiancial war" against the Soviet Union continues.

CHINA:

Two Chinese democracy advocates were sentenced Tuesday to 13 years in prison for theis role as major figures behind the Tiananmen Square protest in 1989 by Chinese Communist Authorities in Beijing. The courts sentences, which accused economist Chen Ziming and journalist Wang Juntao of subverting the socialist system, were the most severe since the current round of prosecutions began in late 1990. Along with government subversion, the two men were also convicted of organizing illegal groups and directing "attacks against the armed forces" while under martial law. Chen has been on a hunger strike since February 7th in an attempt tp postpone his trial.

The official New China News Agency said "the pair committed very serious crimes but have so far shown no willingness to repent." Another man, researcher Liu Gang, worked closely with Chen and helped organize protesters during the 1989 uprising. He was also convicted of government subversion, but because he acknowledged his crimes and demonstrated a willingness to "repent" he recieved only a 6 year sentence.

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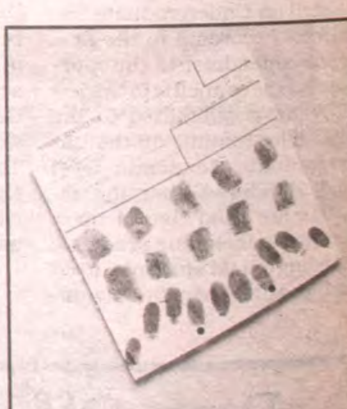

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The debut of the Washington College dating game

Hello I am your host, Jason Mason, and I would like to welcome you to the latest greatest game show to hit W.C. since groinecology. This is the dating game, where today a lovely bachelorette where take her pick from three strapping young studs for a dream date in south Jersey. So let's not waste anymore time and get right to the action.

Our lucky bachelors are screened off, so before we bring out the lucky lady let's take a moment to meet our three dashing he-men.

Jason: Bachelor #1, would you please introduce yourself?

Bach.#1: Hello Jason. My name is Omar Toolwanker, I'm a triple major in Spanish, French, and German, I like all dining hall food and my G.P.A. is a 4.3.

Jason: Well it sounds like you would have alot to offer to our young lady Omar, but let's move on shall we? Bachelor #2, would you please say a few words.

Bach.#2: A few words.

Jason: Please don't be that literal #2.

Bach.#2: Sorry Jason. Well my name is Garth, I like drinking beer, pounding beer, and chugging beer. I don't have a major, but I do have two minors in history and english. I'm a senior who wants to be a professional arm wrestler like Stallone in "Over the Top" and my G.P.A. is .02. Oh wait a minute, that was the result of my last breat test on the way to the studio. Gosh Jason, I can't remember my G.P.A.

Jason: That's O.K. I had the opportunity of speaking with your parole officer and he tells me it's a 0.6.

Garth: Good thing that wasn't my breath test result, or I'd be in jail.

Jason: Yeah, good thing Garth. Let's move on to #3. Hello, #3, are you there?

Bach.#3: Hello Jason, my name is Biff Carlin. I'm an extremely conceited senior majoring in Business. I just know I'm destined for greatness and my hobbies include looking at myself in the mirror and badgering people into telling me how great I am. Don't you think so?

Jason: Of course Biff. But let's bring out our young bachelorette and see what she thinks of you guys. Now remember guys, she's going to ask a series of questions and then, based on your answers, she's going to pick her dream date for that all expenses paid fantasy vacation in south Jersey. Are you ready? Well good luck. And now I'd like to bring out our young contestant. She's a senior at W.C. majoring in both astrophysics and paleontology. She hails from Rubberneck, Iowa; would you please give a warm welcome to Miss Rosie Palmer.

Jason: Hello Rosie, it's really great to have you on your show.

Phil "Slice" Macek

Rosie: Thank you Jason, it's a great thrill. All my life, I've wanted to be on the Dating Game. You know, most girls dream of being Miss America or guests on the Oprah show, but not me; I wanted to be on a cheesy show like this and pick some poor sap to abuse and destroy.

Jason: Well isn't that a lovely sentiment. Let's get started shall we? Rosie if you'll take your seat and commence with the questioning.

Rosie: O.K. Bachelor #1, If I were a kind of Deli meat I'd be imported ham because I'm fat and greasy. What kind of meat would you be and why?

Bach.#1: I think I would be German bologna because I'm a German major and my father is part German.

Rosie: That's a good answer. Bachelor#2, what kind of meat would you be?

Bach.#2: I think that I would be a big hunk of Jewish salami because it goes so well with beer. And Rosie, I like beer.

Rosie: That's funny #2, I'm a big fan of salami myself. Bachelor#3, what kind of meat would you be?

Bach.#3: I 'd probably be the most expensive kind Rosie, because I'm the greatest. Hell, the Deli owner would probably put me on my own shelf away from those other kinds of inferior meats.

Rosie: Well, I see that we're not exactly lacking in self confidence, are we #3?

Bach.#3: Not me toots.

Rosie: Next question. Bachelor #1, my dad is pretty old-fashioned when it comes to my dating. If you came to the house to take me out one day and he said that I had to be back by 9:15, what would your reply be?

Bach.#1: I would say it's no problem because I have to be in bed by 9:30 myself. Except on weekends when my Mom let's me stay up til eleven, and sometimes she doesn't even make me take a bath.

Rosie: Aren't you a lucky guy. Bachelor#2, what would you say if my Dad said to have me back by 9:15?

Bach.#2: I would say, "You want her back by the middle of September? That's no problem at all."

Rosie: Good answer #2, I don't know how much my Dad would have liked it, but I thought it was cute.

Bach.#2: Hey Jason, do you mind if I pop a brew? It's the last one of this six pack.

Jason: I'm sorry #2, but I really can't. Rosie would you please continue?

Rosie: Sure Jason. Bachelor #3, what would you say to my dad?

Bach.#3: I would tell him that he is inferior to me and that I will decide what time your curfew should be.

Rosie: I don't think he would like that very much.

Bach#3: Yeah, well if I couldn't be me either I wouldn't like it too much.

Rosie: O.K. last question. Bachelor#1, if there's one word in the English language that describes me it's the word "Nasty." What one word sums up your total personality?

Bach.#1: I would have to say that the word that perfectly describes me is "Sissy." I've always been a mama's boy for as long as I can remember and my one goal in life is to live at home until I'm at least 42.

Rosie: Well isn't that nice. Bachelor #3, I think I can already guess this, but what's the one word that sums up your personality?

Bach.#3: Obviously, that word is "Perfect." I knew from a very young age that I was flawless. I've always been the best at everything I do and I will continue to dominate people forever.

Jason: O.K. Rosie, it's time to pick your escort. Will it be the homely Omar, the burnt out Garth, or the high and mighty Biff? Rosie, the choice is yours.

Rosie: I want to go with you Jason. You're the one I really care about. Come on, let's steal away forever and live at the beach and listen to Christopher Cross albums all day.

Jason: I think I'm gonna throw up. Well everone this is the W.C. dating gameand I'm Jason Mason, Goodnight.

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Men's swim team WINS!

By Matt Giller

Merely a tune up for the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona for the Shoremen swim team?

No, just victory number #1 for the fledgling WAC water juggernauts.

The team battled but lost their first five meets. However, the Sho'men looked as if they were web-footed in their meet against Lebanon Valley.

The WAC handidly defeated LBC 86-66 last Saturday, however were defeated by Western Maryland Wednesday night 91-55 in their last meet of their inaugural season finishing at 1-6. The Sho'men team members, however, exhibited extraordinaoved times in both meets.

In the victory aginst Lebanon Valley, the WAC shot out to an 11-0 lead when Davis Bright, Todd Deitelbaum, captain Troy Petenbrink and Alex Nasjletti cruised to victory in the 200 medley relay.

Mike Frey stroked his way to a personal best time in the 1000 freestyle.

Brian Basso later shettered the school record books with outstanding times in the 500 free and the 200 IM.

Later Basso teamed up with Marc Brewen to give the WAC a one-two punch in the 500 free and give the Sho'men a 73-55 lead that they would never relinquish.

Going into the last meet of a season swimming purists would rather forget, the Sho'men, fueled by their recent triumph, shattered more records - some personal as well as school.

Although they lost to stingy Western Maryland, the WAC members unbelievably improved and excelled in almost every event.

David Bright continues to improve in the 200 and 100 free.

Nasjletti had personal bests in all of the free events, while Frey had personal bests in the 50 and 100 free.

Petenbrick had a personal best in the 200 IM, while first time swimmer, Deitelbaum, a senior, had personal bests in the his last three events (50 free, 100 breastroke, and the 50 free leg in the relay).

The biggest story of the day was in the 100 butterfly, where the much anticipated "grudge match" between Basso and Wunderlich. Basso held the school record for the first half of the season, while Wunderlich reigned in the second half.

No one knew how this one would unfold, but one thing for certain, there were going to be some waves made.

As the two touched the walls Wunderlich matched the school record; however, Basso trimmed it by an incredible two seconds.

When the meet ended, the first men's swim season came to a close. This was not a season, of course, to judge by wins and losses, but by spirit. A quality that, through the upstarts of several fledgling sports teams(i.e. the men's rugby club), maybe should be more appreciated than win-loss records. Congrats.

Terps hand netters first loss

By Fred Wyman

The Washington College men's tennis team played their first match of the soring season on Sunday at College Park, Md. The reason for such an early start was the opportunity to get a shot at an "elusive" University of Maryland team.

Sunday's match between the Terps and the Sho'men was a classic "David and Goliath" confrontation as the tiny Division III school squared off against Division I and ACC power U of M.

Unlike the biblical story, however, the Shorenetters came up ne "stone" short of toppling the giant university.

Playing in Maryland's three urt bubble, doubles were played first. The Terps jumped out a 2-0 lead taking #1 and #2 doubles in straight sets.

Scott Read and Irakli Metrevelli fell 6-4, 6-2 at #1 doubles, while Alberto Diaz and Andy Bohutinsky bowed 6-2, 6-3 at #2 doubles.

W.C.'s Carlos Nuno and Trevor Hurd rallied from a set down to nip Jamie Ashworth and Adam Pratt, 2-6, 6-4, 7-5, preventing Washington from being blanked in doubles.

The Terps' Marco Turra stopped Read 6-3, 6-3 to give Maryland a 3-1 advantage. Maryland enjoyed leads of 3-2 and 4-2, then Hurd and Emilio Bogado notched back to back victories at #4 and #5 singles respectively. Hurd edged Jaun Coto 6-4, 6-4 and Bogado oulasted Mark Ortiz 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 to even the count at 4-4.

The upset minded Shoremen fell when freshman Nuno tried valiantly to secure the triumph for Washington; however, he succumbed in 3 hard fought sets - 6-2, 3-6, 6-2.

Junior transfer Irakli Metreveli had the other victory for the Shoremen. Metreveli whipped Greg O'Connor 7-5, 6-2.

The Sho'men netters are off two weeks before they travel to Charlottesville, Va to face another ACC foe in the Wahoos of Virginia.

Women's swim team: another day at the office

Matt Giller

The Shorewomen finished up the regular season with an amazing 9-2 record by drubbing Western Maryland 117-54 last Saturday.

The meet also culminated one of the finest seasons ever for the young squad as evidenced by the fact that they are sending an unprecedented 12 swimmers to compete in the Middle Atlantic Conference Championships.

The 200 free relay team of Megdalena Fuchs, Sam Streamer, Mimi Devlin and Kasey Carroll set a new school record.

Coach Kim Lessard said these were the fastest four freestyles to swim together in W.C. history and they proved it by lowering the school record by over a second. Lessard commented, "they are going to surprise some people at the MAC's next week."

The 200 medley relay team of Jennifer Green, Leslie Newcomb, Mimi Devlin and Sam Streamer won the opening race with a season best time.

Streamer added two firsts in the 100 and 200 free. Fuchs had a season best time in the 50 free to win.

Carroll added, as usual, first place times in the 400 IM and 500 free.

Newcomb won the 100 breastroke, while Devlin cruised to victory in the 100 butterfly.

Karen Prendergast(who was celebrating her birthday) had a season best time in the 100 backstroke for a second and Kelly Loftus qualified for the MAC's while finishing third.

Other important place finishes included Kristen Callazzo (second in the 50 free), Ramsey Bingham (fourth in the 50 free), Karen Brady (second in the 100 fly), Joan Colton (fifth in the 100 fly), Green (third in the 100 and 200 freestyle events).

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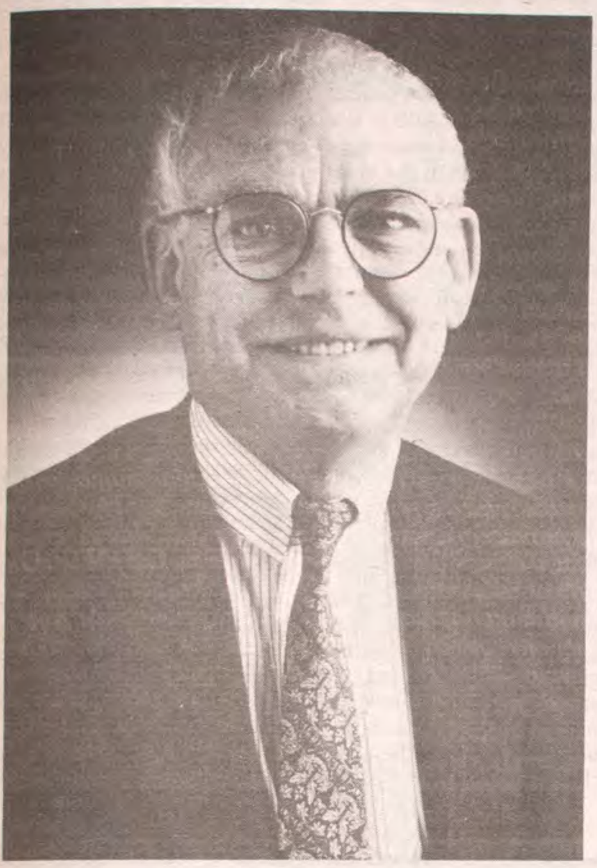
McFeely speaks at W.C.



As a reminder: William S. McFeely, a professor of American History at the University of Georgia and a Civil War scholar will be speaking for Convocation tomorrow on "Frederick Douglass and the Eastern Shore". McFeely won a Pulizer Prize for his biography of Ulysses S. Grant. His latest book, *Frederick Douglass*, was billed as "a full-length portrait of this slave-turned-abolitionist [that] also contributes to our understanding of Douglass' America - North, South, free and slave." Douglass was born a slave on an Eastern Shore plantation. He escaped in 1838 to the North and became a powerful figure in the abolitionist movement.

McFeely also contributed to several historical volumes and wrote introductions to the memoirs of Grant and General William T. Sherman.

Convocation begins at 2 p.m. in the Gibson Fine Arts Center. Immediately afterwards, at approximately 3:30 p.m., the College will host an Open Forum with Dr. McFeely and President Charles H. Trout in the forum room of the Casey Academic Center.

Tilghman reads from *In a Father's Place*

Christopher Tilghman, an author with long family ties to Maryland's Eastern Shore, will read from his fiction at Washington College Tuesday, February 19 at 4 p.m. The reading, which is free and open to the public, will be in the Norman James Theater of William Smith Hall.

Christopher Tilghman is the author of *In a Father's Place*, a book of short stories published in 1990. His stories have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The Boston Globe Magazine*, the *Virginia Quarterly Review*, and *The Best Short Stories 1990*. A number of Tilghman's stories are set in Queen Anne's County, where his family still maintains a home.

In a Father's Place received considerable critical praise when it was published. Jonathan Yardley of *The Washington Post* wrote, "Tilghman celebrates life with a kind of joy rarely encountered in American writing these days...this is writing of exceptional strength, beauty, clarity and resonance...a genuinely remarkable book." In *The New York Times Book Review* Tilghman's stories are described as "variations on the theme of the powers of the family...a beautiful book, making emotions as vivid and rich in perspective as a loved landscape."

Roger & Me: not just documentary

Michael Moore's film, *Roger & Me*, will be shown in the Norman James Theater in William Smith Hall on Friday, February 15 at 7:30 p.m. as well as on Sunday and Monday at the same time. The film is a documentary based on Moore's efforts as a journalist to interview General Motors chairman Roger Smith in reference to the closing of auto-plants in Moore's hometown of Flint, Michigan.

Roger & Me is known for its deliberate mockery of corporate greed and challenging venture into a tender subject (GM laid off approximately 30,000). However, this film is not to be dismissed as a mundane documentary: it is informative, fierce and entertaining. Admission is 1$ for students, 2$ for the public.

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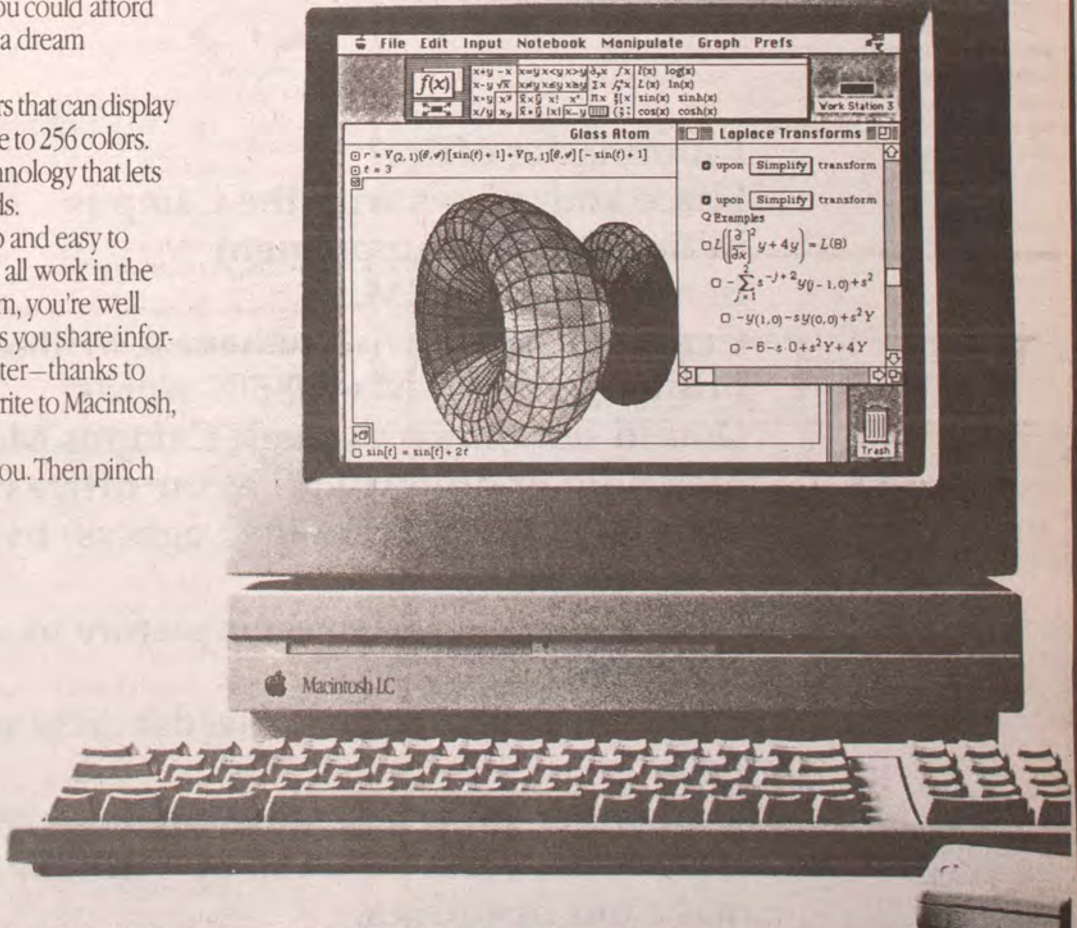

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NEWS

Aids

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themselves in order to regain the strength and compassion of an entire nation lost to the jaws of prejudice and ignorance—only then will we succeed in cornering this disease and discover a cure.

The Editor and the Elm staff would like to thank Health Services for their help in the compiling of information for this article and for the statistics and facts below.

Aids and the college student

Statistics:

- ° 1 in 5 persons with AIDS is between 20 and 29 years of age.
- ° There may be as many as 35,000 college students in the United Stated infected with HIV.
- ° AIDS has a 56% fatality rate since 1981.
- ° 5 years after diagnosis only 15% of AIDS patients are still alive.
- ° Projected figures are 100,000 new cases each year and 90,000 deaths each year.

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Know the facts and help stop the spread of AIDS! Protect yourself.

Contact Health Services for more information.

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the next SGA meeting.

Finally, the Senate debated proposed changes in the Honor Code. The Honor Code Committee had reviewed the honor code as stated in the Student Handbook and formulated possible changes. These changes, if implemented, would include; expansion of Honor Code violations to include willfully allowing another student to copy answers during a test, discussing the content of an exam prior to another section of the class taking the exam. The committee sees the basic problem with the Honor Code as a failure of proper enforcement. The committee suggests that penalization be expanded to include; public apology, either verbal or written, and visible public service. The committee also proposed strengthening the language of the Honor Code to eliminate possible areas of vagueness.

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mitment. Such activities are with groups outings and are referred to as cores. Applicants for the program must undergo an interview, an extensive background check, and submit four references, in addition to a psychological profile and finger printing process. On the average, applications are processed in 6-8 weeks, and Peterson says that depending upon time during the open house, representatives of the program may begin interviewing interested students.

Another organization highlighting the open house is Fairlee Manor, a facility of the Easter Seals Society where mentally and physically disabled kids can attend a ten week recreational summer camp.

Fairlee Manor, located about eight miles from Chestertown, is open to 265 kids and has adaptive facilities in order that campers can participate in activities such as swimming, hiking, canoeing, tennis and wilderness camping. Facility director John Furtenbaugh explains that volunteers are needed to assist the campers, aiding them in "overcoming their disabilities to the greatest extent."

While the camp hopes to eventually operate in the spring and fall, currently it is available only during the summer, and Furtenbaugh says that the program is interested in hiring as many as 30 people for counselor positions with a salary of $1300 plus free room and board. It is a possibility still under discussion whether a job as a counselor could be transferred as academic credit in certain departments. Applications for Fairlee Manor will be available through Nancy Jones at the open house.

Other organizations that will be represented include the Cub Scouts, which is advertising for two positions: Assistant Cubmaster and Assistant Webelos Den Leader.

Students interested in discussing community volunteer and job opportunities should visit the lobby of the ARC on Wednesday between 10am and 4pm.

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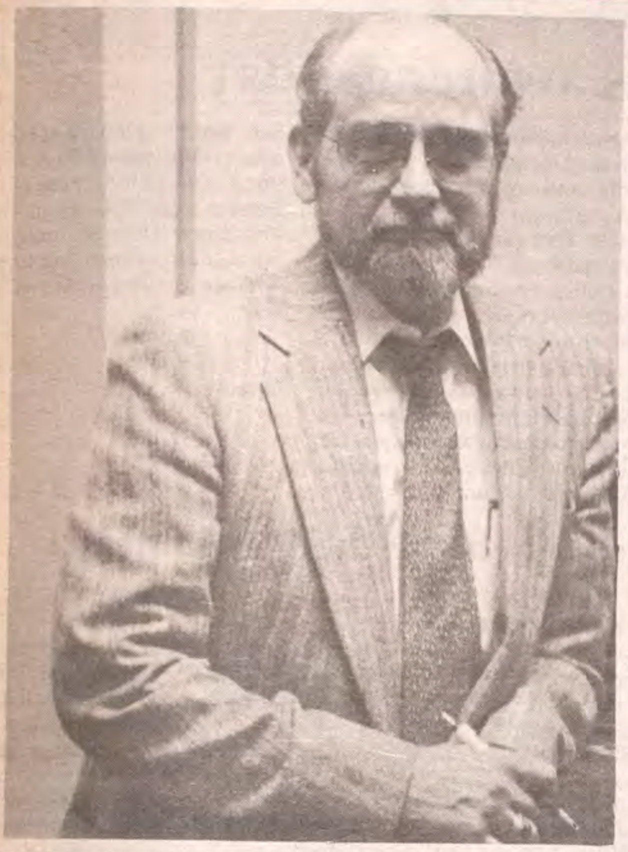
Changes in arena registration for spring



Jack Hamilton, Registrar, assisted in the planning of the new procedure for arena registration. Administration, Faculty members, and student representatives all took part.

By: Susie Mazzullo

With a new program being implemented this spring, the words "arena registration" will, hopefully, no longer be accompanied by feelings of dread.

Administration, along with the help of the faculty and also student representatives, has devised a plan to help solve the problems of the existing registration procedure.

Previously students have been told to line up with their class outside a certain door at the gym. Class by class is then led to the small gym where they are met by the faculty. There they are able to sign up for classes. This process is usually accompanied by pushing and shoving and even an occasional broken window.

Since last summer, administration members along with the faculty have been trying to come up with a plan to revise course registration.

Dr. Lucille Sansing, Associate Dean; Mr. Terry Scout, Associate Professor and Chair of the Business Management Department; Mr. Jack Hamilton, Registrar; Mrs. Judith Berry, Assistant Registrar; and Mr. Kenneth Wantling, visiting Assistant Professor, were the initial members of the group that examined ways to restructure the registration process. Together they came up with a proposition and presented that to department chairs and to student advisors. Here they opened the plan up for discussion and received suggestions for improvement from the faculty.

The plan was then submitted to Student Government representatives for a student reaction. Suggestions and concerns were again addressed. Mr. Hamilton said that the process has been a community effort. "It has involved the academic community because it is a academic process, not just an administrative process."

This past fall, preliminary changes were made in arena registration to help ease confusion. A large screen was placed in the large gym where the students were lined up by class. On this screen was shown, by overhead projector, which classes were closed. This gave those students who were still in line a chance to figure out a new class if one on their card had closed. With this process the students didn't have to wait until they were in the small gym and in line for the class to find out what classes were already closed. A second screen was also placed in the small gym where students were actually signing up for classes for the same reason. This system, although helpful, didn't stop the pushing and shoving and general confusion when standing in line. Jack Hamilton said that one of the major problems of fall registration was that the screens were too small and that because of this many students were still unable to see which classes were already closed.

With all of the suggestions by both faculty and students a model has been devised and is planned to be implemented for spring registration.

Registration this spring will be done mostly through the registrar's office. The student will initially meet with his/her advisor and discuss class possibilities. The white index card that is usually filled out at this time and then taken to arena registration will instead be kept by the advisor and sent to the registrar's office. The registrar will then enter the cards in a order that faculty will deem to be fair. It will most probably be in class order with the senior cards being entered first. Names will not be alphabetized, but in random order. Some prerequisites will still apply, however. For instance, if a student is enrolled in the first semester of a class then that student will be more eligible for taking the second semester then someone who hasn't yet taken the first semester. This will help those who are trying to meet their distribution requirements and hopefully avoid the panic senior year of needing a class that was missed in earlier years.

Out of the registrar's office will come two stacks of cards. One stack will be those students who got all of their classes in this first pass through the process. This will be the end of registration for those students. They will not have to attend arena registration as they have already been signed up for classes.

The second stack of card will be those students who did not get all of the classes that they wanted. These cards will be returned to the appropriate advisors and the students will be notified. The students will then meet with his/her advisor for a second time.

This process will provide more time for the advising aspect of registration. Dean Berry describes the original intent of arena registration as a place of advising. Those students who did have trouble with their schedules could go to their advisor and get suggestions. This process did not leave enough time for the student and advisor to get together.

During the second meeting with the advisor, both student and advisor will have access to lists that tell which classes are closed and how many students are currently on waiting lists. Each department will get a complete list and they will also be posted at sites on campus where students will have access to them.

The goal of this program is to have as many students with full schedules together before it's time for arena registration.

Students who did not have full schedules the first time through will then attend arena registration on the specified date. The location of arena registration will probably be Hynson, depending on the number of students that need to go this far in the process.

Both Baer and Hamilton commented that this will be a test run and that the cooperation of both the students and faculty is needed. "It has been a cooperative effort because both students and faculty are involved."

With registration this spring, administration is hoping to spot any major problems in the new plan and work them out by next fall when students will once again be registering for classes.

Decker & Price honored

By: Kyndra Ponder

Washington's Birthday Convocation marked a chance for the Washington College Community to contemplate the past of the Eastern Shore and to celebrate the college's future. Students, faculty and alumni gathered to hear Historian William Shield McFeely speak about the boyhood of Frederick Douglass and to hear President Charles Trout congratulate Alonzo Decker, Jr. and James Price for the very successful completion of the Campaign for Excellence.

In his Convocation Address, McFeely told about how Frederick Douglass - who spent much of his early life as a slave near Easton - escaped from slavery to become an outspoken anti-slavery activist in the North. McFeely pointed out that while in Maryland, Douglass not only suffered the injustices of slavery, but he also gained the valuable gift of literacy which helped him to escape to freedom.

After his address, McFeely - who also won a Pulitzer Prize for his biography of the life of Ulysees S. Grant - was given an Honorary Degree as a Doctor of Letters by President Trout and Chairman Louis Goldstein.

Dr. Trout then took the opportunity to officially thank and congratulate the Co-Chairmen of the Campaign for Excellence, Mr. Alonzo Decker, Jr. and James Price, for the successful completion of the campaign. The Campaign for Excellence has raised over $43 Million for "new facilities, programs and scholarships" for Washington College over the last several years. President Trout pointed out that funds from the campaign have helped to not only change the physical appearance of the college by adding buildings and bricks to the campus, but monies have also gone to enhance the quality of education provided here by modernizing equipment and lab facilities and providing funds for guest lecturers and speakers. The Convocation Program states that "Students and faculty alike are encouraged to reach a little higher, strive a bit more, in their individual pursuit of knowledge. For that we are grateful to Campaign Co-chairmen Alonzo Decker, Jr. and James Price."

During his address to the student body, SGA President Kevin Kelly spoke about the

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EDITORIAL

Lacrosse luck

Children, children, how many times do you need to be told, drinking and driving just don't mix.

Now, this is not a piece of general scolding. But there are people on our beloved campus who should have listened to all those Public Service announcements on T.V. about how it is very, very bad to drink and drive. Yes, I am referring to the Lacrosse incident. No need to name names since a) they, and most of the campus, know who they are and b) another campus publication already spilled the beans on that one.

The need to relax after a stressful day on the Lacrosse field is perfectly understandable. But all they had to do, my friends, was wait until they reached Chestertown and the friendly confines of Washington College, and all would have been well. Unforunately, as is the case in these incidents, our fine fellows could not restrain themselves, and as a consequence, many shall no longer do battle on the Lacrosse field for Washington College's glory. Tut tut. My, what fine upstanding fellows. Well, they got what was coming.

The good news in all this, is that they were stopped before they hurt themselves, or anyone else. For this we all should be thankful, especially those involved. The outcome could have been deadly.

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Letters to the Editor

Trout announces committee

To the Washington College Community,

I wish to announce appointment today of a committee to review Washington College's need for an institutional statement on sexual misconduct. Given the absence of a current policy statement in our *Student Handbook*, together with the overwhelming evidence of a national problem in the areas of sexual harassment and offenses such as date rape, I find it incumbent upon the institution to act swiftly and expeditiously in the adoption of a policy statement and clear protocols for dealing with cases of sexual misconduct. Committee members include Linda Cades, Garry Clarke, Ed Maxcy, Maureen McIntire, Sherry Magill, and Lucille Sansing.

It is my expectation that the committee will present a draft for my review and that of the appropriate committees in early April, which can than be sent to the Board of Visitors and Governors for final review and adoption.

Charles H. Trout

Student requests awareness day

A Letter to the Editor:

On behalf of the students at Washington College, I would like to ask of the faculty and administration that we have a Middle East Awareness Day, involving the entire campus and community. Attempting to understand, learn, and promote an acute awareness of what is actually occurring in the Middle East, I propose we devote a complete day to this necessary cause. Professors of Washington College, John Hopkins, St. Johns, and other institutes of higher education, along with, Congressmen and Congresswomen, News Media, and any other individuals who maintain an interest in the Middle East and are invited to participate can help the Washington College community have an objective perspective on the situation that we have involved ourselves in, in the Gulf War. I would hope this day would involve lectures, question and answer periods, and round table discussions. Ultimately, interested students, faculty, and administrative members will be given an opportunity to vent fears and frustrations of what the future of the Persian Gulf War will involve. This day will be a beginning on our behalf to support our troops and our understanding of the War.

Sincerely,

Patricia Anne Hawthorne

U of Maryland knows something the WAC doesn't

To the Editor,

Soon after the war began, University of Maryland students expressed their opposing opinions by stringing banners between dormitory windows. The U.M. administration, fearing a war between the banners, ordered the banners removed. A fury of criticism quickly followed. Realizing their mistake, U.M. administrators rescinded their banner ban, calling it an unfortunate infringement of free speech.

I've seen a few banners at W.C. "Fuck George Bush and his war," was prominently displayed in a Caroline window. A rather pedestrian "Support our troops," was waving from KA Middle Hall. They're gone now.

There was one panel discussion about the war. As far as I know, that was the extent of the administration's support of public debate.

Apparently, The University of Maryland knows something that has eluded Washington College; education does not stop in the classroom. It's my understanding that the goal of a liberal arts education is to teach people how to think. But how can we know if anyone is thinking if they're not talking? This war has probably touched the lives of more of today's students than any other event. If the Washington College administration doesn't realize its responsibility to encourage open and public discussion of issues, then it doesn't realize the purpose of its own education.

But we shouldn't lay *all* the blame on the administration; they might take it personally. The maelstrom of student silence is certainly epitomized by the two pathetic pronouncements plastered on the dorms. It suddenly seems as if talk about the war has become taboo. I despise a cliche as much as any English major, but truth about your right to free speech is, "Use it, or lose it." The day Americans choose to not say something for fear it might offend someone is the last day for a free America.

John Need

Gimelson's gripe with Griep

Some Of Offset, Was Off-Base:

After last semester's fiasco of publications I was eagerly awaiting the addition of the new paper to campus, by the formerly This Is Not The Elm staff. Although the single sheet that was published as a prelude to the paper was nothing substantial, I thought that such things as the name, slick design of the "new" title and list of goals showed promise. Admittedly when I saw the first issue I was impressed with some of the writing, the new design, and even the addition of color, but there were several aspects about it which truly unsettled me.

Let me start with the SGA article by Chris Griep. All I can say is thank you for at least putting it on the "Op./Ed" page. I'm glad that these words were not even attempted to be reported as fact, because they are quite merely, just opinion. As a matter of fact I don't think that the article could have been more biased and anti-fraternity than it was. Getting back to the main problem though (emphasis added), Mr. Griep has very selectively taken quite a few points from the Student Handbook and brought them to everyone's attention paraphrased, out of context, and without full description.

It is true that a part of Article 3 (the part dealing with Officers and their duties) of the SGA constitution states that "All student sponsored clubs and organizations, excluding voluntary social fraternities and sororities, seeking to be registered under the shelter of Washington College must apply to the Organizations Committee for recognition." Mr. Griep, what are you trying to say here? What do these words mean to you ? The Phi Delta Theta colony is a voluntary social fraternity so these words do not apply to them, and they did not apply to the SGA for recognition (as you even pointed out is one purpose of the Inter Fraternity Council). The Phi Delta Theta Colony (already recognized by the school as a special interest group) applied for funding because they were in financial trouble and needed money to sustain their organization. Article 3 goes on to say, " The [Organizations] committee will present to the Senate for its approval, a complete report with its recommendations for every organization requesting money." Ahh, now here is something that pertains to the case in hand, but you failed to mention this in your article. Pity.

I ask now that everyone following along in the student handbook jump to page 43. For everyone that doesn't have a copy with them, let me tell you that this is the section of the SGA constitution on which you find Article 8, the Budget Policy.

Article 8, Section 2 states, Budget requests will be judged on the basis of: (a) Past appropriations and Financial Reports, (b) Amount of Request in proportion to other Appropriations and available funds, (c) Completeness and Organization of the Budget request forms and of club constitutions; (d)

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Student Government Association Executive Council Election Supplement

SGA ELECTION SUPPLEMENT

Kevin "Sparky" Kelly, incumbant president and running for re-election *photo by Kevin Decker*

Kevin "Sparky" Kelly for President

Fellow students, my name is Kevin "Sparky" Kelly and I would like to share with you some of my issues and concerns for the 1991 Student Government Presidential elections. As you know, I am currently the president of the S.G.A. This role was thrust upon me following the unfortunate Neiman episode. Before taking the place of President, I had previously served as Vice-President, Secretary, and Senator of the S.G.A. I have served on numerous committees and have lettered on the soccer and baseball teams.

Upon assuming the office of President, I was faced with several unfinished issues, such as the cable question and the rewriting of the Honor Code. With the help of the Executive Council and the Senate, I am well on my way to resolving these issues. The issue of cable installation will be settled within the next few weeks, and according to President Trout, we are "right on track" with the Honor Code proceedings.

If I am elected, there are some issues which I feel need to be addressed. This school is unfortunately becoming a "suitcase" college. I believe the S.G.A. needs to prevent this from happening by assuming a larger role in the social scene of the college. With the administration's policy on closed parties in the dorms, the campus if left with only one option for everybody to get together in one place. That option is the Coffee House. The S.G.A. not only needs to provide bigger and better bands, we also need to take the initiative to push hard for the renovations for the new Student Activity Center.

Another concern is the establishment of traditions at Washington College. Do we have an Alma Mater? If so, why doesn't anyone know about it? I believe that traditions such as the Alma Mater and Homecomings will help to bring the student body together and perhaps generate some pride in the college. I will be working with President Trout to help institute such traditions, specifically a fall and spring Homecoming.

I would also like to explore the possibility of having physical education as a minor. It seems to me that since so many courses are offered in the subject, perhaps this needs to be considered. This is a liberal arts school and is supposed to offer a diverse curriculum, not to mention the possibility of attracting certain students who might otherwise not have attended W.C.

Finally, I would like to continue with the college's recycling efforts, and to develop more faculty involvement with student activities. While these are some of the concerns I wish to address and accomplish, I believe that the bulk of my agenda will come from you, the students. After all, you will depend on the representation of the Student Government Association to voice your opinions and implement your ideas. So vote for Kevin Kelly for President and John Kelly for Vice-President. Vote for experience in representation.

the President shall:
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serve as a non-voting representative at Faculty and Board meetings
give greetings from the student body at Fall and Spring Convocations
vote during Senate meetings only to break ties
oversee cooperation between the Senate, SAB, and SCC.
(Article 3, section 1, paragraph a; SGA Constitution)

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chair the SAB and preside over meetings of that body
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serve as vice chairperson of the ACJ,
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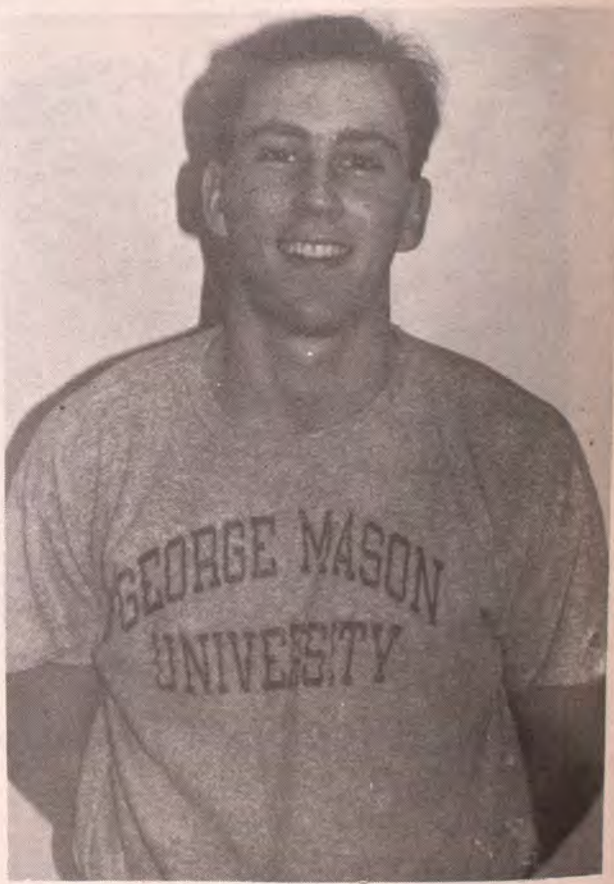
and as a non-voting representative at faculty meetings.

(Article 3. section 1, paragraph b; SGA Constitution)

John Kelly for Vice President



John Kelly, candidate for Vice President *photo by Kevin Decker*

Dear Washington College Students:

My name is John Kelly and I am running for the office of Student Government Vice-President. I would like to take this opportunity to familiarize you with my qualifications for this office and goals I will accomplish if elected to this office.

At this time I am the President of the Junior class. Previous to this I have been the Sophomore class Vice-President and I have been a Resident Assistant for two years. I feel that all these positions have placed me at the forefront in dealing with issues that concern the student body as a whole as well as individual student concerns. Additionally, I have developed excellent working relationships with many faculty and administrators, and would use these relationships to help in attaining the Student Government's goals.

Some short-term goals I have as Vice-President include, development and implementation of programs designed to increase and promote school spirit. Also, I would like greater student representation and response on faculty committees that determine those professors who will receive tenure. I believe that Washington College needs new professors and more prominent ones who will increase this school's academic image to the outside educational community. These new professors will be an invaluable asset to the future of Washington College.

My long-term goals as Vice-President included the development of an Intra-Fraternity council that will be regulated by the Student Government Association instead of the Student Affairs office. This council will act as the administrator over all the fraternities and its main goal will be to curb abuses of the fraternal system that can and have ultimately arisen without this council. All cases of abuses would be dealt with by the council's disciplinary committee and would be subject to final inspection by the S.G.A. and the Student Affairs Deans.

Additionally, I would like to see a student social committee set up where the students would schedule all social activities on campus and the Student Affairs Deans would simply serve as the mediator should any problems arise between groups. This committee would force student social groups to plan their activities in advance and would alleviate any problems groups have of conflicting social activities. It would also open many more activities to the campus as a whole and not just a select "invited" few.

I hope to bring to the Student Government a period of new progressivism where previous conflicts and problems are quickly forgotten and new ideas and accomplishments flourish. On Thursday, February 28, 1991 please vote for John Kelly and Kevin Kelly, my running mate.

SGA ELECTION SUPPLEMENT

Brian Gimelson for Treasurer

Hello. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Brian Gimelson, and I'm running for re-election as the Student Government Association Treasurer. When I first ran for the position of Treasurer, I was a Senator in the SGA. I stated in my campaign speech, that I would be willing to sponsor any worthwhile endeavors that benefited the college. I would argue that I've done a pretty good job of holding to these words. In my time in office, the SGA has sponsored (or co-sponsored) over 20 different social events. As well, I along with my trusty Organizations committees have interviewed and given money to over 40 different clubs and Organization that help to benefit the campus, anywhere from Amnesty International to the Hands Out Program to the Rugby Club to the Writer's Union. A very diverse group of organizations by any standards, but in this diversity I feel that we have done our best to cater to the majority of the student body, and I have always left my door open to new ideas.

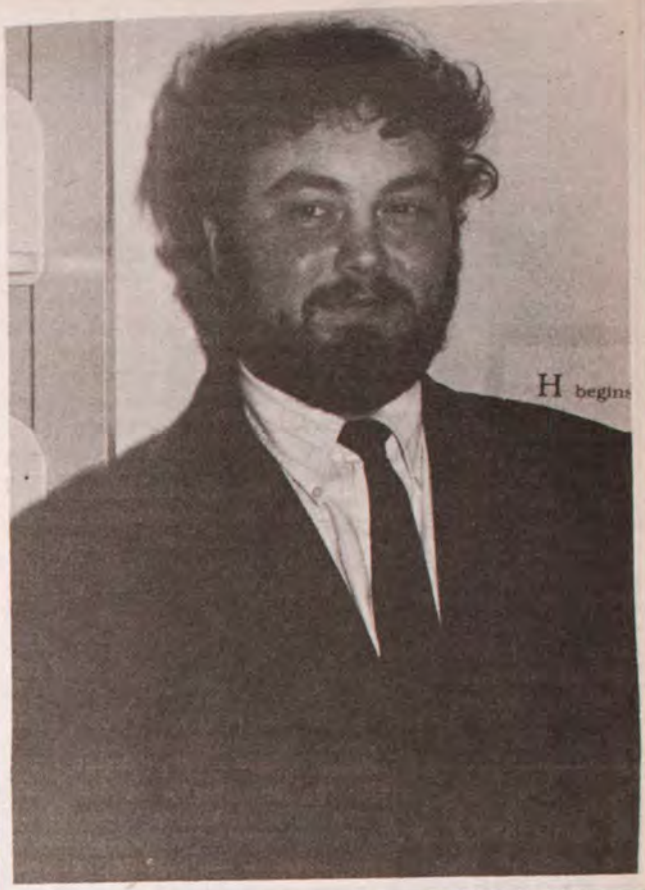
I take a great deal of pride with what I have helped to accomplish for the SGA but for the SGA to come I see things getting even better. At the last SGA meeting the senate approved an amendment to our constitution, forming the Council on Undergraduate Research. I helped to write this amendment, and with it, the SGA in conjunction with the Presidents Office and the Deans, will be giving students an opportunity to do work on projects that relate to their studies outside the classroom. This is a truly tremendous jump for the SGA's ability to help on an academic level, and not just a social one. As well I can say that I was glad to be a part of the SGA fights to preserve equal student representation on the Academic Council, and win.

This SGA has shown a great deal of dedication and versatility in working together to solve campus problems, as well as fulfill student needs, and that is only just the bare bone. We have done lots of things to help out the surrounding community, faculty members, and people who are in need. This is why I am asking you to vote for me again, so I can continue to serve you. With much gained experience and without any break from our dedication, I guarantee that the next years Executive Council will be even better. My goal in

see Gimelson, pg 8.

The Treasurer shall handle the monetary business of the SGA and report the state of finances at each regular Senate meeting and shall also chair the Organizations Committee.

(Article 3, section 2, paragraph a; SGA Constitution)



Brian Gimelson, incumbant Treasurer and running for re-election

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John "Chris" Griep, running for Treasurer

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John Griep for Treasurer

The recent history of the Student Government Association has read like a primer on corruption and abuse of power. Several years ago, the SGA Treasurer was investigated for embezzlement and, ultimately, had his case tried in court. (The Student Government Constitution was altered as a result of this scandal.) It was rumored that a former SGA President operated a drug-selling business out of the Minta Martin apartment that traditionally has housed that worthy officer. And most recently, SGA President Stuart Neiman was removed from office due to his prolonged medical absence as the result of an accidental shooting.

I had never really given a great deal of thought to the operations of the Senate and the SGA until this latest incident. But as a result of reporting Neiman's removal for This Is Not The Elm and sitting in on a number of SGA meetings, I became increasedly concerned with the manner in which the SGA operated.

A major concern of mine became the operations of the SGA Treasurer. The Treasurer of the SGA is supposed to head the Organizations Committee and present the full Senate with the committee's recommendations concerning club funding. Budget requests are **supposed** to be judged on the basis of several criteria, among which are: (1) "amount of request in proportion to other appropriations and available funds," (2) "the purpose to which the money is allocated; and" (3) "the accessibility of the club's activities and membership to the entire student body." This is all stated rather clearly in the Student Government Constitution.

However, Mr. Gimelson's criteria, in some cases, does not appear to coincide with that of the Constitution. This seems to be the case with the allocation of several thousand dollars to the Phi Delta Thetas. If Mr. Gimelson had taken the time to read the Constitution, he would have been aware of the fact that the constitutionality of any allocation to a **PRIVATE** campus organization is highly questionable, to say the least. This is apparent under both Article 2 and Article 8.

I am currently in charge of finances for OffSET, the independent student newspaper. I asked to be appointed to the position because I felt the need to ensure that the financial operations of our newspaper were properly managed.

If elected Treasurer of the SGA, I will work to ensure fairness and honesty in office and will seek to represent **ALL** aspects of campus, not just certain special-interest groups.

John "Chris" Griep

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SGA ELECTION SUPPLEMENT

Jen del Nero running for Secretary

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Jen del Nero for Secretary

After serving two years as an S.G.A. Senator, I am interested in moving on to the next level of student government - the Executive Council - as secretary.

During my two years as a senator, I've worked closely with the Executive Council, and on many occasions have been asked by S.G.A. presidents to participate on committees ranging from campus renovation plans to the Student Conduct Committee.

In my two years I have also established close connections with faculty and administrators, which will aid in communicating the needs of students and the desires of the administration, a skill that an efficient secretary must possess.

I have had contact with students, faculty, and administrators through my job as an RA and my former job last spring as the Arts/Entertainment Editor for The Elm. Through these positions I have maintained productive working and friendly relationships with all aspects of Washington College, including various academic departments, Student Affairs, and Admissions.

My goal is to apply the knowledge that I have gained from being a member of the S.G.A. Senate for two years on a level that is more able to affect change.

As secretary, I will be an integral part of the communication process between students and the faculty and administration.

Jen Del Nero

The Secretary shall call role and take minutes of all Senate meetings,
prepare a current agenda for each meeting,
and read the minutes for Senate approval at the start of each meeting;
The Secretary shall also handle all SGA correspondence, maintain
and make accesible the files, and chair the Publicity Committee

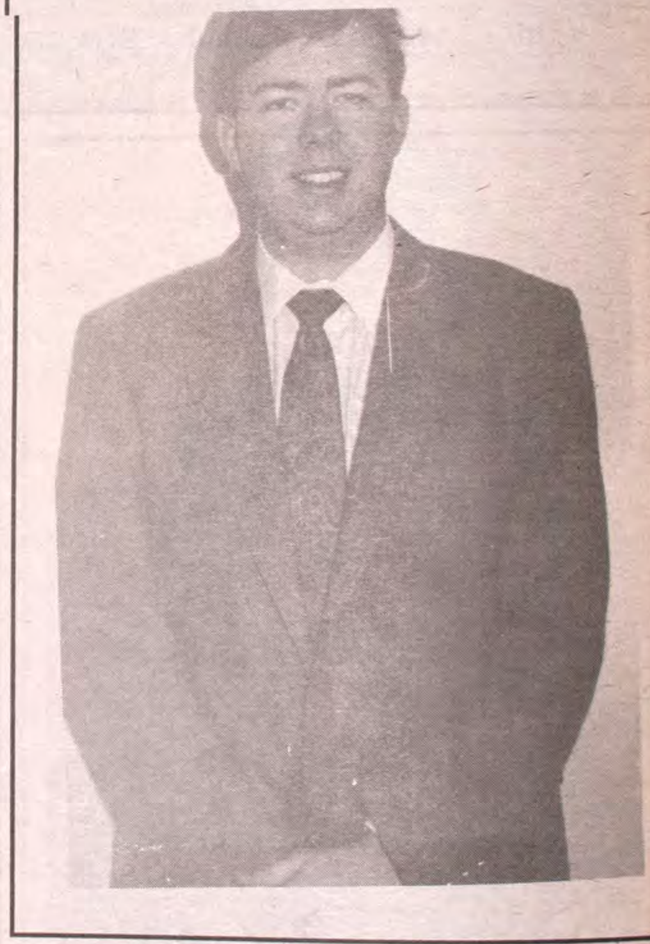
(Article 3, section 2, paragraph b; SGA Constitution)

John Phoebus for Secretary

I, John K. Phoebus am seeking the post of Secretary of the Student Government Association for the 1991-92 school year. The office of Secretary is one that requires dedication, thoroughness, and organization. the responsibilities of Secretary include handling all SGA correspondence, maintaining files, chairing the Publications Committee, and most importantly, keeping minutes of all Senate and Executive Council meetings. I believe that I am the best qualified person for this office. If elected, my primary goal would be to have typed copies of the minutes in the mail to all Senate members within two days of the meeting, compared to the four or five days that it currently takes. As a rising sophomore, I will have the necessary time available to put into this position and to accomplish this goal.

Through my work as a freshman Senator this past year, I have demonstrated the dedication needed to hold this post. I have been a very active member of the Senate, participating in many aspects of Student Government. I am a member of the Elections Committee, the Organizations Committee, which allocates SGA funds, and the Honor Code Committee, which is in the process of rewriting that document. This experience in committees will aid me in my chairing of the Publications Committee. Most recently I wrote an ammendment to the SGA constitution, concerning the election process, which was passed unanimously by the Senate. I have also not missed a single SGA meeting this or last semester, an attendance record that will continue through my service as Secretary.

The office of Secretary is just like any other job. To perform the job sucessfully, one needs to dedicate oneself to the job completely and work hard at it. Why should you chose me over an upperclassman? As a rising sophomore, I will have the time available to put into the office. I am running for this office because I want to represent and serve the college community. I will always be available to discuss any concerns that students have and relay them to the executive council once I am elected.



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Adriane and Will for Social Chair

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During Will's college career he has played the role of both follower and leader. Last year he served as the Secretary of the Theta Chi fraternity. Currently, he is serving as Vice President of the fraternity. In addition, Will has been a member of the Washington College Crew Team and is now Co-Captain of the Men's team. Lastly, Will knows how to have a good time. How could he come away from a year of being RA on the first floor of Kent and not know how to party?!

Adriane is currently serving as Vice President of the Junior Class. As such, she was very involved in the booking of RetroActives who performed in the cafeteria during this past fall semester. Presently, she is working on booking another band to perform in April. In addition, Adriane is the Advertising Manager for The Elm. She understands the importance of deadlines, and has cultivated the art of drawing money from formerly empty pockets.

Together, Will and Adriane have the experience and connections to make things happen on this campus. Will has worked closely with the Deans as a RA and an officer of his fraternity. Adriane has worked closely with East Coast Entertainment as Vice President of the Junior Class and has also worked closely with local businesses as Advertising Manger for The Elm. Both of us understand the importance of booking bands early for best selection. We promise that, if elected, we will do everything in our power to keep this campus an exciting place to be. Please support us on Election Day!!

Adriane Beane and Will Brandenburg are running for Social Chair

photo by Kevin Decker

> The Social Chairmen shall be responsible for all social activities sponsored by the Senate and shall take the necessary steps to coordinate these activities on campus; and shall chair the Social Committee.
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> (Article 3, Section 2, paragraph c; SGA Constitution.)

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OUTLOOK

In the world: Yeltsin calls for Gorbachev's resignation

UNITED STATES:

President Bush said Tuesday that he is rejecting the peace plan proposed by the Soviet Union. Administration officials said that the President rejected the plan because he concluded that it would compromise United Nations resolutions and allow Saddam Hussein to stall the emminent ground offensive. It would also allow him to set his own terms as well as the timing of his retreat from Kuwait. At a brief White House photo session, Bush said: "As far as I'm concerned, there are no negotiations. The goals have been set out. There will be no concessions." The Soviets, however, believe that their plan is a better alternative than continuing the massive bombardment of the region. Their peace plan demands an immediate and unconditional Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait, as is required by the U.N. resolutions. But points of conflict between the Allies and the Soviets lie in other parts of the plan, namely the assurances made to ther Iraqi government. These include guarantees that Saddam Hussein and his regime will survive, that no reparations will be exacted and Arab-Israeli issues would eventually be addressed. Many of the assurances were rejected by the Allies. Only a few, like preserving Iraq's territorial integrity, were accepted.

SOVIET UNION:

On Wednesday the President of the Russian Republic, Boris Yeltsin, called for the immediate resignation of Soviet President Mikhail Gorbatchev and the transfer of power to the Federation Council. The Federal Council is an executive body made up of the leaders of the 15 constituent republics. Speaking on nationwide television, Yeltsin accused Gorbachev "deceiving" the people. In the televised speech, Yeltsin said: "I warned in 1987 that Gorbatchev has a tendency in his character toward absolute, personal power. Now he is leading the country to a dictatorship but giving it the pretty name of presidential rule."

Last September it seemed that Gorbatchev and Yeltsin were ready to overcome their differences and would form a "center-left" coalition. But by October, under pressure from orthodox Communists, the KGB and the military, Gorbatchev was moving toward a hard-line position and rejected a radical economic plan. Since then, Gorbachev and Kremlin conservatives have accused Yeltsin of trying to break up the Union and of consorting with gangsters. The comments made by Yeltsin on Wednesday seem to mark a difinitive split between to Soviet Union's two most powerful politicians.

SAUDI ARABIA:

General Norman Schwarzkopf Tuesday that the Iraqi military was on the verge of collapseand were losing over 100 tanks each day to allied bombing raids. He added that no army can survive such an attrition rate. Schwarzkopf believes that the Iraq's military capabilities were most likely overrated in the first place. The performance of the Iraqi army, said Schwarzkopf, revealed their war weariness. They are simply tired and had no real desire to fight again after their eight year war with Iran, he added. "Even though they had a large military and probably a very capable one for this part of the world" the general said, matched against "the sophistication of the U.S. military, there is no comparison. They grossly underestimated the type of war they were getting involved with and they've paid a price for that." But Schwarzkopf did temper his optomism with caution during the interview. He said that if there is a ground war he felt sure that Hussein would use artillery to deliver chemical weapons against allied troops and that he would use the remnents of his airforce to do the same thing. Schwarzkopf declined to discuss the timetable for a ground war and he also decline to comment on the Soviet peace proposal, but he did say that if Hussein withdrew from Kuwait and remained in power the allied mission will have been a success

Gimelson

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working with SGA is similar in many ways to what I think many of your desires are. I want for myself and for others to be able to enjoy our stay at Washington College, and when I look back on these years, I want like I hope most of you do, a respectable institution worth looking back to. Thank You.

Gripe

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The purpose to which the money is allocated; and {e} The accessibility of the Club's activities and membership to the entire student body. Sorry to beat a dead horse here folks, but since the Neiman story is still such a hot topic, this must be also.

I must add Mr. Griep, that your calculations again were not only quite biased, but also somewhat off. Referring back to point {b}, when I proposed this years SGA budget (approved unanimously by the Senate), $20,000 was set aside for club funding. The SGA has received requests for nearly $40,000 over the entire year. Total allocations of funds for organizations and clubs have been in the area of just slightly over 30,000 which puts the SGA in a good position, as on the average clubs spend about 2/3 of their funds. So instead of Mr. Grieps figure of 1/6 of the money allocations going to the Phi Delts the figure is closer to 1/13 going to roughly 1/36 of the campuses members. But hold on here. Mr. Grieps article mentioned that the Phi-Delts had more social events that were open to the campus last semester than any other Greek organization. So isn't the money really dedicated towards an organization that is offering its services to 36/36 of the Washington College Community ? Not to mention, care packages to the Gulf, community related events such as the Crab Feast, and that's just to name a few. So this organization not only benefits Washington College, but people outside of the school. Wow. I would argue money well spent. But hold on. It's a loan. So the SGA is not even spending the money. It's coming back to us. Now that is nice.

By the way if anyone was worried about the Phi Delts ability to pay back the loan, they need not be. Several of the members of Phi Delta Theta said,

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Dr. Gillin, Don Rickles, and the Birthday Ball

Phil "Slice" Macek

Last Saturday, George Washington, the father of our country, celebrated his 259th birthday. We at Washington College, being ever mindful that George is the primary reason for our school's existence, honored George with a rousing Birthday Ball. This ball was full of pep, spunk, and the extremely graceful dancing of both President Trout and Dr. Gillin (although in no way does this imply that the two were dancing together).

I was looking forward to a rowdy Ball and commenced the evening with a small cocktail party in Cardinal F (Washington College's official thesis support center). That right there was a fine time and on any usual weekend would have satisfied my party needs; but this was no ordinary weekend night. The sole tragedy for me was that my inflatable date, Martha, had a hole in her elbow and would be unable to accompany me to the festivities.

I slid into my burgundy crushed velvet tuxedo and made my way down to the Cain Athletic Center. I walked in the front door, skipped the coat check station and the ticket people, proceeded up the long corridor, and cut in the last door on the left. I felt like I had gotten all dressed up to go to arena registration. I thought now would be a good time to ask Dr. Striner if I could get into his Civil War class. I saw a few older people dancing, but figured that the evening was just warming up, so I set off to make my own excitement for the night. As far as I could tell, the bar was the hottest spot in the place. After fueling up, I proceeded back to the dance area where the band was belting out a lovely version of Frank Sinatra's, "The Way You Look Tonight."

The dance floor was beginning to fill up, and across the sea of people I could see Dr. Gillin dancing what seemed like a mixture of the Watusi and the Lambada; whatever he was doing he appeared to be in a lot of pain. As I watched the "John Travolta of the English Department" cut the rug like nobody's business, I figured it was not an appropriate time to ask Dr. G if he would look over the rough draft of my paper on Wordsworth. I took a break from that scene and talked with a few chums for a while. I tried to follow the band's rendition of "The Electric Slide" but I decided to get off the dance floor when I almost got killed by 362 dancing maniacs. It was at this time that I noticed President Trout really getting busy to the music. He was spinning like a top and taking no prisoners. He was definitely doing the "Hustle" with a few steps of the "Fox Trot" thrown in for good measure.

The rest of the gym looked vaguely like one of the parties as seen in "The Great Gatsby." There were just a lot of people sitting around drinking and exchanging the latest gossip—who was sleeping with who, who had just broken up with who, and who liked the last meal served in the dining hall. I felt like I was back in Dr. DeProspo's "American Literature" class and the nightmare had become a reality. Luckily, I was mistaken. I attributed the horrific hallucination to the weak gin and tonic Jeff Newell had served me earlier in the evening.

By this time of the evening, the party was pretty much in full swing. The band was playing some cooking Glenn Miller music and I wished that Martha was here so we could dance. As I held back a tear I searched for some more mischief to get into. I went outside and switched some coats around on the racks. Then I decided to try to lower the baskets and try to get some full court games going, but nobody wanted to join me in this venture. After pretending to be the local liquor authority and threatening to shut down the party if the bar kept serving booze to people under 21, I went outside for a little fresh air.

I returned to the scene of the crime where somebody told me that Dr. Gillin had formed a nude conga line and was going to proceed down High Street with all the other dancing animals singing the theme from "New York, New York." Sadly, I found out the rumor wasn't true. I don't mean the part about the nude conga line going down High Street; that was true, I just meant that they weren't going to sing "New York, New York" but rather the theme to "Gilligan's Island." I waited in anxious anticipation, but I guess the whole thing turned out to be a big hoax.

By now, the party had really put itself into overdrive. The band was playing so wildly that their horns were glowing from the heat they were giving off. The crowd never wanted it to end, although they did give a mighty cheer when the band started to destroy their instruments like The Who did back in the 60's and 70's. Like the larger majority, I didn't want the dream to end; but in the end, nothing gold can stay.

Finally, the evening began to draw to a close. I wandered inside the gym to say my goodbyes for the night. I especially wanted to thank Dr. Gillin for making the evening so memorable. However, Dr. Gillin was smack dab in the middle of the gym, standing on a table, taking bets on whether or not he would cruise up to Galena and get a tattoo of Don Rickles on his left thigh. I thought about gambling for a minute, but figured this was not the night to bet against "Chillin" Gillin.

As I went back to my room, I was filled with the fact that as a senior this would be my last Birthday Ball. I had entered the evening with high hopes for reckless fun and wild abandon, and I was not disappointed. I was hoping to go back and play a little Nintendo before turning in for the night. Tomorrow, the way I figured it, the entire Washington College community would sleep til well past noon; finally waking with mind-splitting hangovers and a dim recollection of what the hell had happened to them. Suddenly, just as I was convinced that the Birthday Ball was over for another year, Dr. Gillin came running by me sporting a T-shirt that said "Don't Feed The Animal" and carrying enough money in his hand for a Don Rickles tattoo. Somehow, I thought that he still wasn't ready to talk about my Wordsworth paper yet, but I think I understand.

Gripe

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that if they were to borrow the money from the SGA to be paid back over 3 years, they would need to have between 3-4 new pledges a year, just to cover the expense. Enough said.

Now getting back to Mr. Grieps bias. I find it so funny that you were concerned with the SGA Senate spending, when you yourself were involved or are friends with people involved with organizations that have received money from the SGA senate, and with what many would say are much less justified qualifications, then the Phi Delts.

Lets take This Is Not The Elm, for example. Last semester the TINTE staff (of which Mr. Griep was a member) requested $500 for a single issue. In the same week that the issue in question (emphasis added) came out, the corresponding weeks Elm came out with several overlapping articles, thus signifying quite a bit of waste and perhaps unneeded expenses in the staffs inability to write for a paper that was already funded, but that's another debate altogether. Although the Senate allocated funding for this one issue (against my recommendation), this staff with their request asked every student in the school to donate 55 cents for this paper (that's $500 divided by 910 students who contrib-

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Women's swim team sends unprecedented numbers to MAC's

By Matt Giller

An unprecendented 12 Washnington College women's swimmers will represent the school at Swarthmore College February 21-23 for the Middle Atlantic Championships.

Not only is it the largest group to ever represent the WAC at the annual championship, but it is the first time that they have ever had someone in each event.

Kasey Carroll will lead the group trying to defend her 89-90 1650 freestyle MAC title. She will also compete in the 500 free and 400 IM. Her toughest compecome from 500 free national champ Lynn Cassidy from Gettysburg.

Sam Streamer will try to improve on er 3 individual place finishes from a year ago in the 50, 100 and 200 frees.

Coach Kim Lessard comments on her two star's chances, "Both girls are swimming better than ever and should do really well; and Sam should be in the top six for the first time."

Junior Leslie Newcomb will also be looking to better her three rankings in the 100 and 200 breastroke and 1650 free.

The backstroke events will probably be the WAC's strongest event with Jennifer Green, Vickie Vahos, Karen Prendegast and Kelly Loftus all competing.

The 50 free will also be loaded. Magdalena Fuchs, Kristen Callazzo, Green and Ramsey Bigham join Streamer in the free sprint.

Mimi Devlin has an excellent chance to place in the 200 and 400 IM and 200 fly events.

The five relays hope to push WC up in the place rankings. The free relays of Carroll, Streamer, Fuchs and Devlin is the fastest foursome Washington College has ever entered.

Hopes at this year's MAC championships run high after a 9-2 season that saw 6 team records shattered.

Matt Giller is a senior International Studies major who is in training to compete at the '92 Barcelona Games in the tobacco-spitting for accuracy. However, it is not an official event... Yet.

Basketball: Vican and co. end season on high note

The Washington College Shoremen ended the year by winning four in a row and five of their last seven. Last Wednesday night they beat Widener, 63-52, however lost to Johns Hopkins last Friday night in the season finale, 73-71.

In the game against Widener it was all Darren Vican (32 points, 11 rebounds and 5 steals). The six foot nine inch sophomore pivotman scored the first seven points and 11 of the WAC's first 14 points. Vican's dominance in the paint helped keep the Shoremen close to visitirs through the majority of the first half. With the score tied at 21 apiece, Vican single-handidly knocked the wind out of Widener's proverbial sails by scoring the next 10 points for the WAC and helping to shut down Widener's potent offense by not allowing a point in the last 7:30 of the first frame.

The two teams went into the lockeroom with the WAC leading 31-21 led by Vican's 21 points.

In the second half Widener was determined to sweep the season series; however, Vican, during the halftime break, did not go down with malaria or even the 20-minute flu and continued his hot shooting.

With the score trimmed to 33-27, freshman Geoff Rupert scored a layup and Vican jammed home six straight to spread the Shoremen lead, 41-29.

Widener continued to scrap. The Pioneers went on a 8-0 run to cut the lead to 41-37. However, floor general Allen Lester nailed a three-pointer and two technical free throws to spread the lead to 46-37.

From then on the WAC displayed signs of maturing as they never allowed the Pioneers to get within eight points with intelligence and clutch foul shots (92% in the second half).

Another note: Vican had team season highs in both points and assists.

The Blue Jays of Johns Hopkins did not enter the Cain Gymnasium without hearing the news that the young Shoremen have arrived and appear ready to be the team of the future.

The WAC came into the game with a four game winning streak on the line. In that span they have defeated their opponents by an average of more than 22 points per contest. Dominance? Yes.

However, with Hopkins gunning for the conference title, this game was sure to be tight and, in typical Jays/Shoremen fashion, frenzied.

Indeed it was as the Vican/Lester force combined for 23 of the Sho'men's first 26 points keeping them within one, 27-26.

However, the Jays went on a small run late in the half to give them a slightly comfortable 34-29 lead.

Hopkins remained at

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Junior Tim Liddy leads a bevy of youngsters into next year's campaing that appears bright.

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Pirandello plays presented

by Stephanie Hess

Themes of infidelity and betrayal will be explored next week by the Drama department, when senior Drama majors Tim Madison and Lisa Woodcock present and evening of one act plays by Luigi Pirandello.

Madison, formerly an English major, is directing Pirandello's play entitled "The Vise." Madison was attracted to the play for it's portrayal of the tension between its three major characters. He notes that the play is mainly about "infidelity and betrayal, and the way in which people create the illusion of their lives." He further points out that Pirandello's work is "most profoundly about theater and the way in which one's lives are theater."

He says that Pirandello "writes a lot about illusion" and that in his work reality is composed of different levels and surfaces. He adds that while Pirandillo tends to get lost among such playwrights as Chekhov, Ibsen, Beckett and Ionesco, and his work is of no particular genre, he should still be considered as one of the most important dramatists of the twentieth century.

In the play directed by Lisa Woodcock, entitled "I'm Dreaming, But Am I?," reality is questioned through a dream sequence. Because most of the play is a dream, Woodcock has the opportunity to stretch the limits of the script, and as she says, "do anything I want - I could have two monsters on stage." This freedom was one thing that attracted Woodcock to the script. She also looked forward to the lying, deceit and sugar-coated words contained in the play's confused dream sequences. In discussing this confusion, Woodcock says that "dreams can be beautiful and dreams can be frightening. My play is both."

The word that Woodcock wants her audience to associate with her production is "fantasmagorical." Finally, she warns her audience that "most of the play is a dream, so anything can happen."

The cast of "The Vise" includes Melanie Green, Todd Karr, Chris Rummel and Alexandra Nadar. Stage Manager is Deirdre Reigel. Assistant Stage Manager is Tarin Towers.

The cast of "I'm Dreaming But Am I?" includes Jacque Collins, Carl Pupa and Brett Lankford. Stage Manager is Stephanie Hess. The Technical Director for both productions is

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Willis exhibits Photographs

Landscape and portrait photographs by Robert J. Willis will be on display at Washington College's O'Neill Literary House from February 25 to March 2, 1991. There will be an opening reception for the exhibit Monday, February 25 at 4 p.m.

Willis' photographs include portraits and landscapes depicting the Eastern Shore as graphs were shown at the Maryland Hall in the summer of 1990 and are currently on display at the Ironstone Cafe in Chestertown.

"Photos in Black and White," the exhibit at Washington College, is Willis' first public showing in Chestertown.

The amazing grazing Sacred Cows

by Julie Greene

There is a new band on campus and their name is the *Sacred Cows*. Do not ask them why they are named after holy bovines, for they will only tell you it is privileged information. But if you are a *Get Smart* fan you may have an inside track.

The group was assembled last semester when junior Jim Souvlis asked fellow classman Eric Forste if he wanted to start a band. The two then recruited sophomore Chris "Fatman" Goldenberg to play the drums and asked junior Bruce Hamilton if he would sing with them. The final member is junior Josh Buchman, who decided to join after sitting in on one of their jam sessions.

Practices are held in the basement of Caroline, the formal rehearsal setting for the popular *Incorrigibles*. It is here that the guys sound each other out and organize their performances.

The *Sacred Cows* premiered on Open Mike night in the Coffee House on February 2nd to a growing and enthusiastic crowd. In fact, the crowd even danced, at Open Mike night! The band performed three numbers including Black Crows' *Hard To Handle*, which was later played again as an encore. After a rest and summing up the crowd's reaction they played some more songs including The Police's *Message In A Bottle*.

Tonight is Open Mike night in the Coffee House and you can be sure the Sacred Cows will be present once again. The band feels that Open Mike night is a good way for them to practice while gauging the crowd's reaction, and noting where there is room for improvement before they start playing paid gigs.

Goldenberg first started playing the drums during his sophomore year in high school by taking private lessons after school. He later joined a band for two years called *Higher Authority*. The group played hard and classic rock, as well as popular music for their friends and the school. He now plays in Washington College's Jazz Band. Fatman says he was influenced by *Led Zeppelin* , especially their drummer John Bonham, *The Village People, Abba, Menudo,* those lovable *Brain Chillins*, and all the Sacred Cows groupies in the world.

Singer Bruce Hamilton also sang with a band at his former school, Simon's Rock of Bard College. He states rather modestly that he only joined the band, *Da Da Dread*, as guest vocalist occasionally. Hamilton says his musical influences are Otis Redding, Marvin Gaye, and George Clinton.

Bass guitarist Eric "The Bull" Forste is definitely the sane one in the band. He was influenced by his father who is also a musician and plays various horns, as well as the accordion and the piano. Forste states he has been in orchestra and jazz bands up through college, but has never been in an independent band before now.

Josh "The Clamp" Buchman is rhythm guitarist for the *Sacred Cows*. He states that he first picked up the guitar after a bizarre incident in England. He was in a small British town, separated from his parents, when he found a stable in which lay a guitar. An old wise man asked him to keep the guitar and carry on the tradition of the town. Buchman says he was influenced by early Celtic music, Mozart's acid years, and Lou Reed.

Lead guitarist Jim Souvlis started playing the guitar at the age of six. He was a member of a band at St. Mark's high school called *Room X*. Neil Young, the *Grateful Dead*, Baroque music, and the *Osmonds* inspired Jim to be a guitarist.

The guys are fun and sarcastic and the music is great. The group is just starting, so there are some kinks which need to be smoothed out. But with continued practice and support their future looks bright.

Students at the *Sacred Cows* premiere reacted favor-

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Like nothing you've ever herd- The Sacred Cows.

photo by Jeff Hopkins

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Dr. Clark-Lewis presents *Freedom Bags*

A film and lecture on the effects of migration from the rural south to the northern city on working-class women will be presented by the Washington College Committee on African American History Wednesday, February 27 at 8 p.m. in the college's new Casey Academic Center Forum. The lecture, given by Howard University professor of history Elizabeth Clark-Lewis, is free and open to the public.

Dr. Clark-Lewis was the writer and producer of the video documentary "Freedom Bags: African-Americans and Migration to Washington, D.C.," winner of the 1990 WETA Channel 26 Project Award. The film is an oral history of the changing nature of work expected of working-class black women in the 20th Century, as they moved from the rural south to the industrial north, and from serving almost exclusively as live-in domestic workers to become a more diversified workforce. Dr. Clark-Lewis, who has done extensive work in African American urban history and gender roles, will present the documentary and then discuss her research for this project.

NEWS

Brown speaks on Greenhouse Effect

"The Greenhouse Effect and the Planetary Trust" will be the topic at Washington College's William James Forum next Tuesday evening, February 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the Casey Academic Center. All are welcome to attend.

The speaker will be Dr. Peter Brown, director of the environmental studies program at the University of Maryland's School of Public Affairs. The school now offers M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in environmental studies.

Dr. Brown, who holds degrees from Haverford College and Columbia, is the founder of the Center for Philosophy and Public Affairs at Maryland and played a leading role in setting up the School of Public Affairs, of which he has served as acting dean.

No armchair environmentalist, Dr. Brown, who lives at the Aspen Institute here on the Eastern Shore, devotes his weekends to promoting conservation at his farm in Garrett County, Maryland. His wife Judith Brown is Vice-President of the Aspen Institute.

Pirandello

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Thomas Andrews. Joining him on the technical crew are Shan Driscoll as Lighting Designer, Ed Schroeder as Sound Technician, and Heather Lynch as Mask Designer. Set Design is by Riegel, Woodcock and Madison.

The evening of Pirandillo's one act plays opens February 28 at 8:00 p.m. in Tawes theater. Performances will also be given on March 1 and 2 at 8 p.m. Admission is free and seating is limited. Call ext. 269 for reservations.

Stephanie Hess is a junior Drama major who spends more time in the theater than she ever would have imagined possible.

Cows

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ably to the student band. Junior Sally "Nooga" McGee, a *Sacred Cow* calf (groupie nickname) emphasizes that the band "has a good balance. They play stuff that makes you want to move." Greg Coss, a senior here at Washington College, stated that the *Sacred Cows* have "the most potential of any band I've seen perform at the Coffee House, including the ones you pay to hear."

Tonight the band will be playing songs by *The Doors*, *Jimi Hendrix*, *R.E.M.* and *Blind Faith*, as well as others. Besides performing at the Coffee House tonight, which is free, the Sacred Cows have their first gig at Newts on Thursday, March 21st.

Gripe

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ute to the Student activity fee). How many people did this issue benefit ? How many people will this issue continue to benefit ? How come I and every student at this college, had to pay nearly double the cost of a daily issue of The Washington Post, for that one issue? Why weren't these questions addressed in Offset ? Mr. Griep, do you mind Crack magazine getting $1400, or is this ok, because these people are your friends ?

Just in closing I would like to say, that I truly did like some of what was printed in this "new" paper, and I have nothing personally against Mr. Griep. I just ask that in the future Mr. Griep, if you have a gripe, please research the subject thoroughly before you write. I did feel that some points in Offset were good, that with of course the exception of the SGA article, the majority of the comics which were offensive, lacked taste, humor or a combination thereof, and some of the comments made about the ARC, not the CAC. For instance, the elevator was placed in the building (in compliance with new MD zoning regulations) for the purpose of helping out handicapped people who are unable to go up and down stairs. Unfortunately, the people behind these comments are unfamiliar with physical handicaps, but are perhaps too familiar with mental ones. (Emphasis Added).

Respectfully, Brian Gimelson.

Decker

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extraordinary freedom that students posses and the responsibility to impact on our society. Kelly mentioned the college students in Czechoslovakia and China and the effects that their actions had in changing a system which they saw as problematic. He stated that while students at Washington College may not have the need to act as radically as students in nations that are more oppressed, we do have the responsibility to "impact on our own society."

Kelly commended the actions of three Washington College students - Erin Hodge-Williams and Maria Jerardi who have implemented a community service program called Hands Out, and Freshman Class President Lionel Dyson who is in the process of instituting a chapter of the NAACP on campus. He said that such concern for our community is necessary for today's college students to make a positive impact on our world.

Both Kelly's remarks and the address by McFeely were greeted with enthusiasm by students and the alumni who attended Convocation.

Bball splits

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arm's length from the hosts for much of the second half until Rupert sank a layup to trim the Jays' lead to 50-47 with 11:43 remaining.

Unfortunately, Hopkins sprinted out to 11-2 run before Lester dropped a three-point bomb and Vican scored a layup to make the score 61-54.

The Shoremen got within five when Lester drove the lane or a layup at the 2:51 mark to make it a 65-60 lead.

As the Shoremen looked primed to overtake the Jays, Hopkins opened the lead to 69-60 with one minute remaining. Although the action was fast and furious, Hopkins was able to hold off a WAC run to pull out a 73-71 victory.

Lester led WC scorers with 24 points (4 three-pointers). Vican and junior Tim Liddy had 19 and 12 respectively. Freshman Greg Rogers contributed with 7 points and 4 steals.

The latter part of the 90-91 campaign for the Shoremen seemed to demonstrate that this young team has alot of talent that is beginning to mature and jell as a unit. The WAC will be back oner than many expected.

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Senior Donna White, who was just recently named one of the top students in the nation by USA Today.

White achieves national ranking in USA Today

By: Susie Mazzullo

On Friday February 22, Senior Donna White became the first student in Washington College history to be named to the USA Today Poll of top college students.

In an article entitled "Cream of the college crop", USA Today listed the top undergraduate students in the nation. According to the newspaper, the students' average grade is 3.92 but that isn't all that qualifies these students for such an honor. "They're set apart from hundreds of other brilliant candidates by a blend of creativity, initiative, leadership, and a desire to use their talent to help others"

The students, selected from various colleges and universities around the nation, were placed in one of four categories. There were twenty students in each of the first three teams and sixty two students listed as honorable mention. Donna was named to the third team of the All USA College Academic Team.

Donna was nominated by the school for this honor. Her nomination came from Dean Baer, Provost and Dean of the College and President Charles H. Trout.

The nomination, however, was only the beginning. Donna then had to fill out a team nomination form in which she described her campus activities, extracurricular activities, and anything else that she felt would set her apart from other students in the nation.

She also had to submit a paper describing her most outstanding intellectual endeavor thus far in her college career. Donna chose to describe the research she conducted at the Center of Marine Biotechnology, University of Maryland in Baltimore this past summer. Donna conducted her research in the lab of Dr. Fred Singleton. During this time Donna studied the effects of starvation on several marine organisms.All of this information had to be sent back to Dean Baer who then included Donna's transcripts and a personal recommendation and sent it off to the USA Today panel of judges.

In the letter of recommendation, Dean Baer commented on the work that Donna accomplished this summer with Dr. Singleton. "Dr. Singleton was so impressed with Donna's abilities that he is simultaneously trying to recruit her to study at the University of Maryland and work in his lab, supporting her application to

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New S.G.A. executive board to take office next week

By: Laura Hopper

The Student Government Association held its weekly meeting Tuesday, February 26, in the Sophie Kerr meeting. This was the last meeting of the current executive board since elections are on Thursday, and the new executive board will take office at next weeks meeting.

SGA president Kevin Kelly called the meeting to order. The meeting began with committee reports. Social Chair Steve Huetner apologized to the residents of Minta Martin on behalf of the Washington College Rugby Club for the behavior of the rugby team from Salisbury. Huetner asked the senators from Minta Martin to convey his sincere apology to their constituents.

Parliamentarian Gordy Scherer apologized for missing recent SGA meetings and reminded all senators that the new executive board will be sworn in next week.

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Dean Baer to resign as of June 1, 1991

By: Kyndra Ponder

Elizabeth Baer, Provost and Academic Dean of Washington College, has announced her intention to resign beginning June 1, 1991. The decision, Baer stated, was " a mutual decision" between herself and President Trout, adding that she felt "given his (Trout's) priorities for the institution, the college would be better served by a new Dean."

The position that Baer vacates will be filled by an interim Provost who will be selected from the faculty. President Trout is currently taking nominations from the faculty members and Baer states that she expects Trout to work fairly quickly to make a decision as to her successor.

Dean Baer said that she will remember her experiences at Washington College fondly, adding that she is "very pleased with the changes that have occurred here over the last six years." She cited the increased awareness of issues or race and gender and the fact that the college now has more women faculty members and two Afro American faculty members. She also expressed her happiness about the strength and growth of the Academic Computing Program here.

Although Baer will resign her duties, June 1, she will be on sabbatical for the 1991-1992 school year. During that time she will complete the manuscript of her book and will begin to work on a second book that will "study the relationship between the books that women writers read as children and the books that they write as adults."

Baer added that she will be "grateful for the time" to concentrate on her writing because the extra time will only "make

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Dean Baer, Provost and Dean of the college, has resigned and will be on sabbatical for the 1991-1992 school year.

EDITORIAL

Now that this war is over with...

The recent statement by President Bush announcing a cease fire in the Gulf war is certainly cause for celebration. In a matter of six weeks, with a small number of casualties, the coalition has driven Iraq from Kuwait, and allowed that people the right of self-determination.

Now, it is time to turn our attention elsewhere. While the United States was busy freeing Iraq, the Soviet Union was turning its attention on to the Baltic States. These tiny republics have existed as part of the Soviet Union since they were forced into a mutual assistance pact, and then seized outright in the 1940's. Now in the wake of glasnost and perestroika, these peoples have decided that their time has come. But apparently, the army had other ideas.

It is also time to turn our attention to domestic issues. The economy might not respond the way the president hopes it will to lower oil prices. Our environment needs help, our schools need help, our inner cities need help, our highways need help. So while there a host of important events on the international scene that will require American attention, there are just as many problems and projects on the national level that are just as pressing.

One positive way to solve our domestic problems is through volunteer work. There are 75 million Americans who can't read adequately. There are millions of unwanted pets that need homes. There are homeless people living in the streets. There are people dying of AIDS. There are issues such as abortion that need to be resolved. It is time to clean house, and start finding solutions to the every growing number of problems that our country faces. We can teach people to read, and adopt cats and dogs, and build housing for the homeless and learn compassion for people dying of a terrifying and horrible disease.

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Letters to the Editor

Heartfelt thanks from Habitat

Editor:

Chester Valley Habitat's first work day last Saturday was a tremendous success. Over one hundred volunteers came to prepare the foundation and work on the interior, and three quarters of the workers were Washington College students. Many thanks to Hands Out coordinators Linda Cades, Erin Hodge-Williams, and Maria Jerardi and to all the students who worked so hard. We coundn't have done it without you.

Thanks also to the Washington College Elm for publicizing the our need for volunteers.

Many works days will follow before this project is finished. Thank you all for getting us off to a great start.

The Board of Chester Valley Habitat

Apology from Rugby Club to Minta Martin

To the residents of Minta Martin:

This letter is to communicate the Washington College Rugby Club's feelings regarding the disturbing episode at the social function on Friday night. We do not endorse the behavior of the Salisbury rugby players involved, and hope sincerely that this particular incident will not lead to any ill-feelings between the residents of Minta Martin and the W.C.R.F.C.

While it is important to realize that these players were not invited to come up on Friday evening, and were certainly not brought to the party as guests of the W.C.R.F.C., we do accept full responsibility for this disturbing demonstration, and we do hereby pledge that in the future appropriate means will be adopted to avoid similar events.

Once again let me offer an apology on behalf of the entire Washington College Rugby Football Club. Rugby is supposed to be a gentlemen's game, and we at the W.C.R.F.C. try very hard to represent it in that manner here at Washington College.

Thank you for your understanding,

Seth Engel,
President, W.C.R.F.C.

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and
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Spring Break**

What issues should the new SGA executive board confront?

No issues you say

When I thought about the issues that the SGA president should address, nothing came to mind at first. But, after taking a long look around the campus, several topics came to mind.

Parking is one of them. The president should work with the Administration to help end the Washington College bumper to bumper syndrome. The SGA needs to be involved, otherwise the College will simply decide the issue for use by setting out a new policy, and that will be it.

Is there a way to solve the daily contest between students and cars/trucks/semis in the crosswalk? At least once a day, some motorist, either hurried or irate, refuses to yield to students in the crosswalk. With four dormitories located on the opposite side of 213 from the campus, this is a problem that needs some sort of solution before some gets seriously hurt.

The "social depression" as one of the candidates for social chair called it. The one time there is parking behind Reid Hall is on the weekends when everyone (or it seems like everyone) leaves. The only way to keep students on campus, is, obviously, to make them want to stay on campus.

And then there's the Honor Code. Do we need a new one? Or does the current Honor Code just need some help? Face it, there are many cases where people have "gotten off" for breaking the Honor Code. Extenuating circumstances do happen, but there are enough recent examples of people getting off easy, and then getting in trouble only a few weeks later.

What about renovations for Hodson Hall? When are they going to happen? What will be put in? What will be done to the Coffee House? Here is a place where the SGA could provide invaluable student insight to the Administration. How can the College understand what the students want, if we never tell them. .

Recycling on campus should also be handled. People come through to pick up our cans, but won't pick up glass or paper. Part of becoming a responsible citizen is caring for our environment. Recycling could become a beneficial, campus-wide program, that involves all sorts of recyclable materials, instead of primarily aluminum and glass. While we're on the subject of the environment, there must be a better way to do carry-out in the Dining Hall than those Styrafoam trays, maybe lunch boxes or paper trays.

Susan Czechowski

Susan Czechowski is a freshman

Here's what you had to say about SGA funding of Greek Organizations

"No I don't, the SGA should not set a precedent by giving money to fraternities or sororities, they should be self supporting. The SGA has a set budget and fraternities and sororities have their own sources of funding".

Jennifer Reddish
Freshman
Denton, MD

"If fraternities or sororities are in need of assistance the SGA should help them. I think loans are perfectly acceptable, but money should not be directly given unless all fraternities and sororities receive equal amounts".

Michael Frey
Freshman
Holbrook, NY

"Yes they should, they perform a lot of valuable community services, the SGA gives money to clubs and club sports, so I don't see why Greek organizations should not be eligible for funding".

Joan Colton
Junior
Baltimore, MD

"Yes I do, I think Greek life adds so much to a college campus, you learn a lot through Greek life. If Greek organizations have funding there will be a lot more activities on campus. I think there is more to education than books".

Jamee Damron
Sophomore
Baltimore, MD

"I certainly feel that the SGA should keep an open mind – and checkbook – to the needs of campus Greek organizations".

Jennifer K. Sponseller
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"I think loaning fraternities and sororities money is better than giving them money".

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OUTLOOK

In the world: Bush calls for cease fire, fighting just about over

UNITED STATES:

President Bush said Tuesday that Saddam Hussein would fail in his bid to "save the remnants of power and control in the Middle East" and that the U.S. will continue a war of "undiminished intensity" to force the Iraqis from Kuwait. The aims of the United States are two fold: clinching a decisive Allied victory and stripping Hussein of much of the power he has used to threaten the region. At weeks begin, Hussein was still searching for a way out of the war short of surrender. In a statement made by President Bush Tuesday, he denounced as "an outrage" Hussein's announcement that Iraqi forces were withdrawing from Kuwait. "He is not withdrawing. His defeated forces are retreating. He is trying to claim victory in the midst of a rout. And he is not voluntarily giving up Kuwait. He is trying to save the remnants of power and control in the Middle East by every means possible. And here, too, Saddam Hussein will fail," said Bush. Because Hussein has shown no acceptance of the United Nations resolutions nor agreed to free prisoners of war after the end of the conflict, Bush said the Allies will continue the war.

PERSIAN GULF:

Allied forces encircled the Iraqi army Tuesday and began a systematic destruction of all forces that refuse to surrender, U.S. officials said. The ground attack, combined with six weeks of bombing, has destroyed or crippled 21 of Iraq's 42 combat divisions in the Kuwaiti theater. Iraq has lost roughly half of what the Iraqi army had when it invaded Kuwait. U.S. officials estimate that the Iraqis have 2,085 tanks and 1,005 artillery guns. More than 30,000 Iraqi prisoners of war are now held by the Allies. Initial reports seem to indicate that U.S. losses have been extremely low. Despite the success of the ground campaign, Brig. General Richard Neal said yesterday that "the war is not over, and we are going to continue to attack and attack and attack."

In Kuwait City, resistence leaders told the first Saudi and U.S. troops to arrive in the war torn capital that they were in control of most of the city but that fleeing Iraqi troops had taken thousands of Kuwaiti captives with them in their retreat. They could not give many details about the captives, but said they were rounded up at schools and mosques and included relatives of military personnel and prominent families. The Kuwaitis said they were holding 15 Iraqi soldiers at a local police station, and 18 more in the basement of a building. The special forces troops met the Kuwaitis on the outskirts of the city and were then taken on a probing inspection tour of tour of the largely abandoned downtown area. The troops went to the Saudi embassy and the the U.S. diplomatic compound, which they did not enter for fear of mines and booby traps. The Kuwaitis also said that the Iraqis surrendered without a fight, saying they were tired, hungary, wearyof the bombing or that they hated Saddam.

On Wednesday night, President Bush called a cease fire, and declared that the coalition forces had acheived their goals.

SOVIET UNION:

Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev condemned the democratic opposition Tuesday, saying the a continuing struggle for power in the country could lead to civil war, disitigration and eventual dictatorship. The speech, delivered by Gorbachev in Minsk, was certainly a response to last weeks statement by Boris Yeltsin that the Soviet president ahd deceived the people and should resign. Gorbachev made it clear that he and Yeltisn now support "two different lines." Gorbachev said that while he supports "the socialist choice," "step-by-step" reforms and the maintenance of the Soviet Union, Yeltsin and the "so-called democrats" are in favor of the "restoration" of capitalism and the "collapse" of the union. Gorbachev said he believed the democrats were really anti-communists who refuse to cooperate with the communists. "What they are really up yo is to take power," said Gorbachev, who believes the confrontation with his former allies has become acute becauseof a series of military attacks on the Baltic states alst month and presidential decrees that have given Gorbachev greater powers to the army and KGB security police. The president went on to say that the intent of the decrees was distorted by his opponents. The break between Gorbachev and Yeltsin has underscored the continuing political polarization and the conflicting urges for order and accelerated change in the Soviet Union.

GERMANY:

After winning reelection less than three months ago with the promise that taxes would not rise, Chancellor Helmut Kohl unveiled a plan Tuesday for a $31 billion tax increase. Weeks of debate ended with the Bonn coalition agreeing on a package of income, gasoline and other taxes designed to stave off possiblebankrupcies among city and state governments in former East Germany. The proposed increases drew criticism from industry and labor, but the majority of voters agreed last December that kohl was underestimating that cost of reunification. Nearly all revenue from the increase is to be spent on the reconstruction of eastern Germany, with the bulk devoted to bringing its infrastructure up to western standards.

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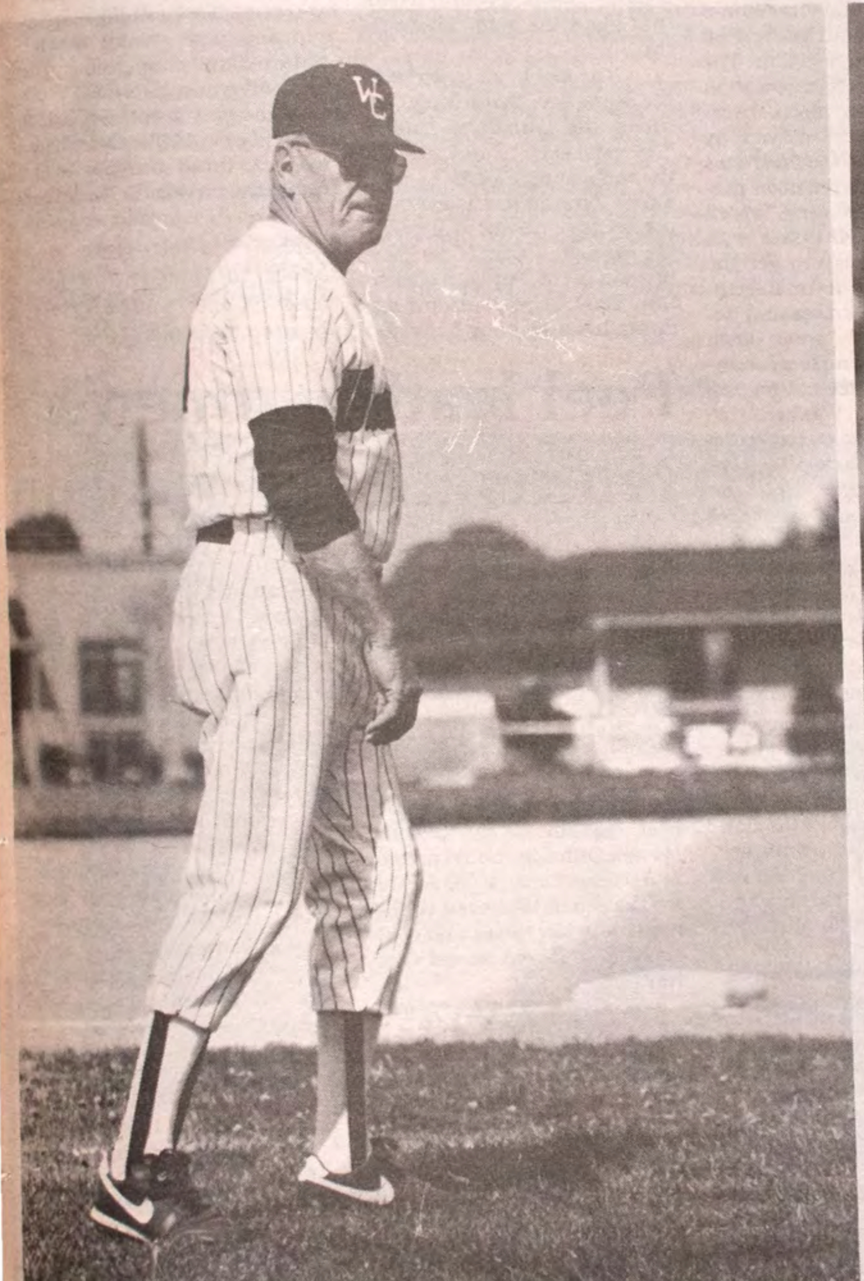

SPORTS SUPPLEMENT

Men's lacrosse preview

By Matt Giller

Since last years defeat in the of Hobart at the NCAA Division III Championship, the Shoremen have lost a number of All-Americans and stars from the 1990 team either through graduation or some other less than fortunate reasons.

Although the recent tragic incident "Vangate", which rocked the WAC athletic program as well as the lacrosse world, is over, its echoes will be heard during each game. "The show must go on," might be the slogan for the 1991 team as they enter into again one of the most arduous schedules in the NCAA.

Some so-called knowledgeable fans see this team weaker and out of contention to repeat as a championship caliber team. Some observers raise several questions: Who will take over the offensive void left by Martino and Hormes? Who will anchor the defense? What will be their fate vs. Hobart this season?

First of all Hobart Shmobart.

Indeed, the Shoreman success is more difficult to predict than in year's past because of the bevy of unproven youth; however, one can be certain that they will play "Corcoran Lacrosse."

Another safe bet is the All-American performance and effort of senior co-captain, goalie Dave Slomkowski. Coach Corcoran, who helped coach the U.S. national team last summer that won the World Championships in Australia, calls Slomkowski the "best goalie in the country." How's that for a defensive anchor?

Joining "Slomo" as captain and "Leader of the WAC" are senior defensemen Matt Petz and Dave Cromwell and attackman Greg Rupert. The only other senior is starting defenseman Steve Pursley.

Offensively Rupert will lead an all-freshman attack. Preseason standouts have been Gibby Semes, Chris Sanchez and Dan Cooper. Other rookie attackmen include Bill Brimhall, Stu Warner and Kevin Knox.

At midfield sophomore Jed Cronin, who played attack last year, was one of the best freshmen last year. Cronin along with classmate Dave Lipinski will be asked to mature early and lead the "green" middies. The two should be aided by the speed of John Hernandez and at faceoffs by Blair Muneses. Other middies include junior Steve Russell, sophomore Ted Greeley and freshmen Ryan Mahoney, Jamie Carver, Chris Jones and Peter Greene.

Besides Slomkowski between the pipes and the three senior defensemen, untapped youth must step up and make their presence felt. Sophomores Justin Wiest and Curtis Campbell back up Slomkowski. Sophomore Dave Taibl and freshmen Jeremy Wolk and Dave Ratta and Mike Ratta, both of whom have been impressive in preseason, will get much PT.

The Shoremen host a couple of preseason games this weekend when they faceoff against Nazareth on Saturday and Georgetown on Sunday. Their regular season begins over spring break when they play Hopkins and Hampden-Sydney.

REC Sports: Water Basketball is fast, furious and not for the faint of heart

The action has been hot and heavy in the Casey swim center since the induction of the intramural water basketball league. This fledgling program headed by Matt "Thriller" Giller has had early success and hopes to become as competitive as the regular intramural basketball league, the fall football program, and the spring softball league in the years to come.

The first night of action saw the arrival of three highly competitive, trash-talking squads. First came the arrival of "All Washed Up," the team fielded by Cardinal F members Matt Woolston, Matt Moore, Phil Macek, and Chris Seymour. The team name takes its inspiration from the broken down, beer-swilling character played by Walter Matthau in the *Bad News Bears*. The team relies on pinpoint outside shooting, which complements their attack with tough interior play to get the hard baskets down the stretch. The team plays a pressing defense designed to wear down their foes and cut off their channels to the basket. After the first night, "All Washed Up" stands atop of the water hoops league with a 1-0 record.

Next to venture into the water is the aquatic version of UNLV: Sam "Anderson Hunt" Gessner, Tim "Larry Johnson" Liddy, and Dave "Stacey Augmon" Brightman. These guys are truly terrors on the regular hardwood courts but in the water become almost invincible. Team UNLV plays an up tempo game designed to put a lot of points on the board in the hurry. Liddy is a key weapon on offense and certainly the man to go to when the points are needed. Gessner runs the offense with his "thread the needle" passing skills, although to leave him open for the jumpshot is a costly mistake often resulting in two points. Brightman is the centerpiece of the team's transition game and intimidates the other opponents with his show stopping dunks. However, Dave has already broken three backboards and one more violation will result in a one game suspension from the league. This is certainly a team that plays the game above the rim.

Phil "Slice" Macek

The last team to arrive on the scene was "Aqua Mule" featuring the formidable bulk of "The Real Deal" Don Steele. In the early going, Don has proved a true force on the boards simply because no one can generate enough leverage to move him out of the way. On offense, Don likes to post up low and dump his little baby hook shot over his defender for an easy bucket. However, when a team pays too much attention to Don, he can deftly dish the ball off to the always dangerous Brian Heubeck. Brian can knock down the jumpers at a dizzying pace, but can also sneak inside for the easy lay-ups.

Overall, the three teams are very evenly matched and no one team can claim to be a runaway favorite for the title. So if your looking for a little action, come on down to the Casey swim center and watch the teams do their things. You won't be disappointed; unless you don't like "nothing but net" jumpers and "cake shakin', baby makin'" slam dunks. The choice is yours, but I think you'll be pleasantly surprised. And if any girls would like to be cheerleaders, throw on your bikini and come on down. The league could really use your support!

Slice leads the water basketball league in triple doubles and is not afraid to play defense either.

Peel leads women's tennis into '91 season

By Matt Giller

The 1991 women's tennis team is about to embark on a new season. The Shorewomen will try to improve on their outstanding 11-7 record considering the arduous schedule they played in '90.

All-American junior Tracy Peel, captain Rachel Rice and Miriam Dittman should provide more than capable leadership for the much improved sophomore Jennifer Sloan and rookies Pam Hendrickson and Kristy Karns.

Last year's NCAA Division III singles finalist, Peel finished the season 33-9 and All-American for the second straight year.

The Johannesburg, South African native had an outstanding fall as well that was culminated with her appearence in the finals of the prestigious Rolex Division III National Championships in Corpus Christi, Texas, in October. Peel enters the spring season with a cumulative record at Washington College of 78-19 and ranked second in the nation.

Tracy's doubles partner in the fall, freshman sensation Pam Hendrickson, who hails from Kutztown, Pennsylvania, made an impression on her opponents early by posting an 8-2 record in the fall. The Peel/Hendrickson doubles team is currently ranked fifth nationally. Pam is currently ranked ninth in the middle states.

Junior Miriam Dittman who was placed in the #3 singles slot during the '90 campaign that saw her post a 17-10 record. Miriam flawlessly cruised through MAC Southwest section matches by not losing a doubles or singles match.

Captain Rachel Rice won some honors during last year's season. Among some of Rachel's honors were doubles consolation championship in the Mount St. Mary's Invitational and 1990 candidate for NCAA Academic All-American. Rachel was undefeated in MAC Southwest section in doubles.

Sophomore Jennifer Sloan finished her rookie season with a respectable 7-8 record against excellent competition. Hopes are high for this superb athlete that received the coveted Most Improved Player in 1990.

Freshman Kristy Karns, although new to the Shorewomen and to the college game, is not knew to Chestertown or to the game. This C-town native compiled an unbelievable cumulative high school record of 45-7 at Kent County High School.

Matt Giller is an International Studies major who never misses an episode of "Puttin' on the Hits."

The 1991 women's tennis team: front row; Jennifer Sloan, Kristy Karns, Pam Hendrickson, Rachel Rice. Back row; Coach Holly Bramble, Miriam Dittman, Tracy Peel, and Tina Lennon who is no longer with the team. *photo by Gary Brown*

SPORTS SUPPLEMENT

Read and Co. make their serve for a National Title

Matt Giller

The Washington College men's tennis team is like a runaway train that sees nothing in its way that can stop it. How many teams can boast the fact that even when losing their national champ to graduation, they still maintain the best player in the nation.

Last spring at the National Championships, the Shoremen sent Scott Flippin Read and Larry Gewer to the finals. Gewer outlasted his doubles partner 6-4, 6-3. Gewer is gone, however, Read is back.

Read left no doubts that he was securely the best in Division III when he won the coveted Rolex Division III National Small College Championship in Corpus Christi, Texas in the fall.

Read has compiled an impressive list of honors. Since winning the 1988 Division III Rookie of the Year award, Read has already compiled the most career singles wins in Shoreman history (138-22 in singles and 61-20 in doubles). Last year he finished with a singles record of 44-7 and a 27-6 doubles mark. Incidentally, Scott, besides his loss to Gewer in the finals last year, has not lost a Division III match in two years.

Read's doubles partner, Soviet transfer Irakli Metrevelli (son of Soviet tennis great of the '70s Alex) have earned a preseason doubles ranking of seventh. But if you think Metrevelli is riding on Read's coattails you're sorely mistaken. Metrevelli is currently ranked sixth in singles. The Russian addition will greatly help the Shoremen's chances for a national championship.

Another transfer will make an immediate impact on the team. New Mexico Military Institute transfer Trevor Hurd, is currntly ranked 48th in Division III. Trading guns for Ms. D Burgers has been to difficult for Hurd who helped win the 1990 Southeastern Regional doubles championship with Read. Trevor also was successful in the singles section of the tournament with a semifinalist appearence.

The fourth singles spot should belong to Alberto Diaz. Alberto starts off the season with a preseason ranking of fifth in singles and sixth in doubles in the NCAA South Atlantic region. Diaz had a tremendous rookie campaign as he compiled an outstanding 29-7 record and was the only freshman last year to represent the WAC at the NCAA's.

This team is deep as junior baseliner Andy "I'm not a pusher" Bohutinsky reflects the team's depth. Andy had an excellent fall(9-3) and an impressive spring campaign last year (16-10). A "heady" player on and off the court, Andy is a candidate for the Academic All-American team as he pulled off a 3.85 GPA (with no Tapkes) and ranked first in his class.

The 1991 team captain Jim Lim is the other senior on the team. Jim a steady leader on and off the court (and not a bad cook either) should help maintain strngth all through the WAC lineup.

Newcomer Mexican star, Carlos Nuno had an outstanding fall with an 8-4 singles record. A highly ranked player in the juniors level in Mexico, Carlos should make an early contribution for the Shoremen.

Some might say that should be enough; however when I say they're deep, they're deep. Emilio Bogado, ranked 14th in the 18's in Argentina, went 6-3 this fall.

Junior Jeff Rexford, who traded in the leather lace of lax to the gut strings of tennis, needs match experience but he has the tools. And John Wyman, another rookie, will be relied upon to play primarily doubles.

ihe editor is qite certain that Scott Hippin Read could not carry the editor's jock in roundball.

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Scott Read with national champion Larry Gewer at last year's NCAA Division III Championships *photo courtesy of lary trown*

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DATE		OPPONENT	TIME
Mar	09-16	Florida Spring Trip	
Mar	21	**Tufts**	3:00
Mar	23	**Drew (2)**	1:00
Mar	27	W. Maryland (2)	1:00
Mar	30	*Haverford (2)	1:00
Apr	02	**Lincoln**	3:00
Apr	06	***Swarthmore (2)**	1:00
Apr	09	St. Mary's	3:00
Apr	11	**UMES (2)**	1:00
Apr	13	*Johns Hopkins (2)	12:00
Apr	16	**Salisbury St.**	3:00
Apr	20	***Ursinus (2)**	1:00
Apr	23	Delaware Valley (2)	1:00
Apr	25	**Gallaudet (2)**	1:00
Apr	27	*Widener (2)	12:00
Apr	30	Wesley (2)	1:00
May	01	**Wash. Bible**	3:00

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MEN'S LACROSSE

DATE		OPPONENT	TIME
Mar	09	Johns Hopkins	2:00
Mar	13	Hampden-Sydney	3:00
Mar	16	**Springfield**	1:30
Mar	20	**Navy**	3:30
Mar	23	**Alfred**	1:30
Mar	30	**Hobart**	1:30
Apr	06	Roanoke	2:00
Apr	13	**F & M**	1:30
Apr	20	**Washington & Lee**	1:30
Apr	27	Salisbury State	1:00
May	03	West Chester @ Worton Park	7:00

Home Games In Bold Print.

Shoreman Baseball: Gloves are oiled, arms are loose and the bats are hot

In Coach Athey's 42 years at the helm as baseball coach at the WAC, he has probably never had such a young team.

Nine freshmen fill up half the team. This class, although young, is extremely talented. Calvert Hall star pitcher and outfielder, Keith Whiteford, and Wilmington standout shortstop Rory Conway are counted on to provide hitting punch to the lineup. Whitey will be looked to be one of the top three starting pitchers in the rotation, as well.

Rookie southpaw pitchers Scott Cole and Ed Atwood each have excellent control and will get a lot of work on the hill as well.

Other frosh prospects include hard-throwing Mitch O'Shea, finesse southpaw Marc Satterfield and Kent County product, Brian Walters will all help bolster the Shoreman bullpen.

A couple of rookies will get to roam the outfield. Soccer star Kyle Hutchinson and smooth hitting Jason Kraus should prove to be excellent additions.

Hoping to lead these youngsters are captains Hal McBee, Graeme "Ogre" Wildman and Matt Giller. McBee and Wildman are the only proven pitchers on the squad. Although both pitchers posted 0-2 records, they have the talent to stop anyone in the conference. Wildman left four games last year with the lead or with a tie game - each one he lost his decision or the bullpen lost the game. McBee, who has the hardest stuff in the conference, is making a gutty comeback after a near career-ending elbow injury. Both of them will be counted on to improve on last year's 6.21 team ERA.

Sophomore southpaw Jerry Hunt, the only other pitcher with any significant college experience, will bring some finesse out of the pen.

Hitting should be their meal ticket this year. The team brings back the heart of the lineup that helped the team average over seven runs per game last year.

Seniors McBee, outfield (.429, 4 HRS, 28 RBI's, 7 doubles), Giller, first base (.364, 4 HRS, 27 RBI's, 23 Runs), and unior John Morrall, outfield, catcher (.286, 24 RBI's, 18 Runs) will provide most of the punch in the 3,4 and 5 spots in the lineup.

Sophomore Mike Hanifee (18 Runs, 18 Walks) and freshman speedster Rory Conway (.333, 8 stolen bases in the fall) should both get on base often.

Freshmen Keith Whiteford and catcher Andy Parks will be

SPORTS SUPPLEMENT

Rugby Preview: Real men or QuicheEaters?

By Don Steele

The Washington College Rugby Football Club(fall reord: 3-2) is back. This posse of finely tuned athletes that has rucked its way into hearts has come back for its second semester of elegant violence.

The team has had two weeks of practice including a scrimmage against Salisbury and starts its regular season tomorrow at Delaware. Delaware is the only team this side of the Atlantic to beat WC.

Seth Engel has assembled this motley crew with his timeless efforts as president. He has spent many hours fundraising, getting the team matches and finding females worthy of the Rugby Queen crown and the glory that comes with it.

Frank Crivelli is helping Seth this semester. Frank was a driving force behind last semester's inaugural team, but an injury to his knee has forced him to assume a "Quayle-like" role as Vice-President.

The team is sporting a new coach for its second season. Pete Landon; the "Sargent of Scrums," the "Lieutenant of Laps" is now at the reigns of this no longer fledgling team. A state-trooper by trade, Landon is now stopping the arrest of our rugby knowledge by keeping us off the streets and keeping us on the field.

Sam Gessner has left the coaching ranks to pursue an Al Davis-like role. He can still be seen pacing the sidelines; however, Slammer now has much more cerebral responsibilities for the team and its concept. Slammer lives and dies by his concept of total rugby and can often be heard muttering the phrase, "fifteen men together, playing as one cannot lose."

The nucleus of last semester's team is still intact. The loss of Kevin McLaughlin has surprisingly not hurt the team. The success of the team has led to a rash of newcomers, adding more diversity to this team that already covers the spectrum of collegiate life. The wily veterans of one semester have welcomed the new players with open arms. With this bevy of green recruits, ample bodies can be used for two full squads-an "A" and "B" squad - for games.

The team has quite an ambitious schedule for the spring. After this weekend's visit to scenic Newark, games are planned against St. Mary's, Temple, and various other colleges from the tri-state area. A weekend trip to Vassar College is planned for April. The highlight of the season should be the President's Cup. This is a tournament hosted by the school as a showcase for rugby.

There is also hope for the team's Chorale Ensemble. Rumors have run rampant of a recording contract for the crooners version of the feel good hit "The St M Man." No plans have been made for a C.D. box set as of yet. Fans, however, are hoping that where this smoke there is fire.

So, if you find yourself bored on a spring Saturday, find out where the rugby team is and support us. Remember: If You're Coming We're Scrumming.

Don Steele is a Mule who enjoys pina calodas and getting caught in the rain.

Editor's Note: None of the actions taken by the Rugby Club reflect that of the school community or even for the most part of the society that bred them.

The Shoremen Rugby Club set up for a line out in last years victory gainst Catholic University *photo courtesy of Kristen Collazzo*

Men's and women's Crew: Davenport begins campaign on the Eastern Shore

By Charlie Pilkington

Since its founding in 1971, the Washington College Rowing Program has grown in size from 8 rowers to over 40 rowers. For a college of its size, this large number of male and female participants has made Crew one of the biggest co-ed sport.

Fall 1990 saw a number of changes occuring around campus ranging from the inauguration of President Trout to the completion of the Casey Academic Resource Center. Another one was the successful hiring of a full time Crew coach, Mike Davenport. A graduate and former coach at Florida Institute of Technology, Mike came to Washington from the University of Albany. During his two years there, the program grew from 45 rowers to over 90 rowers. Mike is also presently involved with assisting with the coaching of the U.S. National Team. During the fall season, he travelled with them to Tazmania for the World Championships. Since his arrival, Mike, along with his assistant, Glenn Merry, and the women's coach, Peter Martin have brought several noticeable improvements to the program.

The most noticeable one came from President Trout in late November. He announced, to the suprise of the entire team and the coaching staff, that the Hodson Trust was going to donate money for the purchase of two new Vespoli shells. These shells are expected to arrive in time for Spring Break. Other changes have included a mandatory winter break workout schedule. The workouts consisted of three erg pieces ranging from 20,000 to 5,000 meters in length on alternate days to various conditioning exercises. They were intended to prepare the rowers for the upcoming racing season.

Since practice began on January 18th, the team has shown noticable improvement. Many of the rowers have dropped their erg scores and have begun to realize what can be achieved with a little hard work. Coupled with the enthusiasm which was demonstrated by the team during the world record setting Row-a-thon, a positive tone was set for the remainder of winter training. Everyone has also shown a determination to succeed in beating the likes of George Mason, Georgetown, George Washington and John Hopkins and in sending competitive boats to the Dad Vails in early May.

Under the leadership of the co-captains, Than Hansen and Will Brandenburg, the men's team is made up of 18 members, with the majority being sophmores. There are only four remaining seniors, so that should bode well for the future of the program. With more than enough people needed to field two competitive eights, practices are more enjoyable since boats are able to row together. The woman's team captain Stacey Maenner has also been very successful at unifying a very young team. Stacey is the lone senior on a team full of mostly sophmore's and freshmen. Unfortunately, the team lost a number of their experienced rowers due to more pressing committments.

The first race is on March 23rd against Skidmore and George Mason. This is one of two home races, since most of the sprints are in Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. The next big home regatta, the Washington College Invitational is on April 27rd.

Charlie is a senior American Studies major who's hobbies include watching '[illegible] World Series highlights, doing engine work on his '[illegible]uick wagon, which was given to him by Elvis.

REC Sport Announcement: Wanted: Dedicated, hard working students that want to work for REC Sports. Positions for next year are available. Send qualifications to Dennis Berry in the Casey Swim Center by April 1.

Women's swim team impressive at Conference Championships

By Matt Giller

Three Washington College relay records were smashed at the Middle Atlantic Conference meet February 21-23.

The 200 freestyle relay team of Magdelena Fuchs, Mimi Devlin, Jennifer Green and Samantha Streamer broke the school record set one week ago swimming to a speedy 1:48.4. Fuchs, Devlin and Streamer joined Kasey Carroll to a fifth place finish in the 800 freestyle relay with a time of 8:34.1 (breaking the old school record by four seconds). Their fifth place finish was the highest finish ever by a Shorewomen team at the Conference Championships.

The same four joined together for another record in the 400 free relay. Their time of 3:56 again KO'ed the old record by four seconds.

Kasey Carroll continued her record breaking swims in the 400 IM (4:49.0) for a third finish. Carroll also swam a season best 1650 free (17:54) for a second place finish. The junior All-American again thrilled the crowd with a fourth place finish in the 500 free.

In her last MAC meet, Streamer scored in all three of her individual events (50, 100 and 200 frees). The senior swam a personal best, as well, in the 200 free.

Freshmen Green and Devlin proved their worth to WC this year. Green swam to two personal best swims in the 100 and 200 backstroke scoring in both events. Devlin scored in all three of her individual events -- the 200 IM, 400 IM and 200 butterfly.

Junior Leslie Newcomb also added points in the 1650 free. Newcomb then teamed up with Green, Carroll and Streamer to swim a season best in the 200 medley relay and scored points. In the same event they substituted Streamer for Devlin and added another season best time for a tenth place finish.

Although not all scored points many ended the season and/or college careers with personal bests at the MAC's. PB times were turned in by freshman Ramsey Bingham and senior Kristen Callazzo in the 50 free, Magdalena Fuchs in the 100 and 200 free, Karen Prendergast in the 100 and 200 free, and senior Vickie Vahos in the 100 and 200 backstroke.

Crew gets set to enter the water for the '91 season *photo by Gary Brown*

Hoops: Vican wins Conference honors

By Matt Giller

Sophomore pivotman Darren Vican stepped up this season and took a seat among the Middle Atlantic Conferences best by making the All-Conference team.

The 6 foot 9 inch center dominated the paint and lead the WAC with over 15 points per game and lead to the team in rebounds as well.

Although he was relegated to the bench most of last season because of starting force Chris "Bull" Jamke, Vican knew that he had to work in the off-season to improve his skills and fill the large vacant shoes left by Jamke.

Vican admits that his rapid improvement wasn't easy: "I just worked hard at the skills that Coach Finnegan has tutored. A lot of blood, sweat and tears go into making the conference team."

What does Darren think about the company he's in? "I remember last year seeing those people lighting it up out there. I never thought I could rise to that level so quickly."

Although the soft-spoken big man gives much of the credit to his players around him that went to him down the stretch, he gives most of the credit to his best compadre on the team, Bill Weber.

"Indeed, without a doubt, Bill helped out all through my development and during the season.

"I'm pretty darn nervous out there in front of the crowd; Billy has a lot of techniques that helps me relax that I don't want to get into right now. Golly, I'm just glad to get this honor. Excuse me I have to call home."

The Shoremen's hopes for improvement mainly lay on this big man's shoulders next year. Darren should handle it well.

Baseball preview

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counted on to produce runs as well. Third year man J.R. Francamano will carry some of the catching duties as well, but he will be counted on primarily to lift fly balls over the Cardinal dorms. Second basemen Keith Faust and Kevin "Sparky" Kelly should provide speed on the bases in the bottom of the lineup.

The team travels to Winter Park, Florida to play eight games in seven days against arduous competition. They return to start their regular season against Tufts University on March 21.

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DATE		OPPONENT
Mar	23	**Skidmore**
Apr	06	Johns Hopkins Regatta
Apr	13	Villanova
Apr	20	LaSalle
Apr	27	**Washington College Inv.**
May	04	Cadle Cup
May	09-11	Dad Vails

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DATE		OPPONENT	TIME
Mar	11	*E. Tennessee St.	8:00
Mar	12	*M. Washington	8:00
Mar	13	*Murray St.	12:00
Mar	14	*UNC-Asheville	8:00
Mar	16	*U. Of The South	12:00
Mar	19	**Widener**	3:30
Mar	20	Swarthmore	3:00
Mar	21	**American**	2:30
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Mar	27	**Trenton St.**	3:30
Mar	30	**Dickinson	1:00
Apr	02	Catholic	3:00
Apr	09	**Salisbury St.**	.3:00
Apr	11	**Elizabethtown	3:00
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Mar	18	**American**	3:00
Mar	22	Temple	1:30
Mar	24	Claremont @ Swarthmore	12:00
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Apr	03	*Swarthmore	2:30
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FEATURES

The Hands Out program makes a difference

EXPERT HOUSE MOVERS

Amy Tiehel

Senior Erin Hodge Williams had a mission when she began working on Hands Out. She wanted to get the Washington College students involved in the community around them. Erin realized that the Chestertown area alone had numerous volunteer projects that could benefit from the help of students at the college. This past Saturday, February 23, Erin achieved her goal as many students volunteered their time to the Habitat for Humanity project in nearby Fairlee.

Habitat for Humanity is a local, non-profit organization which is run by a board of fourteen local residents. Their main objective is securing either housing, property or both for needy families. This project was their first since the organization began three years ago. The organization came about because originally the church identified low income housing in the area as a crucial issue. Habitat was suitable for the area because it got the community involved and dealt with one family at a time. Reverend Glenn Catley, President of the Chester Valley Board of Habitat explained the way they found the family for this project, "First we selected a family and second we found a property." They found Janice Fisher through various channels. Her family's home had burned down about six years ago but she still had the land. All Habitat needed to find was a way to either build a house or get one somewhere else. Mr. Tom McGlen stepped in at this point and donated a house he had bought so he could build a car wash. The house was in good condition and he didn't want to destroy it. When he found out about Habitat he promptly donated the house. The house was moved on a truck from Chestertown to Janice Fisher's property. Once in place, many volunteers were needed to dig the foundation and basically renovate the entire inside.

Habitat for Humanity relies heavily on community involvement. Since they are a non-profit organization all their funding comes from donations. Any supplies or labor must be donated as well. Mr. John Pharo, of the Chester Valley Board stated, " Our ultimate goal is to be better organized in getting volunteer specialists, for example, carpenters, and then unskilled volunteers can assist them. Also, we would like to get a list of trained people in the area who would be willing to give some of their time." While this has not been achieved, the turn out on Saturday was quite impressive. Many local residents did their share of digging and hauling. Mrs. Finch of Rock Hall has supported Habitat for Humanity internationally for years. She volunteers her time because she finds it "a practical solution to a problem." Mr. Robert Moore, long time neighbor and friend of Janice Fisher's family said he was there because he was "helping out friends." While the local turn out was tremendous, the college students really turned out in large numbers. Many college organizations, fraternities, and sororities were represented on Saturday. Other students showed up just because they were into the spirit of giving. Seniors Matt Moore and Don Steele were there early Saturday. They both heard about the project through campus fliers and they were there because, as Matt explained, "It's a good chance to help people." Senior Felicia Shakman echoed this view and said," I wanted to do something productive; for someone else other than myself." The Phi Delta Theta and Sig fraternity were well represented. Asked why so many fraternity members were there, Chris Kleberg, President of the Phi Delts, stated that, "Fraternities have always been given a bad name and we'd like to change that." Many of the fraternities asked their pledges to come to the Habitat project. Freshman Sig pledge Jasper Hopper explained why they were there, "Even though the Sigs are banished from campus we still feel it is important to do out part in helping our community." Sandra McLellan of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority expressed the idea underlying the spirit of the day, " It is important to help people who need help; and it is especially important to bring the college and community together." Also represented was the Women's Lacrosse Team. Lacrosse team members Lee Anne Ledwin and Kristy Hilgartner signed up with the team because, as they expressed, "We like to do our part for others who need help. It's also a great way to get involved with the community and establish a good relationship between the college students and local residents."

The turn out on Saturday was quite impressive and it was an excellent start for Hands Out. Thanks must be extended to all those students who took the time on Saturday to dig, haul, hammer, load, unload, and bury dead cats. Thanks also to Erin and Maria Jerardi for all their hard work, time and energy. Hands Out has definitely made a difference in getting the students involved in the community. Many students really enjoyed the time they spent helping Janice Fisher and her family. They discovered that it only took a couple of hours to volunteer. Yet it will most certainly last Janice Fisher and her family a lifetime.

If you would like to volunteer your time you can pick up a Hands Out pamphlet in the Career Development Office.

Amy Tiehel is a senior English major who wants everyone to know that she was recently named Miss Kent County and will soon be vying for the coveted title of Miss USA.

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Pianist Jeanette Micklem, one of Zimbabwe's leading musicians and concert artists, will perform works of Beethoven, Liszt, Debussy and Smetana at Washington College, Wednesday, March 6 as part of her current United States tour. The concert, sponsored by the Washington College Lecture Committee, will be given in the Tawes Theater of the Gibson Performing Arts Center.

Admission is free and the public is encouraged to attend.

Jeanette Micklem, who studied at the Zimbabwe College of Music under Margot Osler and completed her studies with the acclaimed pianist Bernard Roberts at the Royal College of Music in London, performs regularly in Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi and Botswana, and has toured the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and the United States, where she is making her second appearance. Following the Washington College concert, she will be performing the Shostakovich Second Piano Concerto with Musica Viva in New York City.

The featured work on Micklem's concert at Washington College will be the Sonata no. 32 in C minor, opus 111, by Ludwig van Beethoven. In this, the composer's last sonata, Beethoven breaks away from the standard classical form by composing just two complex, contrasting movements.

The first movement, allegro con brio ad appasionato, is filled with stormy turbulence that rises to a violent climax before closing quietly in C major, in preparation for the arietta of the second movement. This is a theme with variations, marked by simple, falling intervals which gradually increase into what has been called an "ecstatic vision," as fragments of the theme reappear while chains of trills ascend into higher and higher regions of the keyboard. This famous sonata has never before been performed at Washington College.

Other music in Micklem's program includes Three Poetic Polkas by Bedrich Smetana; Estampes (etchings), three programmatic pieces by Claude Debussy which demonstrate the French composer's mastery of modern romantic technique; and Benedictions de Dieu dans la Solitude (God's blessing in Solitude), by Franz Liszt. This is from a set of three Harmonies Poetiques et Religieuses and is acclaimed as one of Liszt's most exalted masterpieces.

Jeanette Micklem will perform at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 6 in the Gibson Performing Arts Center at Washington College. Admission is free, and for information call (301) 778-2800, ext. 402.

FEBRUARY

Campus **Paperback** Bestsellers

1. **The Authoritative Calvin & Hobbes,** by Bill Watterson. (Andrews & McMeel, $12.95.) More *Calvin & Hobbes* cartoons.
2. **All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten,** by Robert Fulghum. (Ivy, $5.95.) Uncommon thoughts on common things.
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5. **Dances with Wolves,** by Michael Blake. (Fawcett, $4.95) Civil War veteran joins the Sioux way of life.
6. **Misery,** by Stephen King. (Signet, $8.95.) Crazed fan holds author captive.
7. **Wiener Dog Art,** by Gary Larson. (Andrews & McMeel, $7.95.) More *Far Side* cartoons.
8. **The Bonfire of the Vanities,** by Tom Wolfe. (Bantam, $4.95.) Lust, greed and the American way of life in the '80s.
9. **Seven Habits of Highly Effective People,** by Steven R. Covey. (Fireside, $9.95.) Guide to personal fulfillment.
10. **The Dark Half,** by Stephen King. (NAL/Signet, $5.95.) After being destroyed by his writer, his pseudonym runs amok.

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New & Recommended

A personal selection of: Tommy Miller, Valdosta State College Bookstore

Voices of Freedom, by Henry Hampton and Steve Fayer. (Bantam, $15.95.) An oral history of the civil rights movement from the 1950s through the 1980s.

The Coming Global Boom, by Charles R. Morris. (Bantam, $12.95.) How to benefit now from tomorrow's dynamic world economy.

Future Worlds, by Norma Myers. (Doubleday, $15.95.) Offers an insightful look at the current state of the world and serves as a guide to the possible futures from which we must choose.

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Open Mike Night rocks with *Yellow House, Chillins* and *Cows*

by Julie Greene

Quite a crowd turned out for last Friday night's Open Mike Night. Precious time was spent in stopping by the Coffee House. In their last "free" show, the *Sacred Cows* were in rare form. They played two sets, the latter being the best.

Before the *Cows* hit the stage the audience was treated to an acoustic set by Joseph Hamilton and Jonas White. A *Billy Bragg* song as well as an acoustic "Bike" by *Pink Floyd* were received well, and the crowd warmed to their performance. Chestertonian Bruce Morgan shared a few of his original seventy songs with us, as did Raphael Koster, who also played a few *Indigo Girls* tunes. Heather Lynch shared some of her poetry and the *Brain Chillins* stirred things up with a provocative performance that featured Tom Ilmensee's chest graffiti and body tinfoil.

In addition to the *Cows* and the *Chillins*, the audience was most receptive to a new trio tentatively named *Yellow House*. They premiered February 2nd at Open Mike Night and were received well then also.

The trio includes acoustic guitarists Tom Arthur and Bill Milford, with Meg Murray doing vocals. Arthur and Milford have been playing together for four years and were joined a month ago by Meg. Murray stated that they only practiced four or five hours before each performance.

At their premiere they played *Hey, Hey, What Can I Do* by Led Zeppelin and Bonnie Raitt's *The Road Is My Middle Name*. Last Friday Arthur sang *Sympathy For the Devil* by The Rolling Stones and Crack The Sky's *Long Nights*. Murray sang *Land Slide* by Fleetwood Mac and got a standing ovation for Melissa Etheridge's *No Souvenirs*.

Murray has an incredible voice that can truly be appreciated. Although she graduated from WC in May last year with a Humanities major, Murray is currently taking the Ed Block. She hopes to be a social studies teacher as well as continue singing.

A Maryland native, Murray took Voice here at Washington College her sophomore year. Besides being involved in plays and chorus in high school, she has participated in WC's Renaissance Christmas Dinner and the Community Choir. Her influences are Bruce Springsteen, Bonnie Raitt, and Frank Sinatra.

Tom Arthur is a senior majoring in Math at WC. He plays the acoustic guitar, as well as the electric, and sings too. He took private lessons around the age of eight. Since then he has played in a group called the *Domestic Imports*, about two years ago.

Senior Business major Bill Milford likes doing little things like this trio, but does not plan on getting too serious with music as a career. Milford's influences include the *Grateful Dead*, *Pink Floyd*, and *The Doors*.

Thanks to all who showed up at Open Mike Night, especially to those who performed. My apologies to those whose are not mentioned here. There will be another Open Mike Night tonight in the Coffee House. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Julie Greene is a junior majoring in Economics and is a Sacred Calf.

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NEWS

Donna

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continue her study of science in Great Britain under a Fulbright scholarship, and introducing her to some scientists at Harvard University, where he believes she has a chance for a graduate school admission. A man like Dr. Singleton does not lightly assume the duties of a mentor, unless he believes in the scientific capabilities of an individual. I truly understand his admiration of Donna White, as I share it."

Donna is a senior biology major who specializes in molecular and cellular biology. She is very active in almost every facet of life her at Washington college, whether it be academic, athletic or social. She is currently a Resident Assistant for second floor Reid and a peer advisor. She is a member of the Omacron Delta Kappa Honor Society and President of The Society of Sciences. Donna is also very active in the athletic part of college. This year she served as one of the three captains of the women's field hockey team and under her leadership, the team made it to the Middle Atlantic Conference playoffs for the first time in Washington College history. The team ended up 14th in the nation and second in the region. Currently, Donna is captain of the women's lacrosse team.

As a senior Donna has a number of other things to do on top of all of these activities. Primarily, she has a thesis to complete and her future plans to finalize. She wants to continue on in her schooling, but, which school she wants to attend is still in question. Her opportunities, however, are great.

Donna has a number of schools she is currently looking at and a number of school that are looking at her in return.

Over spring break Donna will be traveling to California to visit the University of California in Santa Barbara. They are paying for her entire trip. They have already accepted her for the fall and this trip is for Donna to meet some of the faculty and tour the campus.

In the past couple of weeks Donna traveled to the University of Pennsylvania where she had interviews with administration and faculty there. She has also applied to Johns Hopkins, Johns Hopkins Medical School, Harvard, and Yale.

Donna's first choice, however, is to spend a year at Manchester in England conducting more research. If she receives the Fulbright Scholarship this is exactly what she will be doing. Under this scholarship, the recipients travel abroad to do research in their chosen field. Their trip is paid for and they are given money to spend while they are there. Donna has made it to the final selection process. A committee selected by the President of the United States is currently reviewing her file as well as the files of the other students who have qualified thus far.

When asked how she felt about being named in the top students of the nation Donna said that "it is a great honor". She also said that she owes a lot to her thesis advisor, Dr. Ford, for all of her patience and understanding.

USA Today said that the top students were selected "for their outstanding blend of scholarship, initiative, creativity, and leadership, and their desire to use their talent to help others." Donna White deserves this honor and the best of luck in the future ahead of her. She is one student who makes the Washington College Community very proud.

Congratulations Donna!

Baer

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the book better". In addition, Baer stated that she will use the time to look for another job, although she is not sure which direction she would like her career to go. She is thinking about continuing to work in Higher Education Administration, but would also like to teach because it would offer her time to research and to interact with students. She is also toying with the idea of living abroad.

Baer concluded by saying that she "will always think fondly of the community" of Chestertown and Washington College.

SGA

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Treasurer Brian Gimelson reported that the SGA has spent $ 1927.23 in club funding so far this semester, and said the SGA was in excellent shape for the remainder of the semester. He also presented a funding request from the Hillel organization for $ 500. President Trout agreed to match SGA funding for Hillel up to $ 250. The senate approved $ 250.

SGA Faculty Advisor Dr. Stewart took a moment to commend the Executive Board what he considered a fine job during their term in office.

Vice President Brook Frank covered several issues in his report. The Academic Council has voted down a proposal to include study abroad grades when a student's GPA is computed. Currently, study abroad grades appear on a transcript but are not used to compute GPAs. This includes every study abroad program.

Frank also reminded senators about the upcoming Student Academic Board meeting. The SAB will be sending out surveys to majors. The comments and criticism from surveys returned are used in compilation of the State of the Major reports. These reports are used by the College to determine where new faculty and courses are needed. Frank stressed the importance of these surveys and reminded the senate that many colleges don't have SGA involvement in this area.

Finally, Frank spoke about his recent trip to Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida. Rollins hired an Activities Director two years ago to help with the "suitcase school" problem. The Activities Director at Rollins has been an amazing success. Frank wants to propose an increase in the Student Activities fee. The current Student Activities Fee is $ 87 for the year for a full time student. The national norm is $ 160. Frank estimates that a raise of $ 25 will generate roughly $ 50,000 which could be used to pay the salary of the Activities Direct as well as provide a group activity fund to finance bands, etc. Frank also wants to circulate a petition urging the renovation of Hodson Hall begin as soon as possible. Included in the renovation would be the enlargement of the Coffee House, Offices for the SGA, and an office for the Activities Director.

Graduate Student David Searles announced the formation of an Environmental Organization, as yet unnamed. The new organization will have a meeting at 7 pm on Monday, March 4, in the Dunning Lecture Hall.

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Academic Computing budget cut

Other budget cuts expected for 1991-1992 school year

Spring time shows itself to the students and faculty of Washington College *photo by: Jeff Hopkins*

By: Kyndra Ponder

The 1991-1992 budget for the Academic Computing Committee has been cut by almost 50%. Next year's budget for the committee will be $25,000 as opposed to this year's budget of $40,000.

In a letter to the Academic Computing Committee, President Trout has stated "We will be presenting a budget that recognizes that we are in a recession, a budget that recognizes that the aggressive increases of the 1980's are not forever sustainable. As a consequence...your original request could not be sustained."

According to the letter, Academic Computing has nearly $100,000 in "soft money" that it has yet to use. Paul Bishop, Director of Academic Computing, states that the money in the fund has been given to the college in grants that are most often earmarked for special projects, such as faculty endowment, adding, "The money is not a surplus."

Although Bishop does not forsee the cuts having a tremendous impact on the quality of service available to the students at Washington College. What the cuts do, however, is "to put pressure on the Academic Computing Committee to find even more sources of outside funding."

Although Bishop believes that the budget cuts "appear to reflect a decrease in the Administration's commitment to Academic Computing" at the college, President Trout said that the ACC is not the only department to suffer budget cuts. When the new budget was proposed, the college was $1.3 Million in the red. Consequently, there had to be cuts. The decrease for the Academic Computing Committee will allow them to maintain the current level of operation, but will prevent the purchasing of new equipment.

Trout also pointed out that the needs of Academic Computing will be evaluated at the beginning of the next school year, and if the cuts appear to be hindering the program, then the budget may be changed.

An interview with Trout:

Tuition, budget cuts, discussed

By: Susie Mazzullo

The Board of Visitors and Governors have recently approved an operating budget that includes an increase in tuition for the coming year.

At the February 16th meeting, it was approved to raise tuition and room and board charges a total of $1142.00. Tuition will be increased $912.00 for a total of $12312.00. Full room and board will be raised $230.00 for a total of $2730.00. The total manount for students with on campus housing and a full board plan will be $17,242.00 for the coming year. Full board will still include the $50 worth of credit at the Snack Bar per semester.

In the letter sent home to parents over Spring Break, it was said that the quality of education that all who care about Washington College have a right to demand, and strong teaching " does not come cheap". In an interview with President Trout, yesterday, he commented that this was the lowest increase in more than twelve years and that students are benefiting from the raise in tuition as more faculty

see TROUT, page 8.

SGA plans spring activities for W.C.

By: Kyndra Ponder

On Tuesday night the SGA prepared for spring activities at Washington College. Most of the business before the Senate dealt with funding for speakers and other social affairs.

Social Chairs, John Buckey and Glen Warner announced that they are very close to signing a contract with the reggae band *Full Stop* to play at the April 27 Luau. Brian Gimelson, SGA Treasurer, asked the Senate to approve $1500 to pay for *Full Stop*. The funds were approved.

Gimelson also stated that the Jr. Class has asked the SGA to co-sponsor a part at the Coffeehouse. The band *Lost in the Supermarket* will play on Friday April 19. The Jr. Class will charge $3 at the door and will split the profits equally with the SGA in exchange for $1500 to pay for the band. The Senate voted to approve the money for *Lost in the Supermarket* and agreed to co-sponsor the event.

Gimelson then reported that he had two requests for club funding . The Ecotopian Society asked for $250 to help fund a guest speaker on April 13 as well as a trip to the Aquarium in Baltimore. The SGA approved the money. In addition, the Washington College Historical Preservation Society asked for $500 to co-sponsor the April 13 guest speaker. Because the society had already been granted $500 for the semester, but has not used the money yet, and no one was present who was able to

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EDITORIAL

To get to the other side

The accident in the crosswalk this past Sunday evening should make one thing terribly clear. The College and the State need to work together to find an alternative to the crosswalk. Although the accident thankfully did not involved a pedestrian, many students can attest to the fact that some motorists just don't feel obliged to slow down or stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk.

We've all read complaints from townspeople about students crossing the street too slowly, but what about the irate motorist who doesn't feel the yield to pedestrians law applied to them? In a student-automobile confrontation, the automobile will most surely win, even if the student strikes back in court later on.

There must be a reasonable solution. Students won't use a bridge over 213, and a tunnel would quickly become a safety hazard. Perhaps the State of Maryland should promoted the use of a 213-Washington College bypass. Instead of bearing right at the Superfresh, motorists could turn left and enjoy the sites of lovely downtown Chestertown.

What about installing a traffic light at the crosswalk instead of the flashing yellow lights? A traffic light that would turn red (within 15 seconds) when a button was pushed by a student giving them 20-25 seconds to cross 213 before the light turned green again. Cities much larger that Chestertown had employed this technique with great success on roads with much more traffic than 213.

In any event, some solution must be found since four dormitories and two parking lots are located on the east side of 213, and the planned Chestertown bypass seems too many years distant. Perhaps now that the Master Plan is all but complete, the College can turn that intensity towards finding an alternative way to cross the street.

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Letters to the Editor

An apology to Women's Softball

To the Editor of the Washington College Elm,

In the March 1, 1991 edition of the Elm there appeared a Spring Sports Supplement. The Elm has apparently overlooked the entire Women's Softball program. This year there are many new faces to unite with the experienced players of the past. In the past we might not have been the best, but we do have a lot of talent and a whole lot of heart. We would appreciate if the Elm would include a softball schedule so we can be supported by our school and the community. We would also like some recognition for all our hard work and dedication to the program.

Sincerely,

The Washington College Women's Softball Team.

To the Washington College Women's Softball Team,

We, at the Elm, salute your devotion to your sport and would like to extend an apology for being unable to include you in the Sports Supplement. We support your efforts, and wish you the best for your spring season.

Again our apologies,
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Amy Tiehel asks Jasper Hopper, Don Steele, Matt Moore, and Chris Kleberg, their opinions on their own and the College's involvement with Volunteerism. Hands Out has another project planned with Echo Hill, see pg 3.

HANDS OUT PROJECT

W.C. opens its eyes to the needs of the community:

Echo Hill, Washington College's second spring project

This Saturday, March 23rd, Hands Out is organizing its second community volunteer activity for the spring semester. The first project, held in February, involved helping to lay the foundation for a house with the Habitat for Humanity organization and was a tremendous success. Over 80 students and faculty members participated. Tomorrow, Hands Out is offering another project to help encourage Washington College's increased involvement with the community. Echo Hill is a non-profit outdoor education school designed to teach people concepts that cannot be relayed in the classroom. The school is annually required to spread fresh mulch and woodchips over their adventure course to maintain the health of the trees and of their equipment. With enough people, the project takes only a day. There will be three shifts, 9 to 11:30, 11:30 to 2, and 2 to 5, and food will be available on cite. Since Echo Hill is located just outside of Betterton, individuals are asked to try and organize transportation, however, rides will be available if needed. Participants are asked to meet a half hour before their shift starts to coordinate rides and/or pick up directions. All are welcome, even if you did not previously sign up in the cafeteria. Hands Out was organized in an attempt to bring the college and the community closer together. The success of Hands Out depends on you.

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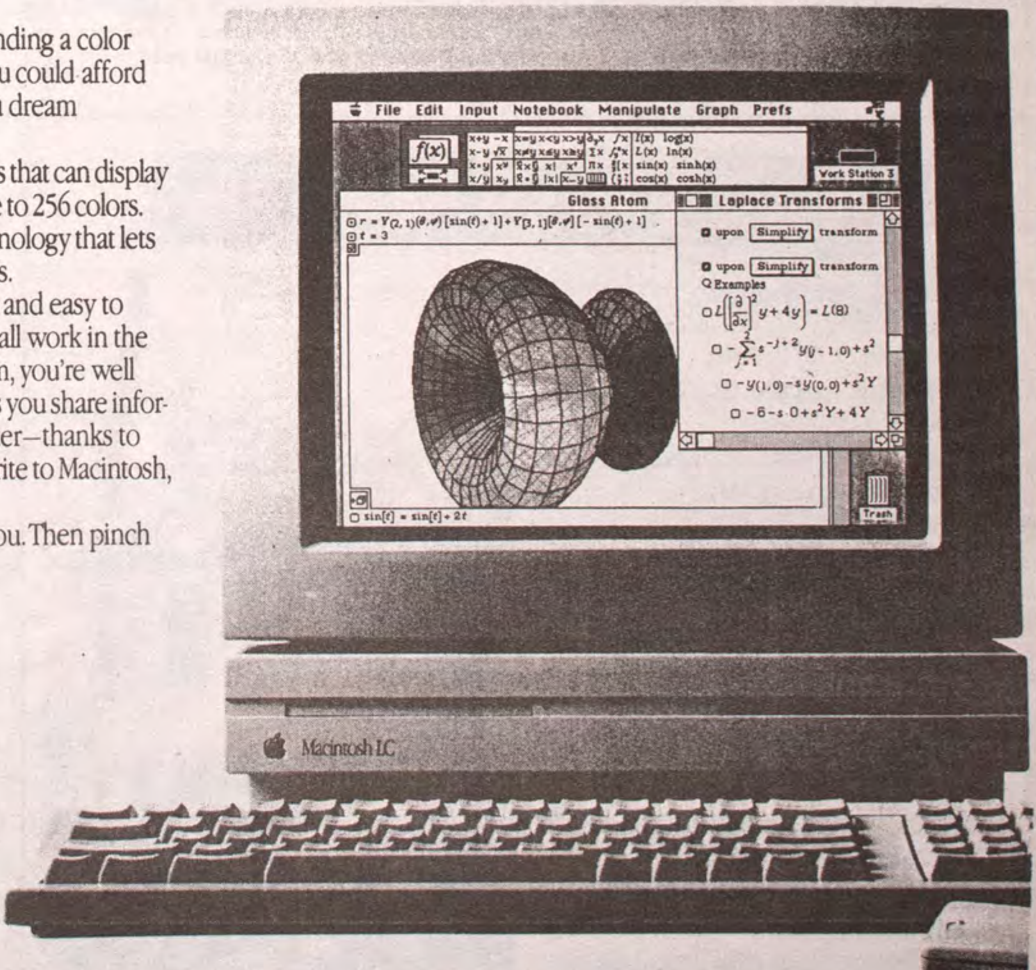

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OUTLOOK

Governor Schaefer "What Kuwait needs is a Master Plan."

Editor's note: This past week, Maryland Governor Wm. Schaefer traveled to Kuwait. On the plane back to Maryland, the Governor was interviewed by a local news team. When asked what he felt the Kuwaitis needed, he replied that they needed to formulate a Master Plan. For those who lived on this campus for the past two to three years, the words "Master Plan" conjure up many images. The Elm solicted these essay from seniors who lived through the Washington College Master Plan, and asked them to write about the possible consequences of sending Clint Baer to Kuwait to direct the "Kuwaiti Master Plan."

GuMBPY: A plan for the Mid-East.

Carolin Leibig

off the cuff

Thank goodness that Clint Baer is on the job in Kuwait. Without his master plan, which will no doubt solve all problems and give us the answers that man has been seeking since the beginning of time, the little emirate would not be able to recover from this glorious war. The Great Baer Master Plan, GuBMPy for short, will begin in the middle of Kuwait and slowly work its way out in a sort of oblong triangular square pattern and in the process will bring all life as we know to a complete and utter halt.

Of course, Gubmpy will require the rebuilding of the Emirs palace first. Hence forth it will be called the KARC (I needn't say what those letters stand for). It will be built in the style of the Trumps Beverly Hills mansion, if the Trumps had Beverly Hills mansion. The elevator will be lined with the most expensive wood on the face of the earth and then Clint himself will carve his name into it. On the floor of the KARC will be placed sheets of really expensive rock. In front of the KARC will be a really big brick *rotunda* . The Emirs children will drive their go-carts on it at high speeds. The Red Brick Road (RBR) will link the KARC to the rest of Kuwait. The road will go right through the heart of Kuwait City and will require every red brick in the Middle East and Indo-China causing red brick stock to go through the roof. During the RBR's construction families will be separated from loved ones just across the street, since they will have to walk for days to get to the store that is a stones throw from their houses. Eventually, however, people will be able to follow the Red Brick Road or walk across it and sit on a nice bench.

Mud will be a predominant feature of the Gubmpy and the people of Kuwait hope that mud pie therapy will help the children recover from the aftershocks of war. A special top-secret government rainmaking procedure developed by NASA will insure that Kuwait will not have a mud shortage during the implementation of Gubmpy. If rain will not be a problem, keeping up with the demand for dirt could be tricky. Baer has already been quoted as saying of his new project: "There's just too much sand in the desert." The bright side of Gubmpy being in the desert is that none of those annoying trees will get in the way of progress and then afterwards a lot of nice simulated artificially real bushes can be planted everywhere.

A highlight of the construction phase will be the noise. No one will be asleep after 7:00 in the morning and the dead will begin their days by 7:25. Right outside the Emir's window it will sound like a pit stop at the Indy 500. Decibel levels will be far out of the safe range and the

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Kuwaiti reconstruction ala WCMPD

Laura Hopper

off the cuff

The Washington College Master Planning Department (WCMPD) recently returned from war-torn Kuwait. Their jobs was to formulate a master plan for the rebuilding of the country. For the uninformed, Washington College, a small liberal arts college located on Maryland's eastern shore, was recently revealed to have the best master planning department in the United States.

The comprehensive plan for the rebuilding of Kuwait can be broken down into several main areas.

1. WCMPD has eliminated parking in Kuwait. It was a daring decision, admits the head of WCMPD, but he feels it will benefit Kuwait in the long run. "After all, it's a small country. They can walk everywhere." The nearest public parking lot is Mohammed's Car and Camel Lot in Baghdad. There is a new "Liberators of Kuwait" parking lot located in downtown Kuwait City, but it's only for special visitors.

2. Kuwait now resembles a forest. Yes, WCMPD felt that friendly green trees were the way to go. The head of WCMPD was quoted by Kuwait radio as saying, "The desert was so beige. Beige is not a happy color." The trees were suffering, however, from a lack of water so WCMPD had some imported. A lake of it, to be exact. All this water, mixing with all that sand means...

3. Kuwait is now one big mud puddle, except of course for the "Liberators of Kuwait" Parking Lot and the "Liberators of Kuwait" highway (which Kuwaitis are not allowed to drive on since there are large poles in the middle of it.) It took talent to turn the desert into mud, but it's only one of the many fine accomplishments of WCMPD. The head of WCMPD was quoted by a Kuwaiti paper as saying "Mud gives it that homey, lived in look. Maybe we'll plant some landscaping in the spring."

Yes, reconstructing Kuwait has been a real challenge for the folks at WCMPD. One of their great accomplishments was combining a new highway with the desire of the Emir for greater public exposure. How did they solve these seemingly unrelated problems? They built the new six lane super highway through the Emir's personal quarters in his palace. The Emir was unavailable for comment, but Kuwaiti motorists report they love getting to wait while his Highness crosses the highway to brush his teeth or get a drink of water. The Emir's popularity is up with Kuwaiti women, one newspaper reports, since he bought a new robe and slippers from Victoria's Secret

The pride and joy of WCMPD's master plan for Kuwait is the rebuilding of downtown Kuwait City. Next to the "Liberators of Kuwait" Parking Lot they built the new "Liberators of Kuwait" palace. This stunning marble and brick edifice comes complete with no-wax marble flooring, gold plated elevator and escalator, central air, Chippendale style garden

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Spring Break in winter, a novel idea

Phil "Slice" Macek

I would like to take this opportunity to vent a little anger about the school's academic calendar, and especially it handling of Spring Break. Remember Spring Break? A time to pay homage to nature's glorious rebirth and celebrate the eagerly awaited return of warm weather. Yet, truth be told, there is one fact about Spring Break that should put one's part plans temporarily on hold—it occurs *during* winter. It seems to me that the omniscient schedule makers at this fine learning center are playing a dirty trick on the student body. I can picture them at a meeting, tucked away in a dimly lit room of the Buntagon attempting to construct our academic calendar. "Let's give those juvenile delinquents Spring Break in the winter. Then, when the warm weather finally arrives, they'll be sweating it out over Romanticism papers (for the over-demanding Dr. Gillin), U.S. History exams, and Biology lab reports; like those social vagrants should be. Especially seniors, we'll move up the final deadlines for their theses so they can't waste their time drinking Milwaukee's Best,™ playing Nintendo,™ or entertaining themselves with a few rounds of campus golf."

However, most students, contrary to the wishes of the schedule makers, do manage to enjoy themselves during Spring Break. Instead of trying to find fun things to do in Chestertown (many have died trying), most fine well-meaning college-aged youths migrate to tropical locales to soak up the rays and alleviate the boredom that a Spring Break spent at home promises (others go with the vacation look by frying themselves in a local tanning salon). Daytona Beach, Florida is a perennial hot bed for Spring Break pleasure seekers. Such hedonistic activities as the "Best Body on the Beach" contests, and all relevant contests, act as nothing more than vents for the libidinous frustrations these admirable collegians keep pent up during the academic year as they ponder the academic value of things like: Marx's doctrines for a classless, egalitarian society, Freud's theories about the Id, Ego, and Superego, Plato's treatment of justice in *The Republic*, and Shakespeare's use of imagery in *Romeo and Juliet*.

Unfortunately, not all students are presented with the opportunity for travel. Alas, these students have to spend their break at home. However, I see the prospect of staying at home for a whole week as not as bad as it seems. In terms of completely resting one's mind, staying at home has no rival. Just think of the countless hours one can spend on the sofa eating Cheeze-its,™ drinking Yoo-Hoos,™ and becoming completely engulfed in television reruns of "The Banana Splits" and "Dragnet." Yes, spending an entire week on a sofa just doing nothing except eating and watching Jack Webb busting inner city drug czars sounds like pure heaven on earth to me.

No matter how one chooses to detach oneself from one's school work, one soon discovers that break is over and the time to make the subsequent odyssey back to our magnificent campus has arrived. Thus, when the warm weather of spring rears its head, students are back in class figuratively chained to their chairs in Bill Smith Hall, helpless to take full advantage of the nice weather that nature has bestowed upon them.

Obviously, moving Spring Break back this year would be impossible. So I only hope that in the future the schedule makers at this school can realize the desire of students to have Spring Break in the spring. Granted, students are awarded the opportunity of enjoying the warm weather, but only as soon as their work is done (this especially relevant to seniors would like to be around on May 19th). There is no worse feeling than being cramped up in one's musty dorm room typing an already late paper while watching friends frolicking outside through the window.

Thus, I propose that beginning next year, Spring Break be moved back to the end of March or the start of April. Students need good quality free time to release their frustrations. Having an appropriately timed Spring Break would be, in effect, a springboard to both student happiness and better performances in the classroom. Hopefully, the schedule makers will realize their horrible blunder and make the necessary changes. A sound mind in a sound body is vital for the survival of the human race in this modern, specialized ultra-complex world.

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SPORTS

Men's lacrosse loses to Navy

By Matt Giller

After defeating Hampden-Sydney 16-7, the Shoremen lost to Springfield, 16-15 in sudden death, and to Navy 17-5.

Over spring break while the rest of the school was relaxing the Shoremen lax team befuddled Division III foe Hampden-Sydney. Kevin Knox dazzled the crowd with an amazing eight goalsand two assists. The Washington College record for goals in a game(10) was set by Joe Seivold against Delaware in 1958.

Freshman attackman Dan Cooper tallied a hat trick and sophomore middie Jed Cronin added a pair of goals as well. Senior middie Greg Rupert and sophomore face-off specialist Blair Muneses added one goal a piece.

The WAC outshot the Tigers 34-32 and took the edge as well in the face-off circle as well by winning 12 of 22 draws. Senior All-American goalie Dave Slomkowski did his part in the net with 17 saves and added a little outside of the net with a (yes, don't adjust your t.v. set) goal.

Last Saturday, the Shoremen lost a heartbreaker to another Division III foe Springfield College. The young Shoremen squad showed signs of early maturity as they battled to even up the score after being down by three goals late in the fourth quarter.

With the Shoremen down a man, Springfield's All-American Greg Clements assisted Chris Holly to end the sudden-death period and a streak where they haven't lost to a Division III opponent outside of Hobart since 1989.

Cronin and Rupert paced the WAC offense with six and four goals repectively. Sophomore Dave Lipinski and Cooper both played extremely well by netting a pair of goals each. Freshman Gibby Semmes, one of the many bright youngsters on this Shoreman squad, netted one goal and assisted on four others. Slomkowski was good but not good enough this time between the pipes saving 17 shots.

In their most recent game paid homage to the military men as they fell to the Midshipmen of the Naval Academy.

An early hat trick by Cooper in the first quarter kept the Midshipmen at bay leading 3-1. However, Navy regrouped and scored 16 unanswered goals enroute to a 17-5 thrashing of the young Shoremen. Jamie Carver and Lipinski each added a goal, while Muneses added two assists.

The Division I powerhouse dominated all facets of the game: shots, 64-16; face-offs 20 of 26.

Women's Lacrosse practing for their away game against F&M this coming Saturday
photo by Jeff Hopkins

Coste breaks College record

Senior Sociology major Sarah Coste from Flowertown, Pennsylvania, broke the College record for goal in a Women's Lacrosse game by scoring 10 goals in Wednesday's 16-10 win against Widener.

Coste was assisted by Senior Amy Tiehl who scored 2 goals, Amy McCleary who scored 2 goals, and Sophomore Samantha Clements who also scored 2 goals.

The Shorewomen will be facing off in an away game against F&M this Saturday at 1 p.m. Their next home game will be next Thursday at 4 pm against Swarthmore. Come out and support your team.

Carroll makes All-American

Washington College's Casey Carroll wins her second All-American honor in as many years.

The Shoreman junior went to Emory, Georgia last weekend the site of the NCAA Division III National Championships. Her time of 17 minutes and 49 seconds was good enough to grant her 13th in the 1650 freestyle. Carroll also finished 17th in the 400 IM with a time of 4:46. Only the best 16 times are given All-American status, however.

While she lowered her school record time by three seconds she only one-tenth of a second from the 16th place finisher.

Although she didn't achieve All-American status in the other two events, the 100 butterfly and the 500 freestyle, Carroll did shatter school records in both events with a 1:04.1 in the 100 fly and a 5:18 in the 500 free.

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Perceiving "The Doors"

by Bruce Hamilton

It depends. It depends on how much of a devoted Doors fan you are. It depends on how many roc-u-mentaries you have seen about the Doors. It depends on your capacity for the willing suspension of disbelief. Can you replace Jim Morrison with Val Kilmer? Cosmetically, he has a vague similarity. The opening scene that frames the whole film with Jim in the studio in Paris, recording An American Prayer. Kilmer seems to portray satisfactorily Jim's swagger, his fatigue and world-weary stupor.

Throughout the movie Kilmer surpasses the obligatory skepticism one might approach Oliver Stone's new film, The Doors. From on stage where Kilmer carries the stage presence and enticing menace that Morrison made a trademark to the playful innocence exhibited in a toothy grin given to a reporter waiting as the band boarded a plane. "Name? Occupation?" The hand that holds the extended microphone asks to each member, culminating with Jim's reply: "Jim," says the brooding figure that evolves into an enigma composed of rebel, dictator, victim, poet/philosopher and hero between the credits of the film.

This movie is not about the Doors. The name is as unlikely and incongruous as Kyle MacLaughlin as the keyboard player, Ray Manzarek. Although fairly well typecast, there are some nuances of character that were simply missed. Of course Mazarek was typified by his rigid disposition, the hip square. But Kyle doesn't pass it off as Manzarek; he looks half the time as if he were ready to accidentally bite his own tongue off. The parts of Robbie Krieger and John Densmore are closer to the mark, and Kilmer's job was paramount to all of these. Even if I were able to overcome my predispositions to Meg Ryan, I wouldn't really be able to see her as Pamela, Jim's part-time girlfriend.

Perhaps it should have been called the Jim Morrison story. Or the Morrison story according to Oliver Stone. Who knows where facts meet reality in the shadowed lives of icons like Morrison? The fabled story of his childhood encounter with dying indians and their disembodied souls is treated eerily in the film, the scene has a wistful sorrow in treating the fateful moment. From there we meet Jim the hitchiker on his way to Venice beach, California: pocket Nietzche in hand.

Jim enters and eventually quits film school after a room of young film-makers critique his work Harshly. His relationship with Manzarek having been established in school, Venice becomes the center for the genesis of the band. In a scene that looked like Gidget was standing a few feet away, Morrison approaches Manzarek and reads the songs he has written. Manzarek persuades Jim to sing one, and he sinks into a croon of "Moonlight Drive" with a look like a meditative trance. Manzarek stares at Jim and says, "those are great fuckin' lyrics!" Hence a band is born.

For the first few scenes of the movie, songs are overdubbed and play like a radio that won't die and create a music-video like scenario. The effect is unsettling: when Jim follows Pamela home and "Love Street" comes on, the movie begins to look as if it plans to continue along a bad beach movie path. When Jim climbs a tree onto her porch and kisses her, the effect is that a bad cliche that sticks in your throat.

The band begins practicing and a scene illustrates also the genesis of a rock 'n roll classic: "Light My Fire". Soon the band is playing the local Whisky-a-Go Go and they are booted one night for performing the revolutionary "The End", because the touchy owner doesn't like the idea of someone screaming "Mother, I want to..." but then we know classical Oedipus reference. Not that Jim's intellectual side is explored, only payed homage by Pamela (Meg Ryan) weeping over his poetry. That same night, the band is approached by Elektra records. They become almost immediate stars and find their way to the Ed Sullivan show, where a great moment in rock 'n roll history took place.

One of the Sullivan show censors tells the band they have a problem with one of the lyrics: "Girl, we couldn't get much higher." They'd like it if the band would say, "Girl, we couldn't get much better." Dig? The result being that Morrison hams it up and makes "higher" the highlight of the song. Their performance on the Sullivan show, however, only heightens their fame. Soon, the band is floating around at a party given by Andy Warhol, played by Crispin Glover in remarkably reptilian form. In another rock-myth/historical moment Nico and Morrison have an interlude in the elevator.

Stone successfully manages to drape the film over several apexes of emotive, intense moments from the initial peyote trip in the desert to the Sullivan show to the tragicomic moment in Florida when Jim gave performance art a new meaning. The Dionysian aspect of Jim Morrison is sufficiently present, as is the lusty, animal "will to power" that fascinated him. The glutton is present, even the philosopher is evident. Even Morrison as mystic is given

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Soviet Popular Culture Lecture

The Washington College Lecture Series will present Richard Stites, Professor of Russian and Soviet History at Georgetown University, discussing "Soviet Popular Culture" Tuesday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sophie Kerr Room of Miller Library at Washington College. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Richard Stites is an award-winning authority on Russian social and cultural history. He has made over 30 visits to the Soviet Union in the last 25 years, supported by fellowships and grants from the Guggenheim Foundation, Fullbright program and other institutions. His major works include the pioneering study *The Women's Liberation Movement in Russia: Feminism, Nihilism and Bolshevism, 1860-1930;* the conceptually imaginative *Revolutionary Dreams—Utopian Vision and Experimental Life in the Russian Revolution* (winner of the 1989 Vucinich Prize), and his most recent book, *Soviet Popular Culture: Entertainment and Society since 1900.* He has worked on many studies of modern Soviet society, including a fascinating anthology of popular songs, tales, plays and movie scripts, and articles on women's history, the family, science fiction and other popular subjects.

Middle East Symposium

A major symposium at Washington College will explore and analyze current U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East and look specifically at the probable results of the Persian Gulf War. Set for Monday, March 25 at 4 p.m., the symposium will be held in the Norman James Theater of William Smith Hall at Washington College in Chestertown. Admission if free and the public is encouraged to attend.

Hisham Melhem, the Washington based correspondent for AS-SAFIR, the leading Lebanese Daily, and Radio Monte Carlo, France, will be participating in the symposium. Melhem's writings have appeared in publications ranging from the literary journal *Mawaqef* to the Los Angeles Times. In addition, he appears regularly on a number of TV programs such as the McNeil-Lehrer News Hour (served as a consultant during the Gulf Crisis), Nightline, Good Morning America, Nightwatch, Cable News Network, and has been a guest at various National Public Radio programs. Melhem participated in the Frontline special, "The Mind of Sadaam Hussein" on PBS.

Melhem frequently speaks on college campuses and in conferences on Middle East Issues ranging from the Gulf crisis, to the Arab-Israeli conflict, Lebanon, US-Arab relations and inter-Arab relations. He is on the list of the speakers of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Experts in the U.S. foreign policy also participating in the symposium include Toni Verstandig, Senior Staff Consultant for the House Congressional Committee on Foreign Affairs; and Richard Cottam, Professor of International Affairs at the University of Pittsburgh.

The participants will discuss U.S. foreign policy in the Gulf since World War II with an emphasis on current U.S. initiatives in the ongoing Middle East peace process. The symposium will be moderated by Washington College Assistant Professor of Political Science Tahir Shad, who comments regularly on the Middle East for WBOC-TV and the regional

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enough attention, complete with vignettes about the ghost of an indian that follows him throughout the film. But the internal Morrison is nowhere to be found. The poet, the dreamer, the psychic explorer: of his creative genius we only catch glimpses and allusions.

Still, the movie is an ideal fairy tale and fitting resting place for the myth of Jim Morrison. It illustrates with a flare the decadence and chaos of a time when real leaders were scarce and times were changing. Hilarious scenes, such as the dinner party that Pamela throws for a few guests in which Jim burns the duck and Pamela tries to knife him (hence causing a quick exodus by the guests), endear the movie to any audience. As a commemorative effort, the movie is a more than satisfactory attempt. Still, I'd rather listen to L.A. Woman and remember one of rock's greatest psychedelic crooner than see the guy from Top Secret pay him tribute.

Bruce Hamilton is the Arts Editor. He is a junior and an English Major, and a long-time Doors fan.

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explain the additional request, the Senate voted to table the $500 request until the next meeting.

Gimelson then asked the SGA to consider asking the college to make the new parking circle in front of Kent a lot reserved for RA and Handicapped parking instead of letting the area sit unused through most of the year. The Senate approved the motion to make a formal recommendation to the college requesting reserved parking.

In addition, President Kelly requested that the SGA make a formal recommendation that the Snack Bar become a no-smoking area because of the $15,000 in renovations that were done during Spring Break. Students are urged to speak to their dorm senators this week to let them know your opinions about the change, and the Senate will vote next week about making the formal recommendation.

President, Kevin Kelly reported that he and former Vice-President Brooke Frank will meet with President Trout today to discuss a raise for the Student Activities Fee. The fee is currently $50 per semester and Kelly and Frank would like to see the fee doubled to $100 per semester. Most of the money would go to the new Student Activities Coordinator who would work closely with the Student Affairs Office and would use the funds for larger scale social events at the school.

Kelly hopes that this change will combat the current trend that the school is facing where many students opt to go away from campus for the weekends and will "bring the college up to the same level as many other schools around." He points out that although the raise is fairly drastic, most other colleges have much more money per student dedicated to social activities, so in reality WC will still be behind the actions of other schools, but we will be catching up.

In conclusion, President Kelly announced that Freshman Class President Lionel Dyson has been appointed SGA Parliamentarian and that he will be sworn in at the next SGA meeting.

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positions are being made and the amount of financial aid available to students has increased.

Trout also commented on budget cuts to be made for the coming school year. He said that this year was a tight budget year and that cuts had to be made. He claimed that the college is continually trying to raise outside money for those things that have to be left out of the budget

WCMPD

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furniture, and plastic columns. Lavish? Perhaps, but both WCMPD and the Emir feel it gives downtown Kuwait City what the Emir described as "That je ne sais pas quoi."

Yes, the people of Kuwait have much to look forward to under the care and guidance of WCMPD. We can only hope they enjoy it as much as we have.

GuBMPy

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Kuwaiti royal family will be deprived of much needed beauty rest. Not only will it be loud, but the bulldozers making all the noise will rip the sidewalk right out from under the feet of ordinary Kuwait citizens as they walk...uh, somewhere (there's not much left, is there). So much for Kuwait, the Gubmpy also has projects in store for the rest of the Middle East.

The Palestinians are a priority for Baer and his Plan. Under the Gubmpy, the Palestinians will receive the western part of Iraq as their new homeland. Baer made this statement concerning Saddam's linkage of the Gulf crisis to the Palestinian issue: "If he likes them so much, let him share his country with them." Many seem to accept this notion. And of course all the countries in the region will have to become democracies and no person over the age of 12 will be allowed to play with weapons of any kind. The democracy thing has not been successful in the region as of yet. Baer claims some breakthroughs have been made, however small they may be. During a recent photo opportunity Baer asked the Emir if his country will soon hold free democratic elections. The Emir responded with this statement: "Uh...have you heard the one about the Kuwaiti peasant and the Palestinian?"

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Professor Art Green visits campus to lecture on drugs and alcohol use and abuse

By: Susie Mazzullo

Professor Arthur Greene, drug and alcohol education program specialist, visited the campus last Monday to teach the students about the use and abuse of drugs and alcohol. The lecture was sponsored by the sororities Alpha Chi Omega and Zeta Tau Alpha and was held in Dunning Lecture Hall on Monday evening at 7:30pm.

Professor Greene is a drug and alcohol education consultant who develops communication programs about the use of drugs for various members of the community. He has developed many programs that he has presented in Virginia and also around the nation.

Professor Greene has lectured at a wide variety of places, from high school and college campuses to maximum security prisons. He has developed programs for industrial and managerial supervisors, police officers, educators, community leaders and military personnel.

Professor Greene is currently a Professor of Sociology at Longwood College. He is also in the process of researching and developing a juvenile drug program, an instructor of "Drugs/Alcohol and Law Enforcement" for the Central Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy, and also instructs "DUI Countermeasures-Standardized Field Sobriety Testing".

The main point of the lecture was to "Do your homework". Professor Greene stressed that he wasn't going to lecture because he was sure that those present had heard it all before. He said that it was important to understand what you were getting into when experimenting with drugs. He stressed that if you were going to take any form of drug then it was wise to research it first - even those drugs that you can buy in the drugstore such as aspirin and cold medicine. "It's not only the illegal drugs that can get you into trouble" he said.

"Opprobrium" was a word that Professor Greene introduced to those present. It is what one should avoid when using drugs and/or alcohol. According to Professor Greene opprobrium means something that brings disgrace, public disgrace or ill fame that follows from conduct considered grossly wrong or viscious: Infamy. When going out, this is what all should try to avoid.

Professor Greene didn't intend to lecture but instead invited discussion and questions. He was more interested in answering questions that the student body had then simply giving a lecture that many of those present had heard before. Questions ranged from the harmful use of steriods to whether drugs that are now illegal will ever be legalized.

On the subject of legalization, Professor Greene replied that he doesn't think that this will ever happen. "If the bottom line is death in determining legalization, then it won't happen. The legal drugs are the ones killing us", he commented. Alcohol, which is legal, is the leading cause of death.

Professor Greene warned against the mixing of alcohol and antibiotics. It is dangerous and unnecessary because the alcohol will negate the medical effect of the antibiotic anyway in most cases. If you are planning on drinking then don't take the medication because it won't work anyway.

He also warned against the recreational use of hallucinogenic drugs. He commented that those using this type of drug seem to be doing so recklessly. The problem that he sees

see GREENE, page 8.

A familiar site on the Washington College campus now that the spring showers are upon us. Warmer days are just around the corner!

Books, books, books! Now that the end of the semester is upon us, many W.C. students are apending a lot of time in the library- especially seniors.

Middle East forum held

By: Susie Mazzullo

The Goldstein Program in Public affairs presented a lecture on "U.S Foreign Policy in the Middle East" on Monday March 25 from 4:00 - 6:00pm in the Norman James Theatre.

Hisham Melhem, the Senior Correspondent for AS'SAFIR, Newspaper of Lebanon, and Tamara Hermann, a Professor of Political Science at Tel Aviv University and a visiting professor at Princeton University this year were the two speakers for the afternoon.

Mr. Melhem received his BA from Villanova University, and his Masters and PhD from Georgetown University. He bagan his talk by giving a panoramic overview of the Middle Eastern area before the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait last August and the effects that the war has had on that area. He described the Arab world as "not only a house divided but a house with no roof" and that they were the real losers in the war .

Tamara Hermann received both her BA and Masters from Tel Aviv University and is a specialist in Israeli foreign policy. She described the current conditions in Israel and said that national security was of the utmost importance to those

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EDITORIAL

The even higher cost of higher education

For those who missed it, the President of Yale University was on TV Wednesday night talking about the rising costs of a college education. In light of the recent letter sent home about Washington College's latest tuition hike, the issue of costs seems a timely one.

Universities across the country raise tuition every year, so it's not a phenomena unique to Washington College. What is distressing is the scale of the hikes. During the Cater years, tuition went up at least $ 1000 per year. If this continues, this years freshman class will be paying $ 20,000 for their Washington College education by their senior year. Will Washington College still be a "best buy" then, President Trout?

To keep from driving away talented applicants, this college had better learn the art of "creative financial aid" and fast.

Letters to the Editor

oops, we goofed

Last week, in Kyndra Ponder's SGA article, it was mistakenly reported that the SGA receives, per student, per semester, $ 50 from the Student Activities fee. The article should have stated that the SGA receives $ 25, per student, per semester from the Student Actvities fee. SGA president Kevein Kelly, and former Vice President Brooke Frank have proposed raising the Student Activities fee so that the SGA will receive $ 50, per student, per semester. The Elm regrets the error.

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CAMPUS VOICES

Issue: Why are you a volunteer?

Volunteerism, true "heart work"

(Charming smile) "Hi! What are you doing this Saturday...can you help..." Gotcha! You're in—I've lured you into the foreboding abyss of VOLUNTEERISM!

Such a college word, right up there with idealism, realism, naturalism, and I know the concept of having enough free time to actually volunteer can often seem so abstract. But it isn't at all! It isn't hard to understand if you look at the word closely and correctly—volunteerism, not voluntearism. Giving a little of your free time isn't going to tear and rip your body apart, or physically harm you, but rather, it harmlessly touches and refreshes from the inside: in your heart.

I've discovered from my experiences that volunteeering is a good aerobic exercise that my body needs to function. No, I'm not saying I'm saint who volunteers every day, just every now and again. So many people and organizations right here in Chestertown could use vibrant WC faces with willing, helping hands to accomplish the projects in our community.

Through my recent involvement in the Hands Out organization and other local activities, I've found an opportunity here on campus to devote a couple of hours a month, along with a lot of other people's time, to help develop our community. I also work occasionally at the Magnolia Hall nursing home on Saturday afternoons with some friends, coordinating spring bulletin boards, calling bingo, and shopping for the elderly—it's a minimal amount of time.

VOLUNTEERING. It's another part of my Saturday, as natural as taking a shower—I don't even like to label it volunteer work, it sounds like too much effort. So, let's call it "heart" work, and not let the label "volunteer" underestimate the true depth and reward received from giving for a few hours each month.

Kathy Mullen

It's natural and simple, then, not as intimidating as it seems. That little time fuels a flicker of a glow in your heart...so the next time you feel the need for real aerobic exercise, pull on a sweatshirt and find any place to give some time and release that energy. It's as simple as that!

"Volunteering for such projects broadens our college experience beyond the social dimension. It also maintains good relations between the college and community, in a town where they are so dependent upon one another."

Kristy Hilgartner
Junior
Baltimore, MD

"Gaining the personal satisfaction of giving back to the community. It is a wonderful opportunity to offer your services to those who are not as well off."

Chris Grahm
Freshman
Fredrick, MD

"Usually the projects are a lot of fun and it's a change to get away from campus life and see more of the community."

Amy Osborne
Freshman
Marietta, OH

"The national fraternity of Phi Delta Theta as a whole prides itself in serving the campus as well as the local community. Volunteering is a perfect, as well as rewarding opportunity for us all in the fraternity to give back to the community."

Chris Kleberg
Sophomore
Kingsville, TX

"I have fun. I enjoy meeting people from campus and the community. The more people who are involved the more fun we have. It's also a way of giving something back to Washington College and the Kent County community."

Maria Jerardi
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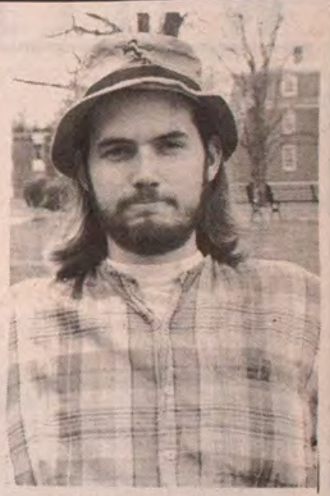

"So as not to disappoint our spiritual and ethical leader, the Great Pharaoh Benjamin T. Hinkle, who once said, "Ask not what your community and local outdoor school can do for you, but what you can do for your community and local outdoor school"

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OUTLOOK

Political correctness and Liberation Theology

Alas, the specter of political correctness has reared its ugly head at Washington College. The Trojan horse within our walls is actually a philosophy seminar. Before it was too late, the students of Philosophy 420 Liberation Theology have been saved from the horrors of an oppressive, imperialistic, racist, phallicratic, and eurocentric value-system. This can hardly pass without a remark from the profoundly politically impaired.

Truth be known, Liberation Theology is not a class at all. This seminar is an attempt to teach openness. Openness has incalculable value. It make possible the quest, through reason, for knowledge of the objectively good. To the open-minded, everything and anything is acceptable and equally valid, except of course, the slim possibility that this idea is radically wrong. Openness grants us the illusion that the absence of principle looks principled.

Edward Elfenbein

The course, taught by Peter Tapke and Kevin Brien is a veritable gold mine for the conspicuously compassionate. Philosophy 420 is described as concentrating on five areas of liberation thought, "(1) black liberation, (2) feminist liberation, (3) third world liberation, (4) gay and lesbian liberation, (5) green theology, supporting the environmental movement to liberate all life from planetary destruction and pollution." Not only do you have a chance to bash wealthy, Western straight men, but you get credit for it.

The helplessly open-minded will quickly defend this class as a simple examination of liberation theology, not an advocacy. The course description does claim that "Criticisms of liberation theology will be considered." Considered false, that is. From the open-minded viewpoint, homosexual philosophy is far more relevant that the philosophy of Plato, a homosexual. It is this kind of open-mindedness that has brought personkind to its present stage of enlightenment.

Democratic education must produce men and women who have the knowledge to

see Elfenbein, pg 8.

In the world: Iraqi domestic crisis continues

IRAQ:

U.S. neutrality in the battles raging between rebel groups and forces loyal to Saddam Hussein was reaffirmed by Bush administration officials on Tuesday. U.S. military forces would not be used to protect civilians and armed rebels seeking to overthrow Husseins government. All major administration spokesmen also confirmed that widespread civilian deaths and atrocities were occuring in the conflict, but that this would not change Bush's policy of not getting involved in the fight to topple Hussein. "We don't intend to involve ourselves in the internal conflict in Iraq," said White House press secretary Marlin Fitzwater. The restatement of the U.S.'s policy in Iraq came after calls from Kurdish and Shiite rebel groups for help in repelling Hussein's forces. Fitzwater said that the U.S. would not shoot down the helicopter gunships being by Hussein against the rebels unless they posed a threat to U.S. forces still in the area. Basic policy toward Iraq maintains that its own populations should determine its leadership. Meanwhile, in Iraq, the commander of Kurdish military insurgents invited Iraqi opposition leaders to meet and discuss the setting up of provisional government that would replace Hussein's government. They have not reached an agreement and the battles between the forces loyal to Hussein and the rebels continue.

SOVIET UNION:

Confrontation between Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and the pro-democracy opposition was heightened today when supporters of Russian leader Boris Yeltsin promosed to defy a Kremlin ban on demonstrations, and coal miners refused to suspend their month-long strike. In retaliation, Gorbachev took stronger measures to prevent the demonstrations. He ordered the Interior Ministry to assume control of law enforcement in Moscow, which effectively strips the pro-Yeltsin city of controlover the police there. The leaders of the the Democratic Russia movement said they would ignore gorbachev's decree, which would outlaw demonstration for the next three weeks, and would hold a pro-Yeltsin rally on the first day of an emergency session of the Russian republics parlaiment next Thursday. More than 300,000 striking coal miners in the Ukraine and Siberia said they would not obey a draft decree by the Supreme Soviet suspending the strike for two months. The miners support Yeltsin and believe that Gorbachev "deceived" the country by moving towards a more authoritarian policy. In a 90-minute televised interview, Gorbachev denied he had moved to the political right and said that the opposition forces had "no concrete program" and were "merely trying to stir up society" by taking advantage of the nation's current economic crisis.

GERMANY:

East Germany's Stasi secret police helped West German terrorists plot a campaign of assassinations and bombing against American and other targets from the late 1970s until the fall of the East German regime, prosecutors said Wednesday. While unemployment and dicontent continue to rise in eastern Germany, the events of the past make it difficult to resuscitate the formerly Communist society. A newspaper in Berlin has begun printing the names and former salaries of Stasi officers, many of whom tried to hide their association with the secret police as they looked for new jobs in the newly reunified Germany. With former East German communist leader Erich Honecker now in Moscow, he is out of the reach of German authorities who want to try him for manslaugher. German prosecutors today moved against some of Honecker's most senior aides. Among the terrorist attacks that the Stasi were involved with was the car-bombing of the U.S. Air Force headquarters at Ramstein Air Base on August 31, 1981, in which 20 people were injured. The Satsi apparently provided the weapons and training for this attack. One German official said of this latest discovery concerning the Stasi: "This will go on and on."

Compiled by Carolin Leibig from the Washington post.

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FEATURES

Downpours didn't dampen spirits: Echo Hill

Amy Tiehel

Despite very adverse weather conditions this past Saturday, twenty Washington College students showed impressive commitment helping with the Hands Out second spring project. The project involved helping Echo Hill prepare their adventure course for this spring. Echo Hill is a non-profit Outdoor school which offers students positive learning experiences in the area of Science and Ecology, History and Human Environment, and Individual and Group Development. The outdoor adventure course, known as the Quicksilver Project, fosters individual and group development. Each year Echo Hill is required by law to spread truck loads of wood chips on their entire adventure course to preserve the health of the trees. Hands Out was instrumental in organizing Washington College volunteers for the task.

As with Habitat for Humanity, the day was divided into three two and a half hour shifts that students could sign up for. Unfortunately, many students signed up but did not actually come to the project because of the intimidating downpour. During the first two shifts only three people showed up. By the last shift more students did arrive. Five car loads of very committed, eager students drove out to the site to help make up for lost time and work. Senior Jennifer Mauser, who helped organized the work day, had been present at the first shift and had come to help with the last, was a bit skeptical in light of all that had to be done. "Because of the weather, the project seemed formidable at the beginning of the day. But the 2:00 shift produced a small group of very efficient workers and by 4:30, we had almost everything finished. I was impressed with what a group of enthusiastic people can accomplish while having a great time."

The emphasis on Saturday was definitely on commitment. The rain drove many away but the work still had to be done. Thanks to the students who did show up, the day was a success in more ways than one. Erin Hodge-Williams, founder of Hands Out, stated, "After working with a project such as Hands Out you quickly learn the difference between talkers and doers. Saturdays events a lot of doers. The individuals and group members that showed on Saturday, as well as to past projects, have really given me a lot of hope for what Hands Out can be."

The day was a success. The brothers of Phi Sigma, who were present at the first Hands Out project, were the main source of workers on Saturday. They made an important statement that any organization can not only become involved in activities helping the community, but also have a great time doing it. Sophomore Sig Mark Brewen said, "It was hard work, but a great time; it was well worth my Saturday afternoon." Mike Mathias, head of the Phi Sigmas, added, "In the spirit of Hands Out

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Men's tennis loses to Claremont

Last Saturday hooked up two of the hottest tennis teams in Division III, Claremont College of California and Washington College (5-3) played in Swarthmore, Pa. The sixth-ranked Shoremen unfortunately fell 6-3 to fourth-ranked Claremont that saw a couple of upsets.

Matt Giller

Claremont, which has played 15 matches already this season, lost to our own Scott Read at first singles with a 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 defeat over Lance Au, ranked third in Division III. However, at the end of the singles, the Shoremen were decisively trailing 4-2.

Read continued his winning ways on the doubles slab as well. Paired with Irakli Metreveli, the doubles team, which is ranked seventh in the country, drubbed the second ranked team in the nation, Au and Ryan McKee, 7-6, 6-3.

Ninth ranked McKee shocked the seventh ranked player, Shoremen's Metreveli, at second singles, 6-1, 7-6.

At fourth singles, the WAC's Alberto Diaz salvaged the only other victory.

The loss to Claremont snapped a four-match win streak by the Shoremen. The WAC lost only three matches to spring break foes, Wheaton, Christopher Newport and Averett College. When they returned home for their first match after break against American, they mopped up the AU racketeers 9-0. The Shoremen's only loss During the spring trip was to Davidson, 5-4, a Division I foe.

This Saturday the WAC host a doubleheader. Starting at 10 a.m., they hit the new courts against SUNY-Binghampton. At 2 p.m. the Shoremen hope to blow out Ursinus.

Matt Giller is a senior International Studies major who dabbles in Renaissance art reproductions.

Fall leads improved softball squad

By Andy Parks

Women's softball head coach, Penny Fall wants her squad eventually to get the respect it deserves. When asked about her team, Coach Fall can only answer optimistically.

"The kids on the softball team are so dedicated and have a great committment to winning...", says Fall. "We may not attract the athletes that [some teams at WC] attract, but it does not negate my players' effort."

After finishing 3-15 last year, several games by three runs or less, the major tasks according to Fall will be to "work on the fundamentals, work hard on consistency, and find the right combinations".

Though she lost three starting seniors, including co-MVP, Tracey Coleman, Fall returns last year's second co-MVP, Edna Diefenderfer. Diefenderfer, a junior from Preston, Maryland, will head up what Fall describes as a strong defense up the middle. Not only will the junior start at shortstop, but she will use her "decent fastball and good control" to fill the number two pitching slot.

Junior, Shannon Cupka, will also rely on good control to nail down the position of number one hurler on the club. When Diefenderfer is on the mound, Cupka will cover the right corner of the infield at first base.

Completing a tough battery will be catcher, Kathy Brewster, a junior and one of two captains. Fall describes Brewster as a tough catcher who "handles pitchers well and never flinches when she takes a hit".

At second-base, Fall has probably her hardest worker with senior and co-captain, Jill Reppert. Reppert was moved from the outfield to second "to provide experience and positive reinforcement on the infield". With Reppert at second, Fall has a player with great reflexes, a good arm, and excellent quickness.

Sophomore, Marie Mohler, will be the starting centerfielder for Fall. Mohler, an outfielder with a strong arm, great range, and good speed, is the best outfielder that Fall has ever seen. "If it's humanly possible to catch it, Marie will.", praises Fall.

At third-base, Fall has Caroline Jensen, the only freshman in the starting lineup. Fall placed Jensen at the hot corner to take advantage of her great fielding ability. Jensen possesses the quickness that should erase the opponent's bunting attack, respected as a valuable weapon in women's softball.

In left-field will be, Jen Rupert, a sophomore from Saverna Park. The time in right-field will be shared by heavy-hitting sophomore, Lori Hastings, and one of the most improved players from last year, senior, Jen Brown.

Sophomore, Christy Harris, from Greensboro, Maryland will see time at first-base when Cupka pitches. Freshman, Denise Marshall, a "very solid hitter" will be the designated hitter and back up Brewster behind the plate.

Fall's number three pitcher will be Debbie Smetherst, who will also play in the outfield. Backing up Jensen at third will be Kathleen Kwap, a utility infielder with "good hands and a great arm".

Backing up the outfielders will be freshman, Anne McDermaid, who is currently nursing a stress fracture in her foot. Sophomore, Julie Dill, and freshman, Wendy Debnam, will also see time in the outfield.

Fall commented that she needs more games to tell actually how the season should go. However, after the team takes a week "to solidify things", it should be a pretty good season for Fall's Lady Shoremen.

The WAC plays host to Dickinson Saturday in a twinbill starting at 1 p.m.

Men's lax loses to Alfred

By Matt Giller

The return of Jed Cronin and Dave Slomkowski's outstanding job between the pipes was not enough to defeat the sixth-ranked Alfred University (5-0), 7-3.

The rain-soaked Kibler set the tone for the game as it hosted a low-scoring affair.

The much more experienced Saxons got on the board first. In the second quarter Jed Cronin, who sat out the Navy game because of a badly sore ankle, evened the score at one. The sophomore middie, however, re-injured his ankle and was less than 100% for the remainder of the contest.

Alfred went on top again later in the second quarter to take a halftime lead of 2-1.

The Saxons scored two unanswered goals before freshman attackman Gibby Semmes and freshman middie James Carver hooked up to trim the Saxon lead to 4-2.

The Shoremen (1-4) were unable to mount any scoring threat, however, for the rest of the game. Senior Greg Rupert scored the last goal for the WAC.

Slomkowski had 10 saves and the Shoremen outscooped the Saxons in groundballs 48-40. The Saxons did, however, outshoot the WAC 24-20.

The Shoremen face-off against the defending Division III champion Statesmen of Hobart. Starting time 1:30.

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

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R.E.M. releases timeless album

by Joe Hamilton

R.E.M albums are hard to talk about. They make them that way: murky, obscurantist, and highly impressionistic. Yet for all the disconcerting elements of an R.E.M album, they are usually hummable if not danceable. Hence their success. Murky dance rock. It's fitting that as each album R.E.M. puts out becomes increasingly lucid, both lyrically and musically, cries of commercialism and artistic corruption are flung at them. Out of Time, the band's latest album, is sure to arouse indignation in the "I-listened-to-R.E.M.-when. . . " elitists, but it is also sure to attract new listeners. Either way a success.

The first noticeable difference about this album from their other six albums is the inclusion of string and horn arrangements and outside "star" cameos. In the way of strings and the like, there are violins, cellos, saxophones and a flugelhorn. On the star front, there is an appearance by KRS-1 from Boogie Down Productions and Kate Pierson of the B-52's. There are those cynics that will say that the addition of strings and guests is the definition of washed-up. These people haven't heard Out of Time , or they are scrambleheads.

Side one, the "Time" side, begins with "Radio Song," a tune that goes from a quick, sort of jangly funk, that is not too far from what one expects from the band, to a slow string filled interludes. As if that alternation isn't bizarre enough, rapper KRS-1 ends the song with a rap about radio promoting class violence. A funky symphonic tune with a black socialist rap. Did someone say washed-up?

The song that starts off side two, the "memory" side, is "Shiny Happy People." Also an upbeat song, this one will more than likely arouse disinterest on the part of some due to its trite, poppy lyrics. Lines like shiny happy people holding hands and shiny happy people laughing or there's no time to cry/ happy happy/ put it in your heart where tomorrow shines abound. This song with written though to intentionally make people smile. The way the vowels are put together, all those "e" sounds at the end of lines makes ones mouth curl into a smile. Clever. Besides, Kate Pierson sings harmony with Stipe so well you'd think the song was about her.

The real charm of the album, though, is in the warmth and intimacy of the new clarity

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Drama department presents Chekhov's *The Three Sisters*

by Clay Eichelberger

The Three Sisters, considered by many to be one of Anton Chekhov's finest plays, will be produced by the Drama Department next week in Tawes Theater. The play, written by Chekhov near the turn of the century, concerns the lives of Olga, Masha, and Irina, three sisters who live in a small Russian town and long to return to the Moscow they remember from their childhood. Throughout the play, the sisters' lives bring them both happiness and disappointment as they come to realize the distinction between what they have and what they dream of having.

Some of the themes dealt with in the play include the escape of time, laughter, tears, and the illusions that people create to supplement reality. Through it all, the relationship between the three sisters remains constant and strong. Senior Cindy Croot, who plays Olga, the eldest of the sisters, is intrigued by the sisters' relationship. "The most fascinating thing is the way in which these sisters rely on one another and trust one another," she says. "Their bond is so strong, the dramatic action of the play hinges on it."

Though not a comedy, the play contains much humor, which may come as a surprise to those accustomed to thinking of Chekhov's writing as heavy and serious. Throughout the rehearsal process, members of the cast have been encouraged to see that humor and let their characters enjoy themselves. Senior Brett Lankford, in the role of Kulygin, husband of one of the sisters, feels that this presents a challenge. "I think that probably when you first look at a Chekhov play, you're not immediately struck by [the humor]. There is some humor which is obvious, but some of it is on a deeper level, which is interesting, because it makes it more challenging to bring that across."

Seniors Jacque Collins and Felicia Shakman join Croot in playing the title roles in a large cast which also includes Martin Buinicki, Scott Cagan, Clay Eichelberger, Stephanie Hess, Lankford, Tim Madison, John Need, Carl Pupa, Ed Schroeder, Rob Thompson, and Lisa Woodcock, with Jason Imber as stage manager.

The play is directed by department chair Timothy Maloney, with set and lights designed by associate professor Jason Rubin. Original music was composed especially for this production by Kate Bennett. Dates for the production are Thursday through Saturday, April 4, 5, and 6, at 8:00 PM. No reservations are required.

Clay Eichelberger is a senior drama major who hopes everyone will come to the show.

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of sound and voices. Singer Michael Stipe's lyrics are now easily discernible and also, let's face it, make more sense. Not to disparage Stipe's earlier surrealistic and impressionistic lyrics, but these seem so much more vibrant with emotion and personal depth. On the song "Half A World Away," the band sounds reminiscent "You Are The Everything." With acoustic guitar, organ and mandolin, the song is stark and confessional. The power of Stipe's voice is so evident it is no wonder that they choose now to emphasize it. Stipe sings beautifully. The songs lyrics are typical of the quality and emotional appeal of the new R.E.M.: This could be the saddest dusk/ that ever seemed to turn to the miracle./ I'm alive. My mind is racing./ as it always will. My hands tired,/ my heart aches, I'm half a world away.

The song "Texarcana" is the most obviously R.E.M. sounding song on the record. The addition of the slide guitar adds a slight country feel, and the lyrics are again directed more toward emotion than cerebral surrealism. Sung most clearly by Mike Mills, the band's bassist, the song still has the depth: I would give my life to planet, I would give it all. Catch me if I fall. The last line sung by Stipe repeatedly at the end.

This use of repetition endings is prevalent on the album. "Country Feedback," perhaps the most emotionally expressive song on the album, and in my opinion, Stipe's strongest performance. Acoustic guitars, pedal steel guitar, a loud feedback-laden guitar, and bells, give this slow song a brooding, plodding quality. As the general themes of the album are love, time, and memory, this song speaks of clearly of them: I was central, I had control, I lost my head, I need this. I need this. And as the song build to the fade-out in which Stipe sings for all he's worth, It's crazy what you could have had, it's crazy what you could have had, I need this. I need this.

The albums other tracks are also highly notable. "Low" is untypically R.E.M. in its instrumentation (congas?) but is more typical Stipe-style lyrics. Definitely a plus here. "Belong" is more a prose reading set to music than it is a song and for that reason is extremely cool. Whoever said they were washed-up was silly. "Losing My Religion" is another string arrangement song, but it also has the mandolin on it. Beautifully sung and hauntingly confessional, the mix is weird. Decidedly another plus. I'll admit, although I'm raving this album up like nothing since the Beatles, there are two weak tracks: "Near Wild Heaven" and "Endgame," the latter being an instrumental. They are good, but they are not as intense as the others. The last track, "Me in Honey," is another more typically R.E.M sounding rock tune.

R.E.M. are not only not washed-up, they are at their creative peak. Success does not always mean a group has lost its integrity. Out of Time is excellent. Saying much else is pointless. Hear it.

Joe Hamilton is a junior, and is not related to the Arts Editor.

Echo Hill

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it shouldn't matter if you are a member of an organization, or for that matter which organization you may or may not be involved in. But on the other hand, groups are prime opportunities for reaching people. This is one reason we have had such a good turn out. The response through our fraternity has been very positive. With each project we have had people show up who didn't even sign up. Realistically large campus organizations can reach more people. Hands Out could do so much more if everyone took part."

By 4:30 most of the work that could be completed that day was finished. It is ironic that Echo Hill is a school designed to teach individuals about cooperation because, coincidentally, by the end of the day those who helped learned just that. Freshman George Jaimison felt this way as well saying, "As a member of Hands Out I was impressed with the outcome and the display of enthusiasm and teamwork, especially considering the weather. It was a great success." Above all else, however, Echo Hill was fun. It was a day to do something different and do something for someone else.

Hands Out has one more event schedules for April 20th which will involve painting a barn for Camp Fairlee Manor, a camp for physically and mentally handicap individuals. Also on April 20th, Hands Out will be encouraging faculty to help plant trees around the community in honor of Earth Day.

In addition to group projects Hands OUt has compiled a directory of individual volunteer activities. Directories can be picked up in the Career Development Office. Hands Out also has a mail box in Central Services if you have any questions, comments or ideas.

Elfenbein

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support a democratic regime. President Trout said at his inauguration that "Education must include a moral and social dimension." While this sounds perfectly groovy, it misses the point. Education can not be value-free, it inherently carries moral baggage. When higher education concerns itself with the latest in "lesbian thought," what, pray tell, is it higher than?

Washington College may soon be joining the list of institutions who seek to have its students march in lockstep uniformity under the name of diversity. All lovers of academic freedom must beware, big sibling is watching.

Greene

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is that a whole group will take the drug together and they won't leave anyone there who is straight to take care of the others that are tripping. "This is not something to lightly mess with."

One main reason he stated that those using this kind of drug should be especially careful was because the reaction to it could be very different from person to person. It could be good or it could be very bad. He also warned that after using the drug no one comes out the same way psychologically. "The word space cadet has real meaning", he said concerning those who use hallucinogenics.

Professor Greene suggested meditation as a substitute for drug use. He commented that it will induce the same drug like experience and is natural and not harmful.

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living there. She predicted that the most probable outcome of the recent crisis was that Israel would retain the present status quo and strive toward gradual autonomy .

A reception and dinner followed the presentation.

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U.S. Ambassador to Japan to speak at 1991 Commencement

Michael Hayden Armacost, United States Ambassador to Japan, will address Washington College's 209th commencement class on Sunday, May 19, and will receive the College's honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

Armacost has had a long and distinguished career in foreign service and international relations. He assumed his post as twenty-thire U.S. Ambassador to Japan in May of 1989. Prior to that appointment he served for five years as Under Secretary for Political Affairs at the Department of State working with Secretary George Schultz. From 1982-1984 Armacost was Ambassador to the Philippines during the critical and sensitive period prior to the election of Mrs. Corazon Aquino. Armacost also served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs (1980-82). Deputy Assistant secretay of Defense (1978-80), senior staff member for East Asia at the National Security Council (1977-78), and special assistant to the Ambassador to Japan (1972-74). He was s member of the Policy Planning Staff at the State Department first in 1969-72 and again in 1974-77.

In addition to his career in diplomacy, Armacost has held academic posts as a lecturer at Georgetown University (1971-71) and at John Hopkins University (1970-71), as a visiting professor of international relations at the International Christian University in Tokyo, Japan (1968-69), and as assistant professor and instructor in government at Pomona College (1962-68).

Armacost is the recipient of awards for distinguished and meritorious service from the Secretary of State, the President and the Department of Defense. He is also the author of The Foreign Relations of the U.S. (Dickenson Press, 1969) and The Politics of Weapons

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Dr. John Taylor was recently appointed acting Dean for 1991-1992 school year. *Photo by: Jeff Hopkins*

Dr. Taylor appointed dean of the college

By: Susie Mazzullo

Dr. John Taylor has recently been chosen to be Acting Dean of the college for the 1991-1992 academic year. The position thus far is temporary and only covers the next school year. He will be replacing Dean Elizabeth Baer who is leaving to finish work on her manuscript.

Dr. Taylor is currently Department Chair in political science and teaches a number of courses as well as manages advisees.

Next year Dr. Taylor is scheduled to continue teaching only one course. Law and Society will be team taught by Dr. Taylor and whoever is chosen to replace him. The reasons for this he explains are because someone who is coming out of graduate school will probably not be prepared to teach a course such as this one and he did not want to drop the course from the schedule altogether.

He also explained that his current advisees will be well taken care of .Because he was Department Chair this past year, Taylor explained that he didn't have any freshman advisees and his sophomore advisees have now declared their majors. This left him with only those students majoring in political science. Dr. Taylor said that they won't have to be shuffled around because Dr. Premo will automatically take them over as advisees when he returns as Departmental Chair for the political science department. .

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Sherry Magill announces resignation

By: Susie Mazzullo

Sherry P. Magill, Vice President and Deputy to the President, has announced her resignation beginning immediately following Commencement in May. She has since accepted the position as program officer for the Jessie Ball DuPont Religious, Charitable and Educational Fund in Jacksonville, Florida.

Magill has been at Washington College since 1983. She was hired originally as the executive director of the Wye Faculty Seminar. The Seminar is a program that "assists professors in small leveral arts colleges in relating their teaching to the broad issues of citizenship in the American polity," as explained in its brochure.

She was then offered the position of part time Executive Assistant to President Cater the next year. Her position as director of the Why Faculty Seminar was also at the time only part time. Three years later she was promoted to Vice President and Deputy to the President. Of her years her at Washington College, Magill responded "I have enjoyed them enormously and have had a long and mutually beneficial relationship with the college."

During her years here at the college Magill has also taught courses in History and American Studies. She has a PhD in American Studies.

This semester Magill is team teaching a course ith Dean Elizabeth Baer entitled Southern Voices. Magill commented that she was very appreciative that she was given the opportunity to teach here at Washington College and that she will miss it a great deal.

Magill claimed that her decision was entirely her decision and that she knows that this will give President Trout the opportunity to hire a new key person for his staff. "I have a great deal of respect for Dr. Trout and he will have an enormously successful administration."

In her new position with the Jessie Ball Dupont Fund, Magill will be working with in-

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Sherry Magill, current Vice President and Deputy to the President, announces her resignation.
Photo by: Jeff Hopkins

EDITORIAL

Sunny weather and spring fever

Spring, all warm and balmy weather, seems to be heading into the Chestertown area. With all the sunny days, and clear blue skies, it's very easy to lose track of time, and forget one's obligations. The way nearly half of the SGA senate did. Tisk, tisk. So, while the truant senators, and they know who they are, were out, the remainder of the Senate, the executive board, and interested onlookers sat in the Sophie Kerr room waiting for enough senators to arrive to make a quorum.

Now these missing senators were not serving their constituents the way they promised to all the way back in September when they were elected. Attendance at SGA meetings has been a bit lax of late, leading SGA president Kevin "Sparky" Kelly to vow that next year excessively absent senators will be impeached. Did the SGA really learn nothing from last spring's escapades? Oh, the ghosts of amendments not passed and Senators not attending. Yes, as the year winds down, there does seem to be less and less reason to go to meetings since most of the juicy stuff is behind us. However, we all have our jobs to do, and it would be nice if the Senators could show up to do theirs, considering the meetings usually last for under an hour.

Letters to the Editor

Liberation theology and the Conservative Inquisition

The Conservative Inquisition has finally arrived at Washington College! It seems Edward Elfenbein, in his letter on political correctness and Liberation Theology, wants to perpetuate the sort of "liberal" bashing that has pervaded so many other college campuses.

For those that aren't familiar with the latest academic witch-hunt, many college faculties have been accused of imposing "liberal" values upon rightly dissenting students. Supported with anecdotal evidence, the self-proclaimed vanguards-of-free-thought claim that those students who dare oppose the liberal indoctrination are flunked or forcibly barred from the classroom. Supposedly, this policy of political correctness has pervaded nearly every liberal arts college.

Liberation Theology analyzes Black, Feminist, Latin American, Gay/Lesbian, and Environmental interpretations of Christianity. Mr. Elfenbein claims that the philosophy department, by offering this course, is participating in an insidious, liberal plot to "have its students march in lockstep uniformity under the name of diversity." Apparently, he believes that students are forced to agree with the liberation theologians, and this constitutes political correctness. Quite simply, Mr. Elfenbein, you're wrong. It seems you have formed an expert opinion about the course by reading a paragraph in the course catalog description.

Having never taken the course, Mr. Elfenbein can't know what sort of discussion takes place. Those of us taking the class have never been condemned for disagreeing. Criticism is always encouraged. In fact, the professors often debate with each other.

The purpose of a Liberal Arts education is to teach people to think. To think, one needs to be exposed to a diversity of ideas. To think that intellectual diversity can only be accomplished by eliminating alternative courses is pure poppycock. It appears that Mr. Elfenbein wants every Washington College Student to graduate with a prefabricated moral code. Whose moral standard is the college to teach, Mr. Elfenbein? Yours?

In the future, we hope Mr. Elfenbein won't write absurd statements like: "President Trout said . . . 'education must include a moral and a social dimension.' . . . This misses the point. Education cannot be value-free, it inherently carries moral baggage." If Mr. Elfenbein wishes to complain about education at Washington College, he should do so in an educated manner.

To conclude, we have never encountered political correctness at Washington College. Let us stop academic witch-hunts. Rather let us get down to the business of thinking.

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CAMPUS VOICES

Issue: How important do you feel faculty involvement is in community volunteer activities?

Words to the faculty

On Saturday, April 29, Hands Out will be organizing two separate community activities. One will involve painting a barn for Camp Fairlee Manor, a summer camp for physically and mentally handicapped individuals, and the second project involves planting trees around Kent County. Because of the nature of this activity, Hands Out will be making a special effort to encourage Washington College faculty members and their families to participate.

So far, Hands Out has mainly targeted students. The April 20 tree planting event is an opportunity for faculty to show their support and willingness to become an active part of our college community. Before the Hands Out organization began, there already existed a group of students and faculty who were regularly involved with the community, a predictable crowd that was academically and extracurricularly active.

The point of Hands Out was to reach those who weren't ordinarily involved and to encourage growth for everyone in the college experience. At both the Habitat for Humanity and Echo Hill projects, many of these students were there giving their time. Hopefully, this attitude toward involvement will remain here at Washington College, but it won't happen if an enthusiasm for these activities can't be kept up, a total enthusiasm found in the combined efforts and energies of both students and faculty.

It is highly unlikely that one day of volunteer work will change the lives, attitudes, and study habits of the students involved, but it could, perhaps, spark an interest that would lead to continual participation in such volunteer projects. With the encouraging support of faculty presence and a growing number of active student volunteers, this spark, we feel, will become a flame of dedication and a willingness to become active in our community. So, come on out, faculty, a show your support for volunteer activities because of the ultimate goal of Hands Out is to change everyone's outlook on the total academic life experience here at Washington College— to make it richer and more beneficial for all involved.

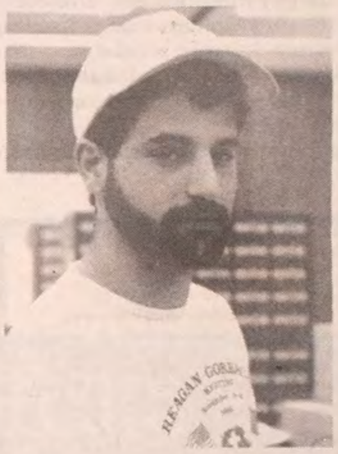
Article by Kathy Mullen for Hands Out

I think that faculty should be involved because it should be a community effort and it might help the student-faculty relations on campus.
Hank Miller
Senior
Phoenix, MD

Faculty?
Mary Claire Russell
Junior
Baltimore, MD

Huh?
Cyndi Bucci
Junior
Fallston, MD

I think it would be great if the faculty would become involved— it would help set a good role model for the students
Beth Speer
Senior
Vineland, NJ



I don't think that anybody should be pressured to do anything
Seth Engel
Sophomore
Fairfax, VA

Why not?
Felicia Shakman
Senior
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OUTLOOK

In the world: Kurdish rebellion in Iraq falters

Iraq: Kurdish Uprising Falters and U.N. Action is Strongly Urged in Crisis

Saddam Hussein has dealt the Kurds the worst setback in the history of their century long Nationalist struggle. Last Thursday, with the Hussein's forces captured Kirkuk, a major oil refinery, and the Kurds failed to reopen road north to Irbil that was blocked by an Iraqi armored force; with these two events the fate of the rebels was sealed The Kurdish revolt, which seemed to be making gains after Iraq's pull-out from Kuwait, is now feeling the brunt of the Republican Guard's helicopter and tank attacks.

Rebel forces are scattering in disaray and many civilian Kurdish families fear arrest and torture. Kurdish businessmen, professionals and peasants, as well as the guerilla forces are now fleeing the Iraq to the neighboring countries of Turkey and Iran. The Kurdish people, who praised the role of the United States in forcing Hussein out of Kuwait, are now feeling betrayed as the U.S. has refused to aid their uprising. Guerilla forces had been lulled into a false sense of security by America's ban on the use of warplanes against the rebels. The Bush administration has taken a neutral stance in Iraq's current internal conflict in light of American public opinion, which most likely would not support another show of force so soon after the Gulf Crisis.

This week, Turkish President Turgut Ozal called for an urgent U.N. Security Council meeting in resopnse to growing international concern over the Iraqi crackdown against the Kurds; the refugee problem is of also of great conern to the international community. Concern over the crisis came as finishing touches were being put on a U.S. proposed resolution that would formally end the Persian Gulf War in exchange for Iraq giving up its weapons of mass desrtruction and agreeing to pay war damages. President Bush's aids have been keeping very quiet about the administration's future intentions in the current conflict.

Soviet Union: Soviet Price Hikes Incite Anger and Opposition Seek to Unite

Few shoppers were convinced with the government's claim that this week's price increases signaled a long awaited move toward a Western-style market economy. Tuesday, prices on a range of goods, such as eggs and meat, were doubled and tripled by administrative fiat in exchange for small wage increases. The Soviet news agency Tass has described the reform as "the most unpopular of all decisions by the Soviet leadership" since Gorbachev came to power in 1985. The government has been trying to persuade the public to swallow these painful changes by claiming that they will lead to a reappearance of "deficit" items; so far the store shelves remain as poorly stocked as always. Radical economists see this step as an administrative measure that will allow the government to control most of the economy.

While all of these economic changes are occuring, leaders of opposition groups in the 15 Soviet Republics are planing to meet in Moscow this month in order to strenghen their challenge to the Kremlin and consider the creation of shadow political institutions. Gorbachev has previously faed powerful, but isolated challenges in the republics; with unity among these elements, the opposition's confrontation with the Kremlin is likely to take on a new dimension.

Albania: Protest of Election Result in Bloodshed

Clashes between police and rock throwing demonstrators broke out as opponents of the long-ruling Communist Party gathered in Shokder to protest Sunday's parliamentary election in which the Communists won a landslide. The protesters were rallying against what they said were numerous cases of fraud and intimidation in the election. Three were left dead, including Arben Broxi, the leader of a newly formed opposition Democratic Party, and scores were injured in the incident. After the street battle, witnesses say that protesters broke into and ransacked the Communist party building. Western election observers said that the government seemed to be intentionally provoking street violence in order to have a pretext for a crackdown.

Although the Communists won the election, the President, moderately reformist Communist Party cheif Ramiz Alia, was ousted from power. Voting patterns showed a distinct split between urban and rural regions with the opposition finding more support in the cities.

As compiled from the Washington Post

by Amy Klamberg

Upcoming speakers on campus

Saturday, April 6.

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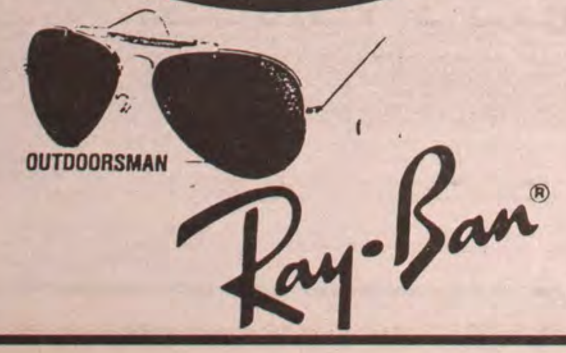

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FEATURES

Beers: in step with the owner of Newt's, Big John

Phil "Slice" Macek

Newt's is a place that many people know well. This being the case, I decided to take a little jaunt down to the bar on High Street and have a chat with the owner, Big John. My purpose is to get people better acquainted with the owner so as to feel more inclined to go to Newt's for a good time (and a beer or two). So before we get to the interview with Big John, it might be appropriate to give a little background of the man who made Newt's a solid part of our college experience.

Born in Philadelphia, Big John is a captain in the Merchant Marines, and for a while was a tugboat captain up in New York. He says he likes owning Newt's because it gives him the chance to meet so many people. He also has some real estate rental properties and his hobbies include boating, travelling, and water skiing, which he used to teach. In terms of travelling, Big John says that he has been to all contiguous 48 states and that every year he goes to the Black Hills Rally in South Dakota. He said that one year he met both Malcolm Forbes and Liz Taylor at the rally and that you get to see people from all walks of life. Thus with this brief introduction concluded, let's get to the interview without further delay.

Slice: Since Newt's is considered a "second home" by so many people, I wonder if you could give us a brief history of your establishment?

Big John: Well, initially, the location where the Hillside Bar now stands used to be a milk station. The first milk station or dairy was operated by a Mr. Haughn in the early 1900's. In 1912, a Mr. Hauptfuhrer bought him out and operated the place until 1914 when he was, in turn, bought out by the Supplee-Wills-Jones Company of Pittsburgh. During the heyday of Kent County's Dairy industry, the milk was shipped by train to stations in both Philadelphia and Wilmington where it was made available to consumers.

More recently, the bar came into existence in 1958, when the original owner, a man named Emory Newton (known to his friends as "Big Newt") built "Newt's" on a vacant piece of property where the Kent County milk station used to stand. I acquired the place back in 1977 and have owned it ever since.

Slice: Everyone knows about the traditional Wednesday night beer bargains. Do you have any other specials featured throughout the week?

B.J.: Oh sure. First off, we have Happy Hour every night from 4-7 p.m. On Tuesdays we have 50 cent Schnapps shots, including a brand new variety called Cactus Juice (the author and his fellow alcohol taster and booze critic, Matt Moore, reviewed this flavor extensively and both gave it two big thumbs up!) On Thursday nights we feature half-priced beer, shots, and mixed drinks, and we usually try to have a band. Of course, Wednesday nights are self-explanatory, although this is the first time in 15 years that we have had to raise the price of the drafts; this is due in large part to the new tax that took effect in January.

You see, I just want to run a place where both the town folk and the college kids can get together and drink. Back in 1977 when I took over, there was a highly negative image associated with Newt's. It used to be that you throw the hat in the door and see if it got shot at before entering. As a result, I banned those cutthroats from the bar and today the police chief tells me Newt's has fewer fights than the Tavern, the Bluebird, and Andy's. Incidentally, in 1985 Newt's got written up in the Washington Post for the good atmosphere it presented to the people. Although personally, I think the reporter must have gotten lucky or something.

Slice: What do you think about Newt's being labelled "the new sports bar in Chestertown?"

B. J.: Well, it's true that I've tried to become more sports oriented. We now have six television sets, most of which are tuned into sports programming. Plus, I've been toying with the idea of having a sports raffle every week for two tickets to an Orioles game. I'm also trying to get some more sports memorabilia in here without changing the entire look of Newt's.

Slice: Have you ever thought about installing a grill so as to offer sandwiches and other light fare?

B. J.: No, actually I haven't; mainly for economic reasons. However, the hot dogs and hot sausages we have are made by the Amish and they make them by God's law and won't risk their soul by putting anything artificial in them. The dogs are then brought down to Crumpton on Wednesday and that's where I pick them up. They've been called the "best dogs on the shore."

Slice: Lastly, how did you get involved with supporting the rugby team?

B.J.: I've always been sponsoring softball and bowling teams mostly because it's good publicity and also I just like doing it. So Seth [Engel] came to me and asked if I could help the team out. And as it turns out, I gave the team money I could afford to and am now a sponsor.

Finally, the time to depart had arrived. With enough liquor in me to drown a small moose, I thanked Big John for a wonderful time and told him I would be back again--probably tomorrow night.

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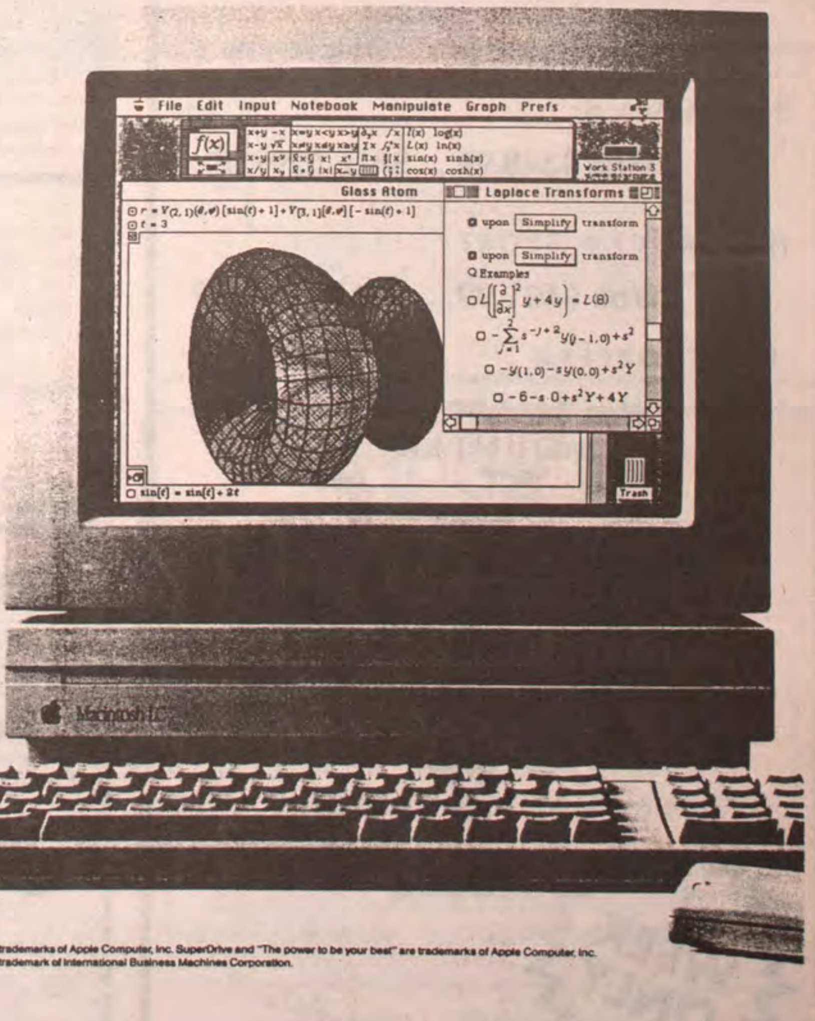

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SPORTS

Women's lax steamrolls

By Matt Giller

While the men's lax team was fighting through some difficult times, the women across the tracks were squashing their opponents like runaway locomotives, outscoring their last two opponents by a total of 40-11.

Swarthmore and Bowdoin were the damsels in distress falling to the Shorewomen (3-1) by respective scores of 21-3 and 19-8.

Last Tuesday the WAC played a shaky first half that was even for most of the way until seniors Sarah Coste (8 goals) and Amy Tiehel (3 goals) snapped a 5-5 tie to pull away for good just before the halftime horn.

The Polar Bears pulled to within one goal until the Shorewomen exploded for 12 of the next 13 goals securing their second win of the season.

Junior Margaret Doyle, who suffered damage to her right kneecap during warmups prior to the Bowdoin contest and sidelined for at least two weeks, tallied a hat trick. Sophomores Amy McCleary and Samantha Clements netted three and two goals respectively. Junior Kristy Hilgartner handled 14 saves between the pipes.

Two days later the Shorewomen hosted Swarthmore College and showed no mercy by scoring three touchdowns and allowing only a field goal to the Garnets.

The first 25 minutes was the only sign of offensive life displayed by Swarthmore scoring three goals; fortunately, the WAC scored 12. When both teams came out for the second half, the Shorewomen's Amy McCleary's defender forgot her stick on the sidelines as she tallied five goals in the second frame for a career game high of seven goals.

Coste almost went unnoticed with four goals while Tiehel and Clements added hat tricks. Freshman Cristin Albert and senior Erin O'Neal each netted one apiece.

The Shorewomen host MAC rival Susquehanna Saturday, faceoff 1:00 p.m.

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Events were cancelled or shortened on land and on sea as well last Saturday afternoon. The five-school Chester Regatta was trimmed to just three events because of lightning and torrential rains.

George Mason, Skidmore, Franklin and Marshall, and the Annapolis Rowing Club joined the WAC on the historic Chester last weekend.

George Mason took two events, the men's jayvee eight and the women's novice.

GMU oared 2,000 meters on their way to first place in the first event, the men's jayvee eight, with a time of 6:36. Amy Osborne was the coxswain of the Washington shell that included stroke Terence McCabe, Rod Benson, Matt Bershon, John Herring, Glenn Warner, Eric Jewett, Daryll Calloway and bowman Ray Herndon. The Shoremen rowed to a respectable 6:43.

The Shorewomen came in second place in their meet behind GMU. Coxswain Merrit Pridgeon led the freshmen shell. Stroke Laura Green, Suzanne Groner, Kate Towery, Nancy Whitemen, Sue Czechowski, Mary Bird, Alex Nadar and bowman Jen Hozik rowed only 25 seconds behind the first place time of 7:24.

Only Skidmore and F&M rowed in the men's varsity four before the lightning and rain.

Both crew teams travel across the Bay to dip their oars at the Johns Hopkins Regatta this Saturday.

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The Great Sabha knows baseball

The Great One is back. You ask, where has he been? Sabha had to put sports, his passion, of course, in the proverbial bullpen while he gave strategic advice to General Schwarzkopf at the front during Desert Sabha. Needless to say, the staff is giddy that the Great One is back safely in C-town. After outstanding pigskin prophecies in the fall, he is back to share with us his baseball savoir-faire. Here are some of his predictions for the upcoming season.

NL MVP: Will Clark - Maybe the voters will leave their hearts in San Francisco this year, finally.

AL MVP: Ken Griffey Jr. - If it weren't for you-know-who little Kenny could carry the Mariners all the way.

NL CY YOUNG: David Cone - best stuff in the league; K'd almost 10 per 9 innings last year.

AL CY YOUNG: Erik Hanson - with an improved confident team behind him, he should win 20 by August (won 18 last year, 3.24 ERA).

NL EAST CHAMPS: NY Mets - no bad attitude (no Strawberry), just guys who are hungry and good - reminds the Great One of the '86 team (but this year they won't need Buckner).

NL WEST CHAMPS: SF Giants - The best 3-4-5 lineup in baseball.

AL EAST CHAMPS: Boston - If Burks and Greenwell are clutch they could be hitting it over the Green Monster in October.

AL WEST CHAMPS: Oakland - The Great One foresees dissension in the clubhouse; but they are still good enough to win it.

WORLD SERIES CHAMPS: METS - pitching wins it - there's nobody finer than the Flushing Five.

SOME OTHER PROPHETIC TIDBITS

DO YOU DELIVER? Cecil Fielder will eat more Ring Dings than hit ding dongs.

SORRY BALTIMORE. If the woeful O's win more than 65 games with guys like Joe Orsulak and Craig Worthington in the lineup it will be a successful season.

NO CHANCE CUBBIES. How can you win with a manager that was the only one in the history of the series to bring a major league All-Star team over to Japan and lose.

DARYL WHO? That's what they're going to say after Strawberry's career in LA. While with the Mets he hit under the Mendoza Line (.200) at Dodger Stadium; what makes anybody think that's going to change now that he is wearing Dodger Blue.

NAILS NAILED. Lenny Dykstra's (poor) gambling could ultimately be more serious (there is some bookie out there who is waiting for the right price to come out and squeal on this poker face).

SAY IT AIN'T SO KIRK. This could (and should) be Gibson's last year. Trotting the baseline with a limp should be remembered as heroic not as a symbol of a dying athlete not knowing when to quit - for the good of the team.

SCORES:

Men's Tennis:
Swarthmore W 5-4
Haverford W 9-0
Women's Tennis:
Catholic W 8-1
Dickinson W 7-2
Women's Lacrosse
W. Maryland
W 16-7
Men's Lcrosse
Hobart L 16-4
Softball
Swarthmore
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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Symposium given on Enviromental Ethics

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The talk will take place on Thursday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Casey Academic Center Forum. Brookes will argue that the environmentalists are hurting their own case by overreacting to the dangers of pollution. He asserts that education will naturally lead to beneficial environmental effects.

Brookes earned a B.A. degree in Economics from Harvard University in 1950, after which he embarked on a twenty year advertising and marketing career in private industry. He is the author of The Economy of the Mind.

LUXEMBOURG

Lionel Dyson, Stephanie Sherwell, Selwa Amer, Jenny Albers and Maria Jerardi

Delegation sent to National Model NATO

by Stephanie Sherwell

The International Relations Club recently sent a delegation to the National Model NATO held in Washington, D.C. The delegation members, representing Luxembourg, were Jenny Albers, Selwa Amer, Lionel Dyson, Maria Jerardi, and Stephanie Sherwell. The highlight of the trip was a visit to the Luxembourg embassy where the delegation was briefed on the country's position on such topics as nuclear arms, defense planning, economics, political alliances, and feelings about NATO. The delegation returned to Washington COllege with a first hand knowledge of policy making, the art of compromise, and how to deal with crisis situations in world politics.

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NEWS

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Innovation (Columbia University Press, 1969).

In announcing that Armacost had accepted an invitation from the senior class to speak, Washington College President Charles H. Trout stated, "Both Japan, and indeed, the entire Pacific Rim are unquestionably vital to the long term interests of the United States. To learn that Ambassador Armacost will be with us at the College's most important ceremony is wonderful news. Throughout his distinguished career he has exemplified service to the nation of the highest order. There is no one better able to speak to us about America's delicate and vital relationship with Japan than he. The officers of the senior class have chosen well."

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When Dean Baer decided to resign, President Trout invited the faculty to offer suggestions about how the new Dean should be chosen and also who should be chosen. The President then went over the suggestions with the Committee of Appointments and Tenure. From this deliberation, Dr. Taylor was offered the position.

Dr. Taylor expresses that while he will miss the classroom, he is looking forward to an administrative position. "I like the classroom experience but I have always thought that I would like to try working in an administration at some point. This offer will give me that opportunity to do that."

Dr. Taylor said that the future doesn't hold any definite plans. If for some reason, whether his or the schools, this situation as Dean does not become permanent then Dr. Taylor expresses a hope to return to his position as political science professor here at the college.

The political science department, along with the college administration, is currently looking for Dr. Taylor's replacement. While Dr. Taylor will be missed in the classroom he is congratulated and wished the best of luck in his new position.

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stitutions seeking grants and helping them to develop successful proposals. She will also be helping with the continuing development of the foundation.

Magill commented that although she is looking forward to her new position, it won;t be easy to leave Washington College. "It has been a very happy relationship. I have many colleagues and friends here."

Administration is currently conducting a search to find a replacement for Vice President Sherry Magill.

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Crisis Center Advocate discusses date rape

By: Susie Mazzullo

A member of the Crisis Center in Easton visited the campus on Wednesday evening to talk to those interested students about date rape. The lecture, which was sponsored by the Alpha Chi Omega sorority, was held in the Sophie Kerr Room of the Miller Library from 7:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Shelly Phelps began the lecture by telling those present about the Crisis Center of the Midshore which is located in Easton. The center caters to a number of counties including Queen Anne, Kent, Talbot, and Worcester and the staff members there are prepared to deal with a great number of problems. The primary crisis that they deal with is sexual assault.

The center has been in existence since October 1988 and offers a number of services. Among these are a twenty four hour hotline, free therapy, and speakers that will travel throughout the community in order to educate others.

The hotline is available to those who need assistance any time of the day or night. Members of the staff are always available to listen or provide help. Advocates are staff members who will go to you wherever you are during the day or night to help. They will travel to the hospital, to the police station, and even attends legal hearings. The purpose of advocates is so that the person who needs help will have it throughout their ordeal and not just the first night.

The most important part of the Crisis Center, she says, is that the person does not have to suffer alone. The twenty four hour hotline provides service for those persons at any time for any reason. If you just need someone to talk to then the Crisis Center is there. Anyone can call and not even have to give their name.

Miss Phelps, who is an advocate herself, also told those presents some shocking statistics including the facts that every ten minutes a rape is reported and that 75 - 90% of rapes go unreported. She also said that one in three women will be raped or sexually assaulted before they are eighteen years of age and that one in five men will be raped or sexually assaulted before they are eighteen years of age.

To put life in the statistics, Miss Phelps asked one member of the audience how many girls they have knows throughout their life. She then divided this number by three and this end number is the total of how many girls in that group were probably sexually assaulted at one time or another. For example, if the number of girls known is one hundred than it is likely that thirty three of those girls were sexually assaulted before they were of the age eighteen.

Advocate Shelly Phelps from the Midshore Crisis Center with some members of the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority.

Some local statistics for the region included that the crime of rape is increasing more on the Eastern Shore then in any other part of the state.

Following the statistics the lecture turned to the subject of date rape and acquaintance rape. Miss Phelps warned everyone present to "be careful and be smart" above all. She also defined the terms so that there will be no confusion. The difference between date and acquaintance is that in one instance you are on an actual date and in the other instance the victim's aggressor is just known to them. For example, they may be someone in a class with them, someone they know from a job, or just someone they have seen once or twice before. Rape she defined simply as "unconsented sexual intercourse".

Miss Phelps also gave those present some pointers on how to be safer. She warned about walking alone where you are more susceptible, especially at night. For instance, if you know that you are going to be walking around a dark street at night, don't wear high heels for they may impair you if you do get in trouble. Looking vulnerable is also a problem because statistics say that men are more likely to attack women that look vulnerable.

Listening to initial instincts is also important. If you aren't sure about the situation that you are in then don't stay there. If someone doesn't look like they can be trusted then get away from them. Miss Phelps remarked that many of the girls who get in trouble will often say that they knew the guy "looked funny". If this is the case, Miss Phelps says that the best decision is just to get away.

Dating a new person also puts you at risk. When dating someone for the first time, she advises not going out alone until you know eachother better and when you do go out it is wise to stay in public places. Double dating or going out with a group is also a good idea, but you should always be sure that someone you know will be there. "Gang rapes are not unheard of," she says.

The lecture then turned to questions and a number of students took the opportunity to ask questions about situations that they were unsure of. The effects of alcohol, dressing a certain way, and stopping a seeming uncontrollable situation were all areas that the students addressed.

To Ms. Phelps, the effects of alcohol and the way you dress are not excuses for rape. She used an example to illustrate her point. she asked that if a someone was walking down the street and money was hanging out of their pocket and you see it, is it your right to take it? "Do you have the right to take it just because you can see it?" Ms. Phelps strongly declared that the answer was no. She declared that even if someone was walking naked, that does not give someone else the right to touch or take what they wanted. Only consent gives that right.

Ms. Phelps explained that the only way to save yourself from possible rape charges is to ask the person for consent before continuing. She also said that when you do say no make sure the other person knows that you mean no. "Don't compromise yourself". She said that in such a situation where things are going a bit farther then you would like and your partner is not listening to you when you will say no then don't hesitate to get violent or make noise by yelling or banging on the wall. "You'll get over the embarrassment of causing a scene a lot quicker then you will get over the trauma of being raped" she said.

To help those in the room Ms. Phelps gave some characteristics of those people that may be likely to be abusive. Those characteristics include people who are particularly loud and obnoxious, particularly all of the time, and also someone who frequently abuses other things, such as animals and furniture.

Ms. Phelps stressed that the center was there to provide assistance at any time. The number at the center is 820-5600 and those that need any kind of help are encouraged to call.

Ecotopian Society formed at W.C.

A new organization has been formed on campus. The official name of this organization is the WASHINGTON COLLEGE ECOTOPIAN SOCIETY. The Ecotopian Society is an environmental organization. It includes students from all majors and from all class levels, from freshman to graduate. There were about 15 students in attendance and several "guests" (non-students) at the organizational meeting on March 4. students in attendance at the second meeting on March 20. A third meeting was held on April 8th.

The word "ecotopian" is a combination of ecology and utopia. It is defined as a place and a philosophy where humans live in harmony with nature and the laws of humans and nature are one. Its roots can be traced back to Thomas Jefferson and Jeffersonian philosophy, and even to the ancient Greeks. The Washington College Ecotopian Society is for those students interested in environmental issues and concerns as well as preservation of our heritage and natural resources.

At the organizational meeting held on March 4, in the Dunning Lecture Hall, the constitution was approved and the officers were elected. In addition, there were discussions concerning what the primary focus of the organization should be and what kind of activities the Society should sponsor or participate in.

The following people were elected as officers:

President- Dave Searles, GR, History-Social Studies major; Vice President- Tamy B. Hickman, JR, Biology major; Secretary- Martie Smith, FR, German major; Treasurer- Sally Haynsworth, SO, Psychology major. The faculty advisor is Dr. Donald Munson, Chair of the Biology Department.

At the second meeting held on March 20, Kris Wallenberg, SR, Biology-Philosophy major applied for and was appointed as the Publicity Coordinator. Michelle Darling, SR, Political Science major, has been and will continue to be helping out with publicity and promotion. Since the issue of campus recycling and environmental awareness is going to be a major focus the Ecotopian Society, Patti Karnes, has been appointed Campus Recycling Coordinator. She will be working with Student Affairs and the RAs in coordinating campus recycling efforts.

The organization is still seeking two people to serve as coordinators for programs and for field trips. The three coordinator positions, publicity, programs, and field trips, are appointed by the Executive Board and approved by the member-

see ECOTOPIAN, page 8.

EDITORIAL

The Cater Walk and other Washington College trends

The Cater Walk, formerly the fire lane. The long expanse of brick we have come to hold so dear. And yes, they've chosen to adore it with a bronze plaque officially deeming it the "Cater Walk." Smith had a classroom building named after him, Cain got the gymnasium, and Gibson got the Fine Arts building, and Cater gets...the Fire lane.

Perhaps it's only appropriate. After all, it was during his last year in office that the student body had the honor of walking around the fire lane, instead of on it. (Do we see a trend here?) And the massive reforestation that over took Washington College this year was foreshadowed by the rush to plant landscaping on either side of the newly completed fire lane before parents and alums arrived for graduation. Washington College is full of such trends. But with the plaque up, the bulk of the construction is, hopefully, finished, and the College can get down to building what really matters, its Academic Program. The results from the State of the Major surveys will be in soon, and if they are anything like last years, the majority of majors will be asking for additional faculty.

The perfect monument to Cater would be a brick, resting in a tree-lined mud puddle. He rebuilt Washington College on the outside. Come on, President Trout, rebuild it on the inside.

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The offices of the newspaper are located in the basement of Reid Hall. Business hours are 7:00-10:00 Monday and Tuesday evenings and 7:00-12:00 Wednesday. The phone number is (301) 778-2800, ext. 321.

If you enjoyed Echo Hill, or just want to help out, Hands Out has more activities planned. See page 4.

Class Officer Elections
will be Thursday, April 18.
Petitions available
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The Board of Publications is accepting
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1991 PEGASUS

Yearbookers go north of the border

By Renée King

On Wednesday, April 3, four members of the 1991 Washington College *Pegasus* staff ventured north to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, the site of the yearbook's printing company, Herff Jones. Sue Czechowski, Kevin Decker, Heather Scholtz, and Renée King, editor-in-chief, visited the yearbook plant in order to see first-hand how the yearbook is manufactured. In the plant, workers convert photos, words, and layout sheets covered with squares into the pages we ultimately see.

The path from layout sheet to yearbook page is a long one. First, all of the copy (the words you read in the book) is proofread and typeset electronically in the style and size type desired. It is proofread again to make sure it will fit on the layout, and a final copy is printed out, to be pasted up with the photos and graphic elements later.

All photos that arrive at the plant are sent to the camera screening area, where they are scanned for density of dark and light areas. They are then rephotographed and printed at the size we request. Any color photographs are reshot with black and white film. This is why all photos return to us unharmed; what is seen in the yearbook is actually a picture of a picture.

Once the words and photos are ready, everything is sent to the paste-up area. This is where all of the elements of the page come together. All graphics, such as screens, lines, and artwork, are pasted down first, then the photos and copy. At this point the page essentially looks like it will appear in the book.

When a complete signature (sixteen consecutive pages) is pasted up, it is photographed and turned into one huge negative. The images on this negative are then burned into a very thin sheet of metal. This is the plate that will be used to print the actual yearbook pages.

The next step is printing. Sixteen pages are printed at a time, eight on each side of a piece of paper. If a page is black and white it only needs to be run through the presses once. If the photos on the page are color it is run through four times, once each for red, yellow, blue, and black ink. These colors blend together to make every color needed for the photographs. Additional runs through the presses may be necessary if the page contains special graphic colors such as burgandy, turquoise, or neon colors.

After the pages are printed (sixteen on one large piece of paper) they are cut apart and intricatelly folded to form a 16-page booklet. Any number of these booklets are bound together to make the yearbook. When the pages are all bound together, the endsheets are sewn on and then glued to the cover. The book is then ready to be shipped.

While we were at the Gettysburg plant we found our yearbook in the corner of the bindery. At that point the 1991 *Pegasus* lacked only a cover. All estimates indicate that the book will be here by the end of April. New for this year's *Pegasus* are 16 additional pages, including 8 more color pages and a Dorms section. These additions bring the size of the book up to 144 pages, making it one of the largest books in the last 10 years. The addition of color to the Student Life section is something that has never been done before, and we think it adds a new dimension to the section. The opening section also remains in color, but with the addition of some burgandy backgrounds and artwork. The Faculty section layout also received an overhaul after remaining the same for three years. Overall, the staff is proud to say that they have produced one of the best books in recent years. Remember, the *Pegasus* will be here soon, so keep your eyes open for its arrival!

Renée King is a Senior Biology major who edits the Pegasus *when she is not in the lab or counting the days until Graduation (37). Ask her about Bill, the waiter* at the General Lee.

Photos by Renée King

Pegasus staffers Kevin Decker, Heather Schottz, Sue Czechowski, and Renée King at the Pennsylvania Monument at Gettysburg Battlefield.

Yearbooks in progress.

Staffers admiring the printing press.

The 1991 Pegasus in production at the plant

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OUTLOOK

In the world: Gorbachev proposes anti-crisis program

Iraq:

In the midst of U.S. withdrawal from the region, Iraqi army deserters and civilian refugees have begun begging to be taken prisoner to escape what they predict will be a bloody new crackdown by President Saddam Hussein's forces. The number of U.S. troops stationed in southerned Iraq has been greatly reduced in the last few days. As a result, Iraqi forces are reported to be moving into the area for the first time since late February when it came under the control of 100,000 American soldiers. U.S. troops have reported some isolated instances of Reupblican Guard troops actually entering U.S.-occupied territory only to leave when confronted by U.S. force. U.S. soldiers manning checkpoints here described scenes of Iraqis pleading to be taken prisoner. Many of the would be prisoners are not soldiers, but civilians posing as soldiers to become prisoners and escape from Iraq. These people are turned away because they lack the credentials to prove they were active-duty Iraqi soldiers. U.S. troops have also said that Iraqi truck drivers are benefiting from the situation by charging high fees to shuttle people to American checkpoints, where they have attempted to surrender en masse.

UNITED STATES:

The idea of establishing enclaves in Iraq to protect the hundreds of thousands of refugees fleeing from Hussein's forces was rejected by the Bush administration Tuesday. Instead, priority was given to organizing up to $200 million in additional humanitarian aid. According to senior U.S. officials, the establishment of a safe zone in northern Iraq under the auspices of the U.N. to serve as a haven for Kurds as well as other refugees would cause major political and diplomatic problems. They went on to say that they did not want to divert attention from the need to provide humanitarian aid to the refugees. The idea for the safe zone was suggested by Defense Secretary Dick Cheney on Sunday, but the administration reconsidered after Iraq expressed fierce opposition to the idea, which could lead the U.S. to use force to protect the enclaves. Iraqi Prime Minister Saddoun Hammadi charged that the idea had been "engineered by the CIA" and vowed that "Iraq will resist it with all means."

SOVIET UNION:

Soviet President Mikhail Gorbatchev proposed an "anti-crisis" program Wednesday in the face of national economic collapse and widespread calls for his resignation. The program includes a tougher Kremlin stance toward rebellious Soviet republics and a moratorium on political demonstrations and labor strikes. "Our statehood and federation are endangered," Gorbachev told leaders of the Soviet republics in an impassioned address later telecast to the antion. "The economy is coming apart. The institutions of power are paralyzed. The very foundations of our lives are endangered...We must put aside our feuds and prevent the country from sliding into catastrophe." He went on to say that the danger of economic disaster "with all its consequences" requires immediate action, and he called for a stiffening of law and order and demanded that the country's 15 constituent republics fulfill all constitutional obligations to the central government in Moscow. He said any republic that refused to honor state contracts for production and distribution of goods would be guilty "of robbery, and we will put an end to this." Adding that the traditional chain of government command emanating outward from Moscow, "must be restored." A number of Soviet republics, including the three Baltic states, have claimed that contracts violate their sovereignty.

It is as yet unclear as to how Gorbachev plans to implement his proposals.

Compiled from the Washington Post by Carolin Leibig.

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Hands Out: Last Spring Events

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The second event will involve planting trees around Kent County in honor of Earth Day. The sign-up date has already passed, but if you are interested, please leave your name and number in the Hands-Out mail box located in Central Services. People who have signed up already will receive information in the mail sometime next week.

The last two Hands-Out projects, Echo Hill and Habitat for Humanity have been tremendous successes. Help keep the spirit joings by joining the fun on Saturday. In the last few weeks of this semester, Hands Out will be planning for Fall 1991. If you would like to become more involved, or have any suggestions, come to the next Hands Out meeting or leave your name in the Hands Out mailbox, and we will get in touch with you. Thank You.

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FEATURES

Poetry in motion, a women's lacrosse team profile

Phil "Slice" Macek

If you walk the "stairway to heaven" and cross the train tracks you'll soon find yourself in the knock-down, drag-out, slam bang, live on the razor's edge, laugh in the face of death world of Division III women's lacrosse. For women's lacrosse is a fast moving game of graceful, fluid motion that emphasizes finesse more than brute force; it's just the players, the ball, and their sticks-man to man, or in this case woman to woman. Thus, each game (if such a struggle to the death can be called a game) becomes a contest of stamina and endurance with the winner being determined by adroit stickwork, agile body positioning, and quick legs. I cannot underestimate the amount of endurance needed to play women's lacrosse, because quite simply, the field has no boundaries. That's right, there are no designated markers for an out of bounds area; the game can go anywhere at anytime and it's perfectly legal. In fact, one time I was in the Kent County public library reading my favorite Dr. Seuss book, *If I Ran the Circus*, when I got thrown through a glass panel window by two girls who had entered the library while fighting for possession of a loose ball. Every day I count my blessings that I "escaped" with only multiple abrasions and lacerations, three cracked ribs, a punctured lung, a ruptured spleen, a separated shoulder, two dislocated fingers, a skinned knee, a mild concussion, and a temporary case of whiplash. The doctor says I should be out of my bodycast within a year and that I won't have to eat strained food for too much longer. But that's why I keep coming back to this great game. I love the excitement, the danger, and the risk of getting killed by two girls wielding their hickory-carved sticks like battle axes while they battle to the death for control of a little white rubber ball. So with the delicate nature of women's lacrosse firmly intact, let's take a closer look at some of Washington College's wonder women who have built a nationally reputed program that any school would be proud to call their own.

First off, we have the focal point of the offense and the team's leading goal scorer, Sarah Coste. No defense ever conceived on heaven or earth can stop Sarah when she sets her sights on the goal (which is often). She overpowers her weaker, slower opponents with blinding quickness, using the nimble footwork of a skilled ballet dancer to outmaneuver the goalie and leave herself with an easy, uncontested shot at the goal.

Another potent weapon in the Shorewomen attack is sophomore Sam Clements. Sam scores with the frequency of a horny millionaire on hookers' row and usually makes her defender look silly while doing so. She bounds down the field with long, graceful strides, scooping up errant loose balls and converting them into goals. Her blistering shots have left many goalies completely dumbfounded and in dire need of psychiatric help.

Senior tri-captain Amy Tiehel is another central figure of the Shorewomen attack. Amy plays with all the compassion of a rabid pit bull. She stalks her sorry opponents with a relentless desire to leave them humiliated and eating her dust. A key component in the transition game, Amy turns defensive steals into fastbreak goals for the maroon and black. Amy is so fast (at bedtime she can turn off the lights and be under the covers before the room gets dark) that she leaves her defenders behind as if they were standing in quicksand. This prolific scorer is one of the best W.C. has ever put on the field, and the team, as well as Dr. Gillin, will be sad to see her graduate.

Senior star Erin O' Neal plays with the fierce tenacity of a Great White shark once it smells the blood of injured prey in the water. A woman possessed, Erin has been a clutch performer for the Shorewomen for her entire four years here. A kicking ass and taking names defenseman (sorry, defense person), Erin derives no better thrill from the game than seeing her opponent groveling in the dirt, shamelessly crying for mercy.

Another senior tri-captain for the Shorewomen, Lee Anne Ledwin provides the backbone for a defense that is relentless, unforgiving, and damn near impossible to score upon. Constantly walking that fine line between genius and insanity, Lee Anne is a defensive wizard who has stolen more passes from the enemy's offense than Phil Tom Jackson stole dollars from the S.G.A. A complete player with no discernible weaknesses, Lee Anne has fantastic field vision and possesses a razor sharp knack for knowing where the ball is at all times. A vicious defensive specialist, Lee Anne always commands respect from her opponents and is a formidable part of the team's "steel curtain" defense.

Last, but certainly not least, stands the final tri-captain of this stingy Shorewomen team, senior Donna "speed of light" White. Donna covers the field like a cheap suit; at once playing gut-wrenching, dominating defense, then using her her sprinter's speed to race the ball down the field and fire a white-hot shot at an unsuspecting goalie who doesn't stand a prayer of coming up with the save. Playing with the perfect balance of surgeon-like control and funky, reckless abandon, #38 consistently beats her opponent like a rented mule and usually leads the team onto victory.

Thus, win or lose, the ultimate thrill (at least for me) is watching everything click and seeing the players move the ball down the field with the spontaneous rhythm of improvisational jazz musicians in a groove. It is here where the graceful and fluid motion of the game takes center stage, and the whole scene takes on the look of a well choreographed ballet. So ladies, here's a toast that your losses be few and your victories many; and keep on going for the gold, because Lord knows you deserve it.

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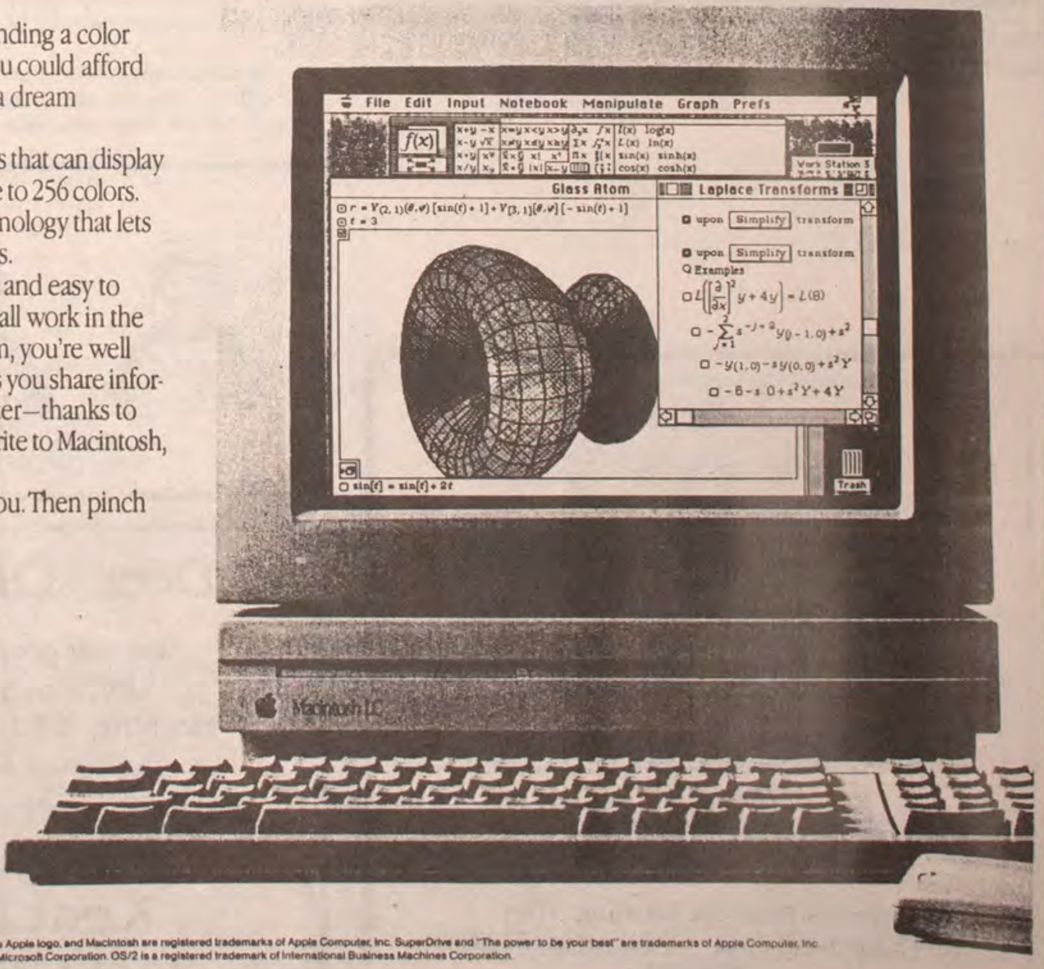

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SPORTS

Lacrosse trips Roanoke

By Matt Giller

Men's Lax tripsWith their backs against the wall, the Shoremen went down to Salem, Va. to do what they have to do for the remainder of the regular season, and that is win.

The WAC attack outscored Roanoke in the first half 4-1 enroute to an 8-7 shaving of the home team.

Kevin Knox, who likes to play in Virginia (8 goals at Hampden-Sydney), powered the offense with four goals and an assist. Senior midfielder Greg Rupert netted two of his own while sophomore middie Jed Cronin and freshman creaseman Dan Cooper each tallied one to round out the WAC scoring.

The scoreboard, however, told only part of the story. The Shoremen dominated every statistic last Saturday. Senior netminder Dave Slomkowski outsaved his counterpart Steve Mason 18-9. Sophomore Blair Muneses, the Shoremen's faceoff specialist, won 11 of 15 (the WAC won 11 of 19 total). Another key stat that the Sho' men dominated was the groundballs - 41 to Roanoke's 29. The only statistic that Roanoke had the edge in was shots taken- 42-29.

The WAC faceoff tomorrow against always scrappy Franlin and Marshall at home. Starting time: 1:30. The WAC's schedule gets extremely difficult the rest of the way. They faceoff against seventh ranked Washington and Lee next Saturday and second ranked Sea Gulls of Salisbury State the following Saturday to end their regular season schedule.

Coxswain for the men's varsity eight gets the ceremonial heave-ho after finishing first at the Hopkins Regatta with a new shell. The women's novice eight came in second.

Lelia Hodson Hynson

New shells get a champagne shower at their christening last Friday

Men's tennis defeats national champion Swarthmore

By Matt Giller

The Washington College tennis team is definitely a force to reckoned with. That is what they should be saying after the WAC slayed the Garnets of Swarthmore 5-4 last Wednesday in Pennsylvania.

Sophomores Trevor Hurd and Alberto Diaz won the deciding match at third doubles, 7-5, 7-5.

The only other time the Shoremen defeated the Garnets was in 1987 when last years singles national champ, Larry Gewer, was a freshman at the WAC.

The concluding match was an exciting one all the way through. With the sun gone down and the Diaz/Hurd tandem up a set, the match had to be settled indoors in Swarthmore's field house. Swarthmore was serving for the second set at 5-3 when the slashing sophomores brokeserve and never looked back.

The Shoremen were on their way to making this a laugher as they jumped out to a 3-0 lead behind singles wins from Scott Read, Irakli Metreveli and Hurd.

Read barely broke a sweat enroute to a 6-1, 6-2 thrashing of the Garnets #1 man.

Metreveli could have played with his opposite hand in his match as he toyed with his opponent during his 6-2, 6-2 drubbing.

Hurd showed no mercy serving his way to a 6-1, 6-1 delousing of his Garnet foe.

Emilio Bogado was upset at five singles, 6-1, 6-2. However, Carlos Nuno won in a nail-biter, 7-5, 6-4.

Diaz took the first set in his singles match, 7-6, but faltered, 6-0, 6-2.

SCORES

Women's Lax
Susquehanna
W 15-1
Ursinus L 14-11

Softball
Gallaudet L 8-2
Wesley W 5-4

Men's tennis
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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Drinking at Washington College

by Bruce Hamilton

Those interested in traditional theater may be somewhat shocked by the confrontational nature of Eric Bogosian's "Drinking in America", to be performed at Washington College on April 18, 19 and 20. A performance artist/ actor as well as a writer and social critic, Bogosian says the point of his work is "to get the audience to feel right there, front row center". Bogosian performed in Shakespearian productions during his college career and moved to New York in 1975, where he became part of the art scene of SoHo. He became disinterested in traditional theater and began building his artistic vision and style, typically monolouge-based pieces with wild characters.

Bogosian performed a one-man show in a 1982 New York Shakespeare Festival and has since enjoyed relative success. His shows, "Drinking in America" and "FunHouse" have both received Obies, as well as other awards. The recently successful movie, "Talk Radio", directed by Oliver Stone, was based on Bogosian's stage play. The success of the movie was largely due to Bogosian's performance as the radio DJ (modeled after Alan Berg).

"Drinking in America" is a collection of monologues with varied formats. There are standard street-raps from street characters, bums, and jive artists. There are TV evangelists, Disc Jockeys, and commercials. All of these have intense characters with attitudes, and the audience inevitably becomes a part of the performance in each one. Jason Imber says of one of his characters, "he's like those radical preachers you seen on Sunday mornings- they tell you to do a lot of things in the name of God, but it's really a whole lot of nonsense." Dale Daigle, who will be directing "Drinking", says that the characters "all represent people on the fringes of society. People who we forget about and shouldn't."

Essentially a commentary on contemporary America, "Drinking" is, according to Brett Lankford, "radically different from anything I've ever done before because all the emotive energy has to come from within and the audience, rather than interacting with others on stage." Senior Clay Eichelberger says, "I think the show has a really effective way of dealing with the problems of America. It deals with serious issues in ways that are both unsettling and funny at the same time."

"Drinking in America" contains some explicit language and mature themes. A collection of monologues written between 1984 and 1988, the show promises to have incredible energy. Director Daigle said of the show, "it helps to remind us of certain parts of our society that we need to understand and deal with." In this sense, the theater becomes (in typical Bogosian style) a medium for social commentary that goes face-to-face with the audience.

Seating will be on-stage, and reservations are required. For reservations, call 778-2800, extension 269. The show includes senior Cindy Croot as Co-Director, Shan Driscoll as Lighting Designer, and Beth Skinner as the Stage Manager. Actors in "Drinking" are: Tim Madison, Peter Johnson, Brett Lankford, Doug Peterson, Jason Imber, Jeff Daly, Clay Eichelberger, Ed Schroeder, Jason West and Bruce Hamilton.

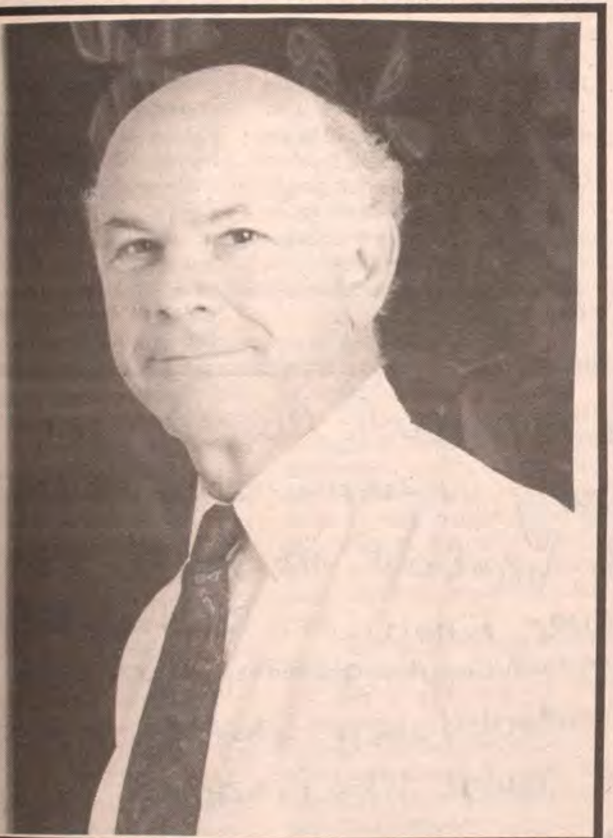
"Drinking in America" will be performed on Thursday, April 18 at 8 p.m., as well as Friday and Saturday at the same time in Tawes Theater. Admission is free, and the public is encour-

Bruce Hamilton is the Arts Editor and only writes articles when he has no choice.

Orioles stadium model shown

A model of the Camden Yards stadium, to become the home of the Baltimore Orioles next baseball season, will be on display at the Casey Academic Center at Washington College Saturday, April 13 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Representatives of the Maryland Stadium Authority will be on hand to explain the model and to answer questions about the new stadium, which has been acclaimed for its old-style stadium design and its incorporation of the historic Camden Yards warehouse building of the old B&O railroad.

The exhibit is timed to coincide with several sports and special events on campus. Those coming to the college for the 12:30 dedication of the college's new tennis courts followed by the men's tennis match against Johns Hopkins University, the 1:30 p.m. men's lacrosse games versus Franklin and Marshall College, and the 4 p.m. talk with Tersh Boasberg on preserving Manassas Battlefield, may want to stop by the Casey Academic Center for a look at Maryland's new baseball stadium.



Tersh Boasberg

Manassas Battlefield saved from shopping mall

by Jen Grindle

This Saturday afternoon you can hear about the "Third Battle of Manassas." Not the two battles fought with guns and bullets at Manassas, Virginia during the Civil War, but the battle of politics and public opinion that stopped a shopping mall from ruining the battlefield site just a few years ago.

On a summer afternoon almost 130 years ago, the genteel of Washington, D.C. jaunted thirty miles southwest into the Virginia countryside to Manassas Junction near Bull Run stream, to watch Union forces quell the army of the secessionist South. When it was over, the spectators fled with the routed Union army, knowing the dispute between North and South would not be decided in a single encounter. In 1990, Manassas battlefield was once again embroiled in a battle for survival: the battle to preserve a national historic landmark from developers who wanted to build a regional shopping mall on edge of the battlefield.

In his lecture "Lessons from Manassas" on Saturday, preservation attorney Tersh Boasberg will discuss the strategies used to finally save Manassas by an act of Congress. In particular, Boasberg was responsible for bringing Civil War historian James McPherson, who will be at Washington College on April 17, to testify before Congress in order to win the support of several influential Congressmen. Congress responded first by refusing interstate highway funds for an I-66 connection to the proposed shopping mall,

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Civil War lecture given

James McPherson, a leading Civil War historian and winner of the 1989 Pulitzer Prize in history for Battle Cry of Freedom: The Civil War Era, will deliver the first Guy Goodfellow Memorial Lecture in history at Washington College Wednesday, April 17. The lecture, entitled "Why Did the South Lose the Civil War?", will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Norman James Theater of William Smith Hall. Admission is free and the public is encouraged to attend.

James McPherson graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa in 1958. He received his P.H.D. in history

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and finally by acquiring the last unprotected quadrant of Manassas in 1988.

But Manassas is only a case study of the imminent danger to many of our national Civil War sites. As Boasberg wrote in an April 1990 article for The Washington Post, the increasing expansion of urban areas is threatening unprotected sites near Washington, throughout the east, and even into the west. Boasberg calls for a United States Civil War Sites Commission, which would survey the threatened sites and then take steps to initiate guidelines to protect them. The proposed commission should be composed of powerful, influential people, including Congressmen, governors, historians, leaders of Civil War organizations, and "enlightened" developers. Working with local governments and non-profit organizations, the commission would demonstrate how to preserve sites in an era when soaring land prices make purchase difficult.

Tersh Boasberg is a Senior Partner in the law firm Boasberg & Norton which specializes in land use and historic preservation law, and is the 1989 recipient of the National Preservation Honor Award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation. He received his undergraduate degree from Yale University magna cum laude, and his law degree from Harvard University. Mr. Boasberg is one of the founders of the National Center for Preservation Law and also Preservation Action, a national grassroots preservation and conservation lobbying organization. He has been a speaker on many occasions and has authored several books and articles about preservation law.

"Lessons from Manassas" is presented by the Washington College Historical Society and is co-sponsored by The Goldstein Program in Public Affairs, The McLain Fund, The Ecotopian Society, and the Student Government Association. The Washington College Historical Society, formed in the Fall of 1990 for the purpose of preserving the cultural and historical resources of the region, hopes to sponsor other speakers and trips to historic sites in the future to further educate the community in preservation. Anyone from the student body or the community who is interested in becoming a member may contact President Pam Feeney, Vice-President Jenifer Grindle, or Secretary/Treasurer Cynthia Slaby for information.

Tersh Boasberg's lecture will be held Saturday, April 13, 1991 in Norman James Theater at 4:00 p.m. A reception will follow immediately in the Common Room of the Casey Academic Center. Everyone is invited to attend.

Jen Grindle is a Junior.

The Mad Hatter Spring Spoof

Comic and light-hearted music will be the theme of the Washington College Community Chorus' Spring Concert, "The Mad Hatter's Spring Spoof," set for Friday, April 12 at 8 p.m. in the Tawes Theater of the Gibson Performing Arts Center. The chorus, directed by Assistant Professor of Music Kathleen Mills, will perform music by P.D.Q. Bach, Garry E. Clarke, Irving Fine and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. In addition, the lobby of the theater will be transformed into "Café Gibson" and will be open from 7 to 8 p.m. for a "Mad Hatter's Tea Party," featuring sweets by pastry chefs Cynthia and Victor Fields-Bélanger. Admission to the concert is free and pastries, teas and coffee will be available for a small fee.

The theme of the concert comes from three settings of Lewis Carroll texts from Alice in Wonderland, "The Lobster Quadrille," "Lullaby of the Duchess" and "Father William," by contemporary American composer Irving Fine. Other works in the program include "Epitaphs" by Washington College Professor of Music Garry E. Clarke, a vocal adaptation of the overture to the Mozart opera The Magic Flute, and "The Seasonings," an oratorio by P.D.Q. Bach (1807-1742), the youngest of the Bach sons, whose works were sadly neglected until their discovery by Professor Schickele.

Soloists in the oratorio will be J.S. Edward Tatnall, John McDanolds, Diane Landskroener, Meredith Davies, Marcia Landskroener, Kathleen Bennett, Jasper Hopper and John Farr. Instrumentalists include Denise Carlson and Melissa Strick, violin, Sally McGee, cello, Maria Jerardi and Carl Pupa, keyboards, and Capt. Meredith Davies, foghorn.

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ship. They carry out specific programs of the organization, serve for one semester, and may be reappointed. Anyone who may be interested in more information and/or wants to apply for one of the two positions that are still open, programs coordinator or field trips coordinator, may contact Dave Searles, President (758-3932) or Martie Smith, Secretary.

Also, at the organizational meeting, it was decided that the Ecotopian Society would cooperate and work with its sister organizations, the Washington College Historical Society and the Washington College Anthropological Society. The Ecotopian Society will co-sponsor with the Historical Society, the main sponsor, a speaker on Saturday, April 13, at 4 P.M., in the Norman James Theatre. The speaker will be the eminent Washington lawyer Tersh Boasberg, known nationally for his specialization in historic preservation, environmental and land-use law.

For those students that are still interested in joining the Ecotopian Society, please call Dave Searles at 758-3932 or leave a note with Dave or Martie Smith, in the campus mail to request a membership form. In the future, if you wish to be notified of upcoming meetings, programs, and activities, you will need to have a membership form on file.

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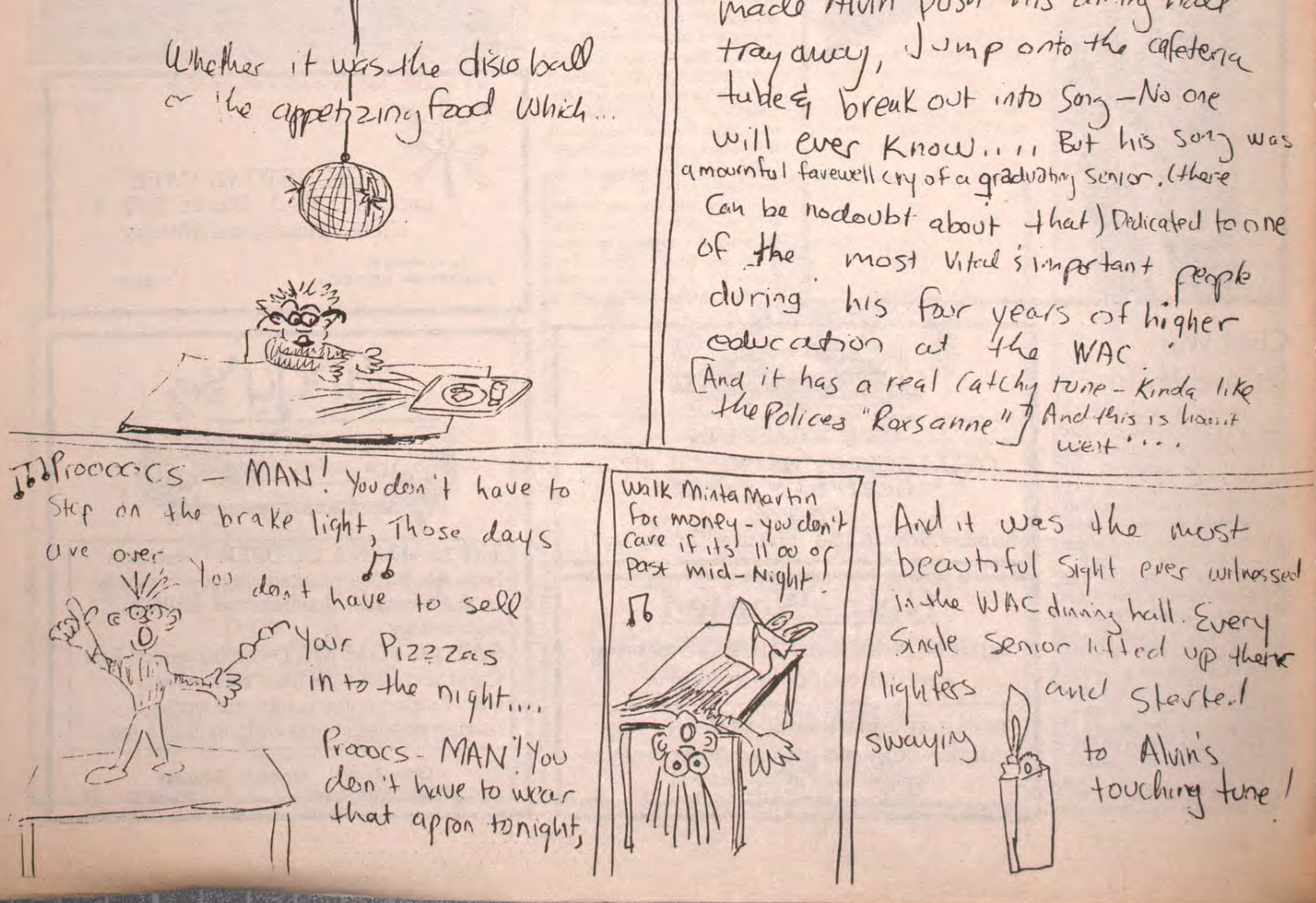
from the Johns Hopkins University and since 1962 he has taught at Princeton University, where he currently holds the chair of Edwards Professor of American History. He has written a half-dozen books on the Civil War and Reconstruction eras, his most recent being Abraham Lincoln and the Second American Revolution.

The Guy Goodfellow Memorial Lecture has been endowed in honor of the late Guy F. Goodfellow, a long time professor of history at Washington College who was highly regarded for his teaching ability and his personal attention to students. James McPherson is the first in what will become an annual visit by a noted historian under this endowment.


Whether it was the disco ball or the appetizing food which...
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And it was the most beautiful Sight ever witnessed in the WAC dining hall. Every Single senior lifted up there lighters and started swaying to Alvin's touching tune!

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More construction planned for W.C. this summer

By: Susie Mazzullo

Many changes for the future of the Washington College campus are being planned now that the school year is coming to a close. Summer construction projects will soon be underway.

Students returning to campus next semester will see more changes to the campus that they call home for most of the year. Summer projects will st starting at the end of this semester. Mr. Clint Baer, Director of Planning & Special Projects, says that this will be the end of the site work. Although some more landscaping and clean up will probobly still need to be done at the beginning of the fall semester, the majority of the projects will be complete or well underway.

A number of projects designed to beautify the campus have been completed in the past years. These include a number of renovations such as those done to the selected dorms and to Dunning.

A number of additions have also been made to the campus. These include the Cardinal dorms, the Casey Swim Center, the Constance Stuart Larrabee Arts Center, the brick crosswalk by the Hill dorms, the loop behing kent and the Cullen dormitories. Eight new intercollegiate tennis courts were also installed behing the Cardinal dorms last semester. A multitude of landscaping and planting of plants and trees has also taken place recently.

The most recent project to be completed on campus is that of the building of the Academic Resource Center. This project was made possible by the generosity of the Casey Family, especially, Betty Brown Casey.

Projects for this summer include the building of a parking lot that will be located next to Kibler Field and adjacent to Cecil, Dorchester, and Talbot dormitories. The parking lot will have spaces for approximately 125 vehicles. previously on the site was a house that was just recently removed.

The house, previously on the lot, has been donated to the town of Chestertown and will be used for low income housing. Foundations are in the process of being prepared for the house. When they are complete, the town will move the house to the site in Washington Park. Clint Baer describes the project as "habitat like" that involves the cooperation of both the town and the college.

The major project that the school will be taking on will be located on the south of campus between Ferguson and Decker Science Center. Smith parking lot will be demolished and a large pedestrian mall will be put in its place complete with green grass and a brick walk way leading up to the Academic Resource Center. "It's a rare campus that takes out asphalt and puts in grass," said Baer.

Along with the large pedestrian mall will be a small parking lot that will have approximately twenty spaces.

The project is scheduled to begin immediately following graduation ceremonies in May and will be complete by the time students return to school in the fall. Some landscaping will still need to be done but the major work will be complete at that time.

The second major project to be started this summer will be the beginning of the Banjamin A. Johnson Lifetime Fitness Center, also known as the Field House. The ground breaking ceremonies were held this past December.

The site of the center will be next to the gym where the old tennis courts used to be. They have since been moved. The new facility is anticipated

see Construction, page 8.

The ARC:

Cable and T.V.'s in dorms

President Charles H. Trout has approved the installation of cable service in all College dormitories.

Based on the recommend of the Student Government Association, cable service will be installed in a lounge of each dormitory on campus. The President also authorized the purchase of televisions for certain lounges. Dormitories to receive cable and television sets are nta Martin, Reid, Caroline, Queen Anne, Kent and Somerset. Cable service only will be provided for East, West and Middle Halls and Cecil, Dorchester and Talbot Houses, all of which now have television sets hooked to this service.

Cable service also will be available in the Hodson Hall Student Center and the Casey Academic Center. Says President Trout: "We are happy to be able to provide students with access to cable service and finally to achieve successful negotiations with Simmons on a workable relationship." At each location, the College will subscribe to the regular Simmons offering, which includes the major networks, ESPN, CNN, TBS and MTV. No premium channels will be offered.

While a recent SGA poll suggested that students would like to have cable service available to all dormitory rooms, the College administration has ruled that out as economically unfeasible. Clint Baer, Director of Planning, stated that "the College has received proposals from different companies that range from $150,000 to $200,000, dependent on the various options."

In the meantime, Elizabeth R. Baer, Provost and Dean of the College, is conducting an academic review of the uses of a cable network and a campus satellite dish. The Academic Council will also explore how this technology might support the curriculum.

The majority of the T.V.'s are already in place. Clint Baer stated that the cable will be installed as Simmons Cable Company has the time to service the college.

EDITORIAL

And Georgia makes four...

Georgia, in response to Mikhail Gorbachev's speech last week, became the fourth Soviet republic to declare its independence, following the three Baltic States. This puts both Gorbachev and our own government in a difficult position.

For Gorbachev, it indicates that the attempts to limit nationalist sentiment, both through speeches and the crack down in the Baltic States of Latvia and Lithuania, have failed, and the Soviet government needs to find a new solution to its ethnic problems. There are 120 ethnic groups in the Soviet Union. By the end of last year, all 15 republics were asking for sovereignty, now four want independence. It is clear that the Soviet Union, as we know it, doesn't have much of a chance to stay together peacefully.

For President Bush, the Georgian declaration of independence is yet another chance to extend recognition to these breakaway republics. Such an action would send a message to the Soviet Government that the potential foreign aid of the U.S. is tied to political reform, human rights, and civil liberties. So far, the president has avoided such an action, hiding behind the belief that helping the independence-minded Baltic States, and other nationalist movements, could bring down the Soviet government. This would leave the Soviet nuclear arsenal vulnerable. Well, it looks like the republics are doing a fine job of breaking up the Union without any assistance from the United States. If President Bush is so committted to democracy, maybe it's time the U.S. backed someone else a little more committed to reform, and a little less committed to preserving the Union.

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The offices of the newspaper are located in the basement of Reid Hall. Business hours are 7:00-10:00 Monday and Tuesday evenings and 7:00-12:00 Wednesday. The phone number is (301) 778-2800, ext. 321.

Letters to the Editor

President invites students to meet architect

I wish to invite you to attend a forum of faculty and students with the architect Tai Soo Kim who will be on campus to assist us in developing a program for the proposed new academic building and a renovated William Smith Hall. The discussion will be held in the Casey Academic Center forum at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 23.

I hope you will be able to attend.

President Trout

The Coffee House is accepting applications for positions for next year. Applications are available in the Student Center

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This Saturday: The Last Hands Out Projects of the Year!
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Saturday April 20th **Hands Out** needs volunteers to help paint a barn for Camp Fairlee Manor, a summer camp for physically and mentally handicap individuals. The day will be divided into three two and a half hour shifts- 9 - 11:30, 11:30 - 2, and 2 - 4:30. Participants are asked to please meet in the Bill Smith parking lot one half hour before their shift starts. Transportation can be arranged, however, individuals are encouraged to provide their own if possible. Since we will be painting, wear old clothes. Food and drinks will be made available through out the day. Even if you did not already sign-up - all are welcome!

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In addition to the barn painting project, **Hands Out** has already had several faculty members sign-up to help plant trees also on Saturday in honor of Earth Day. While the deadline for signing up has past, if you are especially interested in planting trees, arrangements can still be made. Call 778-9121 for information.

All Campus Hands Out Meeting
Wednesday April 24th at 4:00
C-House

We will be discusing plans for next fall and would welcome your ideas or suggestions. If you can not make the meeting but are interested in becoming more involved please make sure to leave your name and number in the Hands Out mail box located in Central Services. This will be the last meeting of the year, so don't miss it!

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Organizational meeting for all interested on Wednesday, April 24, at 7:00 p.m. in William Smith Hall, Room 20.

Due to the club status, the Wrestling Club will be compatible with other campus activities and sports as well. No experience is necessary, but if you already have it, why let it go to waste?
THERE IS NO EXCUSE TO MISS OUT ON THE ACTION!!

For Information, call 778-9319.

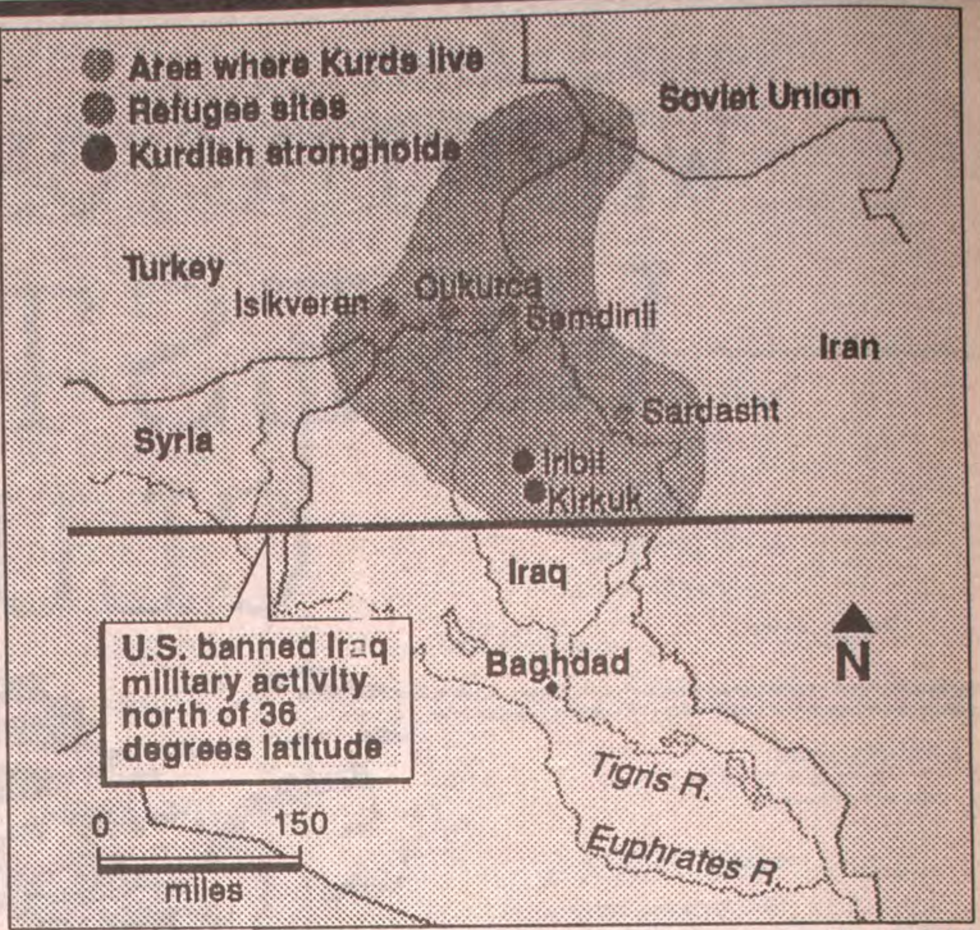
OUTLOOK

In the World: U.S. expands aid to Kurdish refugees

Iraq: U.S. Expands Relief Effort to the Kurds and Germany Helps in Initiative

In a push to create a more ambitious relief effort for the Kurdish rebels that have fled to neighboring Turkey and Iran, Bush announced this week that U.S. military forces would move into Northern Iraq with the purpose of establishing camps to provide food, clothing, and shelter for the hundreds of thousands of Kurdish refugees that have massed in this area to escape Saddam Hussein's forces. Ironically, Bush, less than a week ago rejected the formal establishment of such zones of safety, and limited his policy to humanitarian aid through air lifts. The Bush administration's change of heart, in its decision to set up relief camps, is a response to growing public criticism of their relatively neutral stance toward the Kurdish refugee as callous or inhumane. The President, after trying to contain relief efforts to the Iraq-Turkey border, acknowledged that this assistance was inadequate; increased U.S. involvement in the aid operation will commit another 5,000-10,000 troops in addition to the several thousand already mobilized.

Germany, who had remained very quiet throughout the Gulf War, has also taken some new initiatives in dealing with the refugee problem. Germany did not join in the Gulf War because Chancellor Kohl contended that the nation's constitution forbids military participation in areas outside NATO territory. As is the new U.S. aid effort, the new German initiative is "part humanitarian response and part political effort". Criticism of the moderate German role in the crisis has prompted that country's government to triple its emergency aid relief to Iraqi refugees. On Monday the European Community adopted German Foreign Minister Hans-Deitrich Genscher's proposal to have Hussein tried by an international war crimes tribunal for his suppression of the Kurdish minority.



Source: USA TODAY research USA TODAY

Sticker shock

Soviet prices increase today. The average monthly wage is 270 rubles. Some examples: (Price in rubles)

Item	Monday	Tuesday
TV	755	1280
Men's/Women's suits	200	700
Vacuum cleaner	66	120
Children's bicycle	46	85
Sausage (kilo)	10	30
Moscow cafe meal	1.5	6
Sugar (kilo)	0.85	2
Flour (kilo)	0.46	1.4
Whole milk (liter)	0.28	0.5

Source: Soviet U.S. Embassy, Soviet State Committee on Statistics, Komso-molskaya Pravda, Argumenty I Facty

Keith Carter, USA TODAY

Israel: Middle East Peace Talks In Jeapordy Due to New West Bank Settlement

Eight new Jewish families moved into the occupied West Bank today as Secretary of State James Baker is trying to make headway on Israeli-Arab negotiations. Tension was in the air as the settlers moved into their trailer homes as earlier in the week, the army had been forced to disperse protesters who sought to prevent establishment of the site. Israeli Prime The new settlement is a point of contention as Minister Yitzhak Shamir had assured Bush that Israel was not intending to add to its 150 settlements in the occupied territories and this is the first one built in a year. Many U.S. officials and Arab leaders see this move as part of a new mass expansion and construction program, in the territories, on the part of the Israelis. Shamir maintains that the new site is of no consequence to potential a Middle-East peace conference as the territories will not be a factor Arab-Israeli negotiations.

Gorbachev's anti-crisis program sparks defiance in Georgia and Belorussia.

In a speech last week, Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev announced a new anti-crisis program designed to curb the growing political and economic unrest. Gorbachev called for a moratorium on strikes and more measures to stabilize the economy. But Gorbachev's speech was met by a declaration of independence from Georgia, the first republic outside of the three Balitc states to break with Moscow, and by a massive strike by workers in MInsk, the capital of the republic of Belorussia. Former President Richard Nixon visited the Soviet Union two weeks ago, and commented on the state of depression the Soviet Union is experiencing, as well as Gorbachev's shortcomings as a political leader.

In the first quarter of this year, the Soviet Government has accumulated a budget deficit of 4 billion rubles, largely due to a decrease in contributions from the republics. If strikes should continue, the government could lose billions more in revenues.

--compiled by Amy Klamberg

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NOTICE

There is a great demand for library materials at this time of year. Students are reminded to please return books as soon as possible so they will be available for others.

All materials must be returned by Friday, May 3.

Graduating seniors with library obligations will be sent an estimated bill and then a final one. Bills will include a processing fee of $15.00 per lost item. Seniors' bills will be sent via campus mail.

After commencement, undergraduate bills will be prepared and sent to the students' home addresses.

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The Registrar's Office will not honor requests for transcripts until bills have been paid.

FEATURES

The last will and testament of a raving lunatic

Phil "Slice" Macek

I, Phil "Slice" Macek, being of twisted mind and tortured body do hereby bequeath my estate to the following beneficiaries. These sentimental gestures of goodwill are to be distributed by my lawyer, Stephen L. Miles (we've talked about it), upon my graduation from Washington Prison ... er...College on May 19, 1991. So without further delay, let's name the following inheritors of my good fortune.

To Jeff Newell, I leave the gift of a third Senior year. I figure that you used your first Senior year to discover the fact that you actually had to do a thesis and the second year to come up with a topic. So Jeff, I leave you another year to actually write the thesis itself. I only wish I could be around to see you graduate next year. I know graduating from college has been a dream of yours ever since you used to fall asleep in high school.

To Scott Read, I leave the following tokens of esteem: a citation for perfect attendance to Dr. Fallaw's class and an exam that takes more than 15 minutes to finish. Plus, preseason rankings for both college football and college basketball teams so as you can determine which bandwagon to get on before the seasons actually start.

To the basketball team, I leave an entire season of games against Haplessford... er... Haverford. This should assure an undefeated dream season and should land the team a spot in the final four. I also leave my basketball head and cheerleader rater in the hopes that the team can pass them on the a dedicated fan who will put such "tools of the trade" to good use.

To Matt Petz and Greg Rupert, I bequeath the following gifts: first, a "rate your roommate" quiz that takes four years to complete. I also leave a golf cart with no stick seats that won't mark up your butts as you play naked golf around campus. Thirdly, I leave you an entry into the local look-alike contest for Nelson as well as spots in the next search to find a new Hans and Franz. Finally, I leave you with the enviable prize of lifetime membership subscriptions into the Sean Dunn fan club (complete with autographed depth-charts that were used in intramural football).

To Amy Tiehel, I leave my lifesize picture of Dr. Gillin, my prized pocketknife (it's broken anyway), and an open invitation to sunbathe on my roof anytime she so desires.

To Dr. Gillin, I leave my lifesize picture of Amy Tiehel, my personalized letter from Erik Estrada that I've had since fourth grade, and a chance to contend for the coveted title of Mr. Universe next year. I also leave all the cultural gaps that I haven't yet filled in.

To Jennifer Sponsellor and Jen Jaeger, I leave the possession I hold nearest and dearest to my heart: my sociology major legacy. I leave it to you budding young conflict theorists to carry the discipline of sociology (as we know it) to the threshold of greatness and to make Dr. Horne and Dr. Cades truly proud. I also leave, for inspiration, some of my most cherished sociological memorabilia, including my giant murals of Mighty Max Weber, Emile Durkheim, and Talcott Parsons; as well as the lifesize marble statue of Karl Marx. Gemeinschaft!!!

To the Suds-n-Soda guy, never mind I'll be back time and time again.

To Jeff Rexford, I leave a piece of my birthday cake (better eat it fast Jeff, it's getting kind of old), a pair of moth-eaten, canvas boxers that have yet to be washed and can cause severe chaffing if worn too long, a lifetime registration into Dr. Striner's class, and the distinction for bugging me the most about mentioning him in an article.

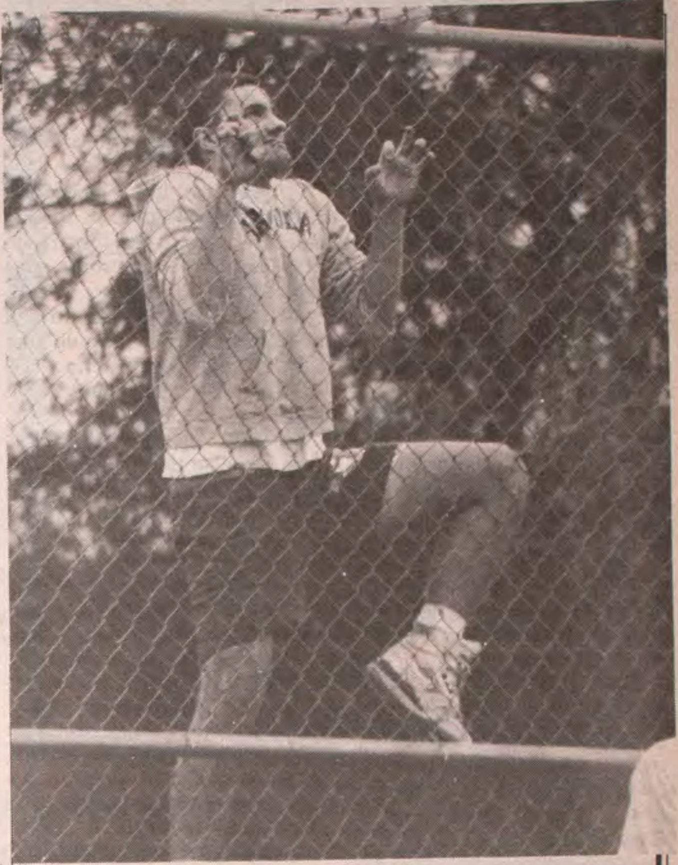
To Cardinal B, I leave the second place award for decorating (Cardinal F came in first, according to my unbiased reports).

To the high school seniors who are slaving away right now trying desperately to get in this school, I leave my condolences.

To the fool who takes over my spot on The Elm next year, I leave the hope that a cure will be found for whatever mental illness he or she is suffering from.

These are my gifts to the patrons of Washington Country Club...er...College. It is my sincere belief that these mementos will be used wisely and for the benefit of mankind. For I will always be watching this school to make sure my fortune will be used for intentions of goodness instead of badness. Finally, Washington High School...er...College, let me just say that my time served here has been quite enjoyable. I will always remember, at least until I forget, the places, people, and things that have been part of my college experience. So just remember Washington College (hey, I finally got it right), that while I go out and confront my future in the real world, the past has been bottled and labeled with love. And maybe one day when I'm rich and famous (or poor and obscure) I'll come back to this little college on the shore and give a lecture or something. I mean, who the hell knows anyway? I could end up a corporate raider on Wall Street (I can already Dr. Scout laughing over this one), a brain surgeon, a writer of greeting cards, a chef, a milkman, a television heartthrob on some soap opera, a trainer of seeing eye dogs, the shark feeder at an aquarium, a tattoo artist, a strength coach for the women's wrestling team from East Germany, the opening act for Don Rickles in Las Vegas, a pro basketball team mascot, or the latest New Kid on the Block. Since experiencing a liberal arts education at a school like this, one comes to realize that the doors of almost any future career are wide open. So here's hoping that my gifts are used wisely and benevolently and that Milwaukee's Best will remain the official beer of this school.

Slice is a graduating senior who never sees a movie without the word "cheerleader" in the title and has never spotted Dr. De Prospo down in the weight room. His idea of excitement is eating a cup of yogurt on the expiration date and not studying for Dr. Gillin quizzes.



Slice's will and testament surfaced after he met his fate during a freakish backstop acident.

(photo by Downtown Gary Brown)

The Big Shoes of Slice need to be filled next year. Applications for the position of Features Editor can be obtained in the Elm Office in the bottom of Reid Hall.

Sophie Kerr Prize

The Sophie Kerr Prize is awarded at Commencement to the senior deemed by the Sophie Kerr Committee to have "the best ability and promise for future fulfillment in the field of literary endeavor." Students wishing to submit samples of their writing are invited to do so. All submissions must be in the hands of the committee by the last day of classes and may be brought to the office of the Chairman of English Department for convenience and safe-keeping. Manuscripts will be returned to their owners after commencement. All graduating seniors are eligible recipients of the award.

Men's lax edges F&M

Cooper's goal lifts WAC in sudden death

By Matt Giller

Last Saturday the Shoremen(3-5) hosted a classic see-saw game against Franklin and Marshall(5-7) that eventually saw the WAC prevail in sudden death 11-10.

Led by a balanced offensive attack and outstanding netminding by the senior captain Dave Slomkowski, the WAC led at halftime 7-3.

Sophomore middies Dave Lipinski and Jed Cronin netted two apiece, while Freshmen Gibby Seemes, Dan Cooper and Kevin Knox tallied one each in the first half.

However, the Dips scored 5 unanswered goals, 3 in the third and two in the fourth, to take an 8-7 lead. Cronin answered back; however, F&M took the lead 9-8 with under five minutes to play. Cronin and Senior Greg Rupert stung the Dips with two goals with under three minutes in regulation.

Slomkowski (22 saves), who received high grades from both coaches for his effort in the net, couldn'y deny F&M as they got one by the All-American with only 1:26 remaining.

In the sudden death period, faceoff specialist Blair Muneses (18-18 in draws) won the draw and raced up field where Rupert dished it to Cooper for the much-needed win.

The Shoremen put their playoff hopes on the line this Saturday when they host sixth ranked Washington & Lee(7-3), starting time: 1:30. The Shoremen have moved up in the polls to No. 9. The first eight teams go to the Division III playoffs. The WAC have left to play top ranked Salisbury State.

Senior Matt Petz leads a defense that will have to come to the forefront this weekend when the WAC hosts W&L. A victory Saturday keeps their NCAA hopes alive.

Photo courtesy of Ted Mathias of the Easton Star Democrat

Women's Tennis extends streak

The Shorewomen tennis team took two last week to extend their unbeaten streak to ten games. They first bagelled Salisbury State 9-0 on Tuesday, and then MAC rival Elizabethtown, 7-2.

MATT GILLER

Collectively, the WAC only lost 12 games to the Sea Gulls of Salisbury in their sweep.

Tracy Peel, ranked second in the nation, trounced her opponent, 6-1, 6-3. At second singles, freshman Pam Hendrickson, had little trouble toying with her foe winning 6-2, 6-1. Miriam Dittman, playing at three singles, and Kristy Karns, at the five spot, each tarred and feathered the Gulls 6-0, 6-0.

Captain Rachel Rice showed no mercy as she drubbed her opponent 6-1, 6-2. At six singles, Michelle Root ran her opponent around during her 6-2, 6-0 thumping.

The action heated up, however, as Dittman and Rice played well to outlast their opponent at No. 1 doubles, 6-4, 4-6, 7-5. Karns and Jen Sloan bagelled a Gull at No. 2 and Root and Shriver were well on their way to mopping up when their opponents retired with the WAC leading in the first set 2-1.

With their huge win streak on the line last week, the WAC took on Elizabethtown, which was planned to be a tight one.

At No. 1, Peel did her thing by sweeping to a 6-3, 6-2 trouncing. After Hendrickson eased her way to a 7-5, 6-2 win she teamed up with Peel to win their tenth straight match, 6-3, 6-4. At fourth singles, Dittman swept 6-2, 6-2. The Dittman/Rice tandem (9-2 this spring), however, broke a sweat on their way to a three-set victory, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Karns, in a key singles match in the sixth spot, trimmed her opponent 7-5, 6-4 and then teamed up with Sloan close out a three-set nailbiter, 7-5, 5-7, 6-2.

The Shorewomen play at Towson State today.

Matt Giller is a senior International Studies major who honed his craft of one-wall handball on 128st and 3rd Ave of the Bronx. After graduation he will turn his skill into big bucks.

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Award-winning novelist gives reading

Marie-Claire Blais, a contemporary French-Canadian novelist, poet and playwright, will visit Washington College Wednesday, April 24 to give a reading from her fiction. The reading, which will be in English, is set for 5 p.m., in the Sophie Kerr room of Miller Library. Admission is free and the public is encouraged to attend.

Marie-Claude Blais made a sensational entrance to the Canadian literary world at the age of 17 with the publication of her novel La Belle Bete, which she describes as "an adolescent nightmare.. about the erotic love of a mother for her handsome retarded son and the jealous hatred felt for him by his ugly sister." Since then she has written seventeen novels, two volumes of poetry and seven plays. Her novel A Season in the life of Emmanuel won the prestigious French Prix Medicis as well as the Prix France-Quebec; her 1985 Anna's World was awarded a prize by the Académie Francaise, and she has been decorated with the Order of Canada.

Marie-Claire Blais' visit to Chestertown is sponsored by the Washington College Lecture Committee.

Symposium given on Chesapeake

In honor of Earth Day 1991, the McLain Program in Environmental studies at Washington College will hold a major symposium of "The future of the Chesapeake Bay" Saturday, April 20 at 2 p.m. in the Casey Academic Resource Center Forum of the college. Admission is free and the public is encouraged to attend.

The symposium will feature fours experts in various fields related to the ecology of the Chesapeake Bay, one of the world's major estuarine systems. Tom Horton, author of Bay Country and former environmental reporter for the Baltimore Sun, will discuss the educational programs of such organizations as the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Verna Harrison, Assistant Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, will address the DNR's approach to such concerns as the rockfish fishery of the bay. John Cumberland, emeritus professor of economics at the University of Maryland, will discuss the economic impact of environmental conservation and Joseph Mihursky, Director of the Chesapeake Research Consortium, will present the role of scientific research in the development and protection of the Chesapeake.

APRIL

Campus **Paperback** Bestsellers

1. **The Silence of the Lambs,** by Thomas Harris. (St. Martin's Press, $5.95.) FBI trainee stalks killer with help of evil genius.
2. **From Beirut to Jerusalem,** by Thomas L. Friedman. (Anchor, $12.95.) Account of the Arab-Israeli strife.
3. **Dances with Wolves,** by Michael Blake. (Fawcett, $4.95.) Civil War veteran joins the Sioux way of life.
4. **Saddam Hussein and the Crisis in the Gulf,** by Judith Miller and Laurie Mylroie. (Times Books, $5.95.) Hussein's invasion of Kuwait.
5. **All I Need to Know I Learned From my Cat,** by Suzy Becker. (Workman, $5.95.) Advice from a discerning cat.
6. **Desert Shield Fact Book,** by the staff of GDW. (Game Designer Workshop, $10.) Maps and facts pertaining to the war in the Gulf.
7. **Devices and Desires,** by P.D. James. (Warner, $5.95.) Inspector Dalgliesh is confronted by a series of killings on the Norfolk coast.
8. **Wiener Dog Art,** by Gary Larson. (Andrews & McMeel, $7.95.) More *Far Side* cartoons.
9. **All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten,** by Robert Fulghum. (Ivy, $5.95.) Uncommon thoughts on common things.
10. **Weapons of Desert Storm,** by Walter J. Boyne. (Publications Intl., $7.95.) Information about conventional and biological warfare.

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New & Recommended

A personal selection of David Taylor, Indiana Univ. Bookstore, Bloomington, IN

Yaz, by Carl Yastrzemski and Gerald Eskenazi. (Warner, $4.95.) The story of the son of a Long Island potato farmer who gave his best to baseball - and bowed out as one of the true heroes of the game.

Skinny Legs and All, by Tom Robbins. (Bantam, $5.95.) Comic and controversial novel dealing with today's most sensitive issues as seen through the violently scratched lens of the Middle East.

Animal Liberation, by Peter Singer. (Avon, $9.95.) Offers sound, humane solutions to what has become a profound environmental, social and moral issue.

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Carroll Papers exhibited at Washington College

A major new exhibit featuring the papers and documents of Charles Carroll of Carrollton and his family, one of the most powerful and influential families in Maryland history, will be on display at Washington College from April 25 to May 15. The exhibit will be on the lower level of the new Casey Academic Resource Center. On Saturday afternoon, April 27, Sally Mason, Associate Editor of the Carroll Papers Project, will conduce lecture tours of the exhibit after the official opening ceremonies for the Casey Academic Center.

Charles Carroll of Carrollton, born in Annapolis in 1737, became one of Maryland's four signers of the Declaration of Independence and helped to draft Maryland the first constitution and declaration of rights in 1776. In the last six years of his life, before his death on 1832, he was revered by the last surviving signer of the Declaration of Independence.

The exhibit is called "A Priceless Legacy: Charles Carroll of Carrollton's Papers and History of Maryland," and uses documents, letters, paintings and photographs to trace the Carroll family back from its roots in 17th century Ireland to its ascendancy as one of the wealthiest families in Maryland.

The exhibit is currently open just inside the entrance of the CAC building. Stop by on your way to the mailroom!

Harris' electrifying *Silence of the Lambs*

by Eric Forste

Rarely does Hollywood do a good job of transferring a work fiction to the silver screen, and rarely does an author's intent shine through after the screenwriters get a hold of his work. But, then again, the producers of the film version of Thomas Harris' book *The Silence of the Lambs*, could hardly have gone wrong.

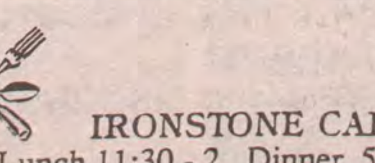
Harris has created one of the most thought provoking, page turning suspense thrillers since *Presumed Innocent*. Don't be surprised if you finish it in a day, or less. Then see the movie. And don't be surprised if you feel drained. Then, in all probability, you'll find yourself reading the book again. And again. The pages just seem to fly by as Harris reaches into the conscious (and subconscious) minds of his readers, strapping them down and saying: "listen to this, you won't believe it."

The book opens with Clarice Starling, a young FBI trainee specializing in psychology and forensics, as she is called into the office of Jack Crawford, section chief of the Behavioral Science department - the FBI section that deals with serial murder. It appears at first that she is in for a special assignment. But Starling gets more than she bargains for. It seems someone has been kidnapping young women across the country - apparently starving them and then murdering them. But this is no ordinary serial killer. The victims, discovered floating in rivers and streams in a completely random and almost careless way, have one very troubling and gruesome thing in common: *they have been skinned.*

Starling is sent to interview Dr. Hannibal Lecter, a once noted Psychiatrist who is serving out a life sentence at the Baltimore State Hospital for the Criminally Insane. Lecter, a.k.a "Hannibal the Cannibal," remains the foremost authority on criminal and psychopathic behavior - even after having become part of that community himself. Lecter's cool manner and keen insight, coupled with his training in psychology and obvious intelligence, as well as his hands on experience with murder could quite possibly help the FBI find this new psychotic killer. Starling soon discovers, however, that in order to gain Lecter's trust (and any useful information) she must give up part of herself - the part where her fears and nightmares come alive - to this blood-chilling sociopath. This she resolves to do... but time is running out - "Buffalo Bill" has kidnapped another victim. Starling is forced to examine her own psyche by the manipulative mind of a brilliant madman, who knows more than he is telling...but has to have his fun before revealing anything.

Lecter's manipulative attempts to rattle Starling are very convincing and effective, and his character is one with which readers will find an eerie fascination. Starling's growth and accomplishments through out the book are particularly poignant. The secondary characters, such as Crawford (the FBI chief) are refreshingly convincing and true-to-life. Harris has effectively merged insights of the psychological and criminal professions with action, suspense, mystery, graphic detail, chilling characters, and real human spirit. While the film, *The Silence of the Lambs* is a little too graphic to be a real must see Thomas Harris' book is certainly a must read.

Eric Forste is a Junior and a Humanities major. He is also a Sacred Cow.



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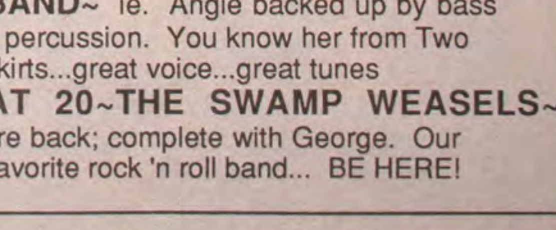

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to include additional locker rooms, offices and a state of the art fitness center. The healthe services that are now located in Queen Anne will be moved ther also. Plans also include an indoor track and a room for aerobics.

Completion of the Field House is anticipated to be January of 1992. According to Baer, the major portion of the site work should be complete by the end of the summer and the return of students to the campus.

These changes are the last major projects of the Campus Plan thus far.

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Mackenzie donates mounted Osprey

Jim Mackenzie wanted to do something to show his appreciation of the natural environment and the education he has received.

Jim Mackenzie, a senior a WC, has donated a mounted Osprey to Dr. Munson, Chair of the Biology Department, Mr. Mackenzie gave this gift to show his appreciation for his education which gave him a greater understanding of the natural environment.

Psychologist discusses addiction and substance abuse

Tony Tomasello, Director of the Office of Substance Abuse Sudies at the University of Maryland school of Pharmacy, will lecture on the "Psychobiological Basis of Drug Addictions" on Thursday, April 18 at 7:30 p.m. at Washington College.

The lecture will be held in the Norman James Theatre of William Smith Hall at the college. Admission is free and the public is encouraged to attend.

Tony Tomasello, who is also Assistant Professor of Clinical Pharmacy at UMSP, is widely published in the field of marijuana, cocaine, and alcohol substance abuse, and he is an expert in both the biological basis of addictive behaviors as well as intervention treatment programs.

He has considerable professional experience as a consultant to numerous agencies that deal with substance abusers.

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Dedication of ARC to be held this Saturday

This Saturday, April 27th, the dedication and ribbon cutting of the Eugene B. Casey Academic Resource Center will take place. The ARC has been open for student use since the beginning this semester.

Festivities will begin at 2:00 p.m. Saturday with the dedication ceremonies. Remarks will be made by Charles H. Trout- President of the College, Louis L. Goldstein- Chairman, Board of Visitors and Governors, Christian Havemeyer- Chairman of Building and Grounds Committee, Elizabeth R. Baer- Provost and Dean of the College, and finally Steven Cades- Associate Professor of Sociology.

Kevin Kelly, President of the Student Government Association, will then make a presentation to Mrs. Casey, who will also be in attendance, from the Student Government Association and the Alumni Association.

Mrs. Eugene B. Casey will then make the final remarks of the dedication ceremony before the ribbon cutting and the unveiling of a bust of Mr. Casey.

The late Eugene B. Casey is the force behind the building of the ARC. His graciousness, along with his wife, was what made the Academic Resource Center possible.

While still a law student at Georgetown University, he formed the Casey Engineering Company, the firm that build several major structures in the area, including eh Georgetown University Medical School and the Walter Reed Army Hospital, before turning to home building. Mr. Casey later expanded his interests into real estate and farming.

A former aide to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, he served as deputy governor of the Farm Credit Administration in 1940 and 1941, and later as a White House agricultural adviser. He served in the Navy in the Pacific, late in World War II.

Mr. Casey was one of several investors who made their fortunes in land dealings during that period. During the 1950's and 1960's, Mr. Casey pioneered low-cost housing in the Rockville-Gaithersburg area, and was one of the first developers to build large apartment projects in Montgomery County.

Mr. Casey, who was one of the largest landholders in upper Montgomery County during the years after World War II, was also one of the most generous philanthropers. He gave the historic Darnell farm, built in 1755, to Montgomery County. He donated the land for the Maryland Sheriffs' Boys Club Ranch. His gift of land and facilities, known as the Casey Barns, led to historic medical advancements. From 1949 until 1960, these barns were used by the U.S. Government for research that led to the development of the Salk polio vaccine.

He was married to Betty Brown Casey '47, who is a member of Washington College's board of Visitors and Governors.

In his later years he made significant contributions to Washington College as well, funding construction of the Casey Swim Center and paying for the purchase and renovation of the O'Neill Literary House (named after his mother) and Brown Guest Cottage (named after his wife's mother).

Before his death in 1986, Mr. Casey's pledge to donate the money for a new campus facility initiated a building campaign that just now is being completed. "His generosity and his leadership inspired Washington College to think anew about its mission and its needs, leading to a master plan and a revitalized campus," commented then-President Douglass Cater at the time of Mr. Casey's death.

The ceremony on Saturday is in his honor.

The Academic Resource Center was designed by the architectural firm of Peterson and Brickbauer, Inc. of Baltimore. It has become the center of the college campus as it contains the Admissions Office, the Student Affairs Office for the Dean of Students and her staff, seminar rooms, a common room, an advanced computing classroom, a modern language laboratory, and a forum. The college bookstore and mailroom are also located here.

Following the dedication and the ribbon cutting all are invited to attend an Open House in the Casey Center. Demon-

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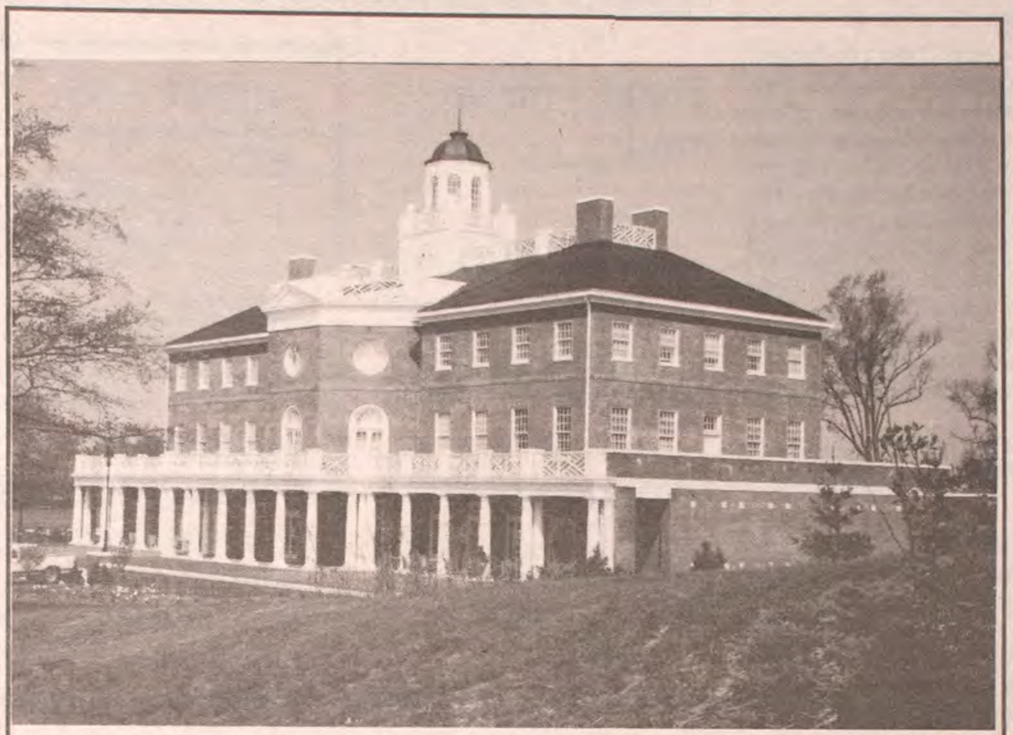

The Eugene B. Casey Academic Resource Center will be dedicated this Saturday at 2:00 p.m. *Photo By: Susie Mazzullo*

Students hold mock U.N. Conference

By: Susie Mazzullo

Those students, enrolled in the Politics of the Middle East class this semester, recently participated in a mock United Nations Conference. The conference was held in Hynson Lounge this past Tuesday and was organized by Dr. Tahir Shad, Director of International Studies.

The students attempted to solve the Arab Israeli Conflict that has been plaguing the Middle East for many years. By the end of the day, the students had agreed on a plan that would solve the problem, but only after hours of discussion and compromise.

The class had been preparing for this since the beginning of the semester. They had broken up into groups representing the countries of Israel, Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Iraq, U.S.S.R., and the United States. There were also groups representing the Palestinian Liberation Organization and the United Nations. Each group then had to research their own country and in essence become a citizen of that country. To be

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The members of the mock United Nation Peace Conference held this past Tuesday.

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EDITORIAL

To my successor:

Well, kid, it's all yours. The wonderful creation known as the Washington College Elm. Having served as Editor for a year, I feel I can wax nostalgic and offer some pointers.

At President Trout's inauguration, the President of Western Maryland University spoke about the "three envelope" method of crisis solving. Well, here's my version.

How to manage the Elm.

1. Learn to live without sleep. Don't be fooled, it's a luxury. The paper will rule your life, but, hey, it's done the same to every editor before you. While you're at it, learn to love coffee, takeout in the Dining Hall, and getting irate phone calls at 8 am.

2. Don't worry, there's always next week. The great joy of the Elm is what went wrong last week can be put right this week. This, however, does not mean that you can mess up something you've been doing right. We are only human.

3. Blame your predecessor. "She never told me about this" is an excellent reply to queries about your skill as an editor. Go ahead, blame it on me, I won't be here, I won't mind.

Best of luck, the job has its good points. And even if people are saying "Who?" at the moment, by this time next year, they'll be say "Her?"

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Every editor feels a bit sad leaving her newspaper. I am no exception. This hasn't been an easy year, but I made it through and that couldn't have happened without my staff. We had a bumpy ride, but we made it through. Thanks. And Gimbo, you weren't on the staff officially, but there would've been one beserk bunny without you.

Well, that's the news and ....

Happy Trails.

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The offices of the newspaper are located in the basement of Reid Hall. Business hours are 7:00-10:00 Monday and Tuesday evenings and 7:00-12:00 Wednesday. The phone number is (301) 778-2800, ext. 321.

Letters to the Editor

Professor expresses satisfaction with architects proposals

To the Editor:

Thank you very much for asking me to share my reactions to the proposed renovation strategies for William Smith Hall. I was very pleased with the remarks of Tai Soo Kim, the architect retained to conduct the preliminery study of the College's construction needs. I wholeheartedly agree with Mr. Kim's preference for retainingas much of the original character of the building as possible. William Smith Hall is one of the architectural treasures of Washington College, and it requires very delicate treatment. Mr. Kim's philosophy seems to be exactly right in this respect, and events seems to be moving in a very good direction.

Richard Striner

Thanks for the mud

Good-bye

As the year draws to an end, I look back at my time here at the WAC. Without waxing nostalgic, I simply want to say goodbye, thank you and I will miss all of the people who have helped to make my years here enjoyable, interesting and memorable.

At W.C. I have learned about myself, the meaning of friendship and high-heeled elephants. Thank you - Professors, Faculty, Friends, Enemies, Elm/Pegasus staffers, Reid Hall ladies, the Writer's Floor, CCF and the Above-Average Bimbo! Goodbye - and I wish you all happiness!

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The meaning of life?

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What is the meaning of life? Well, that is a good question. Of all the people that have inhabited the Earth down through history, who among them has not pondered their existence, their purpose. Until today we are not any closer to finding the answer then were our cave man ancestors. It is not unlikely that perhaps even us carefree college students take time out from our busy schedule of papers, classes, exams, and parties to think about the meaning of life. As a senior I can now safely say that the education I have recieved, although it is a good one, has in no way furthered my knowledge as to what the meaning of life is. I looked in the course catalog, but I did not see Meaning of Life 101. Just imagine what the prerequisites for Advanced Meaning of Life 420 would be like: the student must have at least 19 years of living experience. Actually I do not think one could learn the meaning of life anyway, since it is such an abstract concept (kind of like International Economics). I probably have a better shot at understanding economics than the purpose of my existence on this here planet Earth.

Let me now share with you some of the things I did learn in college which may someday lead me to the answer to the meaning of life. I learned that Rembrandt had a last name, that some dorm rooms are too small for two people, that drinking Sangria...well, anyway, that supply and demand curves cross at the equilibrium point, that no one is done with their thesis when the deadline rolls around, and finally, that college is over before you know it, especially if you're having fun (it's no cliché!). In my ponderings of the meaning of life, reenforced by the things I have learned, I have come to a conclusion. There is no difinitive meaning of life (except to procreate and pass our genes on to the next generation in order to survive and continue to exist in some form or another long after we die) because life is what you make it...I can't believe I just wrote that. But there is no other way to say it. So don't ponder the BIG question, just live your life and enjoy it to the best of your abilities. Maybe some people believe in order to have a meaningful life you have to perform great deeds or become famous (or infamous), but that does not mean anything because many people have led extraordinary lives without ever having their name so much as appear in a newpaper article. So, to reiterate my earlier conclusion, the meaning of life is what you want it to be—while your deciding, go out, have fun, and care about your fellow man who is trying to do the same thing you are. And for those of you who need a little extra help in finding out the meaning of life, go to your local video store and rent *Monty Python's The Meaning of Life.* That should clear up any doubts you may still have.

Top twenty possible meanings of life...

What is the meaning of life at Washington College? In an attempt to answer this utterly profound question, I asked my friends what they thought and we came up with the top 20 answers to this question.

The Meaning of Life at Washington College is:

Kris Wallenberg

20. figuring out which floor the other side of the elevator actually opens up on in the Casey Resource Center.

19. knowing when they will dedicate the "Cater Walk".

18. not getting your interlibrary loan books until the day after your paper is due.

17. "relax, don't stress, it's not important" (Sue Spedden)

16. waking up without a hangover.

15. a system error (Macintosh)

14. Winnie the Pooh

13. a peanut butter sandwich (advice given by a very wise professor)

12. the good life is a star on the horizon, a unicorn in your heart, and money in the bank.

11. being able to exist without having to deal with...

10. not really caring about Wisconsin.

9. the ability to take life less seriously.

8. the registration process

7. good food and good sex.

6. life, liberty, and the pursuit of alcoholic beverages.

5. the didacticism inherent in the quantum mechanics view of the universe.

4. MUD.. MUD and BRICKS.. MUD, BRICKS, and TREES.., MUD, BRICKS, TREES, and BEER. (as conceived by yon editor of yon newspaper who believes that god is a totalitarian)

3. the feeling you get when you have finished taking your last final exam.

2. GRADUATING

1. 42 - or preferably 42 copies of a Monty Python movie.

This question ranks up there with, what have you really gotten out of your liberal arts education and why is there distribution? It is questions like these that make you stop and think and say – I don't know. Does anyone truly know why the mailboxes are in the ARC, why your Tuesday and Thursday classes are too long, or why there are those three cement barricades at the cross walk? If you find out please let me know.

The meaning of life can not be found in the classroom. For some, it will be found at the Vern, at Newts, at the Blue Bird,

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Words of farewell and hopes for the future from Hands Out

By Erin Hodge-Williams

> You cannot teach man anything. You can only help him discover it within himself.
> Galileo

Hands Out is a program designed to encourage students and faculty to interact with the community. While this spring was Hands Out's first semester in effect, the concept of Hands Out has always been around Washington College. There have always been a small but distinct group of students and faculty who have consistently involved themselves in the community. One of the main reasons I decided to organize Hands Out came from a realization that oppurtunities for growth and learning extend well past the confines of Washington College's campus. Before I left to spend my junior year in Spain I didn't know much about Chestertown. Living in Europe taught me to become more sensitive to my surroundings.

Upon returning from Spain I was suprised to find that despite a group of active individuals, the college community was separated from the greater community. A year in Spain, where the pace of life is slow and you have time to talk to your neighbor, taught me the value of learning outside the classroom. People have always told me that the only way to truly learn another language and culture is by livng there. After a year away I know that to be true, but I had to discover it for myself.

In January Hands Out created a student and faculty volunteer directory. The directory contains specific information about organizations in the area with listings of both the services they provide to the community and the activities in which volunteers can participate. Encouraging long term participation in volunteer activities, such as interacting with children from Garnett Elementary or visiting nursing homes on a regular basis, was Hands Out's original intention. However, since this spring was our first semester, we decided the best way to introduce individuals to the idea of participation was through short term projects. Next year Hands Out will be using the directory, which is currently being updated, to try and encourage more long term community participation.

This weekend Hands Out will be organizing the fourth and final project of the year. The event will involve painting a

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President's letter

To: The Washington College Community

In my Inaugural Address back in October (Can nearly six months have elapsed since then?), I commented on volantarism at Washington College. "So many of our students have already recognized that opportunities for volunteer service in our region abound," I observed, "and nothing would give me greater pleasure than were every student in this College to reach out— reach out to the Garnett School playground project, to Council of the Aging, to literacy programs, to social agencies, to schools for kids in trouble."

With the subsequent funding of Hands Out, the mechanism is in place for extending needed assistance to those less fortunate than we on the Upper Eastern Shore. I could not be more delighted. That now we have an umbrella organization under which all sorts of volunteer opportunities are lodged, and that Hands Out has taken initiatives to extend the range of volunteer efforts, is something about which we can all be proud.

To all who have worked so hard to make Hands Out a success, I offer my thanks. Hands Out is off to a most auspicious beginning, and I look forward to seeing it thrive in the years ahead.

Charles H. Trout
President

Summer opportunities

Summer offers a wide range of opportunities for students to volunteer their time. If you have discovered through participation in Hands Out how much fun it is to work with others making you community a better place, you may want to take advantage of the summer months to continue to volunteer whether it be in Chestertown or in you home communities.

Students remaining in Chestertown can continue to work with the agencies listed in the Hands Out Directory. Virtually all of them operate year round and need volunteers especially during the summer months when their regular volunteers are away on vacation. Special summer programs like Camp Fairlee Manor, which serves disabled children and adults need both volunteers and paid staff. The same is true of agencies in any other community. While most schools are closed for the summer, students who would like to work with children could assist with recreation programs sponsored by Parks and Recreation Departments nationwide. Day care centers, YMCA programs, or pediatric hospitals also offer a chance to volunteer.

If you would like short term volunteer opportunities, check with the Special Olympics Office in your area to see when they will be holding events. The Maryland State Special Olympic Games at Towson State University on June 14th and 15th welcomes volunteers. Call (301) 931-4100. If you would like to work with elderly people, contact a local nursing home, meals

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Faculty involvement adds new dimension

I have read someplace that learning begins in the home. I believe this because our parents help us to formulate what we learn and how we should use this information. Now that we are members of an institute of higher learning we need role models more than ever because, for most of us, our parents are hundreds of miles away. And with us being force fed a lot of information, we need guidance to help us use our information wisely. This is where our professors come in. We need them to teach us how, when, and where to use this data that they keep telling us will be important in our future lives. Teachers have a responsibility to not only teach with the utmost of quality but also to respond to the needs of the student body. Students need guidance. But how can teachers give guidance if they themselves do not have a clear direction. That is why I urge the professors , if they are not going to join in the fight to make this community better, at least to encourage their students to become active. Because as a member of the Hands- Out Program, I have come to realize that nothing can be accomplished if we do not have the forces of the larger community on our sides.

Let's plant a tree

By Kathy Mullen

Last Saturday, April 20th, many Kent County residents gathered under cold, rain-threatening skies to plant a few hundred saplings in Worton Park. Included in these numbers were a few students, faculty and staff of Washington College: Beth Armstrong, Vicky Sawyer, Clint Baer, Dr. Shivers and Dr. Shoge, who offered their time and service to help restore the tree numbers in our local area. Originally, there were to be a thousand saplings planted at three different locations from the time period of 8-12, and 15 of WC faculty and staff had signed up to participate. However, due to some last minute changes, there was only one location and through the work of those volunteers that did show up, all the tree-planting was completed in 2 hours. Hands Out would like to thank these dedicated volunteers who represented our college in trying to make a difference in our local community's environment.

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barn for Fairlee Manor, a non-profit summer camp for physically and mentally handicapped individuals. This project was originally scheduled for April 20th, however, due to the rain, it had to be postponed until this weekend. The last three projects have been incredibly successful and Hands Out would like to extend immense thanks those groups and individuals who have helped to make them possible.

One of the original goals for Hands Out was to create a comprehensive volunteer program at Washington College which would be incorporated into the academic direction of the college. I myself feel strongly that students should be able to receive some form of academic credit for volunteer activities. The type of learning that comes from participation and involvement cannot be compared to classroom learning. As the quotation states "Do not let education get in the way of learning." Washington College cannot expect to teach students to be independent and responsible if they do not encourage and recognize those who are. I have discovered that Washington College is quite conservative about its academic policies, and while Hands Out has not given up on further exploration of the idea of participation and its relationship to academics, it will certainly be a gradual process.

I will be graduating this year, and while I will be sad to leave Hands Out, I know that the organization is in good hands. I would like to thank all the members of Hands Out for their incredible energy, enthusiam, and commitment. A special thanks to Maria Jerardi, Jennifer Mauser, Kathy Mullan, George Jamison, Mary Holmes, Kevin Marshall, Erin Page, and Linda Cades and Vicki Sawyer of the Career Development Office. Thanks also to the Washington College Dining Service for donating drinks for the projects. The continued success of Hands Out depends on you.

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or at Andy's – possibly at all four. For others, it will be found on the stage of Tawes or Gibson or on the playing field. It will be found in writing a poem or book or perhaps it will even be found in the Dinning Hall. Life is an experience, it is a process. Life, when taken for what it is, is sweet. It is not something to be conquered; it is something to be grateful for.

The answer to the meaning of life at Washington College is 42 so to all you graduating seniors out there I bid you a final farewell: so long and thanks for all the fish.

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on wheels program, adult day center or local office on aging. If you like teaching, join a literacy program and help an adult learn to read or a new immigrant learn English. If you'd like to work outdoors, check with a wildlife refuge, a habitat for humanity program or a state or national park.

Simply decide who you would like to help, what kind of work you would like to do, how many hours you would like to volunteer and contact the appropriate agency. Almost any community service agency can use your help; people seldom turn down a willing volunteer. If you are unsure what agencies exist in your area, start your search at your local public library. Libraries often serve as volunteer clearing houses, and the reference librarian can help you locate likely volunteer opportunities.

In Maryland, you can also call the Governor's Office on Volunteerism (301) 225-4496, which coordinates volunteer opportunities state wide. The Volunteer Clearing House of the District of Columbia (202) 638-2664 publishes an annual list of agencies needing volunteers in Washington. Most telephone directories have a page near the beginning of the directory which lists community service numbers. If you need more suggestions, Vicky Sawyer or Linda Cades in the Career Development Office will be pleased to help you locate an oppurtunity of interest to you.

No one can solve all of the world's problems, but by giving a few hours of your time, you can make a difference. Somebody needs you.

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A Dr. Cades exam and a fishing trip to Betterton

Phil "Slice" Macek

There was once four juniors at Washington College: Bob, Johnny, Tom, and Joe who were diligently preparing for Steve Cades's ultra-difficult "Research Methods in Sociology" final exam. However, they were very burned out from all their studying and hereby decided to remedy the situation with a well deserved break. Since the exam was to take place at 2:00 in the afternoon, the boys opted to quit studying early and spend the remainder of the morning fishing up in Betterton. Well, they got their rods and the big IGLOO cooler loaded up with three cases of Rolling Rock (same as it ever was), and headed off into the clear, serene Spring morning.

Our four journeymen followed the sun's lead and soon happened upon a small, secluded farm pond. They unloaded the beer first (clearly showing that their priorities were in order), and with any thoughts of Cades's exam a million miles away they proceeded to drop their lines into the cool water.

Well about two and a half cases later (never mind that no fish were caught), our four heroes decided to take a little siesta on the pond's sun drenched banks, and subsequently they all curled up into fetal positions and dozed off.

Johnny woke up first, the sun shining bright and hot on his face; and at first he struggled to grasp his temporal reality.

"Dude, where the hell am I?" he asked himself softly. His head felt like somebody had tried to jackhammer through it as he slowly and very painfully sat up and called to his school-skipping cohorts.

Joe opened his bloodshot eyes and wondered aloud, "How long have we been asleep?"

"I don't know," Bob answered dryly. "But sure as hell, we're gonna be late for that damn exam."

"Oh lovely," Tom chimed in slowly as he came back to life. "My grade can't afford another F. I wonder if Cades would except a hefty bribe?"

The four partners in crime struggled to their feet with their joints protesting loudly from the stiffness. They made it to the car without throwing up and headed towards campus in silence.

An announcer on a local radio station told the hung-over lads that the time was now 2:55 and that it was now time to get back to the outlandish interview with the guy spreading rumors that Scott Read was seen buying something at the bookstore with his own money, this same guy also claims to have seen Dr. Gillin yelling, "I don't care how toned a woman's body is, her thighs are still going to jiggle!!" out his car window at female joggers on Route 213.

"Turn off that damn noise," growled Joe painfully. He held his throbbing head gingerly like it was going to fall off if he let go.

"Look guys," piped in Bob optimistically. "Since we're commuters and live a good ways from campus, we'll just tell Dr. Cades some story about getting a flat tire; and that since we didn't have a spare we had to walk the rest of the way. I think he'll respect our determined effort to be present, albeit late, for his exam.

A sparkle suddenly came to Johnny's eyes as he saw the brilliant logic in Bob's plan.

"That could work. My brother, come to think of it, pulled the same gag in high school and he ended up getting extra time on his exam without a hitch."

The four members of the goon platoon perked up a little and each popped open a fresh beer in order to celebrate their newly found fool-proof alibi that would be their ticket into Cades's exam.

They pulled into Bill Smith's parking lot looking like they had just returned from the grave and as they walked to the exam room each boy wondered to himself if their plan would be successful.

As the boys entered the room the class looked up from their papers and laughed wildly at the sight of their hung-over colleagues. Cades, however, was not so amused.

"Well fellas, I'm overjoyed to see that you could set aside a little time from your busy days to join us. You only have until 5:00 to complete your exams, a mere 42 minutes from now." Cades handed each boy a copy of his "death warrant" and after taking in their pathetic appearance one more time added sarcastically, "Good luck."

The boys sat side by side in the front row and started their exams. Tom grimaced and grew pale when he read the question about stratified geographic sampling. Joe took similar displeasure in the question about testing for a researcher's two best friends, validity and reliability and Bob winced as if he had just been hit by a stiff jab when he saw the essay question about Likert scales.

At 5:00, Cades got up from his desk and announced to the empty classroom save for four boys, "That's it fellas. Let's wrap 'em up and hand 'em in."

The boys looked at each other for a fleeting moment and finally, Bob, the unofficial leader of the brew crew, arose from his seat prepared to save the boys from certain F's.

"Dr. Cades, sir, we just want you to know that we have a very good reason for being late and we think that we deserve extra time to complete your exam."

"Well is that so boys?" in-

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quired Dr. Cades in a playful manner. And as he sat back down with a smile on his face he said, "O.K., let's hear it."

Bob looked back at his friends with a "this is not going to work" look and met their agreeing glances. The beer used in their celebration now left a hot, sour feelings in their stomachs, and yet Bob gamely continued.

"You see Dr. Cades, the four of us are commuters and live about 12 miles outside Chestertown. Well, we were on our way here and about half way to campus we suffered the horrific calamity of a flat tire. Since we didn't have a spare we decided to walk here and tell you the truth, knowing that in all your infinite mercy you would graciously give us a time extension. After all, this was a freak accident; and I don't think we can be held directly accountable."

Cades listened intently to Bob's little speech, considered it for a moment, and then passed down his verdict like a time-tested judge.

"Alright boys, tell ya what I'm gonna do. I'll give you an extra hour to finish your exams. Now you boys stay here and work, while I get another cup of coffee."

"Thank you," the boys said in unison like a well practiced choir. "We really appreciate this."

"Yes well, accidents do happen." And with that bit of profound philosophy the boys watched Cades leave the room.

The boys exchanged a series of victorious smiles with one another and then turned their devoted attention to the task at hand. Finally, Cades came back into the room carrying a fresh cup of Java and four bluebooks.

"Boys I've changed my mind and I'm going to give you a special final. Now mind you I don't normally do this, but I feel that in a situation like this such actions are justified. I have only one request, that each of you sit in a different corner of the room."

The four friends got up and did as Dr. Cades had asked. After all, they had just outwitted sociology's "grand old man" and were about to get a custom made final exam.

As the boys were getting comfortable in their seats, Dr. Cades said, "As I've said this is a special final in that it contains one brief essay question. I think it is fair, and if you've studied at all it will be quite simple."

Cades turned his back to the boys and paced deliberately to the front of the room like a man waiting for his first child to be born. When he turned around to face the boys again he smiled softly and said in a casual voice, "Your question is simply this: which tire went flat?"

And finally, Slice's final word about W.C.

Well, that does it; four years of college in the books. Little did I know as an incoming freshman that the time would fly so fast and leave me at the doorstep of graduation in the blink of an eye. I remember my first days here during freshman orientation.

"Where's Kent House?" I asked some old man while I tried to get situated in my new home.

"Over there" he said with an accompanying pointing finger. "Next to the tar pits and the toxic waste dump."

I immediately felt at home in my new surroundings and eventually became accostumed to small town life. I learned to love dining hall food, mud, and Milwaukee's Best.

Towards the end of freshman year I experienced my first Spring at Washington College as well as my first May Day (which I still haven't recovered from). Thus, my initial year ended and left me full of amazement, wonder, and a desire to see what Sophomore year would hold.

So I returned a wise fool, and instantly picked up where freshman year had ended. I crashed my first Birthday Ball and struggled through the mental anguish of selecting a major. Sophomore year saw the onset of major construction around campus and left me wondering what this school would look like when I returned for Junior year.

Well since I didn't fail out, I decided to return for my third year at the friendliest damn little college on the shore. I returned to find the progress of construction moving at a snail's pace and subsequently determined that the workers had taken summer break too. Junior year saw Dr. Gillin's class another time and the arrival of Doug Cater's retirement announcement. Junior year also bore witness to my second crashing of the Birthday Ball and my third May Day. I had, needless to say, grown to love WC, and put off thoughts of graduation as long as possible.

Senior year arrived and I welcomed in my final year with the torture of a 8:30 Dr. Scout class. I survived being the only male in a Dean Sansing class, which ultimately taught me not to get married lest I be abused by all the passion and fury of 250 pounds of loving wife who wants to kill me for not taking out the garbage.

Finally, I finished my thesis and await the arrival of graduation. So here I stand, four years later, awaiting my fate in the real world. And to all those returning next year I leave the following threat: I am not that easy to get rid of and I will be back for Alumni Day. Adios W.C., maybe one day when I rich and famous I'll donate a building or something (or maybe not).

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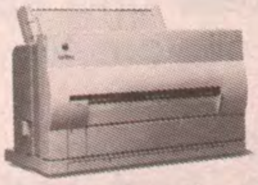

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A tribute to Chatty

Don Chatellier retires after 36 years of service

By Gary Brown

Washington College's Don Chatellier is a man of numbers. If you sit next to him at a Washington swim meet, he'll have his state-of-the-art stopwatch handy to time the swimmers' splits for you, and he'll show you the scrap paper with the current score and just how many more points Washington needs to win the meet. If you stop by the Truslow boathouse on a chilly morning, you'll find him calculating how many strokes per minute the crew team will have to generate to conquer the Chester River. If you attend a Shoremen basketball game, you'll see Don at the scorer's table running the clock, controlling time, as it were, with a push of a button. And if you try and count just how many people Don has coached, taught, or influenced in his 36 years of dedicated service at Washington College, you'll most certainly run out of numbers, and time.

Don is retiring at the end of the fiscal year from an institution that has helped mold him, and that he in turn has equally changed and benefited. It is ironic that Don be confronted with this retirement phase that frames an element of time, for though the numbers on a clock have been his life blood, the bits of data that fill his mind, he is not a man who is ruled by time.

"My attitude toward anything I've ever done," Don says while taking a break from his computer screen," is that if you're going to do something, do it as well as you can. That may sound like a cliche, but time really doesn't mean anything to me. It shouldn't matter how much time you need to do something right. If the commitment is there, then you don't worry about time."

Few people have made the type of commitment to Washington College that Don has. His compassion for perfection and his work ethic have made him an invaluable contributor to every facet of the athletic department, and many others within the College. He has served long stints as head coach of Washington's cross country, track, and crew teams, he is a tenured faculty member who has been a mainstay in the physical education department, and most recently he has served as the athletic department's business manager, again facilitating Don's numerical knowledge. He is already a member of Washington's Athletic Hall Of Fame, and he has firmly established himself as one in a lengthy list of revered College mentors.

He was hired in the fall of 1955 as an instructor of physical education. He came from Springfield College with a Master's of Education after a two-year stint as a specialist in charge of supplies for special services at Fort Monmouth, NJ. After going through nearly 30 job interviews during a five-month period, Don and Washington College began a mutually beneficial relationship. Then Athletic Director Ed Athey took advantage of Don's extensive track background and put him in charge of Washington's track and field program, where he

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The "Genie" of numbers and stats, Don Chatellier prepares the scoreboard for a Shoremen basketball game.

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Love,
Mom, Dad and Sara

SPORTS

The Chatellier era ends

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flourished.

Track remained Don's first love in sports, and his eyes gleam when he reminisces about Washington's success at the Penn Relays, and within the Middle Atlantic Conference.

"I wouldn't coach if I didn't get excited about performance," Don said. "Our victories at the Penn Relays in 1963, 1975, and 1976 were some of my biggest thrills. We had competed there for years without ever getting a medal, and then we won it in those three years when nobody thought we could. It's a big thrill to put together four guys out of the 12 or 13 on your roster and pit them against four guys out of 40 or 50 roster members from bigger schools and have your guys win."

Don's teams notched several wins at prestigious events and sent many qualifiers to national championships. As a coach, he was a dedicated teacher and motivator, cut from much the same mold as the legendary J. Thomas Kibler, who brought several different Washington teams in the 1920s, '30s and '40s to national prominence.

"The people here at the time I was hired, guys like Kibler, Athey, and Dutch Dumschott, all were very concerned about the people under them, not only the student body, but the faculty and staff members as well. They were very much like my high school track coach, who influenced me a great deal and was one of the main reasons I became an educator and coach in the first place."

Harold Jardine coached track at Kearny High School in New Jersey where Don was a three-year letterman. Don remembers Jardine as a tenacious competitor, a wizened coach who was able to get every ounce of performance out of an athlete.

"It's kind of funny," Don recalls, "but I really got into teaching for the wrong reason. During our junior year in high school we were required to be interviewed by the Dean to try and determine what we wanted to do with the rest of our lives. I was told that if you said you were going to college that they'd pretty much leave you alone. So I said that just to get by, but after working in a factory for a summer, I went right back to Coach Jardine for advice, and he told me to go to Springfield, which started me off on the right foot. Jardine was the kind of guy, like Kibler, who had a lot of knowledge and understanding, and a way of getting the best out of his kids. I'd like to hope that I acquired some of those qualities during my time here."

Intrigued by the smallness of the institution and the town, and comfortable with the people around him, Don and his wife Betty made Chestertown their home.

Don is nicknamed Chatty for a reason. If you catch him in between fixing the Cain Athletic Center scoreboard, hammering out the kinks in the PA system at Kibler Field, or whipping up a budget report detailing how many lacrosse balls have come and gone in the last 30 years, he'll gladly sit you down and relate story after story that will amaze, confound and amuse you, leaving you literally exhausted after the session is finally interrupted by something that requires Don's wealth of knowledge and ability. He is an aggressive liver of life, not afraid to confront adventure or pursue the best possible solution to any problem. He will tell you that he's older than dirt, that his mother had six children and Donald, and that his favorite coaching criticism is: "You didn't run too badly, son, but you stayed in the same place too long."

It is nearly impossible to get a short answer from Chatty, but it is just as impossible not to learn something from him. He fits the philosophy of a Division III educator to perfection, and his main concerns are with the advancement of the individual. He thoroughly enjoys the return of alumni who bring him up to date on the progress of their lives, and he admits that it is this part of the job, the relationship with the students, that he will most dearly miss. He has witnessed nearly four decades of them, and has coached many different champions.

He has witnessed the rise of track great Edwin Moses, who competed in the Penn Relays, and he coached Washington Hall Of Famer Dan Scharf, and Tommy Morris, the first black student-athlete at the College. He coached against the likes of Upsala's football and track star Richie Davis and Widener phenom Billy "White Shoes" Johnson. He also coached against Harry Jardine when Jardine was an assistant at Upsala in the later years of his coaching life. Those moments in particular are special to Don. He has seen advances in training techniques, the welcome rise of women's sports, and the advent of coaches treating players more like people rather than simply performers, something that Don not only witnessed but nurtured. But time is not divisible for this man of numbers. For Chatty, the bottom line is the present and how each person tackles the immediate task at hand.

"You know, I just can't get into comparing athletes from one era to the next," he said. "You hear guys whining about how athletes were tougher then, or that athletes are better and stronger now. To me it doesn't matter, because numbers are numbers, and a champion is a champion no matter when or where he performed."

To the several thousand people who worked with him, learned from him, and were touched by him during the last 36 years, Chatty is most certainly their champion.

Though Washington College's men's lacrosse squad will not participate in the NCAA Division III playoffs for the first time in the 12-year history of the tournament, the Shoremen have displayed a gritty brand of lacrosse and an effort that has garnered the respect of those close to the program.

Reeling from a preseason incident that claimed ten varsity members, seven of which were slated to start, the Shoremen recovered under the steady and tenacious guidance of head coach Terry Corcoran, who quickly molded a competitive team made mostly of underclassmen, many of which had been on the junior varsity last year. Washington battled through a typically tough Shoremen slate, including Division I powers Johns Hopkins and Navy, and highly ranked Division III foes Salisbury State, Hobart, Alfred and Washington & Lee, winning heart-stopping thrillers against 12th-ranked Roanoke and 18th-ranked Franklin & Marshall, before falling short of the coveted eight-team postseason tournament.

The Shoremen's youthful nucleus gives hopes of a bright future to Washington fans who, though disappointed with the pause in Washington's string of playoff appearances, realize the character and poise with which the '91 squad performed.

Gary Brown is the Sports Information Director here at the WAC who has contibuted a great deal to the Elm sports pages all year. In this last issue I would like to extend a hearty thanks for all the work he has done for not only my pages but for the athletic programs at Washington College.

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

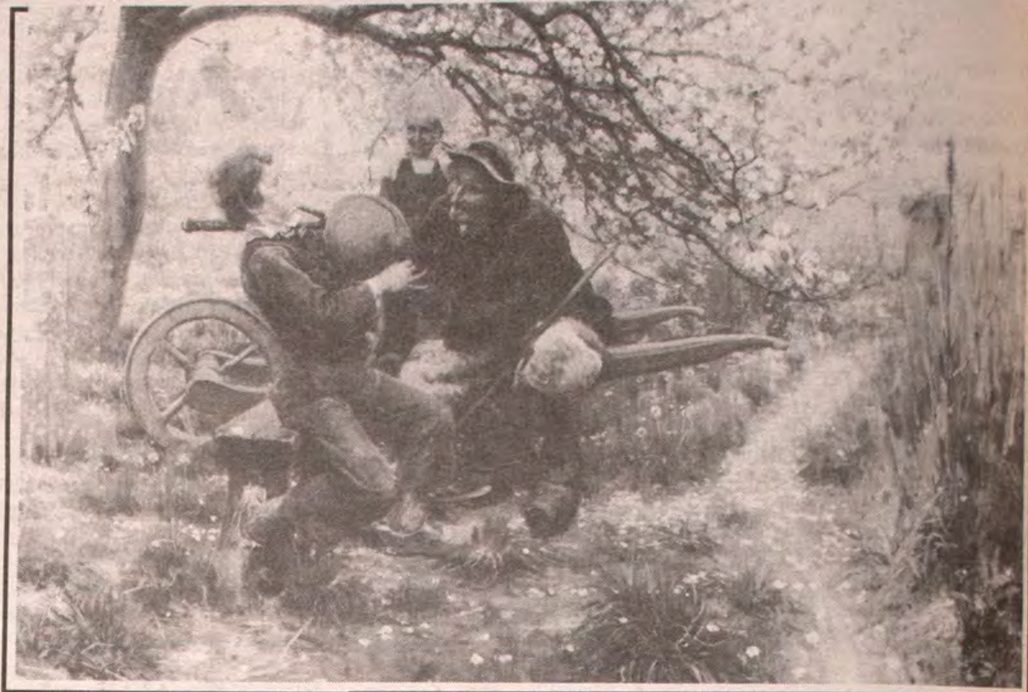
Artist Henry Tanner discussed in lecture

"Humane Concerns in the Life and Work of African-American Artist Henry O. Tanner (1859-1937)" will be the subject of a lecture by Dewey F. Mosby, Director of the Picker Art Gallery of Cornell University, to be given at Washington College. The talk, illustrated with slides of Tanner's artworks, is scheduled fro 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 29 in the Forum of the college's Casey Academic Center. Admission is free and the public is encouraged to attend.

A major retrospective of Henry O. Tanner's art is currently on display at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and was organized by Dr. Mosby in collaboration with Darrel Sewell, the museum's Curator of American Art. Dr. Mosby provided the scholarly essay for the catalogue of the exhibition.

Henry O. Tanner was born in Pittsburgh and raised in Philadelphia in a household described as "the center of the black intellectual community." He attended the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, where he studied under Thomas Eakins. In 1891 he sailed to France, where he was to remain for the rest of his life. In 1893 "The Banjo Lesson," depicting a grey-haired man patiently showing a young boy how to play a banjo, was exhibited in Philadelphia to great critical acclaim. Later Tanner turned to religious subjects, and such paintings as "The Flight into Egypt" reflect his growing interest in the subject of persecution and the search for freedom throughout history. In 1924 Tanner said of his biblical studies, "My effort has been... to give the human touch which makes the whole world kin and which ever remains the same." This "human touch" will be the subject of Dr. Mosby's lecture.

A noted scholar of European and especially French painting, Dewey Mosby is Director of the Picker Art Gallery and Professor of Art History at Colgate University. He is author of seven books and catalogues of art history, and has served as curator for fifteen major exhibitions at museum and art galleries in the United States and Europe, including the Detroit Institute of Arts, the National Gallery in Washington, D.C. and the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam. He has been decorated with the Order of Arts and Letters by the French Ministry of Culture.



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Delaware Regional Ballet to perform at W.C.

On Sunday afternoon, April 28, 1991, at the Gibson Performing Arts Center of Washington College, the Delaware Regional Ballet Company will present a varied concert of classical ballet and jazz dance. International Dance Week is April 27- May 2.

Les Sylphides, with music by Chopin, is a one-act ballet that was first produced in Paris in 1909. Anna Pavlova and Vaslav Nijinsky dance the lead roles. The DRBC's Director, Tatjana Akinfieva-Smith, is staging the ballet with the original choreography of Michael Fokine. Phillip Otto, soloist from the Pennsylvania Ballet, will dance the lead role with Stacey Vennett from Dover, DE. *Les Sylphides* is certainly one of the most poetic ballets of the 20th century and, perhaps, of all time.

Polovetsian Dances, with music by Borodin and choreography by Mrs. Akinfieva-Smith, is a lively and exciting piece in the manner of Central Asian dances that combines classical ballet with character dancing.

A Dance Suite is a classical Baroque piece for five women. The music by George Frederick Handel has been especially recorded by the Dover Early Music Consort for this performance.

The program will be rounded out with two jazz ballets. *Mask*, with music by Vangelis, is an extraordinary piece for 12 dancers. The choreography was commissioned work by Michele Lee Xiques who recently left Delaware to join the Empire State Ballet Company in Buffalo, NY. The second jazz piece is *Birdland*, a "Broadway jazz" piece for 10 dancers, choreographed by Victoria Voshell who is a faculty member with the DRBC.

The concert is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are $7 for adults and $4 for students and senior citizens. They are available at the Washington College Athletic Center and Student Affairs Office, and the Corsica Bookshop. For more information, contact the dance program at Washington College, 778-2800, ext. 225.

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strations of the Advanced computer classroom will be held by Professor Michael Malone, Professor Lida Baldwin will demonstrate the use of the language laboratory, and Sally Mason, Associate Editor of the Charles Carroll papers, will be presenting an exhibit in he Gallery entitled "A Priceless Legacy: Charles Carroll of Carrollton's Papers and the History of Maryland".

Students and members of the College community are invited an encouraged to attend. President Trout remarked, "I hope student will attend as this is a great moment for the college."

A reception will follow in the lower level of the Bookstore and all are invited to attend.

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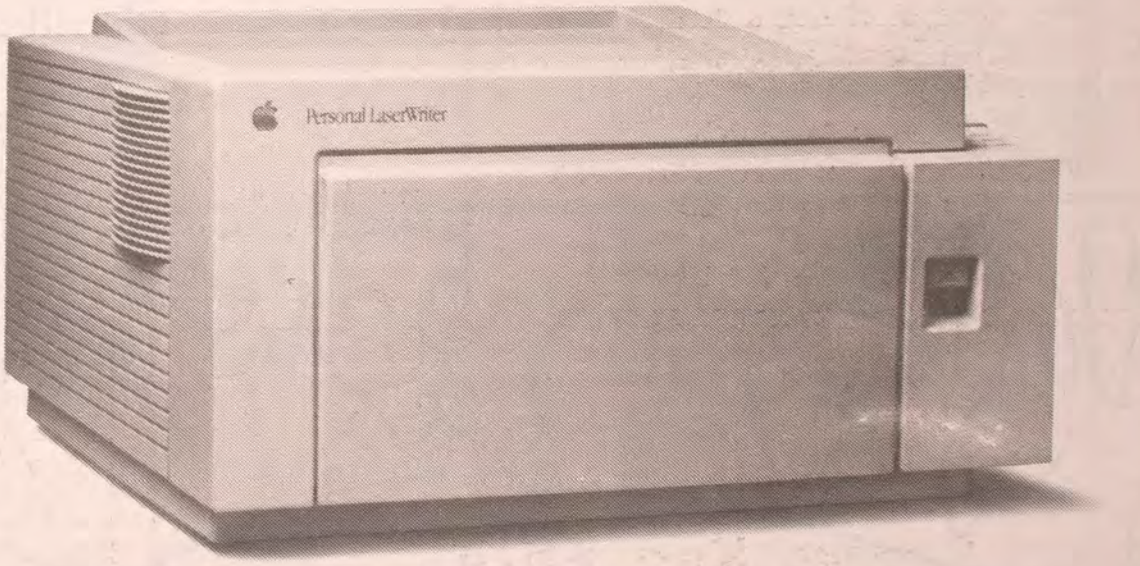

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Students at the mock United Nations conference, held on Tuesday.

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successful at the conference, Dr. Shad told the class that they had to think like the citizens of the country that they were representing.

A couple of weeks before the conference, the groups were each given a list of confidential objectives that they were to try to achieve at the conference. These added more excitement and intrigue to the conference as no one knew what the others where up to behind closed doors.

The conference began at 11:00 a.m. with a remark by President Trout. He wished the group well and said that he knew that Washington College undergraduated were capable of great things. He said to the group, "if you can solve the problem in the Middle East today, you are better people than lots of others."

Dr. Shad then introduced Professor John O'Rourke from the University of Pennsylvania. He was to act as the referee and mediator of the Conference. Any questions were to be directed to him, and many were.

The conference was conducted in a series of twenty minute segments. The first twenty was actual time sitting at the table debating under the formal rules of the United Nations. The next twenty minutes were open and each group was then able to talk to other groups and make deals. The conference continued in this fashion with an hour break for lunch in between.

By the end of the day, the students had indeed come up with a solution to the problem that was agreed upon by a majority. The group had avoided war.

Professor John O'Rourke debriefed the group following the completion of the conference. He congratulated the group on their performance of representing their countries, and commented that they had acted "within the realm of reasonable and expected behavior".

Following the conference, a Middle Eastern dinner was held for all of those who participated.

Anyone wishing to see a replay of the conference can attend the second presentation that will be held in Hynson Lounge this Saturday at 11:00 a.m. for Parent's Day.

Architects meet with students and faculty

By: Laura Hopper

Two architects met with students and faculty on Tuesday afternoon to discuss the renovation of William Smith Hall and the possible citings for a new classroom buildings. Using the diagram of the Master Plan, architect Tai Soo Kim discussed the overall plan of the campus, and presented four potential sites for a new building; on the quad next to Dunning Hall; on the site where Spanish House current is; on the site where Furguson stands, and in between Gibson and the Lifetime Fitness Center. Kim suggested the last site, which would be across the new pedestrian walk from Bill Smith has the most potential.

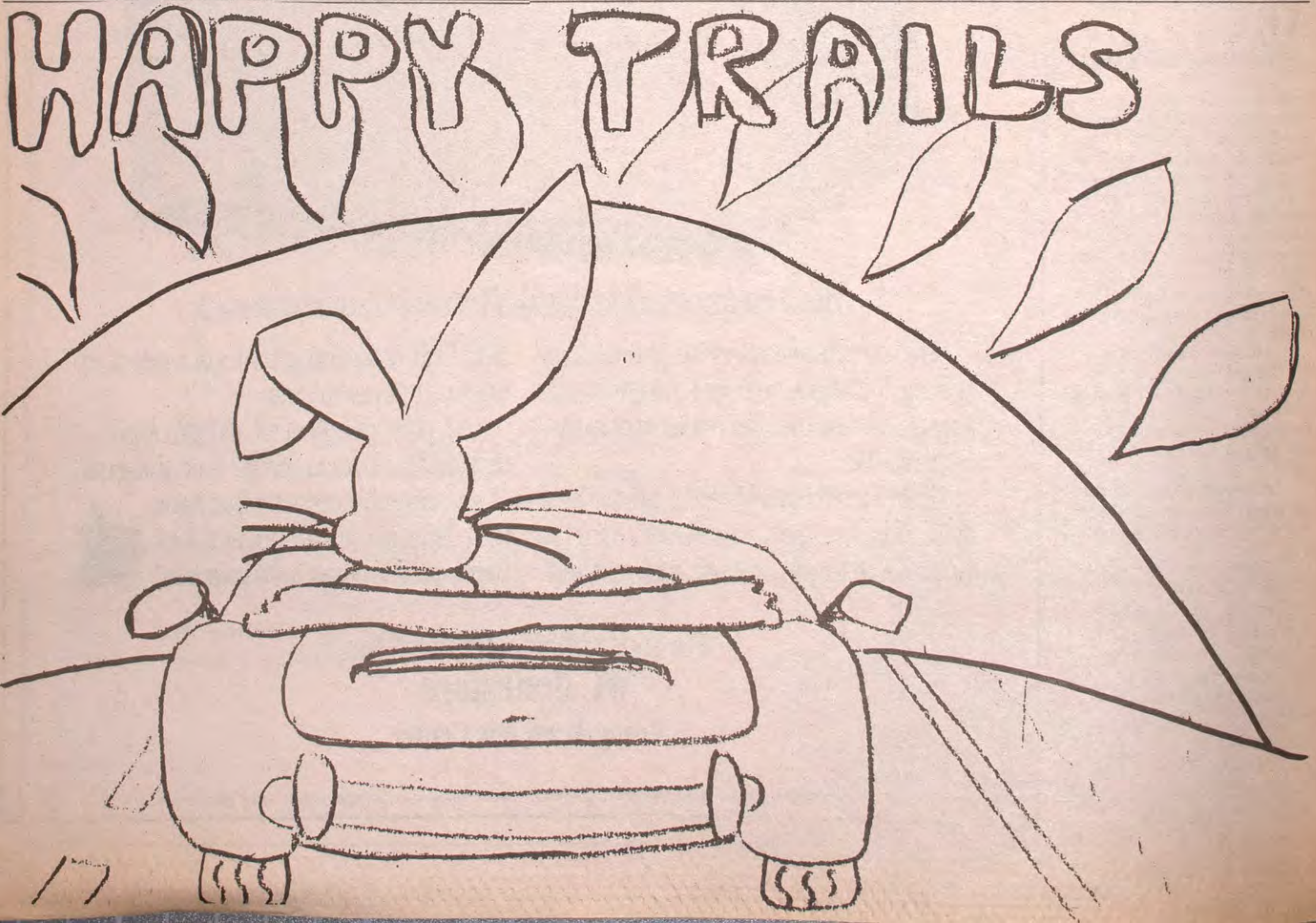
In the discussion, Kim stressed the need to define the role of the building, before considering the style in which it will be built, and its relationship with William Smith Hall. Before plans for the building are drawn up, the firm will create a three dimensional model of the campus, which will aid in determining the size and shape of a new classroom building as well as its relationship to the other buildings nearby.

The architectural firm of Tai Soo Kim is handling the renovations of William Smith Hall, and much of the subsequent discussion centered around the plans for renovation. President Trout reminded the audience that cost considerations are a factor in the renovations, as are modern building code requirements.

The architects stressed a desire to keep as many original features in the building as possible, including walls, floors, doors, and moldings. They described the exterior of the building as in good shape, and said that the inside looks shabby because of the lowered ceilings, poor paint job, and blocked windows.

Much of the discussion centered around plans to renovate Norman James Theater. The architects said they plan to bring in an acoustical consultant to aid in soundproofing the theater, and plan to use different sound obstructing materials. They want to change the dimensions of the projection booth to make the balcony more usable. They also want to remove the curtains from the stained glass windows, and change the color scheme to accentuate the detail on the presenium arch. In their view, relatively minor changes could yield a major improvement.

The modern building code requires stairwells in public buildings to be enclosed. The architects said they will meet with the building inspector to discuss these requirements in relation to a building such as William Smith Hall. In general, they promised to examine William Smith Hall room by room to decide the best way to handle lighting and ventilation problems.



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Tradition Died With Elm

by Kris Wallenberg

The Washington Elm has captured the hearts of all who have ever been at Washington College and its loss will be felt by many classes yet to come. For returning students, faculty, and staff, the barren front lawn is a constant reminder of this prestigious treasure. No longer will students be able to enjoy an occasional class under the Elm and seniors will have to find a new location for the traditional farewell toast. But the Elm was more than a place to have a couple glasses of champagne and to contemplate the meaning of life; it was a link between the present and Washington College's "distinguished historical background."

Washington College had been selected to receive the seedling due to George Washington's involvement with the College at Chester. Before assuming the Presidency, George Washington gave his consent to have this college named for him, an honor only our institution can claim. Washington also donated a sum of Fifty Guineas to Washington College, served as a member of the Board of Visitors and Governors for approximately five years, and received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws in 1789.

Mrs. James A. Dorsey, Chairman of the state Daughters of the American Revolution Committee on Conservation and Thrift, donated the seedling to the Old Kent Chapter, who then donated it to Washington College. The seedling was the grandson of the Washington Elm under which General George Washington first took command of the American army on July 3, 1775 in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The seedling was planted on April 26, 1928 in conjunction with the Parent's Day program. The tablet that had been at the base of the Elm was placed there on October 1, 1931 when the Old Kent Chapter rededicated the Elm as a part of the two hundredth anniversary of George Washington's birth.

After many years, this seemingly timeless emblem lost its battle against Dutch Elm Disease. (Dutch Elm Disease is caused by a fungus that lives in the sapwood and is then spread by the elm bark beetle. The fungal spores attach to the beetle's bodies and the beetles carry the spores to the healthy parts of the tree when it feeds.) The Elm has been showing symptoms of the disease for several years; however in June and July of this summer there occurred sudden and severe wilting of the Elm's crown. For many years the college has tried to save the tree but the damage was so severe that the college opted to remove the Elm on August 7, 1991 in order to prevent the spread of the disease to any other trees.

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One last glimpse of our historic elm. *photo by Kris Wallenberg*

Wyman and Bramble Denied Contract Renewals

President Trout Stands By Athletic Director's Decision

by Greg Coss

In early June contract renewal was not granted to Fred Wyman and Holly Bramble, the part-time head coaches of the men's and women's tennis teams, because of what Athletic Director Geoff Miller termed a "move toward assigning full-time coaches to all head coaching positions." Soon afterward the positions were filled by Tom Finnegan as head coach, with Todd Helbling as assistant. Since that time, these actions have been the subject of much controversy.

Many students may be foreign to the subject of the athletic department's recent hiring of several new full-time coaches in an attempt to better serve the student/athlete. This decision came into full force in the latter part of April and carried on into the summer, and by that time most of us were out of touch with the college's happenings. The department feels that a coach needs to be there for the players at all times, which they think can be very difficult for a part-time coach to achieve.

In support of the decision, Athletic Director Geoff Miller stated that "Consultants evaluated the athletic department in 1988 and said that we had an inordinantly large number of part-time head coaches. They examined other areas as well, such as facilities, equipment, and budget allocations. One of the most significant results of this is the construction of the new fieldhouse facility. In other words, we've been working on the self-study recommendations for the past two and a half years. Our most recent focus has been in the area of coaching loads and the issue of part-time coaches."

Now in the fall of '91 the department has done some reshuffling and has created four new full-time coaching positions, which include Helbling as the men's soccer coach and Kim Lessard taking the helm for the men and women swimmers. These moves have caused little disturbance, but the decision not to renew the contracts of Wyman and Bramble, who built their teams from obscurity to national rankings, has raised many eyebrows among the players and their two former coaches.

What has agitated them the most is that they find it hard to believe that anyone could be more "full-time" than Wyman and Bramble have been over the past six years. Senior men's player Andy Bohutinsky said that "what has happened is incredibly sad. We're a very tightly knit group that's been taken apart. Fred has completely turned this program around, but not only that, he's been there for us off the court as well. He barely gets paid for building a terrific program and now they'll replace him with someone who couldn't possibly do as much as Fred has done for us and who will receive more benefits. It just doesn't seem to make sense. I think the decision not to renew Fred's contract because he's a part-time coach is a smoke-screen."

Rachel Rice, the senior captain of the women's team,

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Women's Education Celebrated at Convocation

by Sherry Menton

The focus of last night's Convocation Address, given by President Charles H. Trout, was the celebration of the 100th year of coeducation at Washington College.

Establishing the context in which the momentous decision to admit women was made on September 18, 1891, President Trout spoke about the "Cult of True Womanhood" that dominated 19th century American culture. In the popular imagination, the ideal woman was to be pure, pious, submissive, and heme-centered. Cultivation of the intellect and participation in public affairs, acoording to this conception, were antithetical to women's idealized role.

By the 1890's, however, a number of changes had occurred that had begun to undermine this concetion of women, and it was at this moment that the Washington College Board of Visitors and Governors decided to admit women "on the same terms as men." In making this decision, the College moved toward modernity, toward a recognition of women's capabilities.

At the same time, however, it would be unreasonable to expect that in the early years of coeducation the College could, in a single stroke, overcome the oppressive images of women so prevalent in American culture, and there were indeed what President Trout called "understandable oscillations" in the College's progress.

"Even today," the President concluded, "it is worth asking whether Washington is a coeducational college, or whether it is a place where men and women incidentally happen to go." "In the year ahead," he observed, "we will have many chances to think about this crucial matter."

An honorary degree was conferred upon Mrs. Helen Schaefer Gibson during the Convocation excercises. Mrs. Gibson was the First Lady of Washington College for twenty years, during which time she was instrumental in improving the culural opportunities on campus and in Chestertown. She was one of the founders of the Concert Series, and it was in part her friendship with Sophie Kerr that brought the Sophie Kerr Prize to Washington College.

Awards were also presented to students at Convocation. The Freshman Scholarship Award, given to the student who attains the highest academic average for the freshman year, went to Maria Jerardi. The Alumni Medal for the highest ranking sophomore went to Constance Pope, and the Visitors and Governors Medal, for the highest ranking junior, to Jennifer Del Nero.

The Visitors and Governors ScholarshipAward for the rising junior and senior who have the highest cumulative average went to Constance Pope and Keri Nygaard.

The Middendorf Scholars, two rising seniors chosen for their academic excellence and leadership abilities, were awarded to India Henson and Andrew Bohutinsky.

The Inter-Fraternity-Sorority Loving Cups, won annually by the fraternity and sorority with the highest scholastic average for the preceeding year, this year ws captured by the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority and the Kappa Alpha Order fraternity.

New Faculty Review

by Karyn Iacangelo

There are many new faculty members at Washington College for the upcoming academic year. They represent many different departments ranging from English to Economics.

Dr. Janet Kestenberg-Amighi is a Visiting Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Mr. Jerry W. Wright, Jr. is an Assistant Professor of Business Management, Dr. Audrey Fessler is an Assistant Professor of English, Dr. Joyce B. Johnson is a Lecturer in English, and Dr. Carl Wilson is an Assistant Professor of History.

The Psychology department has two new faces and they are Dr. Michael T. Kerchner, who is an Assistant Professor and Mr. Andrew D. Aprill, who is a Visiting Professor.

The Political Science department also has two new members and they are Ms.

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EDITORIAL

Dead on Arrival

The elm touched the lives of many more people than we suspect. Along with the Lit House and the lacrosse team, the elm was one of the campus institutions by which people out in the real world knew Washington College. A friend related to me a story about something that happened to her this summer. She was driving through Annapolis with her car windows down, Washington College bumper sticker on her car, and a total stranger pulled up alongside her on a motorcycle and hollered, "You go to Washington College? Too bad about the elm!"

For the better part of a century the elm was the symbol of Washington College. Will it continue to be? Or will something else take its place? Whatever new symbol is chosen, we would be wise to keep our perspective. For over fifty years we had a wonderful, living monument to the traditions of Washington College. Much talk has been bandied about of late, regarding the elm's supposed "resistance" to Dutch Elm's Disease. We are taking it as a personal affront that our tree, our symbol, has died. Outside of the sphere of the metaphysical, there is no such thing as immortality. Trees catch diseases. So do we all. If we look or even wish for an everlasting object in which to commit our feelings, we are lying to ourselves. We must search for a real, living, dying symbol, not the security of a permanent emblem that would in time become stale and lose its immediacy.

It is exceedingly difficult to create a symbol out of thin air. Symbols are born, not planted. Yet that is what we must now do. A decision of this magnitude should not be made in a vacuum - everyone who has studied or worked here, who has grown to love the elm, should be allowed to contribute their feelings about what course should be taken. Above all, let us listen to the WC freshmen. They never knew the elm, not really. A weekend visit, a picture in the viewbook, doesn't convey the mystique that gradually rubbed off on those of us who lived beside the elm. Even to the least sentimental of us, the elm was a part of our lives, if only as a shadow barely registered in our conscious minds as we walked between buildings. The freshmen never experienced this, and it is for that reason that they, newly arrived though they are, must now lead us in choosing a new embodiment of the soul of Washington College.

The elm tree is dead. An era, almost a legend, is gone. The possibilities await us.

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From the President's Desk...

As Uncle Sam used to put it in more martial times, "Greetings!" — and welcome back to a campus, which, although minus its majestic, ceremonial elm, is one parking lot short of being ready to begin its 210th academic year. Take heart. I am told that the day you read this is the day on which the final blacktop at the north end of campus should be ready to accommodate your vehicles (and mine). As Jimmy Carter was fond of saying, "You can depend on it."

Moreover, Phase I of the Hodson Hall renovation, which will provide you with handsome, new congregating/study space, should be ready by the end of September, and work on the Field House (a.k.a. the Lifetime Fitness Center) is on schedule. Barring an unforeseen setback, this 55,000 square foot structure, with the capacity to accommodate three basketball courts, or three to four tennis courts, and with squash, racquetball, dance/aerobics, weight-training facilities, and a three-lane track, should be ready for second semester use.

When school began a year ago, our attention was riveted upon Iraqui aggression, and the international atmosphere was, to put it mildly, tense. With the right-wing coup in Russia preceding your arrival by a matter of a few days, it appeared that the hard-won détente with the Soviet Union was coming apart. When we compare the trivial concerns that sometimes consume us with what is at stake in Russia, our priorities assume a new perspective. As Academic Year 1991-92 unfolds, let us resolve to distinguish between what counts and what does not. The liberal arts matter. So does hard work and a passion for getting things right — an equation, an argument, a sentence, a short story, a painting, or mastery of a musical score.

The coming year is Washington College's 100th as a coeducational institution, and there will be a number of events to celebrate this significant occasion. I am confident you will enjoy the rich program the Centennial Committee has planned, but apart from this I hope that each and every one of you will contemplate the meaning of co-education. Through the ages, gender relations have seldom been easy. Even in the recent past, Washington College has had its difficulties, many of which have stemmed from the kind of substance abuse that will not be tolerated. Be good to one another. Those who, in 1891, were party to the momentous decision to create an educational institution in which women and men would learn together would thank you. So would the faculty. So would I.

As the year begins I wish you well. Opportunities abound. In the last two years, five new full-time faculty positions have been created, and additional part-time faculty have been retained. Our faculty have introduced or expanded course offerings in diverse fields — Middle Eastern, African, and South Asian politics; Afro-American and African History; neuroscience, Victorian prose; Caribbean and African Literature; Estuarine Biology; Resource Economics; and International Business, to name but a few. Experiment. Explore. Your work is to find your work. In this enterprise, I wish you all the best.

Charles H. Trout
President

New Editorial Policy

With each new school year comes a chance to start fresh, to reevaluate old attitudes and changem for the better. The Elm has done that, and we would like to make clear what our new editorial policy will be.

The most significant change is that we will no longer be printing unsigned letters to the editor, or printing letters with the author's name withheld. This is due to the problems incurred by last year's staff when they printed an inflammatory letter without a byline. It is the opinion of this year's staff, if a student or staff member feels strongly enough about an issue to make the exary effort of actually writing the Elm a letter, he should be willing to publicly defend the opinion stated therein. The Elm exists to provide a forum for members of the Washington College community to excercise their first amendment rights; it is not the responsibility of the Elm or the Elm staff to shield authors from possible controversy. So send us irate letters, about anything that makes you irate (even, conceivably, our own policy about letter submissions). We will be happy to read your letters, but we will not print them unsigned. 'Nuff said.

The Elm's primary goal for this year, aside from providing competent coverage of school and local events, is to get the WC community more involved in this, your "official college newspaper." Aside from letters to the editor, the Elm will willingly accept commentaries; album, movie, or book reviews;human interest interviews, and anything else you would care to submit. Please let us know as far in advance as possible if you intend to submit an article for ublication, for while it is true that our submission deadline is the Tuesday of the week of publication, we need to know before then that space should be kept open for you.

We are particularly soliciting op/ed pieces for our Campus Voices page this year. It serves little pure two involved and detailed articles if they are written by Elm staffers. We can write editorials anytime. It is your opinion we are after. Everyone does enough complaining around the lunch table (usually over a copy of the Elm, come to think of it), so why don't some of you outspoken, opinionated people speak out in the Elm. Just because an entire generation is telling our entire generation that we're apathetic, doesn't mean we have to prove them right!

Congratulations

to the student achievers who were honored during the Convocation ceremonies last night.

Weekly Absurdity

Ladies and gentlemen, we would like to present.. yet another way for your voice to be heard in he Elm. This is a trial column, nd its continuation will be based ntirely on the sort of feedback we get from you. Send us fan mail, or hate mail, or whatever. Better yet, send us your ideas for absurdities hat ought to appear here. Often ery serious situations contain an lement of the absurd, and this is your space to bring them to light. This is not necessarily a humor column, and its purpose is not to hold any topic up to public ridicule. Are you thoroughly confused as to our intent now? Here, then, s an example:

Isn't it absurd that the Worcester, Somerset, and Wicomico dormitories are collecively called the Cullen dormitoies on even the most recently pdated of campus maps? Presumably, Mr. or Ms. Cullen either donated the money for the building, or was a former president of the college. No problem there - it is only fitting that people who enhance the campus be honored for their contribution. No problem, that is, unless you happen to be a freshman arriving on campus for the first time and searching vainly for your dorm room in Worcester (or Somerset, or Wicomico). Many upperclassmen don't even know where "Cullen Dormitories" are located.

Our campus is confusing enough to begin with. Is it the fire lane or the Cater walk? The ARC, or the CAC, or possibly the CARC? Even the elm tree, whose loss was more widely publicized than any of the Master Plan projects, still appears on campus maps. Couldn't we make life a little simpler, and include the common-usage names for the Cullen dormitories to the campus map? Bewildered freshmen would probably appreciate it.

FEATURES

CAMPUS VOICES - Considering the expense involved, do you think the school should attempt to get another elm tree?

[Due to technical difficulties, we are unable to print photographs along with the following quotes. The regular full-page Campus Voices will be returning next week.]

Alexandra Geller
Freshman
Plymouth, MA

Yes. But I think that the school should look into tree that have been treated for this disease, before they purchase another tree.

Susan Czechowski
Sophomore
Holbrook, NY

Yes. The Elm Tree is a part of the history of Washington College and it's sad to see the tradition end.

Peter Hagen
Senior
Columbia, MD

Yes. Because I think the Elm symbolizes the history and spirit of the college.

Stephany Slaughter
Sophomore
Elkton, MD

If it doesn't come directly out of the college budget, then yes. But there are other things that should be attended to before investing substantial funds for a new Elm Tree.

Gary Bowers
Freshman
Long Green, MD

No. Because there's no point in replacing something that isn't the original.

Scott Graham
Sophomore
Bel Air, MD

Yes. As the great Pharaoh Benjamin T. Hinkle once said, "Plant trees, don't hug them!"

WC Hosts Summer WRITE Program

by Sherry Menton

Did you ever stop to wonder what really goes on at WC during the summer? In the course of our college careers, we all have known or will know somebody who decides to stay in C-town over the summer instead of returning home. Every year, some students remain here during the hottest months to work for the school, or in the Chestertown community. But there's more going on than just work without classes, for in the summer months, when we are complacently sipping lemonade at the beach, the literary tradition of Washington College is carrying on without us.

For six weeks every summer Washington College is host to the WRITE Program, a series of three two-week writing seminars for middle and high school students in Maryland. The seminars begin and end with presentation-style sessions. At the opening, the professors share their writings with their students. At the close, participants in the program show off what they have accomplished. What happens in between is an education unusual at the college level, much less the secondary school level.

Journal writing is integral to both writing programs. At the intermediate level, writing classes are alternated with drama, history, music, or the like. The resultant team teaching provides the young writers with ready-made material for their journals and other writing assignments. Students in the Drama/Writing program, for example, write, produce, and act in their own play as their project. The high school sequence works slightly differently; offering courses such as "Writing Modern Poetry" and "Autobiography."

"We are attempting to create an educational experience that is different from the passive experiences that our students tend to receive the rest of the year," explained Doug Higgins, Director of the WRITE Program.

Sophomore Kathy Mullen was one of several WC students to serve as counselors for the program. "I had been in the WRITE Program when I was younger, so it was fun to come back as a counselor."

Watch the Issues page next weekfor syndicated political cartoonist MacNelly of the Chicago Tribune!

Next Week's Topic

The topic of next week's Campus Voices (complete with pictures) will be:

"Do you believe that the change in the tennis teams' coaching staff was handled properly?"

Anyone wishing to write an op/ed for the Campus Voices page about this topic should contact the Elm by Monday, September 2. Deadline for submission is Tuesday, September 3.

In the World...

Soviet Union

The Soviet Union has been torn apart by the recent coup. This is old news, though the aftermath of the coup was anticipated, the revelations are startling. Supporters of the old regime seem to be on the way out, while those backing Yeltsin and Gorbachev are gaining stength and momentum.

As of Tuesday the Soviet Republics Lithuania, Moldavia, Estonia, and Latvia were starting the procedures of severing the ties which bind them to the communist party as well as to the Republic of Russia. Ukrainia and Byelorussia have declared independence. As for Thadzik, Uzbekistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Khazakstan, Georgia, Turkmen, and Kirgiz... they are still in a state of fluctuation, and are currently discussing their futures.

While Yeltsin talks of seeking the right to veto nuclear weapons, he informed the break-away republics that they would not be able to claim any territory belonging to Russia, the largest of the republics.

The Baltic community seeks recognition from the United States so that they might be able to ensure themselves their tentative freedom.

The United States

President Bush is on vacation, but a working vacation none the less. As he claims that the "death knell" of communism has been rung he defers from taking immediate action in recognizing the break-away republics.

The SAT scores have dropped yet again, bringing English scores to an all-time low, with math following right behind.

Annapolis

In Annapolis and on the Eastern Shore, it seems that the Chesapeake Bay Watermen might be ordered to stop the harvesting of oysters while the Bay Foundation sets its plan of rejuvinating the Bay into action. The Watermen are angry; both because their livelihood is at stake, and because they themselves have been working to maintain and stabalize the oyster harvests. The Bay Foundation seems to feel that banning the harvesting of oysters will help to restore their numbers to the Bay, while the Watermen insist that the only way to keep oyster beds productive is to keep harvesting.

compiled by Tara Kidwell

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FEATURES

Dr. Taylor, Acting Dean, Making Big Plans

by Karyn Icangelo

Dr. John Taylor, Associate Professor of Political Science, is the interim Dean and Provost of Washington College. Having just been appointed to the position at the end of the spring semester, he has had an extremely busy summer. Dr. Taylor's philosophy is simple. According to Taylor, "The Dean has two responsibilities; supporting the faculty, and assessing the curriculum of each department."

Many new and improved programs are being installed for the upcoming academic year. These include enhancement for research faculty, external reviews of departments, and a report to the state on the quality of teaching. Still other programs include revising the student teaching evaluation form, getting re-accredited, expansion of the exchange program, increasing student diversity, and applying once again for a Phi Beta Kappa Charter.

The enhancement for research faculty is taking place in the Chemistry and Psychology departments. A more diverse course load is planned in Chemistry, and a neuroscience program is being developed in the Psychology department.

This coming year, three departments will have an external review done. Departments to undergo this evaluation will be selected soon. It is Dr. Taylor's hope that these reviews will help faculty and staff better their performance in the classroom. Reviews of three different departments will be done next academic year, as well.

Along with the external reviews, a quality-of-teaching report will be submitted to the state early next semester. Again, it is Dr. Taylor's hope that this will help faculty better their performance in the classroom.

Dr. Taylor is also working with faculty and staff to try and revise the student evaluation form. Taylor said that it has been difficult trying to decide on one form that will satisfy everyone, but they are still working on revising the student evaluation form.

Still something else that is being planned for this semester is to get Washington College re-accredited as an institution. Every two years any institution of higher learning in Maryland must get re-accredited by the state.

One concern of Dr. Taylor is the racial diversity in the student body. He hopes to expand the diversity of the student body in coming years. This year, Washington College has eleven black students, three Puerto Rican students and one American Indian student en-

see Taylor, pg. 12

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"The Class That Made The Sun Shine"

A Re-Cap of 1991 Graduation Ceremonies

by Clay Eichelberger

The commencement speaker for the class of 1991 was William Baker, president of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and member of the Washington College Board of Visitors and Governors. Environmental concerns were inevitably a part of his speech, which he himself described as being about "truth, liberty, justice, and saving the Bay." Baker went on to urge students to "direct personal ambitions outward, for the good of society, not inward for personal gain." At the end of a school year which saw many students taking part in volunteer work on behalf of the community, it seemed appropriate that Baker praised a commitment to volunteerism, which he called the essence of good leadership. Baker presented the class of 1991 with three challenges: to put an end to poverty, to stop the population explosion, and to protect the environment.

In his first address to a graduating class at Washington College, President Charles H. Trout thanked the class for welcoming him to the college and, in reference to the days of cloudy weather which abated in time for graduation, dubbed the class of '91 "the class that made the sun shine." Other speakers at the ceremony included class president Steve Bruchey, who described the feelings of the class about graduation: "Real life came, knocked on our door, and slapped us in the face."

The Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching went to Kevin M. Brien, an associate professor in the Department of Philosophy and Religion since 1986. The Sears-Roebuck Teaching Excellence Award was captured by Nathan Smith, professor of History since 1956, and Christine Pabone, lecturer in languages since 1964.

The coveted Sophie Kerr Prize was garnered by Robert Thompson. This award goes to the senior showing the greatest ability and promise for success in literary endeavors.

Other senior prizes were the Caitlin and Casey Medals for scholarship, character, and leadership, which went to Steve Bruchey and Donna White, respectively. The Goodfellow Memorial Prize, for science majors with an appreciation for the arts, was awarded to Renée King and Donna White. John Herring and Sherry McGill received the Gold Pentagon Awards for meritorious service to Washington College, and Beth Karukas the Clark-Porter Medal as the senior who most enhanced the quality of campus life. The George Washington Medal and Award, honoring the senior who shows the greatest promise in understanding the value of a liberal education, was bestowed upon Tamara-Diana Braunstein.

Clay Eichelberger graduated as a Drama major in 1991, and is currently appearing in "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum" in Ocean City.

Josephine the Fly

by Tanya Allen

"Washington College is a great place—you'll love it!" Napoleon and Josephine were flying together, side-by-side. They'd already covered several hundred miles that day, and Josephine's wings were getting tired. "As flies, we fit right in there!" Napoleon went on excitedly. "It's the most politically-correct place in the world!"

"It is?" Josephine said wearily.

"Of course! What other sort of place would have a Trout for a president?"

"They have?" Josephine was faking her enthusiasm, but Napoleon couldn't tell. "Really?"

"Yeah!" And get this—they have a Young-Wolff in the English department; and the director of planning and special projects is a Baer! Plus, the Phys-Ed students are taught by Fall, and the writing students by Day...Isn't that beautiful?"

"Sure." Josephine said.

"And the students party at a place called Newt's!"

"Wow."

"And talk about friendly; last year, when the college newspaper didn't meet the student's standards, they got a Pat-on-the-back! This is such a great place! Josephine, you're going to love it!"

Josephine nodded and kept on flapping. She and Napoleon made a handsome couple—both cultured, well-educated house-flies. They had met at a bologna sandwich, which had been left lying on a bookshelf in a Connecticut library. The two had fallen in love over that sandwich, and afterwards Napoleon had invited Josephine to fly with him back to his home in Washington College.

"Washington College is a wonderful place, a wonderful place!" Napoleon repeated. "You'll love it there! Just wait until you meet my family. We all live together in the great Elm..."

"The Elm?"

"Oh, yes! The Elm! It's the descendant of the Elm tree which was planted on the spot where George Washington himself stood, back in the 1700's!"

"George Washington! Wasn't he...."

"The father of our country! There is a big statue of him on the school grounds, a little bit away from the Elm. It's a wonderful statue—all of the Washington College administrators and faculty worship it!"

"Worship?"

"Yes! When all of the students are asleep, the faculty, deans, and custodians all shuck off their clothes and dance around it naked!"

"Are you serious?"

"Of course! In fact, they got the idea from the Washington College students, who shuck their clothes frequently!"

"Oh?"

"Yeah! Especially when they're pledging certain fraternities or celebrating May day....Hey!" he exclaimed suddenly, "I think I see the school! Yes! Yes! I do!"

Josephine felt a rush of relief and buzzed on eagerly. Napoleon was flying ahead of her, "Yes! Yes! I see it...I see the Lit. House...there it is, Josephine! Look! Look! Do you see it?"

"I see it, Napoleon! I see it!"

"And there's the crosswalk, and there's a squished sophomore lying on the crosswalk, and there's Kent House, ex-Freshman men's dorm, now home of all sorts of crazy creative types! And...and...turn here, Josephine, there's K.A.! And students stumbling drunkenly in front of K.A.! And there's the CAC! And people passed out around the CAC after having multiple cardiac arrests over the ridiculously high cost of their textbooks! And there's the dining hall! And people walking away from the dining hall with take-out trays heaped with globs of Washington College's famous Vegetarian Lasagna! And there's the performing arts building! And here's the library, and coming up...coming up should be the Elm! The great, beautiful, wonderful Elm! Get ready, Josephine, in a moment you're going to see the most wonderful tree in the world, get ready, get ready, get...."

"Napoleon? What is it? What's wrong?"

But Napoleon had fainted and fallen to the ground. The great Elm, descendent of the tree under which George Washington stood when he accepted command of the Continental army; benevolent shade-giver of almost two centuries worth of students; home of Napolean-the-fly; most beloved piece of vegetation on the Washington College campus; was...gone.

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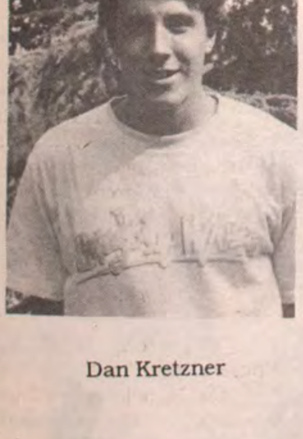

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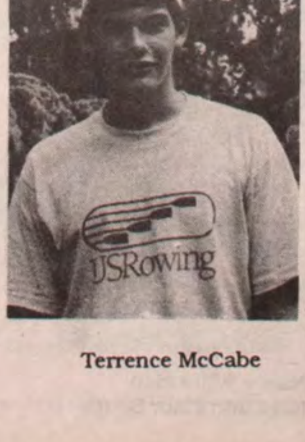

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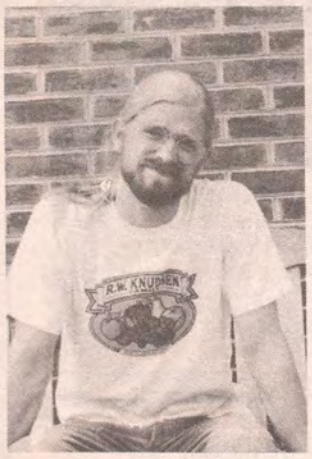

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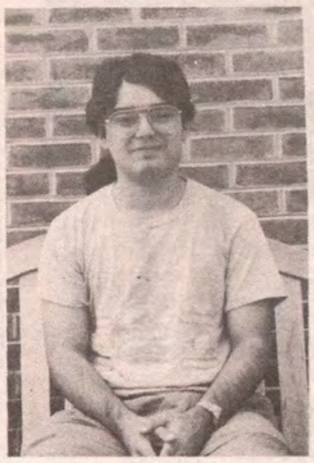

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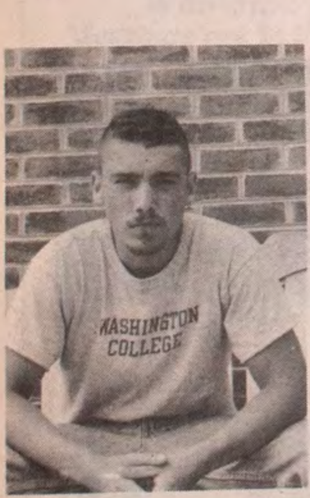

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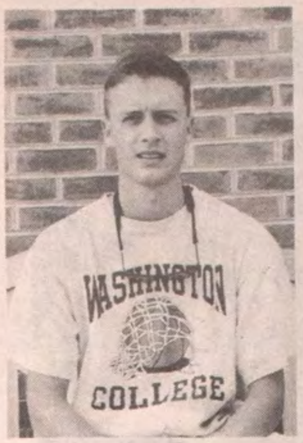

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

WC'ers Active in Summer Theater

by Cindy Young

Most college students spent their summer flipping burgers or working with the frustrated public in jobs that are almost as appealing as doing a term paper. But some Washington College students had jobs that actually related to their majors and life ambitions.

Some lucky WC students spent time working in the Summer Stock program with the Church Hill Theatre. Summer Stock continues a tradition of summer theatrical performances dating back to the years after WWII. These were local performances, usually held conveniently in the barns of nearby farmers, and gave actors something to do for the summer when most theater companies shut down.

This summer the play "Blithe Spirit" by Noel Coward was performed in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of its opening in London. It played from July, 1941 to March, 1946, one of the longest-running comedies in the London theatre. W.C. students among the cast and crew included sophomore Abrah Wilberding in the role of Edith, freshman Vicky Homan and Wilberding doing props, sophomore Bruce Alexander and freshman Lawrence Coleman doing lighting, and sophomore Brian Coleman with the sound crew. In addition, producer Sylvia Maloney had been a part-time lecturer here at WC.

"I came to appreciate what a real professional theater company has to do," Wilberding said of her experience. "It was nice to get paid, but it was a lot of hard work. I was surprised at the audiences we got— that a small-town theater attracted as many people as it did. It was a confidence booster to just say 'Yess'm' through a scene and hear the audience cracking up."

Otherworlds

While the rest of us have been standing in line to buy textbooks, one of the campus literary magazines has already gotten off the ground.

Otherworlds is now accepting submissions of fiction, poetry, book reviews, and letters. The magazine incorporates the different genres of romance, science-fiction, fantasy, mystery, western, and horror. Copies from last year are available in the Lit. House.

Otherworlds has been completely redesigned, according to editor Raph Koster. Depending on favorable response, will be published twice this year. Submissions should be given to Raph Koster or Sara Hunt through campus mail, Quick-mail, the Lit. House mailbox, or in person.

Norman James Sound System Refined

Movies Now Free, Four Days Weekly

by Cindy Young

Those of you who saw "Home Alone" at the Norman James theater this past week may have gotten a pleasant surprise— the incredible sound. The Audio Visual Technology department worked hard this summer to bring this new experience of quality sound to the WC campus.

According to Raph Koster, the student director in the A.V. department, funds had been allocated for changes in Norman James nine or ten years ago, but no beneficial change was immediately apparent. One problem was that the speakers weren't even aimed toward the audience.

So this summer, devoted members of the A.V. department, notably assistant director John White ('91), took time to move around a number of existing speakers. All of this was done on no budget and, as Koster said, they are "trying to utilize our resources." The new speaker arrangement was tested before an audience of most of the administration with "Roger Rabbit" on videotape and a Disney film. The response was most favorable.

In addition to work on Norman James, Audio-Visual has formulated and begun work on a number of projects, including setting up a small video-editing station, a Midi music studio, plus re-designing how A.V. will work this year.

"...more first-run films than ever before..."

Other trial changes in the film series are free movies shown four nights a week (Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday), and more first-run films than ever before. Another treat for W.C. movie-goers is incidental music played before the film for those who want to go early for the best seats.

All we need now is good picture quality, and a remedy for this has been suggested already— repositioning the projectors and re-doing the balcony of Norman James— and then an offer of free, generously-buttered popcorn would guarantee a hit.

Campus Calendar of Events

On Campus

Sept. 4 Jimmy Buffett, Look-A-Like, Live Music
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Sept. 5 WC Community Chorus first rehearsal
7:00 pm, Norman James Theatre
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spoke along the same lines. "These guys have put everything into the program and have not gotten the respect they deserve. In the Spring of 1988 our team had to forfeit our season because we didn't have enough players. In 1991 we're ranked thirteenth in the nation and take the MAC title. We're all pretty upset at how Fred and Holly have been treated as just 'part-time' coaches."

Coach Wyman had a good deal to add in their defense. "We were the most full-time of anyone. We were with our kids all the time. Any personal problem, they came to us. Counseling outside of tennis, like help in deciding a major or personal problems, I would always give assistance there. It's like I was a father to them. I took a lot of time out of my practice [dental] to help the team, so how can you say I wasn't full-time? We worked very hard to get our players here, hours and hours of recruiting. We were there for our players twenty-four hours a day."

But obviously, there is another side to the story. President Trout has been under tremendous strain in handling this issue, because he says the moment the decision was made, letters of complaint came from all sources. These letters even made the President reconsider the decision, but he admitted that in actuality there were "too many problems not to take action." President Trout and Miller both mentioned that the team received secondary sanctions in 1989 for a player's acceptance of a cash prize in a tournament and illegal usage of a coach's automobile. It is hoped that after such an incident a team will learn from its mistake and uphold a wholesome reputation. But the President points out that this was simply not the case with Washington College's program.

"Our primary reasons not to renew the contracts of the tennis coaches are the need for full-time coaches and the equity load issue, since we had developed a tendency to have men coaching only one sport, where women were coaching two or three. The other concerns we have are over student-athlete access to automobiles, meals, housing, and phone calls for their benefit."

These other concerns prompted Washington College to issue a self-report to the NCAA towards the end of July. What upsets the coaches and players so much is that they claim that the administration made the move without consulting them first.

Miller and President Trout say this simply isn't the case, but Coach Bramble said "All the administration has done is accuse us. All they had to do was approach us first."

Coach Wyman added, "We didn't get due process. No one ever came to me and said do this or don't do that. There has been a distortion of what has happened because we weren't approached. The issue about secondary sanctions is not fair to bring up. One player was suspended for one match for something which I shouldn't be held responsible. These possible violations I never knew were even violations. I was never confronted, I just received a letter after we self-reported. This could have been handled in a more professional and caring manner. I'm just bothered by the lack of ingratitude. This whole situation is completely absurd."

But President Trout wants it to be known that these concerns (which are "possible" violations, prompting the self-report rather than the violations being discovered by the NCAA) are minor ones in comparison to the need for "institutional control over intercollegiate programs." Although this control exists, the President also said that "the college will continue to support tennis as vigorously as possible." The administration had kind words for Mr. Wyman and Mrs. Bramble, further indicating the difficult decision which was made. Miller stated that "Fred made an effort to make meetings, his energy level was very high, and he developed some outstanding teams. This is not an issue involving personality. It's a decision with the best long-term interests of students and the department in mind." President Trout added that "Fred is a very likeable guy. His players rally around him. It's been a tough decision, but it had to be made." Both also agreed that Holly has done a magnificent job for her team, but again that it is in the best interests of the school not to renew her contract.

However, those players that rallied around Fred and Holly very possibly will not be playing at all in the fall season and perhaps in the spring as well. The man who in six years turned Washington College's program around has had a huge impact on these decisions. The same can be said for Holly Bramble, the Washington College alumni who has taken the women's team to heights nearly as great. Where does this leave the men's and women's teams? In talking briefly with new coach Tom Finnegan, he revealed that he had no knowledge of any of the players not returning to action. Subsequent attempts to contact him were unsuccessful. Next week, the Elm hopes to have reactions from more of the players. The main topic that will be discussed amongst them will be how they feel Coach Finnegan will be able to handle two tennis coaching jobs along with being head basketball coach. Tom Finnegan will be reached for comment on this subject as well. Along with this, there will be further player reactions on the decision not to renew the contracts of coaches Wyman and Bramble, and whether it will in fact keep them from participating in the tennis team this fall.

Soccer Kicks Into Helbling Era

by Julie Greene

The Washington College soccer program has a long history of tradition and spirited determination. The 1991 season hopes to see this tradition restored with eight key returning players from last year's squad under the leadership of the first full-time soccer coach at WC since Ed Athey stepped down in 1982. Athey had a remarkable .627 winning percentage spanning his 31 seasons as head coach.

The new head coach is Todd Helbling, who is replacing Peter Allen after his one year reign. Helbling interned at WC last year to complete his requirements for an M.S. in Sports Management for the University of Massachusetts. He will also be the assistant coach for the men's and women's tennis teams here at WC. He was a nationally ranked Division III tennis player while attending Millsaps College, where he obtained a B.B.A. in Administration.

Helbling's internship last year enabled him to become familiar with the facilities and the school's athletes. Helbling notes that this has allowed for a closer relationship with the players. Returning to the squad for the fourth year, Kevin Kelly reported enthusiastically that he thinks coach Helbling is great, and that, "He's gotten the program back on its feet again."

Agreeing with Kelly was co-captain John Seal, who said, "Todd has brought more enthusiasm to the program than has not been here the last few years. We are back." He added that it was a "good feeling to know we have a full-time coach now."

Joining Helbling as assistant soccer coach is his cousin Carl Helbling, who will be working specifically with the

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The Washington College Shoreboard's Look at Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Time
Wed., Sept. 4	(Men's) Soccer at Wesley	4:00
Thurs., Sept. 5	(Women's) Volleyball at Goucher	5:00
Sat., Sept. 7	Field Hockey vs. Dickinson	1:00
Tues., Sept. 10	Soccer vs. St. Mary's	4:00
Wed., Sept. 11	Field Hockey at Wesley	4:30
Wed., Sept. 11	Volleyball vs. Notre Dame Salisbury State Anne Arundel	 6:00 7:00 8:00
Fri. and Sat., Sept. 13-14	Volleyball at Gettysburg Invitational	TBA
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defense. Carl Helbling graduated from John Carroll University in Cleveland, where he played soccer for four years.

The new coach remarks that this year's squad has a lot of potential. That potential is led by four returning seniors: Benji Ward, Andrew Prevost, and co-captains Kevin Kelly and John Seal. "Benji had a great first week. He is hustling and is everywhere on the field," states Helbling.

Helbling noted that the team says they feel they are in the best physical shape they have been in during a pre-season. Co-captain Kevin Kelly said that the team was told at the end of last year that they would be expected to prepare themselves physically over the summer to strengthen their running game. The squad is conditioning every morning at six a.m. to keep in shape for this season.

Another starter who is returning this season is goalie Kyle Hutchinson. The junior replaced Jim Myers last season when Myers injured his knee at Albright. Hutchinson finished the last half of the season with 59 saves.

Helbling notes that this season's biggest problem will be depth. "For a variety of reasons, there are several experienced soccer players on campus who have decided not to play this season." Currently, there are seventeen players on the squad.

Commenting on the team's scrimmage this past Monday with Del Tech, Helbling stated that "the numbers have hurt us. We can't even get eleven players practicing together." In practices the squad has been split to seven on seven, and their scrimmage versus Del Tech was their first opportunity to play together as a team.

First game goals were accomplished. Coach Helbling says that the mistakes made in the scrimmage were simple ones. They needed to know where their weak spots were, since they had not performed together before. Also, most of the players had to run the game for ninety minutes with little rest during that time due to the short bench.

"We have a great opportunity," said Kelly. "Our defense held up well, and our offense will be potent once they get the chance to handle the ball together."

Seal commented that he thinks the team "will surprise a lot of people in the MAC [Middle Atlantic Conference]. The college community and Chestertown will have something to look forward to in years to come."

Helbling feels next year will be more of a building season. "The part-time coaches in the past did not have the opportunity to focus on recruiting." Helbling, however, will be able to spend more time recruiting, as a full-time coach. He plans on scanning Delaware, northern Virginia, southern New Jersey, and the Philadelphia area, as well as Maryland; he thinks this is an untapped area of talent.

The team would like to extend its appreciation to the fans who came out to watch the scrimmage Monday. Coach expects alumni support to be strong again this year, once the regular season starts.

The Shoremen's first home game will be the following Tuesday versus St. Mary's College at 4 p.m.

Volleyball Digging for Respect

by Greg Coss

In 1990 the volleyball program was in a transition year, according to Coach Penny Fall. Yet she was very impressed with how the season went, mainly due to the performances of the veterans and their affect on the team as a whole. "I was very pleased with the veterans. They had excellent practices, which gave things an uplift for the fall."

To whom does the squad turn to for a spark this year? Again Coach Fall mentions the seniors, such as Laurie McClellan, an all-MAC selection last year. Teresa Saganga is recovering from ankle surgery and trying to regain her hitting, which the coach admits would be a real plus for the team. Finally, Claudia Baldwin is a player who Coach Fall feels "gets better each practice. She is an excellent hitter and passer." Juniors Miriam Jecelin, Julie Dill, and Dawn Manion will also likely be on the floor a majority of the time. These six players mentioned are the likely starters for the squad, with promising freshmen such as Beverly Diaz seeing a lot of action, and also transfer Niurka Goenaga adding to the glaring depth of this year's team.

If there is a concern about this team it is its size compared to other schools. This could pose problems when facing powerhouses such as Dickinson, Franklin and Marshall, and Western Maryland. But the coach says that the players can make up for this because they have the heart and are very well conditioned.

The MAC is the most competitive division in the nation for Division III volleyball, and consists of 25 teams. Coach Fall and Manager Brett McCrea both see a possible high finish in the standings on the horizon, but it will take a lot of hard work and determination on the part of the players. "We've got a lot of people who know how to play," says McCrea, "it's certainly a possibility we could finish as high as tenth." A trip to the MAC tournament (only 8 teams go) would make coach Fall "ecstatic," but the team can't look that far ahead. Matches against Salisbury State and Anne Arundel on September 11 will prove to be big early tests for a very promising team. Come out and support this team with this home opener which includes a matchup with Notre Dame; the action all starting at 6:00 p.m. in Cain Gymnasium.

Frosh Class Profile

For those of you out there who are statistically minded, here is a brief rundown on the freshman class. The Class of 1995 has students representing 23 states and four foreign countries. This is the greatest diversity in a class that Washington College has seen in many years.

There are 104 men and 121 women, which puts the Freshman class total at 225. The class is 89% Caucasian, 5% Black and 3% Hispanic.

Freshman represent the states of Alabama, Colorado, Connecticut, Washington D.C., Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, North Carolina, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Vermont. As usual, the majority of students come from Maryland, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey.

The Freshman class has one student from Bermuda, one from Kenya, one from Spain, and one from England.

As we come to know these freshman and they come to know Washington College, the personality of the class will speak louder than statistics.

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tering as Freshman or transfers, which is a step in the right direction. Dr. Taylor would also like to see the exchange program expanded. A new exchange program has been set up with a university in Madrid and Dr. Taylor would also like to see more students from those colleges that we have exchange programs with come here to the United States.

Dr. Taylor also has plans to apply once again for a Phi Beta Kappa charter, which is a national honor society. According to Dr. Taylor, Washington College does not have a sufficient student body to meet the requirements for a charter, but he hopes that this year will be different. WC does however have ODK, which is another nationally recognized honor society in which several students are a member.

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The Elm may be gone but it is far from forgotten. The final hours of the Elm have been captured on both video and film and the library has a display celebrating its life. The display contains some photographs and a tombstone that was carved from the last piece of the Elm (the piece has been treated to preserve it). But there remains one last question – since the college newspaper changed its name from the Washington Collegian to the Washington Elm in 1930, what do we call the newspaper now?

Construction Nearing Completion

by Karyn Iacangelo

The "Master Plan" for the beautification of the Washington College campus, envisioned almost three years ago, is now reality. Clint Baer, Director of Planning, said, "The progress that has been made is terrific. The final stages of the Master Plan have begun!"

Among the biggest jobs facing construction workers were the removal of the William Smith parking lot, the renovation of the North Lot, the refurbishing of Kent House, and the restoration of the O'Neill Literary House.

The William Smith parking lot was removed in order to design and build a pedestrian mall to give students easier access to the Casey Academic Resource Center. Grass has been planted around the mall, walkways will be put in by the end of October, and by the end of September, lampposts will be put in place around the mall. The North Lot by the New Dorms is also being redone in order to expand the lot to meet the increased demand for student parking. The North lot should be completed by the beginning of next week.

Along with the pedestrian mall and the removal and renovation of two parking lots, two buildings on campus were refurbished. In Kent House, new carpeting was put in, the walls painted and the bathrooms redone. At the O'Neill Literary House the kitchen was enlarged, and all new appliances were installed. A new addition to the Press Room was made along with more storage and computing space.

By October 1, there will be a student study lounge open in Hodson Hall. The lounge will have sofas and chairs for students to study or just relax in.

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Dianne Portelance, and Dr. John R. Rink, both of whom are visiting professors for the upcoming year.

The Economics department has one new member and he is a Lecturer who will be here in the Spring Term, Dr. John H. Cumberland.

There are also several professors who will be on sabbatical during the course of the upcoming year. Sue Tessem, a professor in the Art department will be on sabbatical in the Spring. Also absent will be Garry Clarke, professor of music.

Professors who are on sabbatical this semester include Amzie Parcell, professor of music, Tom An, professor of Political Science, and Rosette Roat who will be on sabbatical all year.

Several professors will be on leave for the upcoming year. They are Michael Malone, professor of Economics, Jeanette Sherbondy, professor of Anthropology, Jeff Chaffin, head of the Miller Library, and Joachim Scholtz will be on leave in the Spring term.

Fitness Center Almost Ready To Run

by Greg Coss

The Athletic Department has made an excellent decision in building a new fitness center. Now the question is, when does it finally open so we don't have to worry anymore about being crammed into the sauna we call a weight room? In speaking with Athletic Director Geoff Miller it now looks very promising that the center could be finished by the early stages of the spring semester. Miller said the "Construction schedule would estimate a January finishing date, but weather and access to materials needed for construction could delay this estimate."

The major part of the Ben Johnson Fitness Center will be over thirty- thousand feet of open space, which will include a three lane jogging track on its perimeter. On the inside of this space will be an option for either four tennis courts or three basketball courts, with the time being split evenly for the two sports. Also included will be three squash and two racquetball courts.

In addition there will be a four-thousand foot weight room, which is more than twice the size of the current facility, a two-thousand square foot aerobic dance area, and locker rooms for students and faculty with saunas. The total area of the building - approximately forty-six thousand feet. The school has been recognized as one with nationally ranked teams in basketball, tennis, and lacrosse, to name a few. Therefore it seems logical that they should have the equipment needed to continue their success. Washington College has taken the step it needs to give their athletes that little extra edge, which is important when considering how close the lacrosse team (2nd in the nation on many occasions) and the basketball team (3rd in nation 1989-90) have come to the top of the heap.

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Student Activities Director Terri Turmel Meets Social Committee

by Karyn Iacangelo

The first meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee On Campus Social Life Issues was held yesterday in the Casey Academic Forum. This meeting was a chance for student leaders to meet the new Director of Student Activities, Terri Turmel. Among the issues discussed were the Washington College Alcohol Policy regarding campus organization parties, the conversion of the basement of Hodson Hall, and the merger of the Coffee House and the Snack Bar.

This year, there is a new form required to register and plan each organization's events. The form must be filled out before an organization is allowed to have a party, and must be signed by a representative of the organization, Terri Turmel, Dean McIntyre, and if needed the WCDS, if they are providing any refreshments. Forms will be taken on a first come, first serve basis and events will be scheduled in the same manner.

The conversion of the basement in Hodson Hall is on schedule and according to Dean McIntyre, it will be a casual version of Hynson Lounge. It will be furnished with sofas, chairs, and study carrels. Turmel's office will be moved down there upon the completion of the project. There is also a plan in the works to merge the Coffee House and the Snack Bar. The hope is to build a sort of outdoor amphitheater for organizations to use for parties an social events. This would provide a space for non-residence hall parties to take place.

Also discussed at the meeting was the question of legal liability for student drinking in the residence halls. The problem with residence hall drinking is that if students are caught, WC might have problems with our insurance holder. In place now is a rule that there are to be no kegs in any residence hall, however, one day liquor licences may be granted to those people in residence halls that are not covered under the college's liquor license.

Dean McIntyre stressed that the rules concerning the alcohol policy have been bent in some cases for those campus events that are held annually. Amoung these are the Heineken Party, the Kappa Alpha Beach Bash, and the Renaissance Dinner. Alcohol is served at all three of these function and in the case of the Heineken Party and the KA Beach Bash, the buildings in which these parties are held are not covered under the college's liquor license.

Terri Turmel was hired primarily for scheduling events and facilitating the process of event scheduling. She will also be advising student organizations, and the SGA. Turmel has also planned to give leadership training workshops for student leaders. Later on this year, or next semester, Turmel will hopefully be hiring and training employees for the new Student Center. There are also plans to put a new game room/arcade in the Coffee House. She would also like to establish a Board of Directors for the Student Center comprised of faculty members, and a representative from the campus on how the college can best utilize the Student Center. She will also be developing new policies and budgets.

Turmel would like to see more diversity in the activities that are planned on campus. Bands seem to be the most popular form of entertainment, and Turmel would like to see other things as well. She would also like to see sponsored ski and Spring Break trips for students.

The Committee On Campus Social Life was formed about ten years ago under the direction of Dr. Garry Clarke, acting President at the time. The committee meets about three or four times a year to discuss student concerns with student leader on campus.

Terri Turmel meets with deans to discuss activities for this fall. *photo by Kris Wallenberg*

Shooting at Pavillion

by Kris Wallenburg

Early Saturday morning, shots were fired at a Chestertown reggae dance at Wilmer Park (the Washington College pavilion). According to Police Chief Wayne Bradley, an argument broke out shortly after a group of Grasonville residents decided to join the dance. As a result, a Grasonville man allegedly pulled out a hand gun and shot five people and assaulted a sixth. Police responded to the scene at 1:01am.

William Beach, 19 years old, was arrested by Sgt. Marcellene Beck at 4:00pm Sunday for the attempted mur-

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Finnegan Trying to Save Tennis Program

Former Tennis Stars Won't Return For Fall Season

by Greg Coss

Players from last year's men's and women's tennis teams are for now former players, having deciding unanimously to pass on the fall season. A number of male players are deciding to leave Washington College altogether after this semester. The main reasons for the moves were due to the feeling that one coach, Tom Finnegan, can't coach three sports in an efficient manner, and the belief that the removal of their former coaches, Fred Wyman and Holly Bramble, was completely unjustified.

The decision to make Tom Finnegan head coach and Todd Helbling his assistant for the men's and women's tennis teams is final. The need for a full-time coach has been emphasized by the President and Athletic Director. Finnnegan is also the men's basketball coach (this being the equivalent of coaching two sports already, since it runs two seasons), has a full teaching load of physical education classes, and has an administrative load to carry. What has last year's tennis players upset is that they don't believe one man can handle all of these responsibilities and give all of the players the attention they deserve. Opposing this argument is the fact Tom Finnegan is well equipped to handle responsibilities of this magnitude.

First arriving on the coaching scene in 1970, WC alumnus Tom Finnegan was hired to head the men's basketball team. The following year he was given the position of men's baseball coach as well, in spite of the overlapping of these two sports. In 1974 a new baseball coach was hired, but once again Finnegan was faced with dual coaching responsibilities when he accepted the head job for men's tennis, a job he held along with being basketball coach until 1985. In 1975, Coach Finnegan began the women's tennis program, which he coached for two years. In those two years,Coach Finnegan was the head of three sports programs, a situation that he faces again now.

Another testy year for Finnegan was in 1985 when he was named Associate Director of Athletics. Some of the responsibilities of this position were scheduling for teams, the purchasing of transportation, and setting up budgets for every team. Finnegan was also helping out with the REC sports program at the time. At this point the school decided that Finnegan, with all of his responsibilities of teaching, coaching, and administrative moves, would need some help, and this is when Fred Wyman was hired in 1985 to assist the men's tennis team.

Wyman and Finnegan switched roles in 1986, and in 1987 the movement of coach Penny Fall from women's tennis (which she coached from 1977-86) to softball prompted the athletic department to hire Holly Bramble as an assistant coach to Finnegan for the women's tennis team. By the end of the year Finnegan was the assistant for both teams. According to Finnegan, there was the understanding with former Athletic Director Ed Athey and former President Cater that there was an attempt to make a smooth transition in making Wyman and Bramble the new head coaches. The volume of Finnegan's duties was not involved in this decision; it was apparent at the time that Wyman and Bramble would be good additions. As they gained experience, Finnegan's role was lessened until his services were no longer required.

Finnegan's ability to handle many responsibilities is evident, but what do the players have to say about the situation?

The players' discussion was a very emotional one, with all the players involved expressing their respects for Finnegan but their strong disapproval of the changes.

"I have a lot of respect for Finnegan, but really, you can't take two nationally ranked teams and replace the coaches with the basketball coach. I also want to know how they can expect us to play under any coach without due process or any compromise, [like] possibly making former coaches assistants. This is all bullshit," stated Trevor Hurd, a member of the men's starting rotation.

"Everyone respects Tom Finnegan's abilities as coach," said Kristi Karnes, "this is hardest decision we've ever had to

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OPINION/EDITORIAL

Sleepy Little Chestertown?

We all knew when we chose Washington College that it resides in a small town. The Main Street, USA atmosphere was an attraction to many of us who were tired of living in cities where you needed a map just to find where you'd parked your car. Others had never lived in a big city and never plan to, preferring to live where they can know your neighbors and walk across town in under fifteen minutes. For a considerable number of WCers, the out-of-the-way location was undesirable, an objection that nevertheless was overcome. Still, we all thought we knew what to expect of Chestertown. How may of us expected shootouts at our boathouse?

(At this point, all readers who were not on campus during Labor Day weekend, or who otherwise are ostriches, please see the front page article about the shooting.)

WCers recognize that Chestertown is not a utopia - crimes do occur here, and we try to protect ourselves against them. We lock our doors against theft, and at night our buildings and dorms are locked against intruders. We know that assaults do sometimes occur, and our perennial complaints about what constitutes sufficient lighting on campus spring from our awareness of possible assaults.

We take precautions, and think we are safe. But how many of us prop doors at night for the Subway guy, or walk out to the Computing Center alone? Small town crimes we expect, and we think we can deal with them, but the big city atmosphere is rapidly encroaching on sleepy little Chestertown. Annapolis is now considered a bedroom community for Washington, DC and Baltimore commuters. The people who thought that Annapolis was the end of the earth are moving to the Eastern Shore, and they are bringing violent crime with them.

City dwellers acquire some odd habits. Currently, in Washington, DC it is considered safer to drive through the city, especially North Capitol Street, with your car windows rolled down. This seems to contradict the standard "windows rolled up, doors locked" drill that most people employ while in a city, but Washingtonians have learned from bitter experience that the chances of being killed from the shrapnel of a richocheted bullet are greater than your chances of being hit straight-on.

It is doubtful that we will be hearing "Crossfire" around campus anytime soon, but we would be wise to remember that Chestertown is not as safe as our shady trees and brick walks indicate.

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Letters to the Editor

Dean Taylor Corrects *Elm* Article

To the Editor:

The first issue of the *Elm* is a worthy effort, and I applaud the serious attention it gives to many topics of importance to the College. I must, however, regretfully, correct several inaccuracies in last week's article based on your reporter's interview with me.

I have far more than two responsibilities; my two *major* responsibilities are supporting the faculty and overseeing the curriculum of the college as a whole (not "assessing the curriculum of each department").

We are not involved in "enhancement for research faculty"— we have no research as opposed to teaching faculty— but it is my hope to enhance the possibilities for faculty research. That effort applies to all departments, not just Chemistry and Psychology. The initiatives currently under consideration in those departments, moreover, deal essentially with curricular innovation, not faculty research, and the Chemistry proposal is for a more interdisciplinary introductory sequence, not "a more diverse course load."

The report that the College is to file with the Maryland Higher Education Commission this (not next) semester must deal broadly with the assessment of teaching-learning outcomes, not simply "the quality of teaching." Similarly, external reviews of departments focus comprehensively on all aspects of their operations, not just on teaching performance. While we must all continue to strive for the highest quality of instruction, in neither of these contexts did I express any view that would justify your article's implication of inordinate concern about the performance of faculty in the classroom.

One might well ask what "the student evaluation form" is; the form which we are in the process of revising is that on which students record their reactions to courses and instructors.

We are not working on getting reaccredited this semester, nor is every institution of higher learning in Maryland required to be reaccredited by the state every two years. Such institutions must be reaccredited every ten years by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, the regional agency to which we belong. The reaccreditation process for Washington College will commence next semester and culminate in 1993-94.

The College is indeed pleased that more minority students are choosing to enroll. In addition to the eleven blacks, three Puerto Ricans, and one American Indian that you mention, there are also among our new students four other Hispanics and six Asians.

While we would life very much to obtain a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa for Washington College, we are at this point only in the process of deciding whether the time for an application is ripe, and in any case, the initiative rests with the members of Phi Beta Kappa on the faculty, not with the administration. There are some potentially troublesome obstacles to a successful application, but the notion that "Washington College does not have a sufficient student body" is not one of them.

Finally, my faculty rank is Professor, not Associate Professor.

The *Elm* bears a great responsibility for informing the college community, and I trust that it will continue to strive for the highest possible standard of accuracy in doing so.

Sincerely,
John B. Taylor
Acting Provost and Dean

The Elm *apologizes if clarity was lost in the course of paraphrasing the interview with Dr. Taylor.*

Maintenance Praised for Quick Service

Dear Editor:

I had to comment on the speed and efficiency of the maintenance department since this semester began.

At the beginning of my first week back I handed in my room inspection form, citing a broken drawer handle and a damaged closet door. By the end of the week maintenance had fixed the handle and I had a brand new closet door in my room.

This morning I woke up to find that maintenance was painting two rooms on my hallway, whose condition had also been cited in room inspection forms.

I have also heard from other students who have had quick repair jobs done these past few weeks who were mightily impressed with the department's new efficiency. This high quality of service has not always been present in the past.

I would like to thank the maintenance department publicly for a job well done. Keep up the good work.

Thank you,
Julie E. Greene

Corrections

There were several inaccuracies in the Peer Advisor insert in the *Elms*first issue. Due to space constraints, we are unable to reprint the photographs of the mislabled students. Mislabled were Peter Jons, Andy McKim, and Christine Coyne. Photos were missing for Dan Kretzer and Amy Caddle. The *Elm* apologizes for the confusion.

Weekly Absurdity

Isn't it absurd that some WCDS entrees have names that can put you off when the food itself wouldn't?

Take, for example, the "Walnut Ravioli in Sauce" offered to us this past Tuesday evening. Now, personally, I'm sort of fond of this dish. I'm always happy to see it on the menu, because I know there will be *something* at the Dining Hall that appeals to me.

In spite of this, I can't keep myself from wondering, "Just what *is* 'Walnut Ravioli'?" Does "walnut" refer to the size of the ravioli? They are teaspoon-sized, as opposed to regular ravioli, which are big and round (except when, of course, they are big and square). Wouldn't it just be easier to say "bite-sized ravioli" or "mini ravioli" or something along those lines, without resorting to nutty comparisons?

Does "walnut" refer to the filling within the ravioli? I have always thought that ravioli, by default, was cheese-filled, unless of course it says "meat-filled." No walnut flavoring is discernible, which isn't suprising since the pasta is covered with one variety of sauce or another. So if "walnut" does refer to sone sort of flavoring, if not an actual nut, inside the ravioli, what's the point? You can't taste it anyway, and the food distributor is probably charging the school extra for the fancy flavoring that we can't even tell is there.

Now, none of this is meant as any criticism of the WCDS. It has been my misfortune to partake of what is called, with tongue planted firmly in cheek, food at many other colleges and universities, and by comparison WCDS is the Four Seasons. It becomes habit to grumble about school food, regardless of our true opinion of it. But think back to your high school days of eating molded spaghetti plopped on your tray with an ice cream scoop. We really haven't got it bad at all.

And by the way, try the chocolate ice from the frozen yougurt machine if you get a chance - it's marvellous!

CAMPUS VOICES

QUESTION - Do you believe that the change in the tennis teams' coaching staff was handled properly?

Steve Proakis
Richmond, VA
Sophomore

"I feel confident about the choices of the new coaches and I think that if there are any NCAA violations that the school will handle it properly."

Nancy Whitman
Wilmington, DE
Sophomore

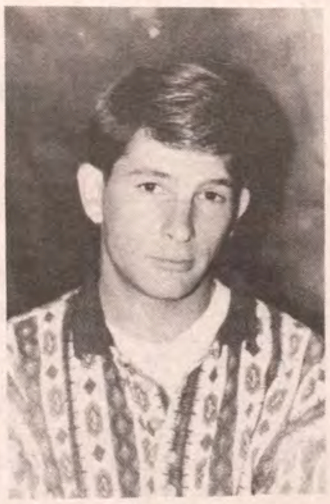
"Because it is obvious that many other factors enter into this issue besides the issue of a full time coaching staff, I must disagree. If President Trout is concerned about "possible violations," then he should take a closer look at students on academic scholarships who can't hold a 3.0 GPA but do play lacrosse."

Jessi Boone
Fallston, MD
Freshman

"If a thorough investigation finding concrete faults with the previous coaching staff was conducted, it was handled properly. However, if there was not just cause for a change in the staff, perhaps it should not have been changed."

Michelle Root
Perry Hall, MD
Junior

"No, I don't feel that the coaches were fired on accusations. They were not proven guilty for the NCAA violation and I basically feel that the team should have been consulted about the situation at least a full semester before the coaches were fired."



Trevor Hurd
Houston, TX
Junior

"No, I don't. I feel that President Trout and Jeff Miller grossly abused their power in terminating the head coaches. Due process and the team members' opinions were completely ignored. I plan to boycott this semester and play somewhere else next semester."

Pam Hendrickson
Kutztown, PA
Sophomore

"The timing of the changes in the tennis teams coaching staff was extremely inconsiderate to the players involved. Having been notified approximately two months before school reconvened made for an unnecessarily stressful summer for all team members involved."

Campus Parking: *The* Issue of the Year?

by Rachel Demma

I don't know. Each year there's a new issue on campus to jump up on your soapbox and shout about. Last year, if memory serves, in the *Elm* construction on campus was the hot topic. Construction this, and construction that. And this year we were greeted with yet another provoking issue: parking. No, make that parking lots. Or rather the lack of them. Or is it the placement of them? Their misuse? Or their lack of use entirely? Lack of lighting? Failure to clearly mark restricted parking spaces? Keep your ear to the ground and you'll hear it all. I heard one guy complaining about the angle of the painted lines in the Kent Circle lot.

Parking shmarking, I say. What's the real issue here? The no-name parking lot in front of Cecil and Dorchester has been

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Wyman Unprofessional

Concerning the current situation at Washington College:

I have had the experience of knowing Fred Wyman for the last twenty years. If the committee of eight in the Soviet Union had had Dr. Wyman as their media consultant, the coup may have succeeded. Fred is very skilled at presenting his point of view to the media.

If the press would interview some of the tennis directors in the area such as Bill Bouline in Dover or Renie Turner in Ocean City, they would hear an entirely different point of view. One specific incident in Ocean City last August left me very upset when Fred cancelled six or seven people from the Chestertown area the day before the tournament. When I arrived for my match I found that I had been cancelled also, Renie feeling that I was one of that bunch. My match was rearranged for a later time. The following week I confronted Fred and told him that I did not want to see that happen again. It did happen again at Bill Boulines [sic] Christmas tournament in Dover and another unsavory incident occurred in the Seaford tournament this summer.

I have supported Fred Wyman and Washington College Tennis in the past. But I can no longer do so due to the lack of professional behavior that I am continuing to witness.

William J. Sieffert, D.D.S.

Bad Situation, Not Bad People

by Greg Coss

During the past couple of weeks I have been responsible for covering the administration's decision not to renew the contracts of Fred Wyman and Holly Bramble. This decision was a very difficult one to make, and therefore it was tough to write about as well. Both sides, in my opinion, had valid arguments. I completely understand the anger the players and coaches are feeling. Although I only played tennis under Fred for one semester, I saw him as a great team leader on and off the court and a very nice man as well. But what also needs to be looked at is the effort Tom Finnegan is making to help save the program. Here is a guy that for twenty-two years now has been heavily involved with the school. He has coached all kinds of sports, taught, been on the administration, etc. and often during his years here he has taken on responsibility that I believe most others could not handle. I feel that based on his past record which I discussed with him he can handle the responsibilities ahead of him. I also think that he deserves a little more respect from the players. I'm not saying the players have to return to the team, I just think it would be nice if they would all explain their decision to Coach Finnegan in a calm fashion. Finnegan has nothing to do with the decision. He likes these players and wants the best for them. So far the players have given the administration the cold shoulder. Honestly, for this I can't say I blame them. But this feeling should not spread to Coach Finnegan.

Next Week's Topic

The topic of next week's Campus Voices will be:

How bad do you think the parking situation at WC really is?

Anyone wishing to write an op/ed for the Campus Voices page about this topic should contact the *Elm* by Monday, September 9. Deadline for submission is Tuesday, September 10.

In the World...

Soviet Union

The break-away republics are now renegotiating proposals laid forth by Mikhail Gorbachev. The Baltic community has received the recognition they have sought. The breakdown of the Soviet Union is paving the way for U.S. businessmen and industry, as well as industry around the world, to venture into the Soviet arena. This bodes well not only for the Eastern European economy, but for the U.S. economy as well.

United States

In the bizarre case of the "Hitman and the Cheerleader," Wanda Holloway was convicted for the solicitation of murder. Mrs. Holloway was found guilty of having contracted a hitman to kill Ms. Verna Heath, in the hopes that her daughter Amber would not be able to attend cheerleading tryouts against Shanna, Holloway's daughter.

North Carolina

In Hamlet, North Carolina, 25 people lost their lives and 49 were injured as they tried to flee a fire in a chicken processing plant. A deep fryer started the lethal blaze. Those who escaped with their lives question why the fire doors of the building were locked. Some employees speculate that the Imperial Food Products owners did not want them stealing the chickens. The plant had never been inspected for fire hazards. The company is currently under investigation.

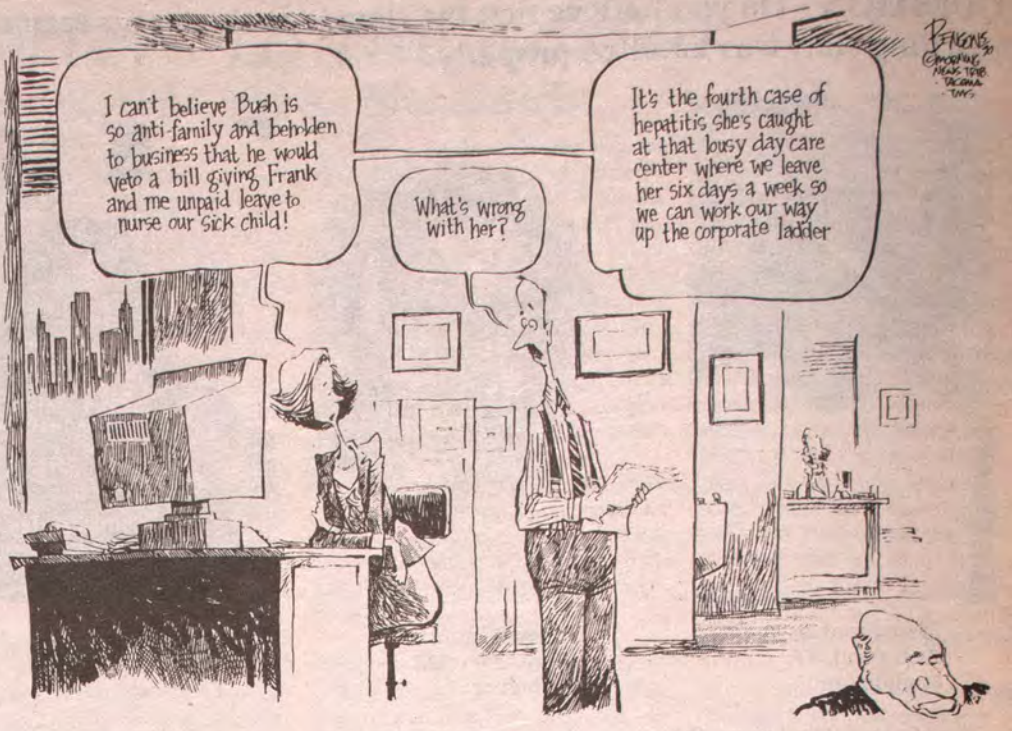
Washington, D.C.

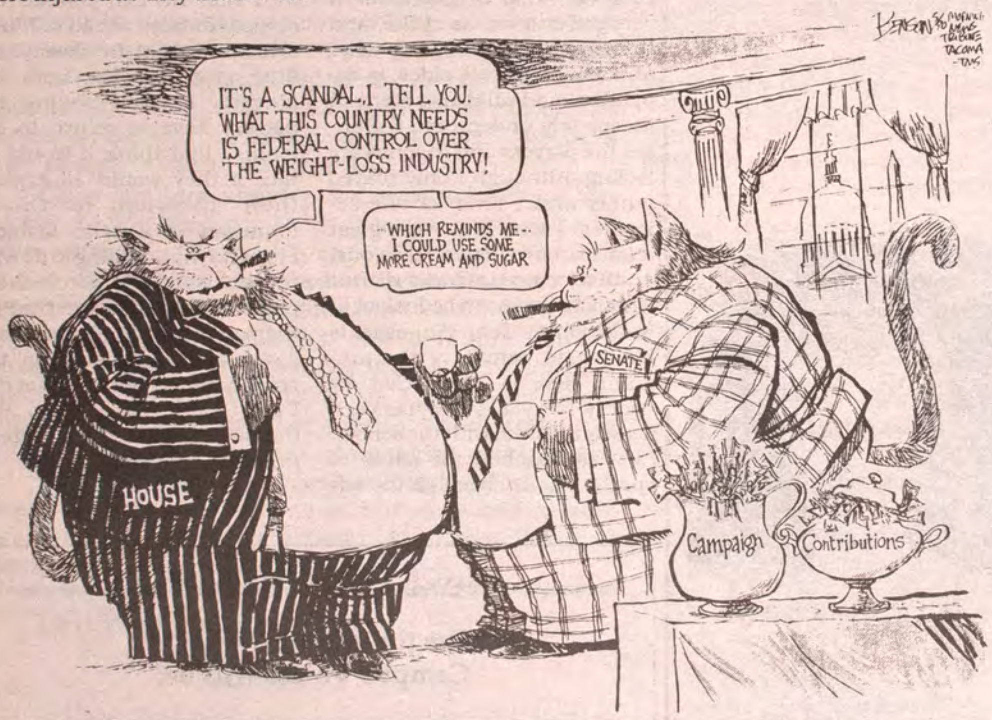
In Washington, DC, Federal drug czar Bob Martinez says that the use of drugs in the U.S. is beginning to dissipate, but that we are a long way off from being a drug-free nation.

California

In California, the famed director Frank Capra died Tuesday at the age of 94. His best known film was the Christmas classic, *It's A Wonderful Life*. In his films Capra mainly dealt with issues concerning the average citizen, and the triumph of the human spirit.

compiled by Tara Kidwell


I can't believe Bush is so anti-family and beholden to business that he would veto a bill giving Frank and me unpaid leave to nurse our sick child!
What's wrong with her?
It's the fourth case of hepatitis she's caught at that lousy day care center where we leave her six days a week so we can work our way up the corporate ladder


IT'S A SCANDAL, I TELL YOU. WHAT THIS COUNTRY NEEDS IS FEDERAL CONTROL OVER THE WEIGHT-LOSS INDUSTRY!
--WHICH REMINDS ME-- I COULD USE SOME MORE CREAM AND SUGAR
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Josephine the Fly

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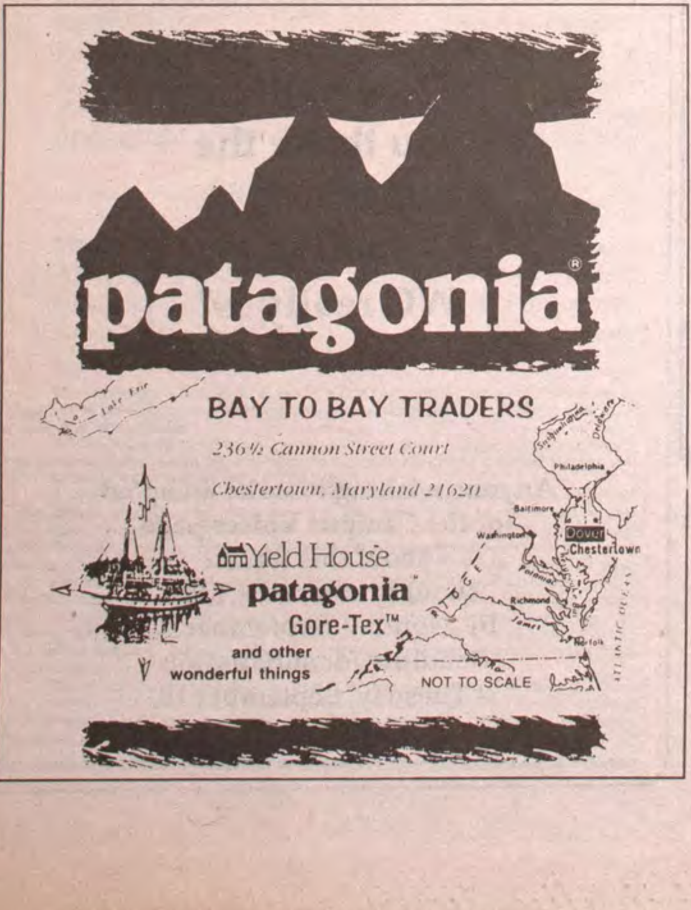
repaved, if a bit belatedly, and is open for business. Sure, if you park at the far end you've got the chance of a foul baseball from the field going astray through your windshield. But nonetheless, parking is parking. Of course, those of us parked in front of Kent and the Cullen dormitories won't be there too much longer, but wait! Before the complaining starts, remember our new anonymous parking lot. All the cars ought to be able to fit there or elsewhere, for example, behind Tawes.

So what is the issue? Is it inconvenience? People don't want to walk across campus to their cars. True, these out of the way parking lots could prove a problem, even a hazard, at night. Is the problem then something entirely unrelated to parking, like better lighting on campus?

Before you start in on parking, remember it's a privilege. A lot of schools don't allow freshmen to have cars, and decide which underclassmen can bring them on the basis of need. Is the school caught in another bureaucratic muddle, and giving our more parking registrations than they can handle?

Here is your chance to get out those parking aggressions, especially if you're an RA in one of the hill dorms, Kent, or Reid. Or who knows? Perhaps with the newly paved lot available the parking issue will be pushed aside and forgotten... much like that parking ticket from last semester you still haven't paid.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FEATURES

Hands Out Invites Student Participation

by Kathy Mullan

Hi! We're all here, just getting settled with campus life and looking around for the Wac for some way to become involved in the college/Chestertown community and what do we find? HANDS OUT, and we're filled with energy and plans for the coming year to activate our WC campus with volunteers who are eager to respond to many calls for service in our area.

To kick-off the year, our first activity will be directing incorporated with the Kent Super Star contest sponsored by the Kent County United Way. This contest, which will occur from Monday September 16 to Friday September 20, involve teams of four who each compete in one of 13 sporting events. Students of Washington College are welcome to participate on a team organized by sororities, fraternities, residence halls, or individual groups of friends who are interested in having a good time while competing. If your team wants to be involved in this Kent Super Star contest, or if you wish to give your time by volunteering to work one of the scheduled events, please sign up at the Hands Out table in the cafeteria during designated lunch and dinner hours.

Several long-term projects involving outside community organizations such as Project Literacy and the Humane Society are also inconsideration for the upcoming year. We will keep you informed of our various activities and await your enthusiastic participation in as many events as possible. Hands out to a successful year!

Josephine the Fly

by Tanya Allen

Napoleon, Josephine's love-bug, had fainted after discovering that his home, Washington College's beloved Elm tree, had been destroyed. "Wake up! Wake up!" Josephine shook Napoleon and screamed. "Napoleon, you stupid bug, wake up!" Napoleon moaned and twitched a little. "Come on, Napoleon, you can do it, wakee wakee...." Suddenly Napoleon's eyes snapped open and he started frothing at the mouth. "The Elm...the Elm...." he sputtered in between froth globs. "The Elm...."

"Oh geez," said Josephine. "Napoleon, are you all right?"

"The Elm...I must get revenge...the Elm...." he stared, bug-eyed, at the sky as he muttered, twitched, and frothed madly.

"Oh geez, oh no," said Josephine, flying in circles. "I've got to get help! Oh geez, oh no, Napoleon...where should I go? Um...Napoleon, wait here, I'm going to find a doctor or something...." she left him twitching on the ground as she flew in search of "Help! Help!"

Suddenly she saw a beautiful, blue and violet butterfly, sucking on a flower. "Excuse me, excuse me," Josephine panted as she swooped down to the butterfly. "Can you help me? My boyfriend's having a nervous breakdown!"

"A nervous breakdown?" said the butterfly, straightening and waving her antenna gracefully, "This is Saturday, right?"

"Yes! Yes! Do you have any idea what I can do? Does this school have a health service center?"

"You and your boyfriend must not be natives of this college."

"Well, I'm not, but my boyfriend...."

"The reason I know you're not natives of this college," the butterfly went on, "Is that this is the weekend."

"What?"

"Washington College natives never get sick or have emotional problems on weekends. The only time Washington College natives get sick or become emotionally disturbed is when the Health Service Center is open: on weekdays, between 8:30 am and 12pm, and 1pm and 3:30pm. They never get sick in the hour between twelve and one, though."

"Really?"

"Yes. If they did, the college would be sure to have their Health Center open for at least a couple of hours on Saturdays and Sundays, as many other schools do, but of course, Washington College natives are the most healthy and emotionally stable creatures in the world...Washington College natives never even break or sprain their legs, or come to the school physically handicapped!"

"Is that so?"

"Yes! If they did, Washington College would have a whole lot more ramps and things of that sort...a person in a wheelchair wouldn't even be able to get into many of this school's buildings, much less get upstairs to the upper-floor classrooms...."

"Well, that's all very nice," Josephine said, "But it doesn't help me figure out what to do to help my boyfriend!"

"Actually," said the butterfly, "there is another way you can get him help...."

"How?"

"If you can alert security, they will call a therapist, who will do some counseling on the phone....it'll take a while to get a hold of someone, though."

"I don't have a while!" Josephine said angrily, "And I need a counselor HERE. My boyfriend needs help NOW! Health Services should be open NOW!"

"Where is your boyfriend?"

"He's lying and frothing in the middle of the campus, where the Elm used to be."

"Is anyone with him?"

"No...."

"You left him alone?"

"Yes...."

"Well, what if some human steps on him? Though of course, this is the weekend, and we never have accidents happen on the weekends, so...."

"Oh geez," Josephine said, "how could I have left him? I've got to get back...." she flapped frantically to the Elm, the butterfly gliding next to her.

"By the way," the butterfly said as she glided, "My name is Brenda."

"I'm Josephine," Josephine said, "And my boyfriend's name is Napoleon, and he should be right...WHERE IS HE? He's disappeared!"

"Oh dear," said Brenda.

Josephine grabbed the butterfly by the wings and screamed "I have to find my boyfriend! I have to find Napoleon! Where could he have gone? HELP ME!"

"Calm down!" Brenda said sharply. "We'll find him....we'll go all over campus until we find him, all right?"

"All right...."

"We'll try K.A. first, ok?"

"Ok...."

"We'll find him," Brenda went on in a soothing voice, "and then everything will be all right, ok?" Josephine was silent, rubbing her front legs nervously. "Ok?"

Josephine finally nodded, blinked her teary eyes, and buzzed bravely.

WC Home to Magazine

Internship Opportunities Available

by Sherry Menton

Tribal College: The Journal of American Indian Higher Education and its editor, Mr. Paul Boyer, have found a new home at Washington College. The *Journal*, a quarterly publication dedicated to matters of public policy that relate to American Indian higher education, relocated to Chestertown from Sacramento this summer in order to be closer to Washington, DC. Although the 27 tribal colleges who sponsor the *Journal* are mostly in the northern plains states, Boyer stated, "So much of Indian policy depends on DC, [that] it makes sense to be here." He continued, "Although the Indian reservations are like independent nations in that they are soverign states, there's an obligation to support the reservations, and that comes from the capital."

Now that Boyer is here, he is looking to offer an internship program to a few WC students interested in working on a "small, but nationally distributed, educational journal." Attempts to provide one paid internship are still in the works, but Boyer plans to offer two or three unpaid internships to students who are "confident with their writing abilities, have strong research skills, and are interested in political science or international affairs." Internists will have the opportunity to work on all aspects of producing a small magazine, and will have an opportunity to "meet with leaders of Native American organizations based in Washington, DC and attend at least one meeting of tribal college presidents. Previous experience with American Indian public policy is not necessary, but an interest in Native American issues would be an obvious advantage. More information can be obtained from flyers which will be appearing at the Literary House and around campus in the near future.

In addition to the internships and by special arrangement with President Trout, Boyer will be offering his journalism expertise to the *Elm* and *Pegasus*. He will be conducting informal seminars about newswriting and layout design, among other things, for the newspaper and yearbook editors periodically throughout the year.

Boyer has an M.A. in Public Communication, which he received from the California State University. He also holds a B.A. from Empire State College in New York. Boyer has been working professionally in journalism for over eight years.

About the change from city life in California to sleepy Chestertown, Boyer said, "My wife and I are enjoying living in a small community, and not being anonymous residents. We're getting to know our neighbors."

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Murder Mystery Begins Season

by Tarin Towers

Jason Imber's production of Agatha Christie's Ten Little Indians kicks off a demanding season for the Washington College Drama Department, a season which includes eight plays to be produced over the coming year. Ten Little Indians takes place on an island off the coast of England in the 1930's. The eleven characters are trapped on the island, trying to save their own lives as the others drop of like flies. I interviewed Jason in the Green Room of Tawes Theatre, immediately after a drama majors' meeting and preceeding the first readthrough and first meeting of his cast.

You only have a little under three weeks to produce this play, which seems like a very short time. Do you anticipate any problems because of this?

It is a short time. I'm going to have to work a lot harder than anyone would normally have to when directing their show . . . I have a more limited time and I'll just have to have longer rehearsals.

You've chosen to do a lot of cross-casting for this production; how will that work with the original text?

I think it adds an interesting twist to the original script. I haven't heard of any previous cross-cast production of the original play. It's just a matter of making girls believe they are boys, or men believe they are women.

You've said you characterize your cast as "freshmen, sophomores, and Karyn Iacangelo." How do you feel about working with people who may be new to the stage?

I see it as a challenge – I was happy to see all the freshmen at auditions, to see the lower classes participating in the drama productions more than they may have in past years. I was happy to cast them.

Last year's drama season was filled with deaths, suicides, torture, etc. By opening with a play in which almost everyone dies, do you feel you are kicking off another death-filled season?

No, I don't see this as a death play . . . It's a mystery, and I see it as being much more entertaining than the "death plays" of last year.

There have been dozens of movies and tv episodes, including Remington Steele and Magnum P.I., which have ripped off the plot of this fairly well-known play. What is your vision, your plan on how to make this a different play?

I'm going to do that by making it truer to Agatha Christie's original text than these other versions – I'm going to make it closer to her ideas, adding my own interpretations as well.

Such as?

It's humorous also, and I'm going to try to highlight the more humorous parts of the play . . . There are so many other things going into it that I just can't put into words.

Why did you choose this play?

Ten little Indians *has always been one of my favorite books, and I love the movies. I've always wanted to do a production of this, and for my senior project, this was my first choice.*

Why should students, particularly new students, go to see this play?

To see their fellow classmen performing in department productions, so they know that it's possible, so they can try out for some of the other plays this year. [As for upperclasmen], they should just support the department in general.

The cast of Ten Little Indians is comprised of: Kenneth Joseph, Abrah Wilberding, Richard McKee, Rebecca Bryant, Rachel Demma, Paul Briggs, Sara Hunt, Melissa Moorehead, Karyn Icangelo, Kristen Hamilton, and Eve Zartman.

In addition to director Jason Imber, the crew includes Ed Schroeder as assistant director, Jason West as technical director, Carey Smith as stage manager, and Deidre Reigel as set designer.

Movie Review...

Dead Again Is Alive and Well

by Sara Hunt

Ahhh, the Hitchcock legacy. It has left us with a taste for suspense and very few good movies to go along with it. Let's face it, Nightmare on Elm Street is no Rebecca. But finally, for all of you who are tired of laughably horrible horror films and slasher movies, there is a psychological thriller which lives up to the Hitchcock legacy. Dead Again, directed by Kenneth Branagh of Henry V fame and written by Scott Frank, is a wonderfully suspenseful film Hitchcock would be proud to have made.

Emma Thompson (Henry V) plays a young amnesiac, Grace, who is plagued with nightmares. Unable to speak at first, Grace receives help from philandering investigator Mike Church, played by Branagh. The real problem troubling the amnesiac is discovered by a hypnotist/antiques dealer. It seems that Grace has become obsessed with events that occurred in her past life; specifically, the murder of Margaret Strauss (Thompson) by her husband Roman Strauss (Branagh) in 1949. Needless to say, Mike and Grace fall in love and their romance mirrors Margaret and Roman's courtship. Grace grows more and more frightened and becomes convinced the past will repeat itself. But Mike, unwillingly cast as the villain, is forced to look to the past to salvage the present.

Branagh does yet another wonderful job as director. He manages to slip from the present to the past and back again without confusing even the slowest audience member, partly because the scenes from the forties are in black and white. The suspense and tension run high through the whole film, and the story never drags. Branagh relieves the some of the tension through humor. "Dead Again" manages to be scary and funny at the same time. How many movies have lines like "It's my karmic burden to load cat food."? This movie is pure fun. Don't expect the power and vision of Henry V, however. It is interesting to note that Branagh has a very distinct style. Branagh likes to balance his actors in the camera's view the way an artist would people in a portrait. That sense of balance works wonderfully well in the hypnotist's shop and in the forties. He also uses slow motion in an ingenious manner, especially in the climactic scene. Occasionally the camera lingers a bit too long on a particular item, but that is a minor problem in a fantastic film.

The acting is of course, equally magnificent. As the hypnotist, Derek Jacobi is instantly likable and just a little slimy. Robin Williams has a wonderful minor role as Cozy Carlisle, psychiatrist turned grocery store owner who is just a tad crazy. But Branagh and Thompson steal the show. They work wonderfully off each other; Branagh's Roman Strauss is charming and intense, while Thompson's Margaret is outgoing and independent. Branagh plays Church as irreverent but kind. He is worried about Grace but originally thinks the idea of a past life is nonsense... he doesn't care who she was; he wants to help her now. Grace, however, has been consumed by the events of the past even before she was consciously aware of it. She grows more frightened daily, and it is to Thompson's credit that Grace never appears anything but perfectly sane. Thompson makes Grace's terror very real.

This movie is Hitchcockian in every sense of the word, so be prepared to be surprised. In fact, the movie is so much fun because it is so surprising. Trying to figure out the plot or anticipate what will happen next defeats the purpose. So turn off your mind and just enjoy. If you do insist on trying to remain one step ahead of the movie, any hints or clues you need are given to you, but beware of red herrings, and prepare to be shocked. "Dead Again" will surprise you.

Sacred Cows Play Zeta Dance

by Cindy Young

Just knowing that their name comes from a "Get Smart" episide tells you that the Sacred Cows are far from your average band. Those attending the Zeta dance tonight will get a close look at the band, which consists of Bruce Hamilton on lead vocals and guitar, Josh "Hammer" Buckman on guitar, Eric "Bull" Forste on bass guitar, and drummer Chris "Fatman" Goldenberg. The band encourages everyone to come, especially faculty. As Josh Buckman said, "We expect the Trouts to be there doing the Jitterbug."

Contest Opportunities For Poets

by Cindy Young

Aspiring poets now have their chance to see their work appear in national publications.

The North American Open Poetry Contest is sponsored by the National Library of Poetry. The contest is open to everyone and the entry is free. $12,000 in prizes will be awarded and each poem entered has a chance to be published in a hardbound anthology.

Entrants should send one original poem of any subject or style to the National Library of Poetry, 5-E Gwynns Mill Ct., P.O. Box 704-PC, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poem should be no more than 20 lines and the poet's name and address should be at the top of the page. All contest entries must be postmarked by September 30, 1991, to be eligible.

The National Poetry Contest is also now accepting submissions. All college students are eligible. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top five poems. The deadline is October 31, 1991. For contest rules, send a stamped envelope to: International Publications, P.O. Box 44044-L, Los Angeles, CA 90044.

SEPTEMBER

Campus **Paperback** Bestsellers

1. **You Just Don't Understand,** by Deborah Tannen. (Ballantine, $10.00.) How men and women can understand each other better
2. **Seven Habits of Highly Effective People,** by Steven R. Covey. (Fireside, $9.95.) Guide to personal fulfillment.
3. **The Burden of Proof,** by Scott Turow. (Warner, $5.95.) A lawyer tries to solve the mystery of his wife's death.
4. **The Revenge of the Baby-Sat,** by Bill Watterson. (Andrews & McMeel, $5.95.) More cartoons.
5. **Rand McNally Road Atlas.** (Rand McNally, $7.95) 1991 edition of a guide to the U.S., Canada and Mexico.
6. **Where the Wild Things are,** by Maurice Sendak. (HarperCollins, $4.95.) Max's dreams take him to a place where he becomes king.
7. **The Joy Luck Club,** by Amy Tan. (Ivy, $5.95.) Destinies of Chinese immigrant women and their Chinese-American daughters.
8. **September,** by Rosamunde Pilcher. (St. Martin's Press, $5.99.) A group of guests from all over the world meet in a Scottish town.
9. **The Education of Little Tree,** by Forrest Carter. (Univ. of New Mexico, $10.95.) Growing up with the Cherokee way of life.
10. **The First Man in Rome,** by Colleen McCullough. (Avon, $6.95.) Towering saga of a remarkable era.

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New & Recommended

A personal selection of Suzanne Staubach, UConn Co-op, Storrs, CT

The Conquest of Paradise, by Kirkpatrick Sale. (Plume, $12.95.) The Story of Christopher Columbus - his time, his exploits, and his legacy.

In a German Pension, by Katherine Mansfield. (Bantam, $3.50.) A collection of short stories that evokes pre-World War I Europe with sharp wit and haunting psychological intensity.

The General in his Labyrinth, by Gabriel Garcia Marquez. (Penguin, $9.95.) Portrait of the great Simon Bolivar - the liberator, the orchestrator of political and military intrigue the fighter capable of heroism, mercy, and ruthlessness.

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Campus Calendar of Events

Sept. 6 Zeta Dance in the Coffeehouse featuring the Sacred Cows 9:00pm-1:00am. $3 admission.

Sept. 6-9 "The Nasty Girl," showing in Norman James Theatre Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday at 7:30pm. Admission is free.

Sept. 7 The Drug/Alcohol/Teen Pregnancy Play presented by the young people of the Gospel Church of Chestertown 5pm in Tawes Theatre. Admission is free.

Sept. 11 Art lecture: "Regional Women Artists," by Dr. Leslie King Hammond, director of graduate studies at the Maryland Institue, College of Art. Casey Academic Center Forum, 7:30pm. Admission is free.

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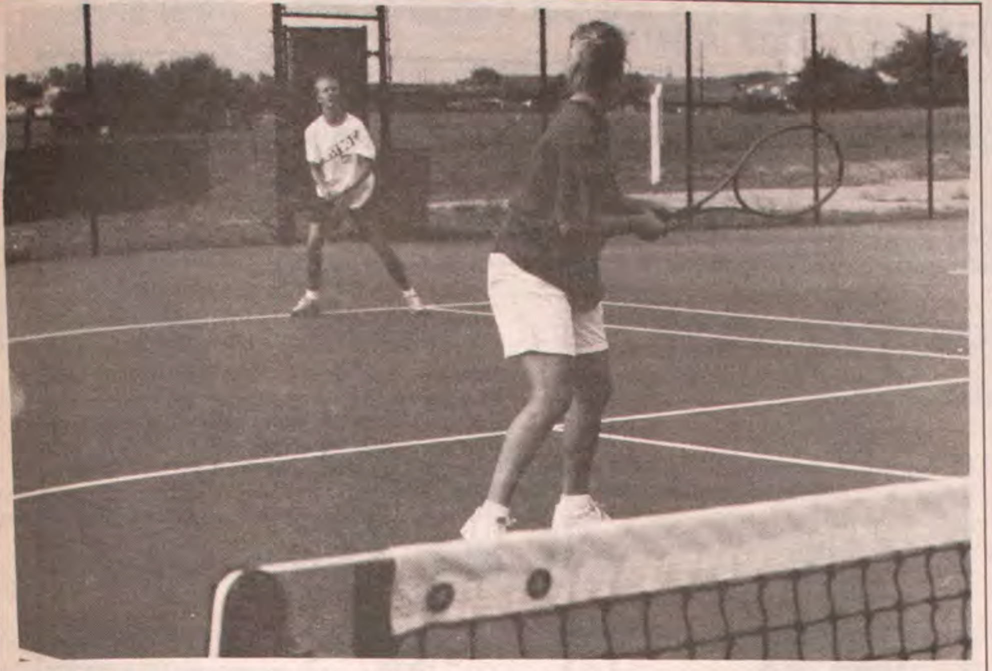

Tennis team members now play only for their own enjoyment. photo by Kris Wallenberg

Tennis

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make, but we had to make it."

"There are not enough hours in the day for one man to do all this!" said Tracy Peel. "I thought a small school listens to what you have to say, but this one doesn't. They have no concern for the players, it's like we're not a part of the problem. I feel sorry for Coach Finnegan because he is making quite an effort, but this just isn't fair to us."

Miriam Dittman added, "Before we had two people with the time to do these jobs. Now we have two overworked coaches."

Rachel Rice felt that "The seniors want to see the program thrive with the younger people. Now these guys have lost their opportunity because recruiting won't be the same."

Alberto Diaz said, "Our voices were silenced. No one cared how we felt about the decision. They treated us like we were a bunch of 20 year old pests!"

A talk with Coach Finnegan revealed nothing but concern for his alma mater, and a man determined to help it to the utmost of his abilities. He also sympathized with the player's feelings.

"I'm very sympathetic to the player's situations. I hope the people who have made tennis respectable and important part of WC remain a part of it, if not in the fall than in spring. I have total respect for their decisions not to play if they think they're right. I'm simply here to provide the best alternative solution. My concern is for the school more than me personally. I was requested by Geoff Miller and President Trout to take these positions because I am the most qualified person on the staff. I am doing this for WC because I love the school. I will do the best that I can, and put as much into all my positions as possible. Beyond that there is not much more that I can do with the total workload I have to accomodate."

Coach Finnegan also added his relief in having two excellent basketball assistants (Steve Johnson and Mike Hart) and a very credible tennis assistant in Todd Helbling to help with recruiting and other coaching sibilities.

Athletic Director Geoff Miller gave words of encouragement for the new coach. "We wouldn't have done this if we didn't think he could do it," he said. Then he added,"We see it as two coaches assigned instead of one, whereas the student athletes are perceiving it as just one. I hope they think long and hard before they make the decision not to play. I'd hate to think in five years they look back and conclude they made a rash decision. These are fine young people and I hope they will play. We want them to play."

Field Hockey Shows Promise

by Kristin Phalen

Over Labor Day Weekend the Shorewomen's field hockey team travelled to Georgetown University to compete in the first scrimmage of their regular season.

Although the Shorewomen lost the game 2-0, there was reason to be optimistic afterwards. The team got off to a slow start falling behind 2-0 after the first period. But once the Shorewomen got used to playing on the astroturf, excellent teamwork, good ball-handling, and fine defensive play enabled the team to hold the Division I Hoyas scoreless for the remainder of the game.

The team thought it was an excellent learning experience, which not only prepared the team for its upcoming games, but made all involved eagerly anticipate the regular season.

This weekend the field hockey team hosts their season-opener against Dickinson which is scheduled to be played at 1:00.

Mens' Soccer Team Takes Pre-Season Kicks

by Chris Vaughn

A tough weekend indeed for the Shoremen soccer squad! Two scrimmages, two losses, and only a bunch of sweat ridden shirts to show for it.

Enduring sweltering heat on both Friday and Saturday afternoon, the Shoremen came out to take on Anne Arundel and Harford Community College, respectively. With increased morale and a better sense of direction this year under Todd Helbling's wing, they hoped to come out strong and with an improved sense of team play. They did this and exemplified it well in the first period versus Anne Arundel with complete offensive dominance. Yet they were unable to put one in. This may have led to an eventual mental breakdown on offense as Anne Arundel was able to thwart the Shoremen's drives and pick up momentum of their own to roll by WC. Coach Helbling attributes many of the mistakes to a lazy second period, tactical positioning problems, and a lack of concentration.

Todd commented that the same problems were also seen versus Harford Community College on Saturday. Along with this the team seemed tired and were short on energy, which gave the opening for Harford to again capitalize on several mistakes by the Shoremen. Although this was the second defeat in two days and WC was outscored 9-0 after the two scrimmages, the team was able to keep spirits high and homed in on the things that needed to be worked on. Coach Helbling believes that concentration and a stronger desire to win are two key areas that must be focused on. He has seen a great amount of improvement, but still sees a long road ahead for the team.

The season opener at Wesley was played too late for the Elm deadline, so it will be covered in next week's edition along with the home opener against St. Mary's Tuesday at 4:00 on Kibler field. Come see the Shoremen turn it around in '91.

Shoreboard's Peek at the Pros

by Greg Coss

New Orleans +6 over KANSAS CITY. Although the Chiefs are at home, they barely won at home last week against Atlanta, who hasn't won on the road since the Braves started doing it this year. Take the points.

Cleveland EVEN over NEW ENGLAND. The Pats can't win again, can they? Take Cleveland.

PHILADELPHIA -6 1/2 over Phoenix. Yeah, I know, Cunningham is out, but Phoenix's quarterback is Tom Tupa. Give the points.

BUFFALO -8 over Pittsburgh. The Bills should win it all this year, provided their field goal kicker doesn't have a stroke before attempting the winning kick again in the Super Bowl. Give the points.

Minnesota +1 over ATLANTA. This game is really hard to pick, but then again a Viking could probably kill a Falcon. I also like Minnesota's helmets better. Take the point.

DETROIT -2 1/2 over Green Bay. Wounded Lions are dangerous. Give the points.

Chicago -3 over TAMPA BAY. Too bad Tampa didn't get a baseball team. Give the points.

L.A. RAIDERS -4 1/2 over Denver. Last week Denver was a mile high and Los Angeles was a mile low. But when the Broncos are on the road, they aren't bully anymore. Give the points.

San Diego +13 over SAN FRANCISCO. Blakey's (John Blakelock's) favorite team is the Chargers. He is 667-3 lifetime in pro picks. Take the points.

Best Bets: MIAMI -8 1/2 over Indianapolis. The city of Baltimore now realizes that instead of being angry of how the team left for Indianapolis in vans, they should have been happy and offered gas money. Give the points.

Washington -2 1/2 over DALLAS. Redskins and Cowboys. Do the words Custer and Battle of Little Big Horn ring a bell? Give the points.

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NEWS

Shooting

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der of Sheldon Murray, 24, Tarrence Murray, 25, Markel Pinkett, 21, Chris Shorter, 24, Scott Whye, 23, and Steven Ford, 21, all of Chestertown.

Tarrence Murray and Markel Pinkett were treated and released from the Kent and Queen Anne County Hospital. Sheldon Murray was flown to the University of Maryland Hospital and is currently in stable condition in the Shock Trauma unit. Chris Shorter and Scott Whye are in stable condition in Kent and Queen Anne Hospital.

Steven Ford was not shot, however, Beach pointed the gun to Ford's head and pulled the trigger, but the gun was empty - this constitutes assault and attempted murder.

Beach is being held on $250,000 bail bond and is charged with six counts of attempted murder, six counts of reckless endangerment, five counts of battery, one count of assault and possession of a hand gun in a use in a crime. Chief Bradley attributes the incident to an ongoing feud between Chestertown and Grasonville.

Park Service Seeks Volunteers

by Julie Greene

The Kent County Department of Parks and Recreation offers numerous opportunities for college students to assist in programs and activities.

The Department of Parks and Recreation offers youth, adult, and senior programs that will provide valuable work experience for students. Students need not have experience in parks and recreation; but should have an interest in working with people, a positive attitude, reliability, and interest in sports, games, arts and crafts, foreign languages, drama, and nature.

Students can assist with special event planning and promotion, office work, league action; including coaching, officiating and supervising.

The Department also will use students to supervise special trips, high school dances and senior citizen activities.

If you are interested in valuable employment or volunteer experience, contact Parks and Recreation at 778-1948.

North Parking Lot Finally Open

by Karyn Iacangelo

The North lot by the New Dorms has finally been completed. According to Mr. Clint Baer, Director of Planning and Special Projects, "He [the contractor] is a varmint and a liar and he didn't show up on time." He was supposed to line the North lot on Friday, but never showed.

Tuesday the lot was finally lined, and other lots on campus will be done Saturday.

The North lot is now open for student parking. It has been expanded to meet the increased need for student parking.

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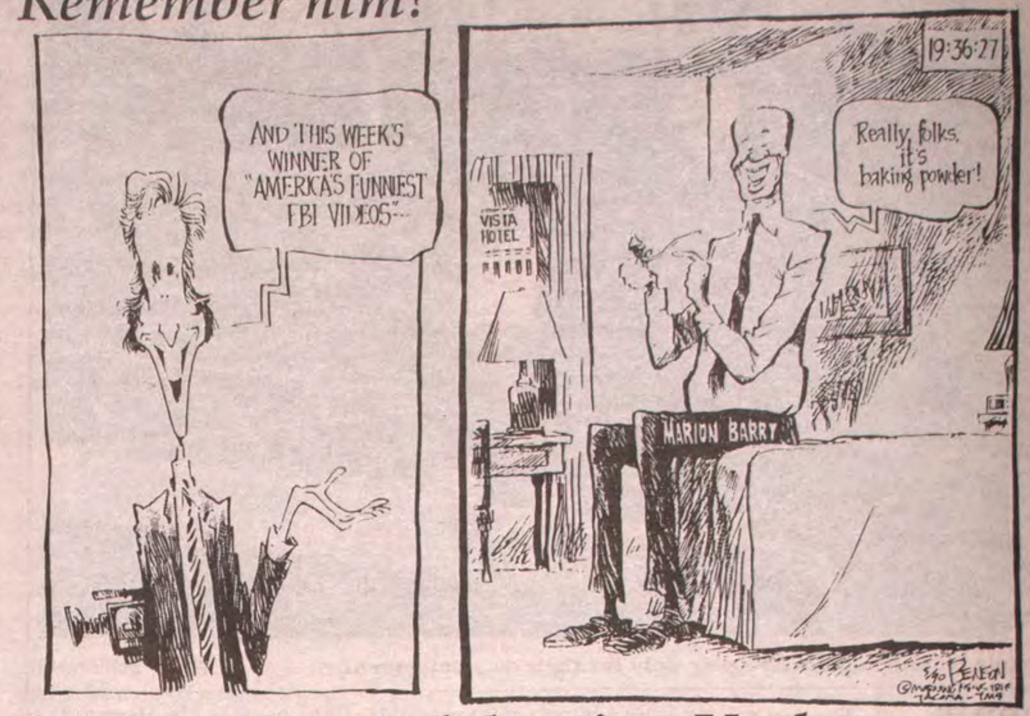
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Coeducation Celebration Update

by Karyn Iacangelo

This year marks the centenary of coeducation at Washington College and will be celebrated at various events throughout the coming year. The title of the celebration program is *Living Together: Men and Women in America– Past, Present, and Future.*

The program opened with Fall Convocation on August 29, when President Trout's keynote speech dealt with "Toward Modernity: Washington College and the Cult of Womanhood." The honored guest was Helen Gibson, a founder of the Washington College Concert Series. Following Convocation, there was an art exhibit with recent sculptures by Maryland artist Allyn Massey. The exhibit was the first in a series of five featuring works of regional artists, and runs until September 30.

On September, 11, there will be an art lecture titled "Regional Women Artists," given by Dr. Leslie King Hammond, Director of Graduate Studies at the Maryland Institute, College of Art. It will be held in the Casey Academic Forum at 7:30.

On September 18, there will be a lecture by Tom Kessinger, President of Haverford College. This is the opening lecture of The William James Forum of Washington College.

Other events in the centennial celebration will be announced at some point in the near future.

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Task Force Formed to Investigate Status of Homosexuals on Campus

Several Key Issues Addressed At Faculty Meeting

TASK FORCE ON STATUS OF LESBIANS, GAY MEN

At the Faculty Meeting of September 10, Professor Edward J. Weissman of the Department of Political Sciences introduced the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved: That a Task Force be set up to study the status of Lesbians and Gay Men at Washington College.

1. This Task Force shall be charged with investigating and making recommendations in regard to the following as they relate to Lesbians and Gay Men as members of the Washington College community:

Legal rights
Civil rights
Rights to personal security
Freedom from Harassment and abuse, both verbal and physical, and 'hate'
Crimes in general
Services provided by the College
Assistance in the coming out process

As well as:

Policies designed to make the Washington College community open and welcoming to all Lesbians and Gay men in the Washington College community.

The provisions of services to the entire College community in the process of recovery from homophobia.

As well as other issues as may prove relevant.

II. The President shall appoint members to this Task Force. All members of the community are invited to make their availability to serve known to the President who may as well co-opt other members of the community to serve. While the Task Force will be welcoming to all regardless of sexual orientation, particular emphasis will be placed on including openly Gay Men or Lebians on the Task Force. In this regard, the chair of the committee shall be a Lesbian or Gay Man.

III. The call for committe members shall go out as soon as this Resolution is passed, and the President shall appoint the members of the Task Force by the First of October, 1991.

The Task Force will be expected, in the ordinary course of events, to present their report by the First of February, 1992.

Members of the community who are interested in being considered for membership on this Task Force are encouraged to so inform the President's Office.

by Sherry Menton

A resolution was passed at the September 10 faculty meeting to create a task force to examine the status of lesbians and gay men on the Washington College campus, with an eye to preventing discrimination against and harassment of homosexuals. Professor Ed Weissman of the Political Science department proposed the resolution, and said in his remarks before the vote, "a number of our students are going through a process made more difficult by the assumption made around here that this is a heterosexual institution. Tolerance, frankly, is not enough."

In other comments to the faculty, President Trout reaffirmed his support of Athletic Director Geoff Miller's coaching consolidations in regards to the tennis team, pointing out that the change "has to be seen in the context of that move [to replace part time coaches with full]." He then read the letter that he received from the Middle Atlantic Division of the NCAA, in which the Commissioner said that he is "satisfied that [WC's] in-house investigation was carried out in an appropriate manner." He further recommended that "students who have refused to cooperate with the investigation should remain ineligible to play at all member institutions," and said that an investigator from the NCAA would be visiting soon to interview all the parties concerned.

In another issue addressed at the meeting, President Trout stated that he is considering forming a student-faculty-administration-alumni committee to advise the Board of Visitors and Governors about the acquisition of a new ceremonial tree. Trout mentioned that the American Liberty Elm is supposed to be disease resistant, and that other possibilities include a white oak or a cherry tree from Mount Vernon, to maintain the connection with George Washington.

President Trout also proposed that the mission statement of Washington College be examined for possible changes. The old statement, which appears on page 2 of the catalog, he called "truncated, wanting, and dated" and expressed his belief that it "needs some changing."

It was announced that Dean McIntyre was added as a member of the Executive Council, thus bringing WC in step with the many colleges and universities who look to the Dean of Students to represent student interests on the Council.

Financial Aid Meets to Prepare Student Seminar

by Karyn Iacangelo

On Wednesday, September 11, there was a financial aid seminar given by Ellyn Taylor, Director of Financial Aid. It was a closed door meeting, providing an opportunity for faculty and staff to ask their questions concerning the problems that the college has faced with financial aid.

On October 8, there will be a Financial Aid forum open to the general student body. The forum will go into more detail about how need is determined and the application process for financial aid.

According to Taylor, financial aid is composed of three sections: scholarships and grants; loans; and employment opportunities comprising work study and on-campus employment. The purpose of financial aid is to provide prospective students access to post-secondary education. Financial aid packages can be customized for each college student based on their academic performance and financial need. In determining "financial need," many factors are taken into consideration, such as the parents' tax returns and the standard Financial Aid Form.

The grant program at WC is varied. The most difficult grant to receive is the Pel Grant because the qualifications are so stringent. This is a federal program and most Pel Grant recipients also receive SCOG, which is another grant for work study that accompanies the Pel Grant. Less than 100 students on the WC campus are eligible for this grant, and they are the most needy. The recipients are chosen by a formula determined by Congress. All the student has to do is present a student aid report to the Financial Aid Office, which will turn the code on the report into a dollar figure. Awards are not at the discretion of Washington College.

WC has many exclusive scholarships such as the George Washington, Frederick Doulgas, and Sophie Kerr Scholarships. The George Washington scholarship can range from $3000-6000 and is need and academically based.

The state of Maryland also gives out a variety of need based scholarships and grants some that are left to the discretion of the person or company awarding the grant or scholarship. Again WC has no discretion in the recipient of these state awards.

Many new students come to WC with scholarship money already, either from their high schools or their parents' employers. The most prominent of these is the Beneficial Hodson. The company awards scholarships to many of their employees' children and covers tuition. There is another kind of Beneficial Hodson award which is strictly academic. The one that just covers tuition comes out of WC's money and Beneficial Hodson cover the academic scholarship.

WC also has a fairly strong work study program; the amount that the student receives is based on need. The money earned through this program is used for current educational expenses. Once granted work study, the financial aid office will send the student a list of campus employment. The salary starts at $4.25 for Freshman and increases by twenty five cents each year after that.

The financial aid office must keep track of what all students receive in terms of donations and scholarships. The college funds 100% of the financial need identified by the FAF, so there is no room to play. The college tries to get the students the most money possible. There is WC money in every scholarship and grant, and roughly 79% of student financial aid is WC money.

Computing Classroom Closed For Lack of Funds

By Karyn Iacangelo

The computing classroom located on the third floor of the Casey Academic Resource Center will not be opened for general student use this semester. The closure is due in part to the 10% budget cut that the college suffered, which resulted in a lack of funding for lab assistants, and students customizing the machines for their own use. Students were also using the instructor's computer in the front of the lab and erasing files that the instructor needed to teach his or her class.

Many alternatives have been explored to help keep the classroom open as a general lab area, but so far the efforts have been futile. The staff at the computing center tried locking certain software to limit access to certain programs, but many students were able to bypass the system to gain access to these files. The staff tried a program called File Guard, but again this was unsuccessful because students were still able to bypass the program.

Paul Bishop, an employee of the computing center was faced with the decision to keep the classroom or the computing center open, and he opted to have the computing center open as a general lab. Bishop said that it would be easier to have the computing center open, so that if any problems occurred with the machines, the computing center staff could easily fix them.

One plan that has been put into effect, is putting computers in residence halls so students can have easy access to computers. Some computers have already been placed in the lounge in Kent House and there are plans to put computers in Wicomico. The RA's of each residence hall need to fill out a form to the Academic Computing Committee to request computers. It would take about a week or so to get the computers installed. Macintosh Plus computers will be installed wherever requested. Another alternative that has been suggested is for the professors who use the computer classroom to set up open lab time for their students.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL

CAC Computing Classroom Unavailability a Crock

One of the things that Washington College likes to brag about in promotional literature is its extensive Macintosh campus computing network. The jewel in WC's networking crown was supposed to be the computing classroom in the Casey Academic Resource Center, which would contain state-of-the-art equipment, including Mac IIXs, and would increase the total number of Macs available for student use. As promised, the computing classroom does contain state-of-the-art equipment; however, it has not added to WC's computer pool because the computer classroom, centerpiece of the computing program, is not open for use by either students or faculty.

It is amazing that after so much hype, students would be kept from using the new facilities, but that is the case. Keys to the computer classroom have been given out only to professors who teach classes in the room, which is kept locked at all other times. The Computing Center claims that it does not have the resources to hire lab assistants to keep the classroom open for students. Last year, however, the Computing Center in Ferguson Hall was at times so overstaffed that it had three or sometimes four lab assistants working simultaneously. Currently, two lab assistants are scheduled for each time slot. And while the Computing Center is laboring under a 10% budget cut, as are all departments, unless the total number of lab assistants has decreased dramatically, some of these people could be transferred to the CAC, to keep the computing classroom open at least during the peak evening hours of 7-11.

What makes this whole situation worse is that last year, preparatory to the opening of the CAC, computers were removed from the computing center to make room for a new office for computing center staff. These computers were placed in the CAC instead, because it was believed that more students would be using the new facilities there than would walk out to the old lab in Ferguson. Last spring when the CAC classroom was open it did see moderately heavy usage.

Now that the CAC is unavailable to us, however, those extra computers have not been brought back to Ferguson, or otherwise made available to students. Aside from the few computers scattered in dorms, the only public-access Macs we currently have are the 12 in Miller Library, the 6 in the Computing Center in Ferguson, and the 4 at the Literary House. Additionally, the *Elm* has decided to make its own 4 computers available to other WC publications on an individually-arranged basis.

We at the *Elm* think that the current state of campus computing is a travesty. This Sunday Tim Kirk, Assistant Director of the Computing Center, had to come to WC and open the computer center in Ferguson himself because there was no lab assistant available to cover the slot. Until he arrived, the center was closed down, inaccessible. It is obvious that manpower problems do exist. Even if there is no way that lab assistants can keep extra rooms open, there is no excuse for not moving some computers into Miller or somewhere else where students who don't have their own computer can get at one. The status quo is unacceptable. Twenty computers (computers in dorm lounges cannot yet be counted since many are not hooked up to the network) for approximately 800 students is ridiculous. Even assuming that half of the students have their own computer, that is still twenty people who have to share each public access computer. The last inventory showed 272 Macintoshes owned by the school. Counting all the public access computers, and assuming one computer for every faculty member, there are still over 50 computers unaccounted for. Where are they, and why aren't students being allowed to use them?

Students who look at this situation may do well to wonder what is really going on. Is the computing classroom being used as a pawn in some sort of Computing Center power play to wring funds, manpower, attention, or whatever, out of the WC administration? Are the professors who have keys to the CAC classroom limiting access to it deliberately, so they can have their own private computing lab? Is the unreliability of some lab assistants the reason the computing center won't allow the classroom to be opened? Or is the classroom inexplicably low down on the list of priorities?

While the computing center and the administration are making up their minds about what to do and where the necessary additional funds are going to come from, the students are suffering. If you can't get to a computer, you can't type your paper, which means you can't turn it in, which means you stand a good chance of failing a class. We are a high-tech campus; professors expect to see computerized papers. We cannot just be thrown back thirty years to the pen-and-ink era because whoever has the power to act can't decide how best to give students access to the computers they need.

Letter to the Editor

To: The Washington College Community

From: Former members of the men's and women's tennis teams

We, the former members of the Washington College tennis team, are distressed by the rumor and innuendo which have resulted directly from the dismissal of the head men's and women's tennis coaches. We would like to take this opportunity to outline various facts that we feel have been misrepresented, both verbally and in the press.

To begin with, the teams have repeatedly been accused of National Collegiate Athletic Association infractions. Neither the men's nor women's tennis teams has ever been cited for violating any type of NCAA regulation. Although stories to the contrary have been reported as fact, there exists no evidence in support of these statements.

In addition, the athletic director has notified the Washington College community of the filing of a self-report to the NCAA. This report presumably alerts the NCAA to "possible secondary violations" by former members, ourselves included, of the tennis teams. We fail to comprehend how such a report could be filed without once consulting the accused as to their alleged involvement in the matter. Certainly, the College has forsaken the students' basic right to confront one's accusers. We find such blatant disregard of due process simply unacceptable, and especially so in an academic environment.

The contents of the self-report have yet to be made available to the public, and much less, to those of us whom it directly concerns. Unfortunately, we find that we are forced to defend ourselves against accusations which have yet to be revealed in full. Although the athletic director claims that those who have been self-reported are aware of their purported infractions, all of the former members of the tennis teams, ourselves included, have been judged "guilty" in the press with the publication of further allegations. These reports of "possible violations" have been presented in such a slanted manner as to convict both teams before judgement.

In conclusion, we wish to emphasize that as former members of the tennis teams, we have worked in earnest both in the classroom and on the tennis court to uphold Washington College's fine reputation. While the handling of this crisis has certainly affected our performance on the court, the academic, social, and personal consequences have been far more distressful. We fear that our reputation as scholar-athletes has been irreparably tarnished in the eyes of our fellow students and the faculty and staff of the college. We ask the college community to consider this issue with an open mind and support our efforts to obtain a full hearing and a reasonable solution to the problem.

Respectfully,
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Weekly Absurdity

Isn't it absurd how easily we can ignore matters that will profoundly affect our lives? Right now in Washington, DC, the Senate Judiciary Committee is debating whether or not to approve President Bush's Supreme Court nominee, Federal Appeals Judge Clarence Thomas. His confirmation, or the lack of one, will change the face of the Supreme Court in a time when the Court is increasingly exerting its power over US law and government.

The Senators on the Judiciary Committee are the judges of the judges, so to speak, yet they seem more inclined to nitpick over out-of-context statements made by the nominee years ago, than in finding out what Thomas' convictions are, and how his philosophy of jurisnce will affect the Court if he is confirmed. Senator Robert Kennedy (D-Mass.) at one point questioned Thomas about a statement he made in an interview in 1987, in which Thomas justified the need for government agencies like the Department of Labor because we do not live in a perfect world. That committee questioning could proceed in such a manner is ample proof of that.

Obscure references are not the issues Thomas should be taken to task for. True, his stance on abortion *has* been repeatedly questioned by the committee, but not questioned often enough, in this writer's opinion, since we still do not know where Thomas does in fact stand on the subject. Thomas seems fond of alluding to his impoverished upbringing, hitting the committee over the head with his ethnicity to the exclusion of answering the straightforward questions put to him.

During the course of the first two days of hearings, Thomas has backed down from or altered his stance on positions he had affirmed earlier in his career. As with anyone who is interviewing for a job, Thomas is trying to tell the committee what he thinks it wants to hear. What we, as American citizens, should hear, however, is how Thomas will vote, or at least what his leanings are, on the key issues that will come before the Court in the 1990's. If he is confirmed, Thomas will be the swing vote on an already conservative Court. He would potentially rule on the legality of abortion, the death penalty, and punishment for drug offenses. These are issues that will affect us, and we cannot afford to ignore the proceedings that will decide if Clarence Thomas will be the one to cast the deciding vote.

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CAMPUS VOICES

Campus Buildings Badly Planned

Fix the Old Before Building A New One

There is an old adage which states that "you get what you pay for"; however, at Washington College we see that this is not necessarily true. As students, we have the right to expect to witness the results of our tuition (which is a little over $17,000) in our daily lives. Unfortunately, it seems that we are not getting what we paid for. Take, for example, problems with three major campus buildings. While it is true that the upkeep of buildings is expensive and time consuming, students have the right to be taught in the best facilities available.

The structure and interior of Bill Smith has been allowed to decay over the years. The deterioration has gotten to the point where the building is not only unattractive but is also potentially hazardous. The stone edifice on the front of the building is crumbling away. One can notice large missing pieces of stone as one enters through the front doors. The interior of Bill Smith is an eyesore. In previous years, tour guides have been instructed not to take prospective students and their families inside the building. Not showing prospective students the most important feature - the main classroom facility of WC, must say something about its condition.

The Casey Academic Center (aka. ARC, CARC, or any other suitable acronym), Mrs. Betty Casey's multimillion dollar esteemed gift to Washington College, was opened for use prior to its completion. At first, the elevator was inoperable because it had failed to meet the safety requirements. The electrical wiring for the fixtures in the building remained exposed throughout the majority of the '91 Spring semester.

Poor architectural planning has also been evident in the Casey Academic Center. The acoustics in the Forum carry and enhance every sound made in the building. The walls of the Forum have not been soundproofed - resulting in an echoing effect throughout the room. Not only can students barely hear what is being taught, but it is almost impossible to see anything due to the angle of the sunlight when it passes through the windows. The air conditioning system in this building has been designed under the impression that the heat would be on all year long. As a result, when the heat is turned off the building is freezing.

The other newly completed building, the Dunning/Decker Science Center, also has its share of flaws in its design and construction. In the Biology laboratories on the ground floor, the floors are cement, painted over with light blue, oil based porch paint. This paint comes off when the floors are exposed to excessive moisture. This results in one sticking to the floor when one enters the laboratory.

A related problem with the science building is mold. There is mold growing on the grills in some of the independent air cooling units. Mold is growing on the counter tops in the labs, on the floors, and on the ceiling tiles. High humidity created by excessive air conditioning pro-

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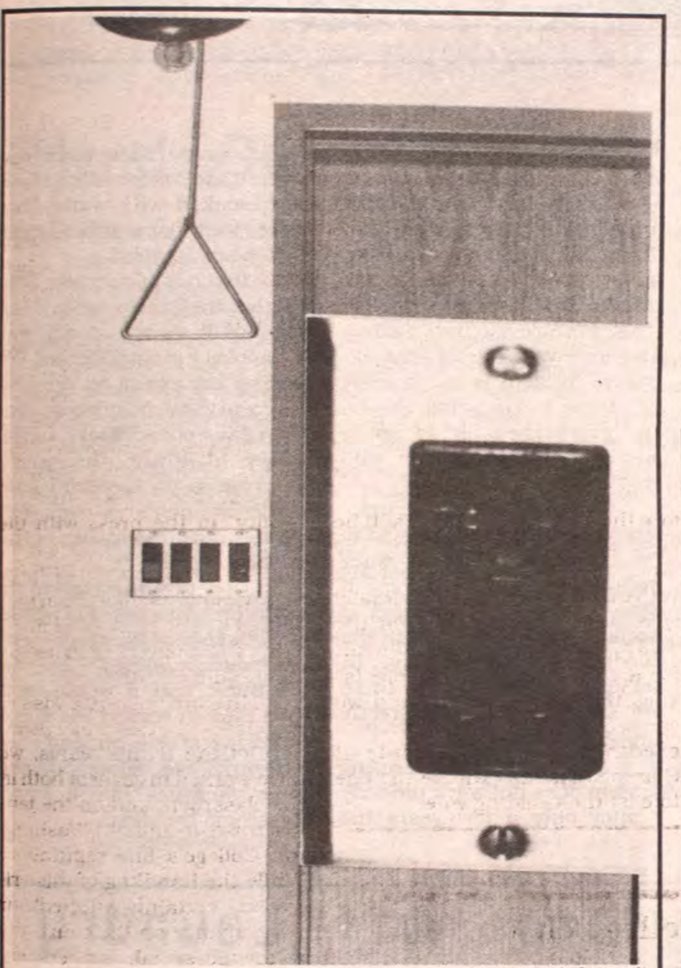
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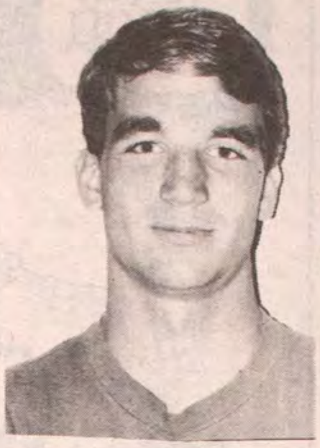
Emergency shower is dangerously close to socket.

QUESTION - Do you think the parking situation at WC is bad?



Eric Jewett
Damascus, MD.
Sophmore

Yes, the only convenient parking for the majority of male students is in Kent Circle, but we have only 16 legal parking spaces. Parking behind Reid is also insuficient.

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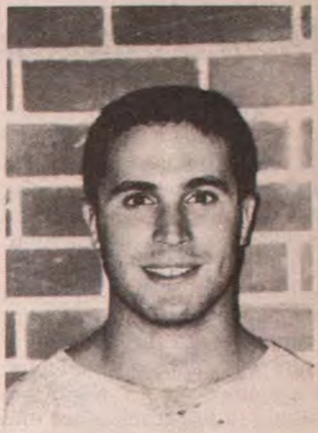
Dennis Kelleher
Wilmingon, DE.
Junior

I don't think that parking is the major problem on this campus. The lot behind Tawes is never full. People are just too lazy to walk that far.



Kevin Lawner
East Brunswick, NJ.
Transfer

The parking situation on campus is not as terrible as everyone thinks it is. For thoe people who have vehicles, and believe the walk from lot to dorm is too far... think again.

Eve Zartman
Washington, D. C.
Freshman

I think you shouldn't have to leave your car across campus; parking should be available near where you live. Everyone should be able to keep their car close and secure and not have to worry what will happen when you're walking across campus late at night.

Andrew Parks
Hagerstown, MD.
Sophomore

Yes, I've driven around the campus for 15 to 20 minutes with people just to find a parking spot. It's ridiculous. This campus is not that big, but when you have to park there's never any space where you can.

Karyn Iacargelo
Silver Spring, MD.
Senior

Parking on this campus is a real problem. On some occasions it has taken me 10 to 20 minutes to find a space.

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Next Week's Topic:

Do you think the task force to investigate the status of homosexuals on campus is a necessary measure?

Anyone wishing to write an op/ed for the Campus Voices page about this topic should contact the *Elm* by Monday, September 16.

In the World...

Thomas Sidesteps Abortion Issue

Washington, DC

Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas has affirmed his belief in the right to privacy, but will not say whether this includes the right to abortion. The 43 year old federal appeals judge is currently appearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee. In the first day of hearings, Thomas deflected questions several times by referring to his grandfather and his own poverty-stricken upbringing. Committee Chairman Joseph R. Biden (D-Del.), after the first half hour of questioning, was "left with more questions than answers." And Senator Howell T. Heflin (D-Ala.) told CNN that "Thomas could have hurt himself terribly or on the other hand he could have helped himself tremendously. It's too early to say."

Also in Washington, Defense Secretary Richard B. Cheney is defending the military spending program he devised to carry the Department of Defense into the late 1990's. Some Congressmen feel that moves should be made to adjust the DoD budget in light of the political changes in the Soviet Union.

Surgeon General Antonia C. Novella has stated that the 21 year old drinking age is "largely a myth" use state enforcement laws on the whole are "riddled with loopholes, laxity, and lip service."

Israel

In an attempt to forestall a breakdown of hostage negotiations, Israel has released 51 Lebanese prisoners and the bodies of nine others. The release was negotiated through the United Nations after the terrorist organization Hezbollah released information to Israel about two of their missing servicemen, both of whom were dead.

Soviet Union

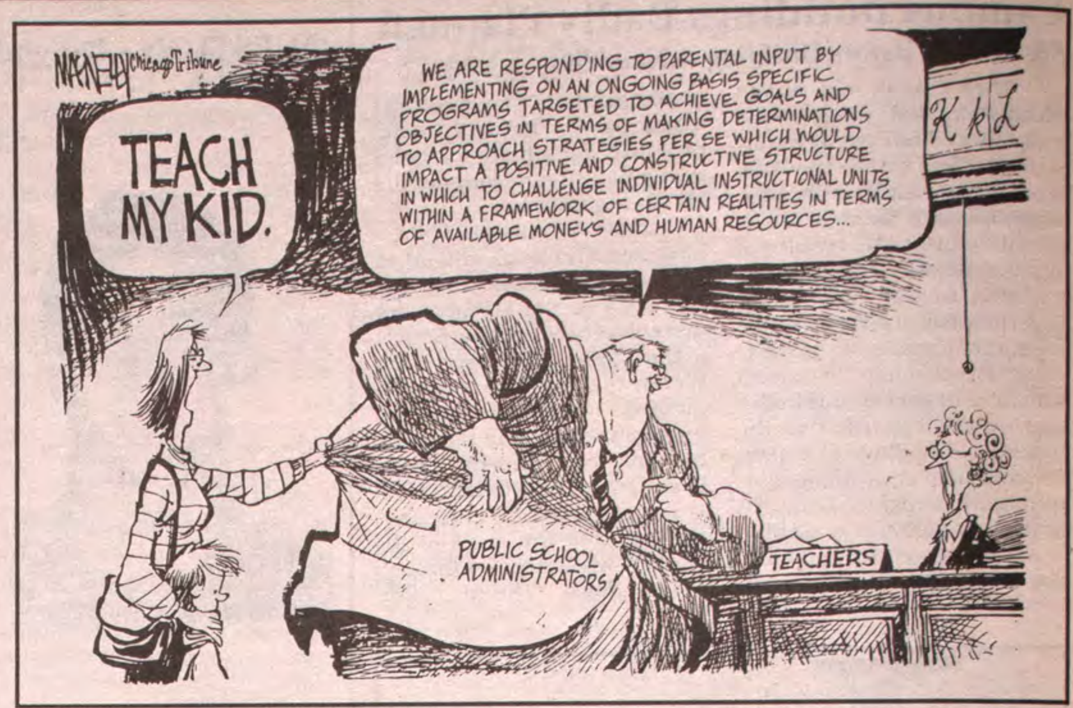
Secretary of State James A. Baker, III, while on a fact-finding mission in the Soviet Union, stated that the US will no longer insist on economic reform as a precondition for an award of aid to the economically-beleaguered nation and its republics. "They don't have to take the steps first, but commit to taking the steps."

Concurrently with the Secretary's visit, Georgian President Zuiad Gamsakhurdia alluded tot he 1939 Nazi-Soviet pact in accusing the United States of a "kind of Molotov-Ribbentrop agreement" to prevent the recognition of the Soviet Republic of Georgia as and independent nation.

China

Chinese communists, in a reaction against the failed coup in the Soviet Union, are tightening their grip at home. Western analysts believe that the aging hard-line rulers, already confused by the events in Eastern Europe, are frightened of the communist loss of control in the Soviet Union, and are increasingly defiant and defensive about their own power. Beijing's official position is that events in the Soviet Union are Moscow's internal affairs.

complied by Sherry Menton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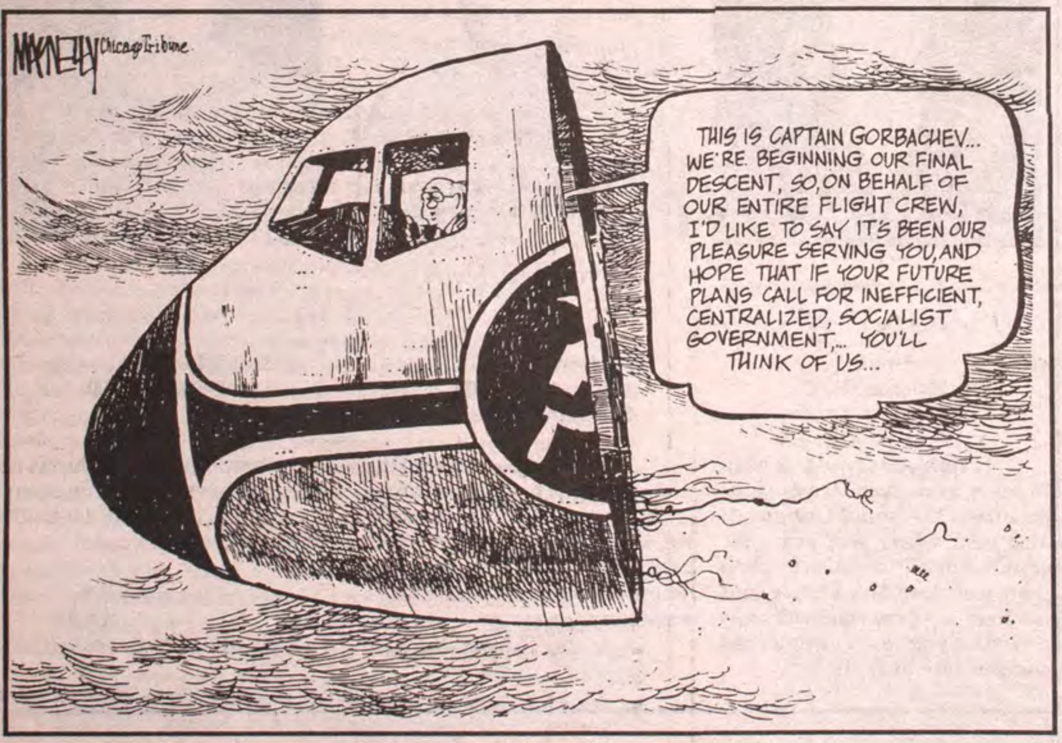
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Building

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vided the proper conditions to allow the mold to flourish. This problem has existed ever since the building opened. Some attempts have been made to correct this problem; however, this is still a problem in the building. And surely, this constant exposure to mold is not healthy for students attending classes and labs in the building, not to mention the professors who have offices there.

Throughout the entire building, there are no drains in the floors to drain the water from the emergency showers. If these showers were used it would most likely result in the flooding of the laboratory. In some of the laboratories, there are electrical outlets directly under these showers.

The relatively new heating system does not work properly - after only a few years the system leaks. There have been several place where ceilings have been soaked with water from these pipes. Some of these pipes have been repaired.

Just out of curiosity, why is it that the bathrooms in these new buildings are on different floors? In Dunning/Decker, the men's restroom is on the first floor and the women's restroom is on the second floor. In the Casey building, the men's restroom is on the third floor and the women's restroom is on the second. Should they not be on the same floor?

The administration is planning to renovate Bill Smith, but what about the other "new" academic buildings? Do you not think that it would be a good idea to correct the major problems of the buildings we currently use before building other facilities like a "new" classroom building.

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Environmental Organization

New Faces

by Keri Nygaard

The Environmental Organization of Washington College, founded last year as The Ecotopian Society by graduate student Dave Searles, held its first meeting last Thursday, September 5. Thanks to the many new and energetic students who attended that meeting, the official membership has grown to twenty-nine, and it is expected to flourish throughout the academic year.

As a result of the elections, Senior Kris Wallenburg was appointed to be the Vice President, Sophomore William Phipps was elected to be the Treasurer, and Senior Keri Nygaard was chosen to be the Secretary. The President of the organization is Senior Ann Veiga, who was elected at the end of the Spring semester last year. The organization's advisor is Dr. Donald A. Munson, Chair of the Biology Department.

The members individual concerns included recycling, cleaning up and protecting the Chesapeake Bay, and providing local education for the preservation of wildlife, natural resources, and "natural living." As a group, this year's organization will be operating at a grass-roots level, with a "think globally/act locally" focus. Some tentative plans for this year include a campus and community environmental awareness day, and potential "living off the water" and "living off the land" trips. Other ideas are local plantings and increasing the number of recycling outlets around campus.

The executive board will be meeting this week to discuss constitutional issues, including a new name, and to focus on possible events for this semester. Everyone interested in the organization is encouraged to attend the next open meeting. Everyone has a say in the group's name, direction, and the year's events.

Hands Out Helping "Kent Superstars"

by Sherry Menton

Hands Out, WC's volunteer/service organization, is organizing campus teams to take part in the "Kent Superstars" competition sponsored by the Kent County United Way Foundation. The competition is not a fundraiser of any sort, but rather, is intended to promote community unity and involvement.

The competition will be held from Monday, September 16, to Friday, September 20 at various locations around Kent County, with different events being held each day. Teams or individuals will participate in 4 events out of the 15 sports categories. Each individual on a team competes in one event, or an individual competitor may choose to participate in 4 events. The team or individual that wins the most points will be declared the Kent County Superstars.

Students do not have to take part in a sporting event in order to participate in "Kent Superstars." Said sophomore Mary Holmes, "I couldn't find any sports I thought I was good enough at, so I'm volunteering my time to help out at events instead."

There is a fee for entering the competition; however, due to the interest that President and Mrs. Trout have in the competition, the fee for any student teams will be paid by WC.

Kathy Mullan, one of the members of Hands Out, explained, "We believe it is important that WC students get actively involved in the community at the beginning of the year as a promise of our support throughout the year, and to build up some kickoff enthusiasm for future Hands Out projects."

Internship Opportunities

by Melissa Harmeyer

If you are interested in the biological sciences, the Howard Hughes Medical Institute will be awarding 66 Predoctoral Fellowships in the Biological Sciences. The awards are for full-time study for three years, towards a Ph.D. or Sc.D.

The goal of these fellowships is to promote excellence in biomedical research by helping students obtain a high quality graduate education. The fellowships support training - that is, research directed toward understanding various biological processes and disease mechanisms - in the fields of biochemistry, biophysics, biostatistics, cell biology, developmental biology, epidemiology, genetics, immunology, mathematical biology, neuroscience, physiology, structural biology, and virology.

Although this is a three year award, continuation of the award to five years is possible depending on the fellow's academic performance. To be eligible, you must be at the beginning of your studies toward a Ph.D. or Sc.D., either a college senior, college graduate with little or no postbaccalaureate graduate study in the biological sciences, or a first year graduate student.

An application must be submitted to the NRC Fellowship office by November 8, 1991 for Part I and by December 6, 1991 for Part II. In order to qualify for consideration please contact: The Fellowship Office, National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. 20418. The phone number is (202) 334-2872.

There are also opportunities available for professors and administrators. University professors and administrators are currently participating in International Faculty Development Seminars in various foreign countries. These seminars are designed to provide an atmosphere that is educational, scholarly, and inspirational.

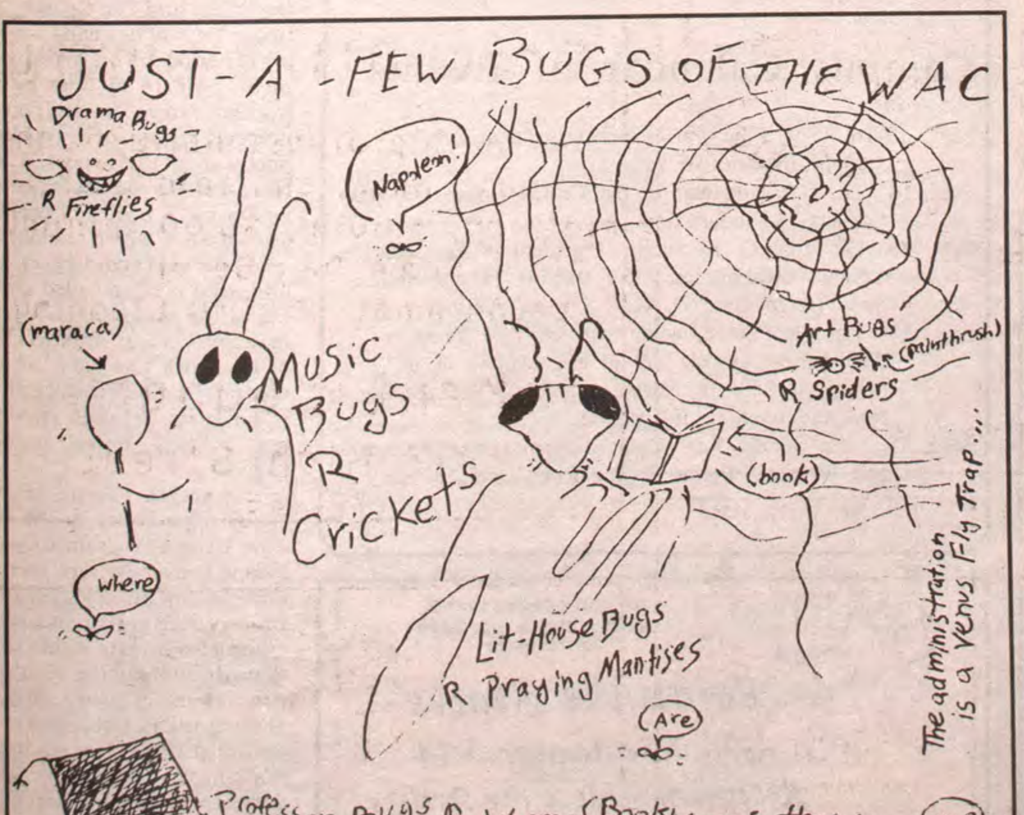
Past seminars themes have focused on "The African-American Experience in the U.S.," "Chile After Pinochet," "Understanding Vietnam," and "Northern Ireland: Images of a Divided Society."

The participating faculty have been able to enhance the global awareness of their students as a result of their cultural experiences.

The 1991-92 schedule includes seminars in Hong Kong, Northern Ireland, Chile, Vietnam, Poland, the Netherlands/Belgium, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United States, and Germany. Participation is open to full-time teaching faculty and administrators at two- and four-year institutions of higher education. If you are interested in participating in this program please contact Professional Programs, CIEE, 205 E. 42nd Street, New York, NY 10017, (212) 661-1414 ext. 1455.

Josephine the Fly

by Tanya Allen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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Debut Vinx Album Garners Praise

by Raph Koster

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Rooms in My Fatha's House
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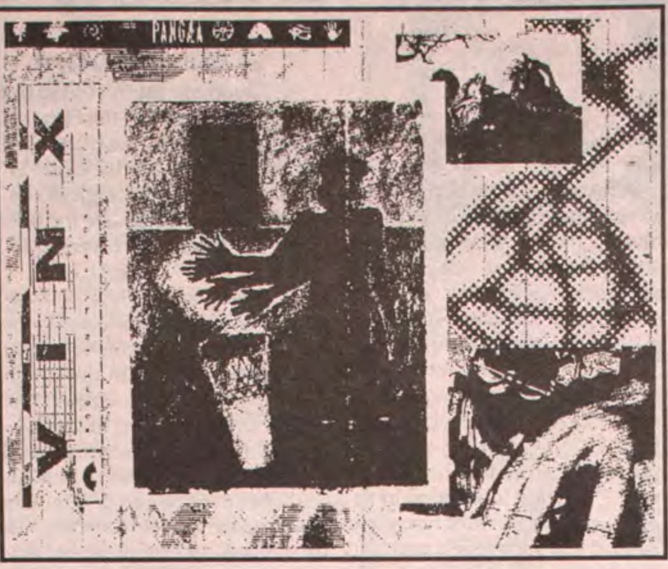

These days, it's getting hard to find an original-sounding album. There's your dance stuff that all sounds the same (should we thank the drum machine or curse it?) and your rehash glam rock wanna-be metal music, your overly slick R&B that can't remember its soul roots and the sad fact that much of rap is ignoring the promise of that new form and aiming instead for contentious obscenities. Granted, tucked away in between these albums are ones that work in the same genres successfully, but in days when even alternative rock starts to sound commonplace, they are far and few between.

Such a gem is the debut album by an extraordinary vocalist and percussionist who goes by the name Vinx. If you were at Sting's concerts in the area, then you may remember him as the man who blew the Concrete Blonde cobwebs out of the audience's heads and made them sit up and listen. Accompanying himself only on African drums, he revealed a sly sense of humor and a soaring baritone that captivated everyone in the house. It's taken some time for his album to appear, but it's finally here now, and the question becomes whether or not he could maintain that sense of discovery on a recording. Happily, he can.

On an album produced by bassist Sting and featuring Branford Marsalis on sax, Herbie Hancock on piano, Angel Figueroa on percussion, and even Roscoe Lee Browne on a mid-song rap, there is no lack of instrumentation, but the focus is always firmly on Vinx's incredible voice and the rhythmic patterns he weaves. The album begins with a yell on "Tell My Feet," a catchy, chorus-driven tune with an ethereal backing. Latin rhythms appear on the salsa "My TV"- an interesting blend of Latin and African rhythms with the refrain "I ain't got nobody to come home to but you." It ends with a nod in Sting's direction, echoing the phrase "I want my MTV..." from the Knopfler/Sting "Money for Nothing" off of *Brothers in Arms*.

Another stand-out song is "While the City Sleeps," a panoramic picture of the middle of the night, when "the DJ is the law." Broken up by raps, classical violin, heavy metal riffs, and jazz piano, it's the kind of song you expect to see a video of on a late night on cable. "I'll Give My All To You" is an *a cappella* song with tight harmonies (provided by Mark Smith) that manages to suggest a whole harmonic structure.

In spite of the high points, Vinx seems to shine most when he's alone with his voice or when he has a full backing band behind him. Arguably the best meld of the differing styles he and practically everyone else have is the lounge jazz tune "Somehow Did You Know," on which Vinx's percussion is not even heard. In other places, the lack of instrumentation and near-total reliance on his percussion becomes tiring. Some of the songs seem undistinguished, no matter how wondrous the performance. Echoes of old R&B or pop can be heard in more than one.

In spite of all the shortcomings, *Rooms in my Fatha's House* is a fascinating debut from an unusual musician, and should recommend itself to listeners looking for something that won't be heard on the radio, not even on alternative rock.

Haverford President Opens Norman James Forum

by Cindy Young

Dr. Tom G. Kessinger, President of Haverford College, will open the 29th year of Washington College's William James Forum on Wednesday, Sept. 18. His topic will be "The Decline of the Nation-State (Even Ours?)".

Dr. Kessinger, a specialist on South Asia, was the head of the Ford Foundation's two largest overseas offices in New Delhi and Jakarta before he became Haverford's 11th president in 1988. He began work with the Ford Foundation when he was appointed program advisor for education and culture in New Delhi in 1977. He was based in Jakarta as the representative for the Southeast Asian region from1979 to 1987 and from 1987 to 1988 he was the representative for South Asia in New Delhi, covering India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka.

He is conversant in Urdu, Hindi, Punjabi, and Bahesa Indonesia, and first developed an interest in South Asia when he took two year's leave from his undergraduate studies to join the first group of Peace Corps volunteers in India.

After completing his bachelor's degree in history from Haverford with honors, Dr. Kessinger went on to receive his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees as a Danforth Fellow at the University of Chicago. His doctoral thesis was published by the University of California's Berkeley Press and focused on social and economic changes in a north Indian village from 1848 to 1968, and is still highly regarded for its combined application of anthropology and history.

During his years in Jakarta, Dr. Kessinger chaired the board of the Jakarta International School, which draws 2,000 students from 55 countries. He was chairman of various committees and during his last two years was the board's chairman.

He has also taught at the University of Virginia as an assistant professor of South Asian history. At the University of Pennsylvania he was a visiting professor of history and South Asian studies and a year later became an associate professor. In the three years he spent there, he chaired the undergraduate history department, chaired the College of Arts and Sciences' Committee on Instruction, and served as assistant chair of the Department of South Asia Regional Studies.

He is a native of Ridgewood, New Jersey, and was a member of the Friends meetingthere until his family left the community in 1972. He and his wife Varyam have two sons who are both in the engineering field: William, who recently graduated from Stanford University, and Colin, who is currently studying engineering at Cornell University.

Dr. Kessinger will be speaking in the Casey Academic Center Forum at 7:30pm. A reception will be held before his talk at 5:00pm at Dr. Tapke's House on 117 High Street. Everyone is invited to attend.

Writer's Union Holds Organizational Picnic

by Cindy Young

The Writer's Union held a picnic on September 4th at the Lit House to start off the year. A seven-member Junta was chosen as the form of organization. Members of the Junta are Jessi Boone, Adria Nesberg, Tanya Allen, Tarin Towers, Justin Cann, Tanya Cunic, and Roxanne Seubert. Junta meetings are open to the public and will occur every other Sunday at 8:00pm in the War Room on the second floor of the Lit House.

Campus Calendar of Events

Sept. 13-16 The Film Series presents "Soapdish," 7:30pm in Norman James.
Sept. 14 Guns & Houghter in the Coffee House, 9:00pm-1:00am, $3 admission.
Sept. 18 Dr. Tom G. Kessinger, President of Haverford College speaking on "The Decline of the Nation-State (Even Ours?)", CAC Forum, 7:30pm.
Sept. 18 Carolyn Forché, winner of the Yale Younger Poet Series Award, will give a reading of her poetry at 8pm in Norman James. The reading is free and open to the public.
Sept. 19 The Sophie Kerr Committee presents "Beckett and Women," in the Sophie Kerr Room at 5pm.

Poet Carolyn Forché To Read

by Cindy Young

Carolyn Forché, the winner of the Lamont Poetry Prize for 1981, the Yale Younger Poet Award, and author of *Gathering the Tribes* and *The Country Between Us*, will be giving a reading of her poetry on Wednesday night, Sept.18 at 8pm in the Norman James Theatre. Forché is widely known for her political poetry about El Salvador. Writer Margaret Atwood describes her poetry as "a poetry of courage and passion, which manages to be tender and achingly sensual and what is often called 'political' at the same time. This is a major new voice." Another critic of her work has said, "she is creating poems in which there is no seam between personal and political, lyrical and engaged."

Carolyn Forché is currently a professor in the Creative Writing Program at George Mason University. She recently edited a new anthology of 20th-century poetry of witness, which chronicles human rights violations throughout the world. Her new volume of poems, *Angel of History*, will be published in the spring of 1993. Her reading at Washington College is sponsored by the Sophie Kerr Committee and the Committee on Coeducation at Washington College. The reading is free and everyone is welcome to attend.

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SPORTS

Volleyball Spikes Goucher in Opener

by Greg Coss

Washington College's volleyball team gained the confidence they needed last Thursday by beginning their season with a resounding 15-6, 15-4, 15-6 victory over Goucher College. Although the Shorewomen looked very impressive, Coach Penny Fall admitted that the big tests lie ahead. "The kids showed me some good stuff, but the quad match on Wednesday will really test us," Coach Fall said. "The competition level will be even across the board; it will tell a lot about our team. With three matches, it will be feast or famine." [The results of this quad match were too late for the Elm deadline; therefore they will be covered in the next issue along with how the team faired in the Gettysburg Invitational to be held this weekend.]

Coach Fall expressed disappointment in the level of competition in the team's opening match, but also admitted that because the Shorewomen were the far superior team, it gave her a chance to see what the rest of the squad could do.

"I was able to play a lot of the players who might not see as much time in tighter situations," Fall said. "Katina Duklewski and Sabrina Luginbuhl played very well, along with Niurka Goenaga and Kirsten Lucas. Those four nonstarters did a good job in the back-line."

photo by Emily Daigneault

Laura McClellan shows her stuff against Salisbury.

One of the keys to the team's success this year is senior captain Theresa Sganga, the hitter/setter who is recovering from ankle surgery performed in early August. Coach Fall is naturally concerned with her condition, saying "She is not jumping as high and is not as quick as before," but on the positive side she said that "her therapy is getting stronger and she is making great progress." This just means the other starters need to pick up the slack in her temporary absence. These starters are being put to the test early, and by the end of the weekend they should have a good idea of just how far they can go this season. Starting the season off with a big win should help the squad considerably, and make them realize that they can be competitive with anyone on the schedule this year.

Field Hockey Sticks It To Dickinson

by Greg Coss

Last season, the Washington College field hockey team started the season with a 2-1 loss at Dickinson. This year the Shorewomen turned the tables with a 1-0 victory over that same team, this time at home. Revenge is so sweet! Or is it? The lone goal of the game was scored by Alicia Carberry unassisted midway through the first half, scoring it on her best friend and former teammate in High School.With friends like that, who needs enemies? See if she ever loans you a stick again, Alicia. (***Just kidding!***)

After grabbing the lead, the Shorewomen didn't give Dickinson much of a chance to draw even. Washington's three-back system of defense spearheaded by senior Jenifer Blenckstone, a regional All-American, smothered the Dickinson attack all day, with the Shorewomen getting the majority of the opportunities to score. The players would admit later that the opportunity to avenge last year's loss was a motivating factor.

"Last year they beat us, and it's tough to lose the first game," said junior defensiveman Eleanor Shriver. "We had a lot to gain by beating them. Yes, we wanted to return the favor, but also it just feels good to win that first game."

Senior Jenifer Blenckstone admitted "The team was really ready for this first game," realizing just how tough Dickinson has been in the past.

When asked why she thought this year's team beat Dickinson's and last year's didn't, junior all-purpose player Heather Mayr responded "We are more of an emotional team this year. The guys are getting more psyched up for the games. We have more heart and we really want to do well."

Jenifer Blenckstone is the key contributor to the Shorewomen's strong heart. She has taken the leadership role on defense, helping with positioning. But she also has helped the team on the whole by boosting its morale, not allowing the players to get too discouraged. Junior defensiveman Kris Phalen said "We look to Jen, she's a good containment player. We will always look to Jenny, its the kind of player that she is. She's a great leader."

The result of having this senior leadership (Blenckstone is the only senior on the team) in front of the goal results in shutouts like on Saturday. Wednesday the Shorewomen played at Wesley, too late for the Elm deadline. What were the keys to this game?

"We'll really have to be prepared for this one," said Blenckstone. "They weren't on our schedule last year, some of our players don't know much about them. We can't get cocky. These guys are tough."

Next week's issue will have the results of this game and player reactions, along with tomorrow's confrontation between WC and Farleigh Dickinson. If the opening game is any indication of what's to come, it's likely Washington will be 3-0 by then.

Men's Soccer: The WAC takes a Whack

by Chris Vaughn

The inability to capitalize on scoring opportunities is the missing piece so far in the Shoremen's soccer season. Washington finished another week of play with more of the same results. The squad suffered two more losses, an 3-0 season-opening setback at the hands of Wesley and a 4-1 drubbing administered by St. Mary's in WC's home-opener on Tuesday. Including their two pre-season games, the Shoremen have now scored one goal in four games while allowing sixteen.

Facing their first regular season opponent,Wesley, a game played nine days ago in Delaware, Washington appeared to be a formidable opponent. The Shoremen, as they had done in previous exhibitions, came out with a firm hold on offense but were unable to come away with a score.

"We had so many chances," said junior midfielder Charlie Linehan.

Fellow midfielder Chris Kleberg would agree with this statement but would also admit that "We've got to be a lot quicker."

The 3-0 loss versus Wesley was seen as a learning experience for this young yet maturing team, as the Shoremen tried re bounce back at home against St. Mary's this past Tuesday. With returning players Gilbert Orser and Chris Graham just off the injured reserve list, they had hoped to come out and surprise a healthy and respectable St. Mary's team.

As usual, they started strong with great performances by Kyle Hutchinson in goal and well executed corner kicks. However, the Shoremen slowly lost their intensity and desire. Co-captain Kevin Kelly attributes this to "A tired second half. We made more offensive runs and overlaps than in the past and killed ourselves on defensive recovery."

However, WC didn't come away completely empty-handed as Charlie Linehan finessed one in from about 30 yards out late in the second period. But it wasn't enough as the Shoremen lost a 4-1 decision to St. Mary's.

The team lost but showed signs of improvement. Could this be a sign of a rebound by WC? Maybe so. Come find out this Saturday at 1:30 when the Shoremen take on Dickinson at Kibler Field.

REC Sports Strong Under Berry

by Greg Coss

Director of Recreational Sports Dennis Berry has made a concerted effort over the past five years to make the REC Sports Program an organization primarily run by students. After all, only the students really know what sports other students want to play.

"We try to make it a student run organization," said Berry. "I can't predict what everyone wants in the program. Only the students can answer that question."

The end result has arrived in complete student leadership, something of which Berry is quite proud. Kristy Hilgartner is the Director of Recreation this year, and Berry is very satisfied with this choice.

"Kristy has worked in the department for two years," he said, She is very insightful .She isthe most qualified person for the job."

Darren Vican and Mike Swanson will be Assistant Directors to Kristy in club sports and intramurals respectively. Tracy Greenawalt will be the Aerobic Dance Coordinator and Chris Spezio and Maria Banashak take on Program Coordinating responsibilities.

Berry likes the idea of a student run organization, but he also would like his program to focus on the non-athlete.

"Last year we made great strides when we gave the all-sports award to Team Mule, whose players are not on varsity teams. They participated in every event and deserved the recognition this time."

Berry also noted that 73% of men on campus participated in REC Sports last year. Berry is making athletes of us all!

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NEWS

Anthro Students Visit Nanticoke Powwow

by Jennifer Reddish

Several students from Dr. Amighi's Intro to Anthropology class left their textbooks behind last weekend and experienced another culture firsthand. The Nanticoke Indian Powwow, held September 7-8 in Millsboro, DE, raised money for the Nanticoke Indian Museum. The Powwow, which occurs the weekend after Labor Day, draws professional dancers and artisans from across the country to display the fine intricacies of Indian Art.

The Nanticoke Indian tribe is small; it's oldest living member is 95 years old. Very few pure-blooded Nanticoke's remain and their numbers dwindle with every intermarriage. However, the Nanticoke traditions thrive in their yearly celebration, the highlight of which is the Native American Dancing. Even though Native Americans do not perform their religious dances in public, their secular dances still convey the spirit of Indian life to visitors. Dance competitions exhibit the tremendous power of Indian dance. The Screaming Eagle Dance performed on Saturday seemed to highlight the dance exhibition.

The festival this year drew many tourists, not all of whom seemed to remember the "rules of tact" when visiting a different culture. With the tourists came the avid picture takers and videotape makers. Despite the attendance of "traditionally costumed" Indian models with whom visitors could have their pictures taken, some tourists still took pictures of Native Americans without their permission or worse, when expressly asked not to take photographs. As Cristabel Garcia-Zamur noted, "When the lady who performed the Screaming Eagle Dance said that this was for her father and asked everyone not to take her picture, this woman right next to me still dragged out her camera and snapped a picture."

This did not seem to cloud the enjoyment of the Native Americans for whom the powwow was expressly held. Most of the visiting Native Americans and avid powwow tourists camped at the festival sight to enjoy the full weekend of the festivities. Dr. Amighi of Anthropology at Washington College noted after her experience at the Powwow, "I thought it interesting how my view of the powwow differed from the Native American perspective. I found it congested with tourists who seemed rude and indifferent to the festivities. Yet, when I spoke with one Native American woman of the Nanticoke tribe, she seemed thrilled by the great number of visitors and Indians. It seems that the years of intermarriage of Native Americans with other cultures has made them slightly indistinguishable from the tourists at times."

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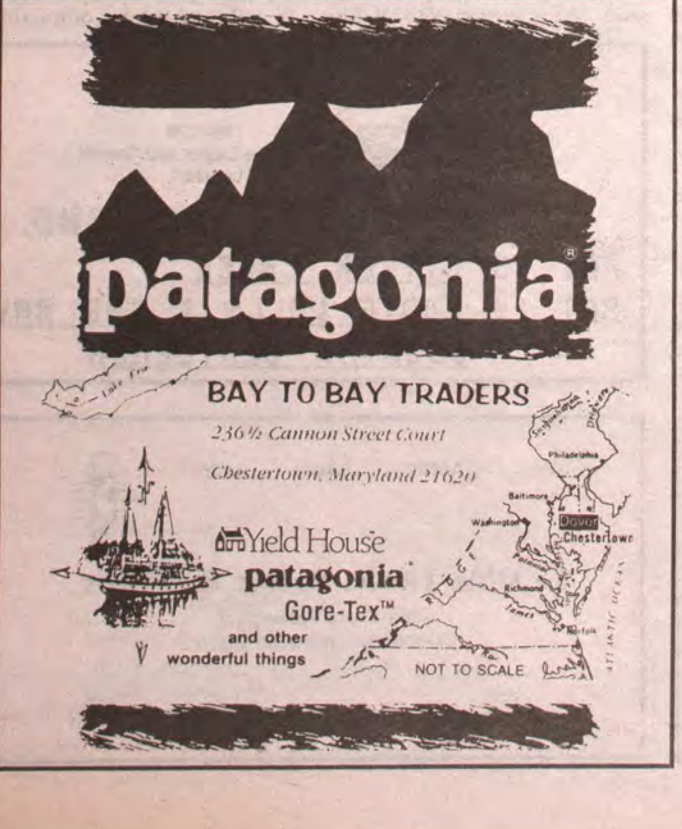

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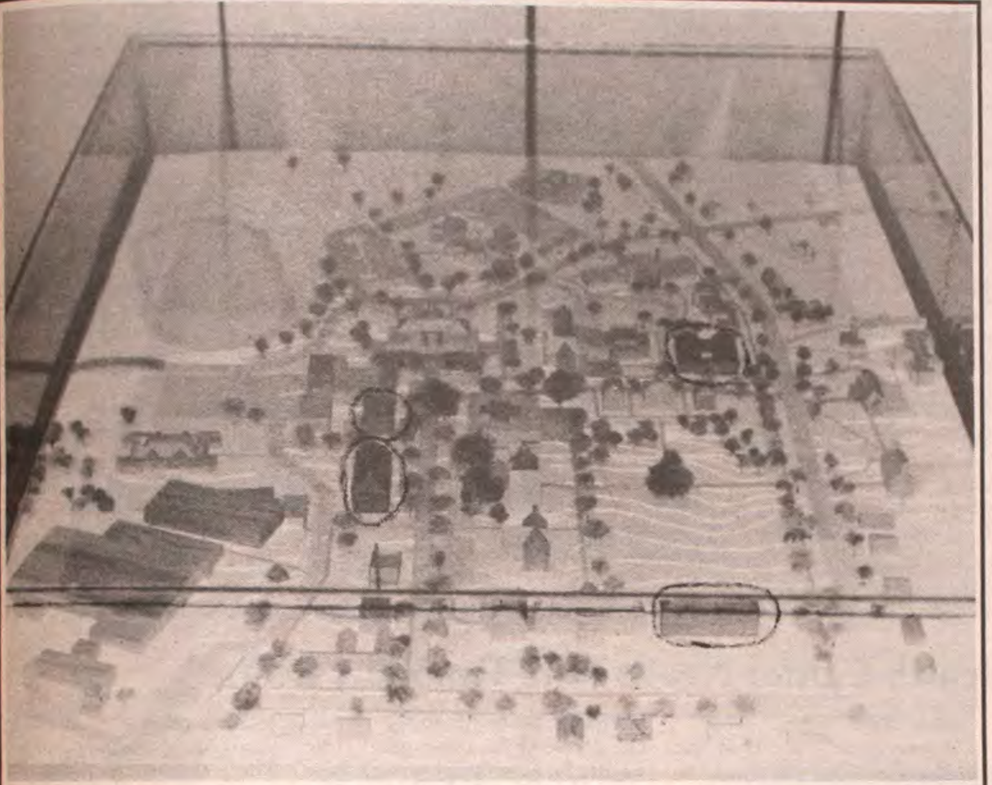

This model of the campus as seen from the south includes buildings (circled) placed at the four proposed sites for a new academic building. The Lifetime Fitness Center (Spring 1992) appears in the bottom left corner.

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Trout Holds Forum

Construction, Diversity Among Topics Discussed

by Kris Wallenburg

This last Thursday, September 12, President Trout held his first President's Forum for this academic year in the Casey Academic Center Forum. Approximately thirty-six students were in attendance to hear the President's State of the College's Address and to discuss issues of concern to the student body.

President Trout stated that the "financial trouble" which the college anticipated toward the end of last year "ties to the state of the economy." He explained that the college "depends on the income from the Endowment Fund and there were a lot of companies last year that didn't pay dividends;" which, when coupled with the low interest rates lead to a shortage in the Endowment Income. Trout attributed the balanced budget to gift income, at which the WC Alumni placed 17th among thirty-three hundred institutions of higher education for the percentage of alumni who support this institution.

Trout went on to stress the importance of creating a climate of admissions consciousness, admissions support among the students. "Anything that any of you can do which would help us with students that you know who are looking at college is very important."

Bringing students up to date on the construction projects around campus, Trout stated that the Johnson B. Lifetime Fitness Center will be open for use by approximately January 15. Phase I of the Hynson Lounge project is scheduled to open around the 28th of September. Phase II of the project will probably begin this coming summer.

President Trout announced the proposal of a new academic building which would house both faculty offices and academic classrooms. "When I think about an academic building, I think about a ratio between faculty office space and classroom space. A place where students and faculty can intermingle." The proposed building sites for this new academic building are next to Dunning Hall, next to the Spanish House, the parking lot next to Tawes so the building would be an outcroping from the Tawes Theatre, or directly across from Bill Smith. "Will all this happen, who knows? I hope it will. I feel that any college that can afford five million for athletics should be able to afford five million for academics."

Trout mentioned that lights were in the process of being placed in the Bill Smith lot and in the North Lot. Mrs. Casey donated the money for the lights that were placed in the North Lot. Trout stated that he was very concerned about the problem of safety and that he will continue to improve the lighting conditions on campus. He also noted that a Sexual Harassment Policy will be promulgated within the month and will be out next month.

The major emphasis of President Trout's address was the issue of diversity at Washington College. During the summer, President Trout, Acting Dean Talyor, Dr. Cades, Mr. Kevin Coveney, and Dr. O'Connor were invited to attend the Lily Foundation Workshop on the Liberal Arts, in Colorado Springs. "An institution takes with them a problem or issue of

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Culture Van Engine Explodes; None Hurt

by Sherry Menton

A fire broke out in the engine of one of WC's culture vans around 9:00 pm last Saturday night as it was on its way back from Baltimore. Dawn Israel, driver of the van, said, "People had begun to signal to us to pull over... we thought that perhaps it was a broken tail light." Fumes began to seep into the van from under the floorboard, and these were followed by "a loud popping noise," so Israel immediately pulled the van over to the side of Rte. 97.

As thick black smoke rose from the rear of the vehicle, Israel and passengers India Henson, Pamela Pinckney, Bridgette Ferris, and Ramsey Bigham all grabbed their belongings and retreated a prudent distance from the van. "We knew it was going to blow," Israel said, "and by the time we ran several yards away from it, the van was totally consumed by flames."

A passerby contacted the police about the blaze, and the students were taken to the Anne Arundel County Police Barracks, which is where the Washington College Security retrieved them.

The cause of the malfunction is being looked into. According to the records in the Student Affairs office, a new engine was put into the van last year.

The Queen Anne's Hall residents had signed up for the van to take a shopping trip into Baltimore, and when they had gone to pick up the van at Maintenance on Saturday morning, no one was there to sign the van out or even to tell them which one they were supposed to take. Israel explained, "After testing all three of the vans with our key we discovered the van that was for us. To put it nicely, the van was in very poor condition."

On the way there, Ramsey Bigham discovered the hole in the floorboard, through which the warning fumes later escaped. Except for its noisiness, the van ran smoothly until the

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Dorm Senators Chosen

Congratulations to all of the newly elected Dorm Senators. The first meeting of the SGA was held yesterday. Details of the meeting will appear in next week's *Elm*.

The Dorm Senators are as follows: John Griep will represent Talbot House, Doug Sarno will represent Cecil House, and Vince Sanudo will represent Dorchester House.

After a run-off election it was determined that Skip Sibson will be the Senator for Somerset. Wicomico will be represented by Peter Greene, and Worchester by Doug Peterson.

Mary Holmes and Jenn Reddish were chosen to represent Kent House.

Andy McKim, Jason Kraus, and Kristin Coyne will be representing East, Middle, and West Halls respectively.

Queen Anne's House will be represented by Stefanie Lee and Kristy Albright, and Caroline House by Michelle Russo and Sonja Wilson.

Representing Reid Hall are

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USSA Opposes Thomas Nomination

Students from all across the country have voted overwhelmingly to oppose the confirmation of Judge Clarence Thomas to the U.S. Supreme Court at the national conference of the United States Student Association (USSA), which represents over 3.5 million students at 350 colleges and universities. The 44th Annual Congress of USSA was hosted by the student government of the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee.

USSA President Tajel Shah commented, "Through his speeches and writings, Judge Thomas has indicated his opposition to many remedies which have been introduced to assist with the autonomy of women, the elderly, and the historically disenfranchised. This position is counter to the students' dedication to the principles of expanding access to higher education for all persons regardless of race, gender, and age. USSA also supports the right of all women to reproductive choice and demands that Judge Thomas reveal his position on this issue."

The resolution was introduced by USSA's National Women's Student Caucus, the National People of Color Student Coalition, the Women of Color Caucus, and the Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Caucus of USSA. It stated that although the confirmation of Judge Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court would retain the seat of a Supreme Court Justice of African descent, USSA opposes him based on his previously stated positions and practice on affirmative action, reproductive rights, and discrimination.

To express opposition to Judge Thomas, USSA and the National Abortion Rights Action League's (NARAL) Campus Organizing Project will be organizing various activities in Wisconsin, Arizona, and Ohio, among other states, such as postcard and letter writing campaigns.

USSA is the oldest and largest student organization in the country, and has advocated for students in the nation's capitol for over 44 years. Its membership is made up of student government associations and student activists from across the United States.

OPINION/EDITORIAL

Invasion of Privacy?

Now is the time of year when many students are buying computers, either because they've just arrived at college and are equipping themselves, or because they don't want to have to deal with the term-paper crunch at the library's computer room ever again. Many students who are buying computers, or who have theirs already, are getting their Macs hooked up to the campus network, to fully take advantage of the software that WC makes available for student use.

What most of these students don't know, however, is that the innocent-seeming software that enables their network hookup also enables anyone in the Computing Center with access to the right software to see the filenames of everything you have on your hard drive.

The offending file is called "WC Responder", and it is placed in the System Folder when the rest of your network software is installed. This program does serve a valuable purpose. If your network connection should fail to work, and you call down to the Computing Center yelling and screaming and wanting to know what is wrong with it, the person at that end can test the connection without leaving the Computing Center. The GraceLAN Responder acts as a sort of computerized sonar; it sends a signal directly to your individual machine, and if the trace comes back, you know that the connection is still established. The responder can also see your startup initialization files (INITs), to see if your system problems are occurring because of incompatible INITs.

As far as students are told, that is the extent of the purpose and capability of the GraceLAN Responder. Some *Elm* staff members, however, have seen demonstrations of this program, during which it is used to see all the files on a hard drive, not just the INITs. While your files cannot actually be accessed or changed, the names of every file you have are open to scrutiny. Some people might not care about this, as long as their files cannot be changed. However, since students are not told that software with this capability is being placed on their hard drives, we believe that this constitutes an invasion of privacy.

While simply obtaining access to filenames may not be a crime in the sense that software piracy is, it is an unauthorized foray into someone else's computer files.

The job that the GraceLAN Responder performs is important to the WC computing network. The *Elm* is by no means suggesting that everyone should dump this file out of their system folder - the Computing Center then might not be willing or able to help you should your system ever crash. Nor do we believe that anyone in the Computing Center sits around and browses through students' hard drives for fun. We do strongly recommend that every student and staff member who has a network hookup and is concerned about a possible invasion of their filenames should ask the Computing Center about this program, so you can decide for yourself if you want to take the risk of removing the WC Responder, or instead take the risk of leaving it in place.

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Letters to the Editor

Athletic Department Members Express Support for Geoff Miller

To the Editor:

At this time we feel it is appropriate to voice our support for Geoff Miller. Since his tenure began as Athletic Director, Geoff Miller has had a decidedly positive impact upon Washington College. He orchestrates unity and equity within the athletic department, and has an open-door policy regarding suggestions and creative ideas. He is a strong leader who demands compliance with NCAA, College, and departmental policy, and conducts regular staff meetings to facilitate and ensure proper communication. Geof has assembled a qualified staff which strives for challenging goals that are in keeping with the demands of modern intercollegiate athletics. He has played a vital role in the upgrading of all the athletic facilities at the College, including the new Lifetime Fitness Center, the renovation of the Cain Athletic Center, and the upgrading of game and practice fields. He has strong ties with alumni, as evidenced by the annual success of the Sho'men Club, which he launched in 1988. His continued professional development has earned him numerous offices and wide acclaim from his peers across the country.

Moreover, his compassionate and sensitive personality is one that makes him extremely accessible to both staff and students, his loyalty to the College is unquestionable, and his decisions are clearly rendered wtih the College's reputation in mind.

Furthermore, we are enthused about the leadership and direction that President Trout is providing our academic institution. Hard work and commitment have enabled Washington College to enjoy a great deal of success over the years. We are confident that this tradition of excellence and integrity will continue.

Sincerely,

Gary Brown, Sports Information Director; Sue Brown, Head Groundskeeper and Assistant Softball Coach; Don Chatellier, Sho'men Club Business Manager; Terry Corcoran, Head Lacrosse Coach; Mike Davenport, Head Rowing Coach; Penny Fall, Associate Professor of Physical Education, Volleyball and Softball Coach; Lacy Frazer, Assistant Field Hockey and Lacrosse Coach; Jon Ferber, Head Trainer; Leigh Ann Gay, Assistant Volleyball Coach; Diane Guinan, Assistant Athletic Driector, Head Field Hockey and Lacrosse Coach; Carl Helbling, Assistant Soccer Coach; Todd Helbling, Cain Athletic Center Coordinator, Head Soccer and Assistant Tennis Coach; Kim Lessard, Aquatic Coordinator, Head Men's and Women's Swimming Coach; Bill Marsey, Equipment Manager; Nancy Marsey, Equipment Manager; Peter Martic, Assistant Rowing Coach; Glenn Merry, Assistant Rowing Coach; John Scott, Assistant Baseball Coach; Jim Townsend, Assistant Men's Lacrosse Coach; John Wagner, Waterfront Activities Director

Health Center Needs Full-Time Physician

Dear Editor:

If you could only hear me recite this aloud for you, then the pain and suffering you would be going through would certainly be sufficient to empathize with the situation which I and so many others are faced with here at the WAC. I don't know. Maybe it's those built-in ACs up in Cardinal, or maybe it's the more-than-polar climate control settings in Decker/ Dunning. Whatever it is, I and a substantial percentage of the student body have come down with something commonly lumped into the category of "Flu." Symptoms range: sore throat; hacking (up things); running, walking, or standing noses; aches and pains. Now there are two types of people-those who go to Health Services for an excuse note so they can miss class and those who go to get medicine so they won't have to miss class. Which ever category you might fit, it seems that getting those certain necessities is no simple task. The problem lies in the fact that there is only one registered doctor employed at the Health Center, and he is the only person "qualified" to dispense real drugs, antibiotics. I was once again informed of this on Tuesday morning in the examination room. The nurse "prescribed" to me some nice Promet VC cough syrup (Generic for Phenergan VC syrup) to "bring up some of the (stuff)" from my lungs. I was also issued 400mg Ibuprofen (Generic for Motrin) for my aches. Two generic medicines for my generic bug. I wondered what all that money my parents paid in insurance was going for. Generic cotton swabs? Generic condoms? Now I know why we get three for free.

The nurse told me to "come back tomorrow when the doctor is in. Two PM to three PM." I informed her that I had another lab and could possibly get out for a few minutes so that I could get some real drugs. At 2:20 I left lab, and as I walked into the lobby of the Health Services, I was greeted by twenty faces looking up from their magazines. I realized that I was not alone in my problem, except for the fact that I was still in class. Unfortunately, I couldn't stay, so as of today, I'm still nurturing my cold generically.

Why can't the school employ a full-time physician? We shouldn't have to schedule our afflictions and infections around the part-time doctor who works out the ever-so-efficient, first-class Kent Queen Anne's County Hospital. Once again, it comes down to the familiar question, "Where is all of our money going?" I think that there needs to be convenient and qualified help at all times at the Health Services. We could do the inexpensive thing and qualify the nurses to dispense real drugs or hire a full-time physician. Now everyone knows the school won't choose the more expensive option, but please, how about a real service for the students. We're paying for it, aren't we?

Sincerely,
John Bates

Weekly Absurdity

Isn't it absurd that an adminstration that, two year ago, urged students to move off campus if they were able to, now instead is forbidding students from living off campus in their freshman and sophomore years?

Many of us know this story already - about how the Admissions Office was predicting a record number of incoming students, which would lead to on campus housing shortages. So all students for whom it was financially feasable were urged to move off campus.

Lo and behold, the new year starts, and there is a record number of students living off campus. That wasn't good for the school's coffers, or for the social cohesiveness, so a new policy went into effect, to wit: no freshmen and sophomores could move off campus (unless, of course, their families came from the Chestertown area).

This in and of itself isn't absurd -- it's the way of the world. A prediction is made, so a policy is formed to deal with the predicted circumstances, except that the policy goes too far, so another policy has to be formed to overcompensate for the original overblown prediction. Sounds like the world economy, doesn't it?

Nothing is wrong with wanting students to have the experience of living on campus, of being in the middle of the college community 24 hours a day. But for many students, that palls after a while. They want to be able to cook their own meals, wash their clothes without worrying about them getting stolen, and study at any hour of the day or night without having to first bang on the ceiling to get the guy above you to turn his &^%$ stereo down. Fending for yourself - having to keep track of the rent, the utility bills, the groceries, is every bit as much a part of a liberal education as being in the midst of a hall of beer guzzlers.

Perhaps the students and the administration need to work together to create a new housing policy that's less knee-jerk reactionary and more sensible for students and the school.

CAMPUS VOICES

QUESTION - Do you think the task force to investigate the status of homosexuals on campus is a necessary measure?

Andrew D. Aprill
Visiting Instructor of
Psychology

Certainly. The rights of individuals is not a "big city" issue. While the gay and lesbian community may be more vocal in an urban setting, due in large part to their numbers, taken at the individual level gay rights are just as important here as anywhere else even though fewer people are involved.

ORGE WASHINGTON MEDAL

Stina Sturges
Marlboro, NJ
Junior

I transferred from a large university that had a very active Gay-Lesbian-Bisexual organization, and they were accepted as part of the student body. Although necessary, I don't think it would work in such a small conservative college.

Prof. Bennett Lamond
Chair, Department of
English

I have known students - young men and young women - who have left Washington College because they felt they could not be fully themselves here - that their homosexuality would not be tolerated. I do not know if they were right in their feelings. Perhaps it is time to find out.

Paul F. Obrecht
Still Pond Creek
Junior

I think homosexuality should be illegal. No further comment.

GARDEN STATE GAMES

Giles Beale
MTN Lakes
Freshman

As I am a freshman I do not know.

Katina Duklewski
New Oxford, PA
Sophomore

No, I don't feel it's a necessary action because it may end up harming more people than helping them.

compiled by Emily Daignault

Task Force and GALA Will Heighten Awareness

by Sara Hunt

For years the students of Washington College blissfully have ignored the homosexual population on campus. Sure, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance (GALA) has been listed in the W.C. catalogue as a campus organization, but no one has ever paid it much attention. GALA, for its part, has remained remarkably quiet. "No gays here," the homophobes gleefully remarked to each other. So while the rest of the country has been struggling with the issue of homosexuality, Washington College managed to appear liberal and to keep GALA in the closet, so to speak.

But now all of that might come to an end. At the recent faculty meeting, Dr. Ed Weissman's proposal to form a Gay/Lesbian Task Force to uncover campus wide feelings on homosexuality was accepted. From there, the task force hopes to find ways to improve the standing of gays and lesbians on campus. The GALA-supported task force will consist of faculty and student volunteers. All participation will be, of course, voluntary and hopefully confidentiality will be guaranteed.

The co-presidents of GALA think that the task force is a wonderful idea. Education is their goal; they want to be an accepted part of campus life. Toward that end, GALA is going to sponsor on-campus events this year. The average student doesn't see the task force as such a good idea. "Who cares? There aren't that many gays anyway.", "Why are they getting special treatment?", and "What are we going to have to do; fill in our sexual preference next to our race on application forms?" are just some responses to questions about the task force. Most students, surprisingly, had a very valid concern; they wondered if people are going to get hurt by rumors.

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Archaic Laws Part of the Problem

by Joseph Hamilton
and
Ivan Schwabe

In response to the adopted resolution to form a "Task Force on the Status of Lesbians and Gay Men" in the Washington College community, the Washington College Elm has posed the question of whether this investigation is a "necessary measure" to take. In order to answer this question, however, one must reach an understanding of: the broader political implications of the resolution, and how these implications relate to the situation of lesbians and gays in this particular community.

As this particular community is, in essence, a sample of the greater community of Kent County, and also of Maryland, it has a tendency to reflect the views and attitudes of this larger whole. Maryland is one of 15 states that still adheres to and enforces Sodomy laws formulated in Medieval Christian Europe, prior to the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America. Laws forbidding the activity of oral copulation stem from this period, also. With the maintenance of these laws, the moral views of the Judiciary System of the U.S. today remain archaic views.

The Constitution of the United States takes as one of its central tenets the view that no single religious, political or moral position can have priority over another. Plurality, as it is commonly known, is the novelty and strength of the United States' democracy. Currently, Sodomy laws in this country are founded on the morality and world-view of a single religion. This in effect denies citizens their inalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. These laws are un-Constitutional.

State laws in opposition to the direction of the Union as a whole was the primary reason for the Civil War. By any state dragging its feet, it is passively attempting to detach itself from the thoughts and ideals that the U.S. Constitution was found upon. If the United States is to live up to its Constitution, then the citizens must examine any attempts to undermine the integrity of its goals.

This particular community is now becoming concerned about examining the rights and freedoms that the lesbians and gay men do not have in this community. A possible outcome of the Task Force, which is to analyze the oppressions present, would help develop an expanded definition of the freedoms outlined in the Constitution. Such an expanded definition of freedom would include not only the legal freedom *from* both physical and verbal harassment but freedom *to* develop themselves in an atmosphere conducive to personal growth. As an institution devoted to higher learning, it is imperative that such an atmosphere be created. And, without an attempt by the institution and its community to educate about lesbians and gays and dissolve homophobia, then this environment will never come to be.

Possible steps in this direction, as suggested by the resolution, would include the addition of an empathetic sys-

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Task Force is Misuse of Money

by James L. Jenkins, Jr.

In response to Professor Edward J. Weissman's proposal that a task force be established by the college president to determine the status of homosexuals at Washington College and how to protect their rights, I would like to voice some criticism of the guidelines this new task force is supposed to follow. Aside from my disapproval of homosexuality, four objectives of the task force deeply disturb me, particularly because it seems that their purpose is to elevate the rights of homosexuals above the rights of heterosexuals.

For starters, one of the task force's duties is to provide protection against verbal abuse. Why should I object to such a provision? Simply because what constitutes verbal abuse is undefined in the task force objection outline. Is it going to consist of a string of vulgarities or threats spoken by a student or group of students to one or many homosexuals? Or is it going to involve expressions of disbelief by one or several students and their objections to such a sexual practice? If the latter is considered then not only should the task force prepare to have Washington College branded as a school of Politically Correct thought, but perhaps it should ask Congress to find a way to alter the Bill of Rights so that it still guarantees the freedom of speech and press unless homosexuals are offended by what they see and hear.

Another objection I have to the task force is that it seeks services from the college. Anybody who has been at this school longer than three days knows that this school is willing to use our tuition money to fund practically anything and everything. If the college plans to allow for grants from the SGA or the administration then perhaps the school ought to send a letter to each and every tuition-paying

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Next Topic:

Do you think
every room should
have a campus
phone hookup?

Anyone wishing to
write an op/ed please
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In the World...

Thomas Confirmation Likely

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Last Monday, September 16, Clarence Thomas ended a 5-day interview before the Senate Judiciary Committee. Senators of both parties say his chances for conformation appear favorable, although Democrats continue to complain that during the interview Thomas avoided too many questions; including ones on the abortion issue.

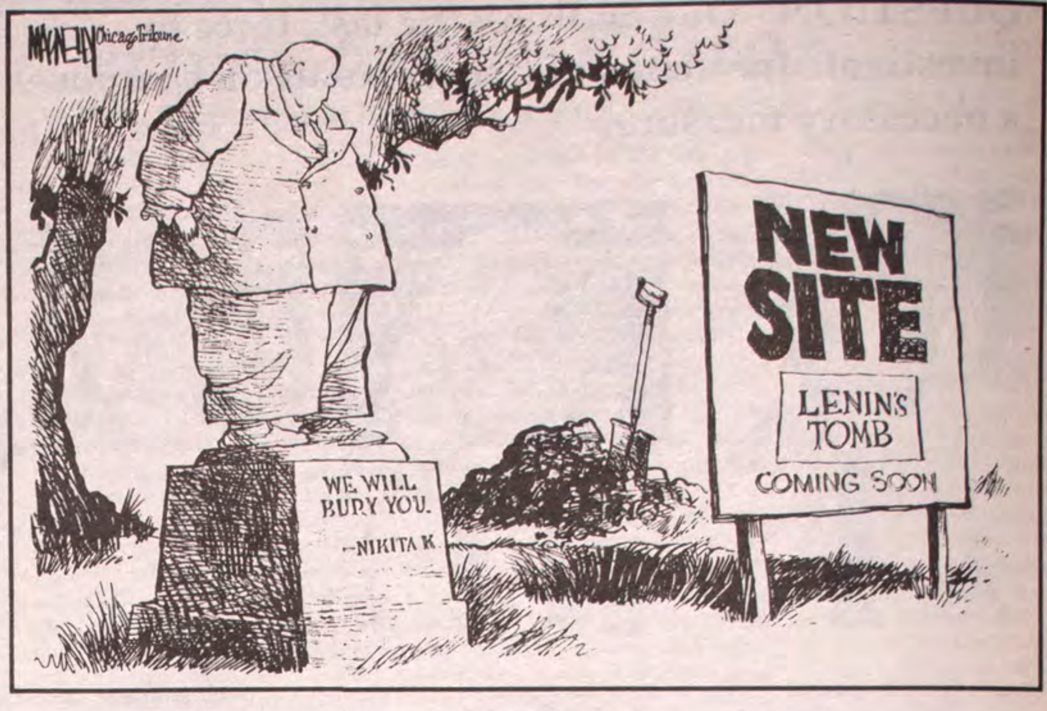
IRAQ

A United Nations report, summarizing the findings of four inspections of Iraqi nuclear facilities, says that if Iraq's production plants had not been destroyed they could have gathered enough material to build two or three atomic weapons by the mid-1990's.

Prime Minister Saadoun Hammadi has been dismissed from his post and from the Revolutionary Command Council. He is to be replaced by Shiite Mohammed Hamza Zubeidi. Analysts say that Hammadi's ouster indicates President Saddam Hussein's determination to dismiss officials whose loyalty he suspects, and also his increasing reliance on a circle comprised mostly of relatives and members of his Sunni clan. In recent weeks the Iraqi government has refused to let a U.N. inspection team use its own helicopters; moved a large military presence into the city of Nirkuk, and resisted US-led efforts to hold a Middle East peace conference

EAST GERMANY

More than 370 asylum-seekers have arrived in the West German State of Hesse, fleeing from East Germany because of attacks by neo-Nazis and other right-wing extremists on their shelters and apartments. Many of the attacks have been made on Asians and black Africans.



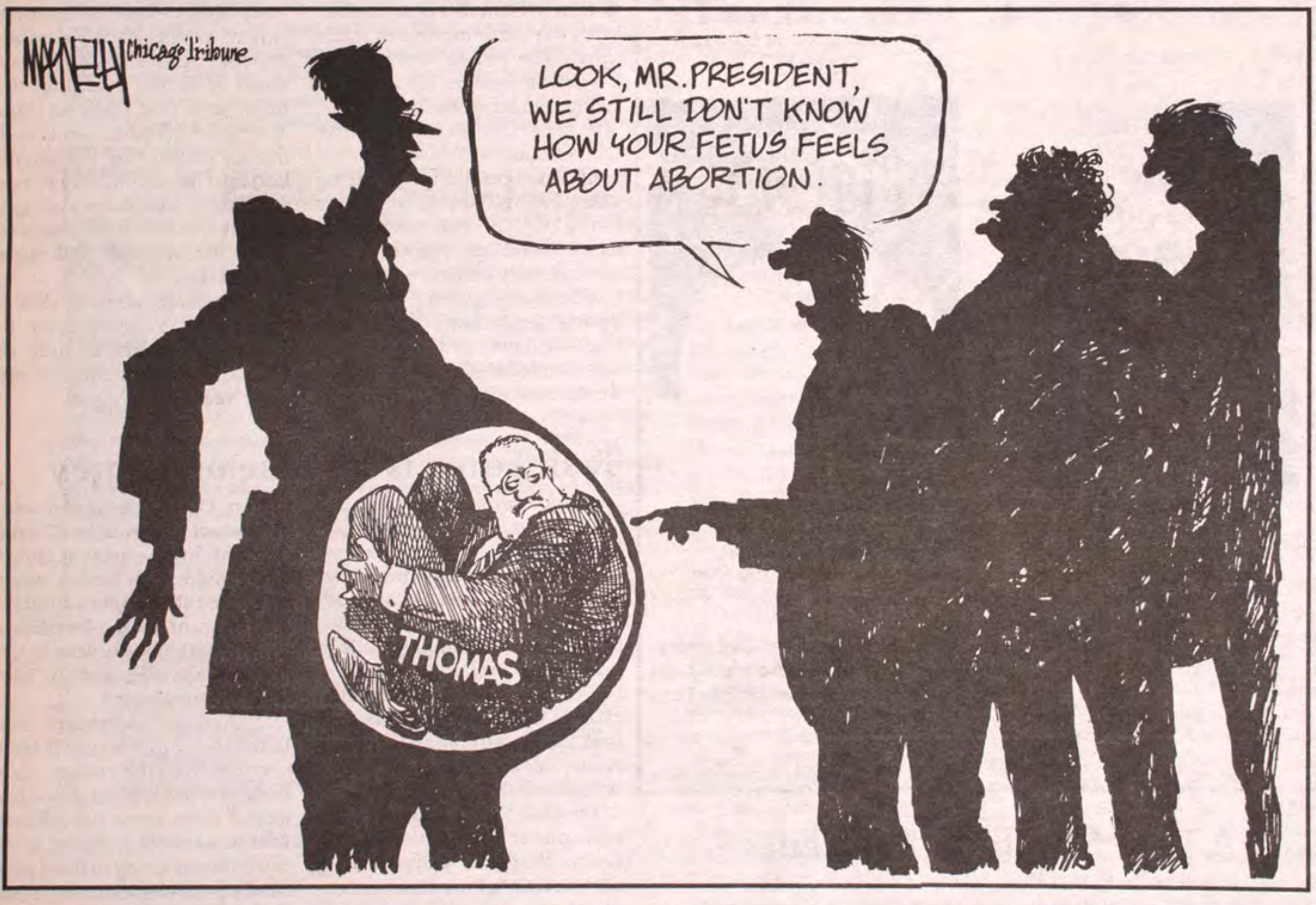
FLORENCE

Michelangelo's 487-year-old statue of David was attacked by a man with a hammer. The man broke the second toe of the statue's left foot before he was stopped by museum patrons. Luckily, officials say the damage can be repaired.

U.S.A.

Sympathy to all those who lust after John Travolta; the 37-year-old star of *Saturday Night Fever* and *Look Who's Talking.* He married Kelly Preston, 28-year-old star of *Run* last week.

compiled by Tanya Allen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LOOK, MR. PRESIDENT, WE STILL DON'T KNOW HOW YOUR FETUS FEELS ABOUT ABORTION.
THOMAS

Laws

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tem of support, from the administration to health services to the members of the community themselves. The Gay, Lesbian and Bi-Sexual Union, as it is now called, certainly wishes to assist their members reach a healthier mode of life. These steps, and others that may develop as time goes on will contribute to the movement from prejudicial attitudes to a greater understanding of humanity.

It is our opinion that the Task Force on the Status of Lesbians and Gay Men presents the opportunity for the Washington College Community to contribute to a more humane world. The maintenance of democratic pluralism will be upheld. The welfare of the people of the United States and their nation as a whole will come into sight. Finally, we will see the heightened awareness and respect for the diversity of culture in our own particular community.

NOTICE TO ALL SENIORS

Any student expecting to complete all the requirements for the Baccalaureate or Masters degree by May 1992 must file an application with the Registrar. If you have not received this form in your college box, kindly stop by the Registrar's office at your earliest convenience. Our order for diplomas will go out before the end of October, therefore your cooperation will be appreciated in filing early.

ISSUES

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parent and donating alumnus to let them know that some of their money is going to fund a homosexual organization. After all, if the school is bold enough to support such an organization, it should be brave enough to let its donors and bill payers know just where some of their dollars are going. As a student who pays for his tuition with his own money, I would very much like to see the college take this step should it divert funds to a gay-rights organization.

A third objection I have to the task force is its purpose to make the Washington College community open to gays and lesbians. What if the community does not want to do so? Does it have a say in the matter? In conjunction with my first objection just because this school is a liberal institution does not mean that it should throw away its decency and any morality it has left to display to force its students to accept what many see as a perverted sexual practice or imply that they should. (I wonder what ol' George Washington, a staunch Right-wing Christian, would have thought of this task force objective?)

Finally, the task force is also to provide "services to the entire College community in the process of recovery from homophobia." Is this provision suggesting that the school is to provide nothing short of counseling to students who refuse to accept the idea of homosexuality? What if a student or a group of students are vehemently opposed to this idea for whatever reason, be it personal or religious? Are they to be seen as "abnormal" or "second-class citizens" in the eyes of the administration? It sounds to me like this provision will allow, if not require, the task force to overlook objections to homosexuality and continue to force its "therapy" on people.

In conclusion, the expressed duties of this new task force are nothing short of elevating the desired rights of a minority group over the rights of the rest of the student body. Furthermore, it seems that this task force also has the privilege of blocking resistance by any students or faculty to the idea of homosexuality or the establishment of gay-rights organizations on campus, a privilege which should clearly be overridden by the student body. Since Washington College prides itself on a close relationship between its faculty and students, I believe the school made a serious blunder in not conferring with the student body before creating this task force and outlining its assigned duties; however, I also feel that the school can somewhat correct this fallacy by repealing the resolution of September 10, 1991, and turning to the students for their thoughts on the matter. The students of this campus hold a variety of opinions. It would be decent of the school to listen first to what they have to say before taking action through a task force.

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Washington College is very small. Everyone knows everybody's business and news travels fast. There are those on campus who will interpret participation with the task force or even interest in the task force as an admission of homosexuality. People are going to speculate, even more so than now, on the sexual leanings of others. And people will persecute their peers whom they feel are gay, even if they are not. The rumor mill is very unkind.

One of the co-presidents of GALA said she is prepared for verbal harassment. She believes it is part of the educating process and is to be expected. Hopefully, the rest of the homosexual population is as ready as she is. This is an conservative school; as a whole the campus doesn't like to disturb the status quo. Those who try to affect change are looked down upon. The task force must be prepared for opposition and must take as many precautions as necessary to prevent damaging anyone's reputation. Counseling services should expect more problems dealing with all the issues concerning homosexuality including verbal abuse, family acceptance, and self acceptance. Perhaps health services and the task force can arrange an open forum to discuss issues of sexuality and to quell any concerns regarding the task force. Right now the student body is unsure of what this will mean for them and many are afraid. GALA, the task force, and health services must be prepared to deal with and assuage the student's insecurities and fears. Of course, I may be wrong. This college is nothing if not apathetic. It is quite possible most people will continue their studies blissfully ignoring the homosexual population on campus. And that sort of apathy is as reprehensible as discrimination.

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Dr. Walter Roemer Speaks to Students

by Rachael Fink

Monday night the first floor of Reid Hall had a special visitor. "Think of me as your uncle, Uncle Walter." 'Uncle Walter,' or Dr. Walter Roemer as he is more formally known, works full time at a mental health facility on Rt. 213, and comes periodically to talk to students on WC campus about everything from drug abuse to safe sex. He started the program several years ago in response to the growing need for awareness concerning the problems and pitfalls that face college students.

Among the topics discussed, drugs and alcohol were concentrated on the most. Dr. Roemer revealed that two students have already come to him this semester and been identified as alcoholics. He said that while it is positive for those two students to be receiving treatment, it helps to illustrate the magnitude of the problem on campus. Of alcohol he says, "(It) is an aggressive drug. It decreases your inhibitions, so whatever emotion you start out with - anger, depression - gets blown up. Alcohol will make it worse." Roemer stressed that while drinking in itself was not harmful it must be done in moderation; excessive drinking always leads to problems.

With much audience participation, the self styled uncle proceeded to list some of the symptoms of drug and/or alcohol abuse. Denial was at the top of the list followed by aggressiveness, moodiness, inattention to responsibilities and inability to drink 'socially,' that is without getting drunk. The "it's just a beer" theory was discussed and dismissed as denial in the light of the fact that a beer contains as much alcohol as a glass of wine and as much as a mixed drink. It follows that a single case of beer is equal to a fifth of whiskey in raw alcohol content. Another interesting aspect of alcoholism that was discussed is co-dependency, the enabling of the alcoholic to continue his/her destructive behavior by someone close - a good friend, boyfriend, girlfriend. Roemer stressed that if the situation persisted for any length of time "...you'll go crazy. Co-dependents can need as much counseling as the alcoholic."

As for trying to help an alcoholic once the symptoms have been recognized, Dr. Roemer had some very specific things to say. Confront him/her, but let him/her pick the time and situation; express your concern for the friendship and for his/her well-being; base observation on facts not hearsay - only use examples of symptoms that you, personally have seen; and never 'accuse' him/her of being an alcoholic; express your helplessness and try to get him/her to help him/herself by seeking counseling - just for you. Roemer stressed the need for qualified help to deal with the complex psychological and physiological aspects of addiction. In regards to alcohol specifically, he pointed out this startling fact, "alcohol withdrawal is more deadly and dangerous than heroin withdrawal."

Another important issue covered by Dr. Roemer was depression. He admitted that depression is normal in everyday life, but that it can go to the extreme in which case it becomes very dangerous. Some symptoms of severe depression include withdrawal from friends and family, apathy concerning classes, hobbies, and life in general, extreme loss of appetite and weight loss, fitful sleep and early morning waking. He pointed out that depression can be just as dangerous as drug addiction and should be dealt with carefully. In dealing with a depressed person, Roemer discussed the importance of being a good listener - don't offer too much advice, and don't be overly sweet with unfounded reassurances. As difficult as it may be, ask if the depressed person has any plans to hurt themselves - a hesitation could be a clue to a serious problem. He also cautioned about sudden upswings in mood - a happy -go -lucky person giving away things could be saying goodbye. At this point, professional assistance should be called immediately.

The final topic covered by Dr. Roemer was safe sex. He stressed that no matter how in love you think you are it's not worth dying for, so always use protection.

Throughout his talk with the women of first floor Reid Dr. Roemer was blunt, candid and to the point. "Uncles can say these things," was his justification for some of the shocking things he said. And while some of it was shocking, all of it was important and helpful, which is why Uncle Walter does what he does. Roemer will talk with any group of students who invite him to speak but he especially likes to talk to the freshmen, who are entering an unfamiliar environment. It is always reassuring to know that their is help available in time of need.

People Now Watching The State

by Kris Wallenburg

The William James Forum opened its 29th year on Wednesday, September 18, with the introduction of Dr. Tom Kessinger to the Washington College Community. Dr. Kessinger is the 11th President of Haverford College, a specialist on South Asia, and a trained historian. He spoke on *The Decline of The Nation-State (Even Ours?)* in the Casey Center Forum at 7:30pm.

According to Kessinger's lecture, the nation-state began to emerge in the 19th century where independence and separation was very evident. Then with the growth of international trade, international relations in the 20th century, this independent state was replaced with the state of interdependence.

In this state of interdependence, we have started to witness the breakdown of boundaries. This realization has come about with several crises, the Great Depression, the Energy Crises, AIDS, and the drug trade. The Great Depression had no boundaries. "Everyone in the world was affected by the depression even though they may not have been affected in the same fashion." Everyone in the world was affected by the Energy Crises of 1973, 1978, and 1979. AIDS knows no boundaries; each of us has an equal opportunity of contracting the disease. "We are in a position that we are part of the world."

Dr. Kessinger went on to relate the state of interdependence to the decline in sovereignty. "It is hard to convince people of this - about the absence of our own sovereignty, our own powerlessness especially after the Persian Gulf Crisis." People are unwilling to talk about dependence; about the dependence on the International Debt, the energy dependence, and the dependence on drugs. People have "internal options" about supply and demand when it comes to things like the energy dependence and the dependence on drugs. We can always find or develop a new way of harnessing energy and we can treat the dependency on drugs and therefore hamper the demand for the supply, but there isn't much we can do about the International Debt. And there are many other things that we can not control that we are dependent on, like the banking industry and the electronic transfer of monies, or when American companies employ a cheaper labor force from foreign countries. What comes after this state of interdependence? What of the 21st century?

Dr. Kessinger envisioned the "new world" as a transnational move, a relationship where nations become irrelevant. A move towards "one world" which is diverse in both culture and language. A world where trade is between people or businesses and not nations. A world of broad-based individuals who have the capability to make technical/scientific judgements and moral/ethical judgements.

Dr. Kessinger stressed that he is not talking about the end of the United States, but we have to be able to recognize what is occurring around us and to be able to "control and handle" it in the "new world". We should not stop the advancement of technology, i.e. the computer industry, but we must find ways to monitor the electronic flow of funds. We need to harness, understand, and control this technology. "As Ted Koppel stated that 'in George Orwell's book, *1984*, the state becomes all powerful and is then controlling us and Big Brother is watching us' through television. The reality is the opposite of what Orwell predicted. The people are now watching the State, i.e. Tienneman Square - everyone saw it."

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President Kessinger of Haverford with President Trout.

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McLain Program Begins Year

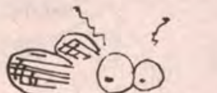
The McLain Program in Environmental Studies opens its 1991-92 program with the presentation of Elizabeth Buckman, the Development Officer for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Her lecture is entitled the "Dilemma of the Chesapeake Bay and Opportunities to make a Real Difference." She will be talking about some of the ecological problems of the Chesapeake Bay which are explored by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and the internship opportunities available to all interested students regardless of their major.

The McLain Program in Environmental Studies is curated by Donald A. Munson, Chair of the Biology Department. Some of the goals of the program are: to increase interest in and to provide information about environmental affairs to all members of the Washington Community and to all interested persons; to direct joint Chesapeake Bay Foundation and Washington College internships; and to develop other sound internships with other environmental organizations.

The curator of the program is responsible for coordinating the program which includes arranging for guest speakers (local and national), organizing a symposia on environmental issues, and possibly traveling to environmental sites. This past year some of the distinguished speakers who visited the Washington College Community were Christopher D'Elia, Director of the Maryland Sea Grant College; Dr. Victor Kennedy, from the Horn Point Environmental Laboratory; Dr. James R. Pratt, from Pennsylvania State University; and Michael Sutton, from the World Wildlife Fund. Also, this previous year, the program held two symposiums; in the Fall, Joseph Mihursky, Director of the Chesapeake Research Consortium talked about "Pollution Detection, Abatement and Monitoring"; in the Spring, Tom Horton, author, Verna Harrison, from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, John Cumberland, Professor of Economics at the University of Maryland, and Dr. Joseph Mihursky, spoke on "The Future of the Chesapeake Bay."

Washington College has an ideal location when it comes to studying and investigating environmental issues. First of all, we are sitting on one of the world's largest estuaries, the Chesapeake Bay. And secondly, we are a small institution with a significant number of students interested in environmental issues. So why don't we use what we have?

Josephine the Fly



by Tanya Allen

Josephine and Brenda flew towards K.A. "Oh, goody!" Brenda said as they came within range of the loud music, "They're having a keg party!"

"A keg party?" Josephine sniveled, still thinking about Napoleon.

"Oh, yes!" Brenda said. "Washington College keg parties are fun! They're so much fun that just about everyone on campus goes to them, forsaking the multitude of other exciting activities in Chestertown—things such as bowling, shopping at Roses, going downtown to sit on a bench and stare at the River...."

"Ah," said Josephine.

"Keg parties are so wonderful," Brenda went on, "That students will even go to them instead of making pilgrimages to Chestertown's magic fountain!"

"Magic fountain?"

"Yes! Downtown, next to the cement toilet bowl erected in memory of Senator James Alfred Pearce, is a magic fountain—one which, if you throw pennies into it, will grant any wish you dare to dream!"

"Hm..." said Josephine, storing this bit of information away to use another day. As they flew towards K.A. they passed a spider marching up and down the Cater Walk, carrying a placard printed with the words "REPENT AND BE SAVED! THE END OF THE WAC IS AT HAND!"

"First the Elm was destroyed!" the spider was crying, "Then the culture van blew up! YOU could be next! It's the end of the WAC as we know it! REPENT and be SAVED!"

"Oh, Charlie...." Brenda said as they passed the spider. "Craaazy Charlie....what are we ever going to do about you?"

"Hi, Brenda!" said the spider to the butterfly, "Repent and be saved!"

"Who...." Josephine began when they got out of earshot of the spider.

"Never mind." Brenda said. "I'll tell you later." As they came to K.A. they passed a young man, sitting with his head in his hands, a pool of vomit at his feet. "Keg parties are so much fuuuuun!" Brenda repeated as they flew inside.

"Napoleon? Napoleon?" Josephine called, "Are you here?" K.A. was dim, and smelly, and crowded with humans. There were a bunch of sophomores standing against a wall, singing the first of several "Variations on a WACy Theme" to the tune of that old favorite "If you're happy and you know it...."

"If you want to buy expensive books
Come to WAC....
If you're daring, try our crosswalk
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If you play lacrosse or write,
And like to party all the night,
If you enjoy running around naked
Come to WAC...."

As the sophomores launched into another famous song: "Pop Goes the Culture Van...."

"...There goes all of the student's fun...
Pop! Goes the Culture Van..."

Brenda pulled up short and all of her wing-color turned pastel. "What's wrong?" Josephine asked. "Did you see Napoleon? What's wrong?"

Brenda stared for a moment, then gave her head a violent shake and said "No...I didn't see Napoleon, and nothing's wrong, nothing. I just saw someone I don't really want to see, that's all...." Josephine looked up and saw a bunch of moths flying around the punch. One glanced over at Napoleon and Brenda. For a second he looked startled as his eyes met Brenda's, but then his face became expressionless. He muttered something to one of his friends, who shrugged and called goodbye as Napoleon flew out of the door. Brenda was silent as she watched him exit. Her wings were shaking slightly, and she looked dazed.

"Brenda?" Josephine said, "Who was that? What's come over you? What's wrong?"

"Nothing," said Brenda in a quiet, small voice. "Nothing. Your boyfriend doesn't seem to be here. Let's leave."

So Josephine followed after Brenda, confused, as the sophomores began singing the John Cougar Mellancamp tune

"I was admitted to a small school
And I go to a small school
Gonna die in that small school
If I don't pass Philosophy...."

"Brenda, are you sure you're ok?"

"Oh I cannot forget from where it is I come from
I cannot forget the people who love me
I can be myself, yeah, in a small school
The people there let me be just what I want to be...."

(Special thanks to Tara Kidwell for coming up with and helping to compose the first part of "Variations on a WACy theme")

Safety at WC

Why Not Phones?

by Rachael Fink

Ask any administrator what the single most important aspect of campus life is and he will tell you - safety. When it comes right down to the wire, safety is more important than education - one can't learn if one's security is threatened. Generally speaking, the WC campus is secure; most areas are lighted at night, there is a round-the-clock security team, and campus awareness is high. But regardless of the measures taken to insure the invulnerability of the students, catastrophe will strike; and further measures must be taken to prevent unnecessary damage to WC and the WC students.

A key element of crisis intervention is communication, something that is difficult to achieve on campus, at this point. From the majority of rooms on campus one must travel down the hall, or all the way to a newer dorm to find a phone that will connect you with the people capable of solving your safety problems, wether they be of a medical or security nature. The instillation of a campus-wide telephone system would go a long way to solving this problem.

The likelihood of getting an all campus phone system is good, considering the relatively small size of the campus. Several other campuses this size have phones in each of the rooms, Skidmore, for example. Other colleges are in the process of installing phones to all the rooms (i.e.. the University of Delaware.) There are however some technical aspects that should be considered. The phone system requires a single pair of wires to each and every room, which explains why we can have a campus wide computer system easier than a phone system - the computer system needs only a single pair of wires to each dorm. As difficult as the wiring might make everything sound, there is a saving grace; there is a preexisting underground phone system on campus which can house the extra extentions needed

In addition to the safety factor, there are other advantages to having an all campus phone system. Communication between the faculty, administration and students would be simplified greatly. Students wouldn't have to pay extraordinary fees to C&P for them to come and install an individual hook-up. With a campus wide phone system there would be a one time charge of approximately two hundred dollars for a four year extension. And to top it all off, families would have peace of mind knowing that they can directly contact the students if a problem arises.

Along with the advantages, there is one large disadvantage to having a campus-wide phone system; the bureaucratic paperwork created. The administration would have to run the bills, distribute them to the students, and then collect the payments. When compared this to the advantage of increased campus safety alone, it is plain to see that the extra hassle would be well worth the result.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Take A Step Into The Past at the Renaissance Faire

by Sherry Menton

Hear, ye! hear, ye! Knights in heraldic devices, buxom maidens, wandering minstrels, filth-covered beggars, all await your pleasure at the Maryland Renaissance Festival.

This year marks the fifteenth anniversary of the RenFaire, held each fall in Crownsville, Maryland, just north of Annapolis. The Faire is open from 11 am until 7 pm every Saturday and Sunday through October 13. Cost of admission is $10.75.

For many Washington College students, going to the Faire has become a pilgrimage. Only a little over an hour away, the Faire offers a chance to wander through a sixteenth-century marketplace, to browse through every sort of handcrafted ware imaginable, and to sample *real* old fashioned cooking. Freshman Jessie Boone said of the Faire, "It's like you've stepped into a totally different world. I've been going for about four years and I love it."

Fletchers, chainmail makers, armorers, and bladesmiths are among the dealers in weaponry and armament at the Faire. From them you can purchase everything a good knight needs (you are not allowed to wear or carry weapons if you attend the Faire in costume, not even if the weapon is peace-bonded). Leatherworkers and costumers provide less warlike attire, and to top off your costuming, jewelers abound. While such finely made wares are costly, many Fairegoers derive hours of pleasure simply from window-shopping (or booth-shopping, in the absence of windows).

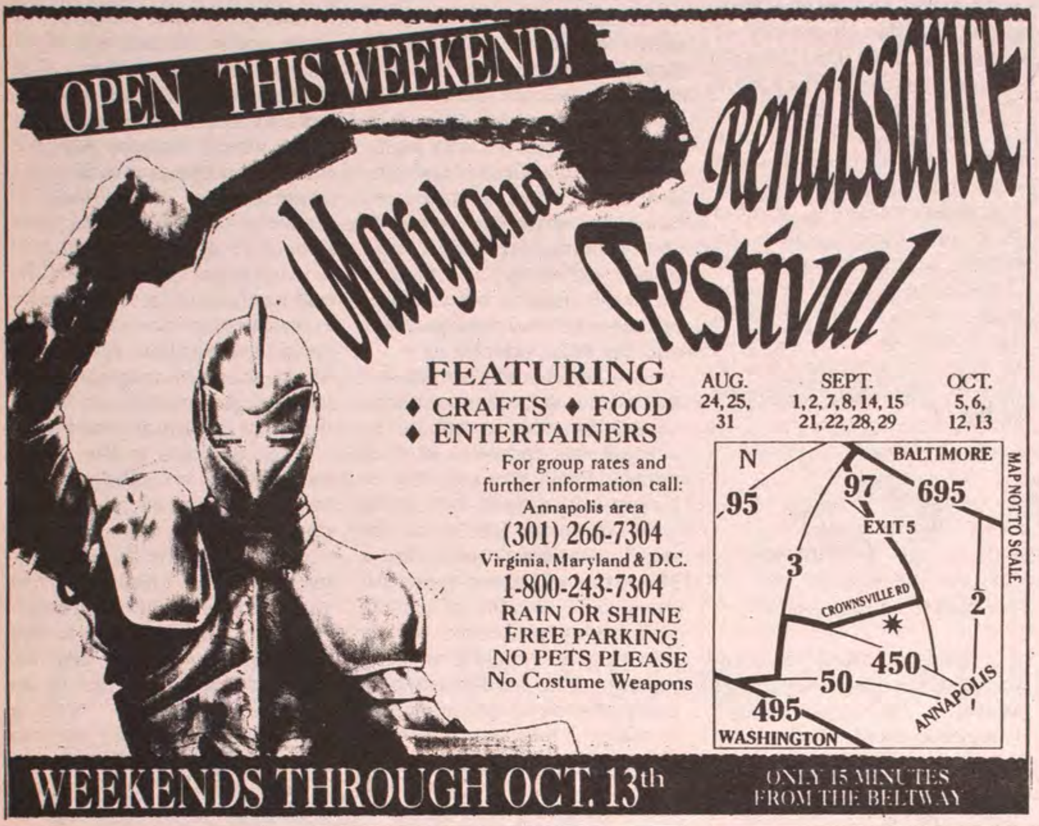
Some of the most popular attractions are the live performances held throughout the day on six different stages. Sword swallowing, juggling, magic, music, and jesting all are offered up for your enjoyment. A parody of Shakespeare, entitled "Shakespeare Skum," is always a sure bet for quality entertainment. Performed on a stage not unlike the innyard platforms of the Bard's era, "Skum" includes tragedy with a twist.

"They did really funny parodies of Hamlet, with Gertrude dressed like June Cleaver and carrying a plate of cookies," said sophomore Sara Hunt. "Shakespeare Skum was my favorite part of the Faire."

Sophomore Abrah Wilberding concurred. "Henry the Vee was hilarious."

Throughout the day, the star attractions at the Faire occur at the Joust Arena, where the story of Henry VIII and his wives unfolds. Henry, who along with other members of the Royal Court are portrayed by professional actors, appears at the Faire with his second wife, Anne Boleyn. One event is the "Court's Court," where the case of restitution to Katherine of Aragon, the first wife whom Henry had set aside, was finally decided. And rumors that Jane Seymour, the woman destined to become Henry VIII's third wife, is present at the Faire spells an unpleasant ending to Anne Boleyn's day...

Whether you view the Faire as a hands-on, historical learning experience, as a chance to shop for expensive trinkets, or a day-long string of live performances, the Maryland Renaissance Faire is an unusual diversion that WC students bored of the usual weekend entertainments should explore.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Poet Carolyn Forché

by Cindy Young

Poet Carolyn Forché read from her work on Wednesday evening here at Washington College. For those of you who were unable to attend or had trouble finding a seat due to the large crowd, you missed an interesting and moving reading by a woman who has seen many different views of the world. Forché, who spent time in El Salvador and is involved in human rights issues, began with a humorous anecdote of her youth and a poem about a friend she had lost contact with and was trying to locate. Later she admitted she had found the friend at a high school reunion - where else?

The most moving moments of the reading came when Forché read with emotion about topics such as the turbulent years during Vietnam, human rights violations in El Salvador, the victims of the Nazi camps, and the survivors of Nagasaki. and Hiroshima. Her poetry is about issues which, for the most part, the general population doesn't normally think about or doesn't want to think about. Anyone who was at the reading or has the opportunity to read Carolyn Forché's work would be hard-pressed to remain unmoved about the world we live in.

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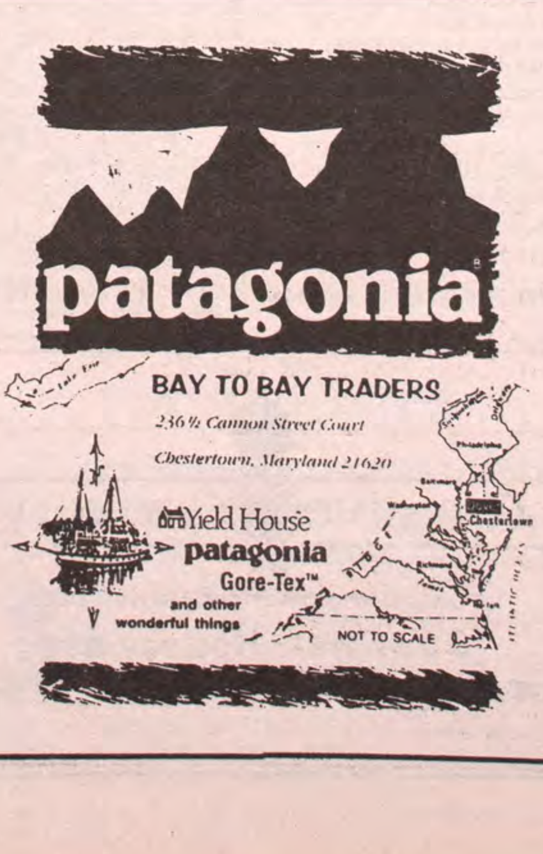
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Richard McKee and Abrah Wilberding in Indians.

Ten Little Indians Earns A "10"

by Emily Daignault

In three weeks, Agatha Christie's play *Ten Little Indians* has been brilliantly taken from paper to stage. The auditions were held on August 29 in the Norman James Theater. The turnout was good and the talent was abundant. I had the pleasure of seeing most of this play on its final dress rehearsal. Now Ten Little Indians is finished, polished, and a superb piece of dramatic interpretation with a cometic twist. *Ten Little Indians* is a classic murder mystery that tells of the plight of ten strangers who are trapped on a private island. The characters have been brought together by an anonymous person. Each one has a piece of their past that is the reason for their presence. Things start to get strange when two of the characters die in rapid succession. Then slowly the group realizes that they are not alone. The killer is one of them!

The main characters in Ten Little Indians of Vera Claiborne, Captain Lombard and Justice Wargrave are expertly played by Abrah Wilberding, Richard McKee, and Ken Pipken. The scenes between Vera and Lombard are performed smoothly, with flirtation and fear being played off each other beautifully. Pipken does an impressive job in the role of Justice Wargrave, a judge who almost immediately takes on the role of detective once the murders commence. His strong and commanding performance stands out in a cast of exceptional actors. The commanding female role was that of Sara Hunt playing Emily Baxter. Hunt had her job cut out for her in portraying a prudish, uptight woman. However, once she steps onto the stage, the audience will have no trouble believing she is this character. Also of notice are the performances by Melissa Moorehead and Rachel Demma. Demma plays a compulsive liar named Blore, and Moorehead, a fast-paced young man named Anthony Marsten. These two have notable performances and show a strong future in the drama department. This cast seems endless in it's strong actors and their strong portrayals. Paul Briggs as Gen. MacKenzie, Rebecca Bryant as Dr. Armstrong, Kristen Hamilton as Mrs. Rodgers, Karyn Iacargelo as Mr. Rodgers and Eve Zartman as Fred.

Director Jason Imber has taken a talented cast, limited time and combined the two into a pleasing way to spend a few hours at the theater this weekend. This reporter can only guess at the difficulty involved in producing a three act play in three weeks. When asked what the whole production had been like Imber said, "It was the most fun I've had in a long time. It was a great cast and it was great to work with them."

The cast seemed to agree. They all responded with smiles, laughter at private jokes and genuine contentment when asked about the production of this play.

The best summation of this show was said by the Assistant Director, Ed Schroeder. "It's been fun. I've learned so much and been able to work with a lot of great and creative talents. After the show is over, well I might go to Wally World."

Ten Little Indians will be performed tonight and tomorrow night at 8 pm in Tawes theater. Reservations required.

Concert Series Opens

by Cindy Young

The world-renowned Juilliard String Quartet will be opening the 40th anniversary season of the Washington College Concert Series on Monday, September 30th. Five concerts are going to be presented this year in the Gibson Performing Arts Center.

The Juilliard Quartet is the oldest active string quartet. Members of the Quartet are Robert Mann, first violinist and the only member of the original Quartet; Joel Smirnoff, second violin and newest member; Samuel Rhodes, viola; and Joel Krosnick, cello. Their repertoire comprises of nearly 400 works, over 150 of them by 20th century composers. The Quartet has given the premieres of almost 40 American works.

The Quartet has also made several television performances and over 100 recordings. It has received Grammies for its CBS Masterworks digital recording of all the Beethoven quartets, its three-record collection of the Bartok quartets, and for its recordings of the complete Schoenberg quartets and the Debussy/Ravel quartets.

This performance will be the Quartet's seventh appearance in the college Concert Series.

Season tickets for the Concert Series are $40 per person and can be ordered by mail from the Washington College Concert Series, Chestertown, MD 21620. Checks should be made payable to Washington College. Season tickets are also sold at the box office on performance nights. Single admission tickets for the Juilliard String Quartet are $15 for adults; children under 18 are admitted free. Performances begin at 8pm in the Gibson Performing Arts Center.

Other performers are the Peabody Trio (October 18), Kristine Ciesinski, soprano (December 3), The Billy Taylor Trio (March 17), and the New York Woodwind Quintet with Gilbert Kalish, pianist (April 13). For more information call 778-2800, ext. 209.

Poetry Contest

by Cindy Young

Fiction writers now have the opportunity to get published in *Playboy* Magazine's College Fiction Contest. First prize is $3,000 and publication in the October '92 issue. This contest is open to all university students, regardless of age. Interested writers should submit an original, unpublished story of twenty-five pages (double spaced) or less. Manuscripts should be sent with a 3"X5" card with the author's name, address, telephone number, and college afffiliation to: *Playboy* College Fiction contest, 680 N. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60611. The deadline is January 1, 1992.

Campus Calendar of Events

Sept. 20-23 The Film Series presents MR. & MRS. BRIDGE, Norman James Theatre, 7:30pm. Admission is free.
Sept. 23 Women's League of Washington College, Minta Martin Lounge, 12:30pm.
Presentation on weaving by Katherine Trout.
The Goldstein Program in Public Affairs presents POWER IN WASHINGTON: A VIEW FROM THE HELM, Wayne Gilchrest, U.S. House of Representatives, Hynson Lounge, 7:30pm.
Sept. 24 The Lecture Committee presents DUTCH ARCHITECTURE, Jorge Guillermo, Casey Academic Center, 7:30pm.
Sept. 25 The Music Department presents BACH'S LUNCH Concert, Miller Library, 12:30pm.

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Field Hockey Wins, Then Loses 1st

by Julie Greene

Washington College's Field Hockey team returned to campus this past weekend with a loss to Farleigh Dickinson University, making their overall record 2-1. Late last week the Sho'men shutout Wesley 4-0.

Elizabeth Olivere scored early in the first half against Wesley, followed with goals by Renee Guckert, and Eleanor Shriver assisted by Amy McCleary. In the second half, Jenifer Blenckstone assisted Caroline Jensen in getting the last goal of the game. WC dominated the game outshooting Wesley 20 to 2.

Attacker Maria Jerardi stated that the team's game with Wesley allowed them to work on their fundamentals.

It was a different story on Saturday. Despite eleven goal attempts, the Shorewomen failed to score. Goalie Brigid DeVries had seven saves against Farleigh Dickinson, but the Shorewomen were closed out 2-0.

Sophomore defender Kris Phalen emphasized that the score did not reflect their effort in the game against FDU-Madison. "We played a good defensive game, we just couldn't get the ball in the cage."

Jerardi added that "FDU's high level of play helped us see where our weaknesses were. The loss was not a detriment to the season."

Coach Diane Guinan stated that she is "not disappointed with anything we've done so far, although there are still things we need to work on."

Commenting on the season so far, Guinan mentioned that "there are a lot of new players. The transition from the high school game requires working hard, trying to play together. When we're together, there will be a big impact."

The Field Hockey team is travelling to the Salisbury State University Sunfest Tournament this weekend anticipating some exciting and competitive contests.

Along with Salisbury State, opponents include Catholic, Eastern Mennonite, and Lebanon Valley. Although neither Salisbury nor Eastern Mennonite were on the Shorewomen's schedule last season, both Catholic and Lebanon Valley were defeated in close contests by the Shorewomen.

Looking toward the tournament this weekend, Coach Guinan is "expecting good competition. It is a chance to play out of region, and will show how we stand against them. It is an opportunity to prove our strength."

Maria Jerardi expressed excitement over the tournament, saying it will give the team a "chance to work on integration."

Phalen added that "it will be a great task to see how well we're doing at this point in the season."

Senior defender Jen Blenckstone said, "it is a privilege for us to play in this tournament. When asked how she felt about the team's efforts so far this season she answered, "We're making progress with every game we play."

Next week's issue will cover the results of this weekend's Sunfest Tournament in Salisbury.

The Shoreboard's Peek at the Pros

by Greg Coss (6-5 record)

Washington -4 over CINCINNATI. The Bengals are paper tigers this year. Give the points.

ATLANTA +2 over L.A. Raiders. The Raiders are panicking because of a shortage of cups, which will force their players into predictable sideline patterns to avoid big hits. Take the points.

MIAMI -8 1/2 over Green Bay. If this was the University of Miami, I think I'd still bet against the Packers. Give the points.

NEW ENGLAND +11 over Houston. I don't like the Oilers. They're mean and try to hurt people, and sometimes they call people bad names. Take the points.

Minnesota +3 over NEW ORLEANS. In a freak sky diving accident in Baton Rouge on Tuesday, Saints quarterback Bobby Hebert lost both of his hands. He is still a very gritty player but I think this has to push up the Viking hopes. Look for the Vikes to key on New Orleans' running attack. Take the points.

Detroit even over INDIANAPOLIS. Barry Sanders will run all over Indy, and Colts coach Ron Meyer will be run out of Indy. By the end of the game they will be the two happiest people in Indy. Take Detroit.

Cleveland +12 1/2 over N.Y. GIANTS. With Hostetler at the controls, I'm not so sure the Giants can even score two touchdowns in this one. The Browns have other incentive in that owner Art Modell will not force the team to watch any more Indians games if they upset the Giants. Take the points.

Buffalo -8 over TAMPA BAY. If I were one of these buccaneers, I'd walk the plank. Give the points.

L.A. Rams +8 1/2 over SAN FRANCISCO. Young Schmoung. Take the points.

KANSAS CITY - 7 1/2 over Seattle. Seahawks can't fly anywhere except the Kingdome. Give the points.

DENVER -8 1/2 over San Diego. I like the Broncos because John Elway reminds me a lot of Mr. Ed, my favorite horse. Funny Elway should play for the Broncos, isn't it? Give the points.

Dallas +1 over PHOENIX. I think Troy is a great quarterback. I just wonder how he can go to school here and play for the Cowboys at the same time. Take the point.

PHILADELPHIA -3 over Pittsburgh. Dan Quayle is a big Steeler fan. Give the points.

Sports Commentary...

Holyfield-Tyson: Heaven Can Wait

by Greg Coss

Who wants to hear this at ringside:

Ladies and Gentlemen! Now entering the ring, the meanest guy in the business. He stands 5'9", weighing 220 pounds, has a record of 41-1 with 35 knockouts and a rape indictment, lets give a warm welcome to the Pride of the Boxing World, the Undisputed Heavyweight Champion of the World, Iron Mike Tyson!

None of us obviously, and we never will of course, but if the promoters, boxers, and boxing commissions allow the November 8th heavyweight championship fight between Mike Tyson and Evander Holyfield to happen on schedule, the boxing world could be faced with such a champion.

Unfortunately, the above mentioned people only care about money. The promoters, Don King for Tyson (whose hair is having an identity crisis) and Dan Duva for Holyfield stand to make millions. They don't have any feelings for their fighters, just their wallets. Evidence of this came in Japan in February of 1990, when King called Tyson's fight with James "Buster" Douglas a tune up for Holyfield. After Douglas upset Tyson, King tried to become his promoter. Now there's a guy who you could really look to as a father figure! He probably traded away a couple of his kids at their little league games for ones who could hit better.

The bottom line is that an Indianapolis grand jury has filed a rape charge against Tyson. He is being charged with three counts of sexual assault and one of rape, and the trial begins on January 27, 1992. The fight should not take place until after these charges are cleared. End of story. It would be a disgrace to the Boxing councils (World Boxing Council, World Boxing Association, International Boxing Federation) to do otherwise. If they didn't, they would just be feeding the appetites of the other money hungry sell-out suckers like TVKO, the cable station which is showing the fight. They need the money badly because they're showing fights which are about as interesting to watch as the Home Shopping Network, and as a result are in financial trouble. And how can Mike Tyson fight with this cloud hanging over his head? If I were him I would be totally embarrassed. He's humiliating the sport because of all the money he can earn. If he goes to jail, what's he going to do with the money, buy license plates? And shouldn't the showgirl who holds up the card telling what round it is be a little bit worried?

Everyone is to blame, including Holyfield. A reporter for the Sun mentioned how terrible it would be for Tyson to beat Holyfield and then go to jail, not giving Holyfield a chance to avenge the loss. Who cares about possibly losing? We're talking about a woman who was possibly raped. Holyfield will earn $30 million for this fight, which is why he's keeping his mouthpiece in and staying quiet. He could step forward just as easily as anyone else, so he gets no pity. The only one who gets pity is the alleged rape victim, who may have to hear in the news how Tyson did in his fight, and I can guess who she'd be rooting for. The decision is an obvious one: delay the fight. This decision won't be made because of greed, which is scary because boxing is in the national limelight, and would seem to be a reflection of the greedy nation we are becoming. In conclusion, if Mike Tyson or Evander Holyfield reads this article, I'm changing my name to Pedro.

Now let's talk about who's going to win the fight if it ever takes place. First of all, it shouldn't really matter since the fighters will be making about $45 million between them. That may not seem like alot, until you realize that you could buy around ten Casey Academic Resource Centers with that kind of money. And you might even have elevators that actually work, too. Both fighters have held the belt so they both know how to win the big one. Tyson's one loss to Douglas was a result of the lack of preparation on Tyson's part and a distinct reach advantage for Douglas. Neither the reach advantage or laziness will affect Tyson this time. The fighters' reaches are similar and Tyson wants this fight very badly. That's the reason why I have to take Iron Mike in this one, probably in the early rounds.

You think I'm crazy, right? How can I pick a guy that a lot of people think is washed up? Easy. The last time Tyson fought a fighter who moved up in weight class, and thus was not a natural heavyweight he knocked him on his arse in ninety seconds (Michael Spinks.) Holyfield is a light heavyweight with 60 pounds of helium added to him. Also, has Holyfield ever faced a real opponent? Don't say George Foreman, because anybody that eats ten cheeseburgers for breakfast as part of his training can't be taken too seriously. Holyfield has never fought anyone with the speed and power that Mike Tyson possesses. Tyson will be back on top of the boxing world if he doesn't end up killing himself or going to jail first.

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SPORTS

Powerhouse Dickinson Stifles WC Soccer, 5-0

By Chris Vaughn

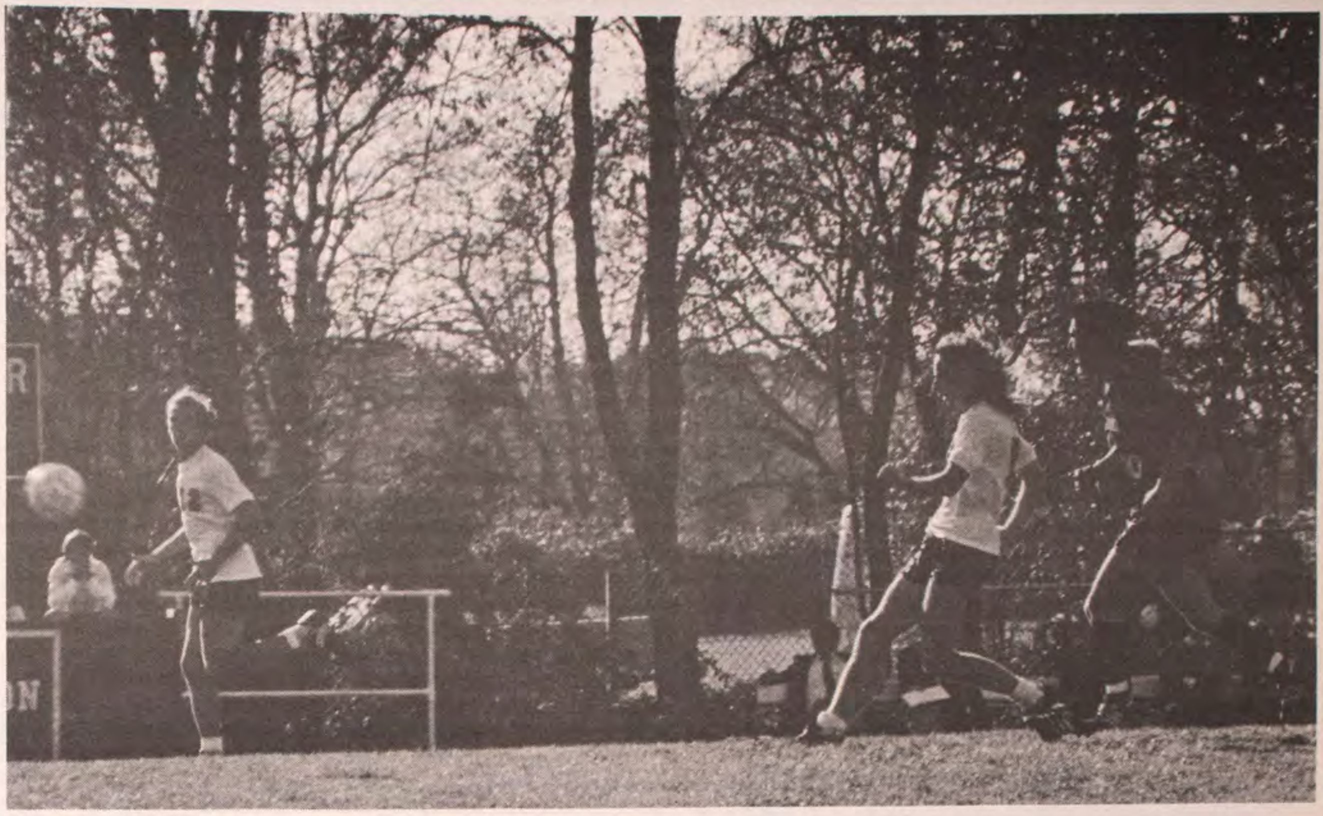
The Shoremen experienced yet another loss as the Big Red Machine of Dickinson ventured to Kibler and adroitly spanked WC this past Saturday. Dickinson, which just recently beat #15 Scranton, came out strong and fast as the WAC never saw the light of day. It took only two minutes into the game for the Shoremen's net to start rippling.

One was really all they needed, but Dickinson's rampage went on from there. "We were simply overmatched," said midfielder Benji "Gumby" Ward. By the time the first period came to a close Dickinson pulled away 4-0 and left Washington in a cloud of bewildering dust. A keeper change was implemented with Greg Miller filling in for Kyle Hutchinson, but, it was already too late. Only one more score was allowed by WC in the second period for a final of 5-0, but Dickinson continually peppered the goal and constantly kept the pressure on. "They outstaffed us not only in numbers but in skill as well. Their third line was comparable to our first," said freshman sensation Matt Cairns.

What few offensive drives the Shoremen were able to produce proved to be unsuccessful as Dickinson was ever-present on the defensive side as well.

If this trend continues it may prove a long hard season for the WC soccer squad of '91, but with new crowd vivacity and fervor it's obvious the student body is reluctant to give up on the WC soccer tradition of old.

As for the line up this week, the Shoremen travelled to the shore this past Wednesday to take on Salisbury State, which will be covered in the next issue. This Saturday they take on a sturdy Guilford team here at the Kibler Dome at 1:30.



Can Gilbert Orser (12) help fill the void caused by the loss of Mike Bishop, (kicking ball) the 3 time all-MAC standout?

Ailing Volleyball hangs tough in Gettysburg

by Jason Ronstadt

About all volleyball coach Penny Fall heard during the hour long ride up to Gettysburg was the low rumble of the team van's engine. But the reason for the relatively quiet conditions wasn't team animosity or even pre-game jitters. Five of the team's starting players were so sick that they all fell fast asleep for the whole ride up. Coach Fall looked over at the large bag of decongestants riding shotgun and realized that the future held a serious gut check for the team.

"Health is going to be a big factor in our success this year," said Coach Fall. "The best is yet to come from this team. All they need to do is get healthy and keep working as hard as they have been and we should start to see more of their spikes hitting the ground."

Some of that hard work is already showing results for players like team captain Laura McClellan, who at the final whistle against Washington and Lee could boast of seven kills, eight assists, two aces, and ten digs. Said Coach Fall, "We have a talented team, we just need to get our timing down." Timing, however, doesn't seem to be a problem for Freshman Beverly Diaz, who's play in practice has impressed Coach Fall enough to put her on the starting team. "Beverly has told me every now and then that she sometimes feels a bit overwhelmed. I try to encourage her and remind her how talented she really is."

Overwhelmed is the last thing Beverly's stats against Albright would suggest. Her four kills and seven assists helped considerably in the match.

So to spite conditions that would make many a team pull out of a tournament, the Shorewomen fought hard and came away 1-3 for the weekend. However their record still stands at 3-4 in the league as they prepare for they're next opponent, Bryn Mawr college. This game took place Wednesday and will be covered in the next issue as well as games against Dickinson and Marymount College.

Shoreboard

Look at Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Time (pm)
Sat., Sept. 21	Volleyball at Dickinson	1:00
Sat., Sept. 21	Soccer hosts . Guilford	1:30
Sept. 21-22	Field Hockey at SSU Sunfest Tournament	TBA
Tues., Sept. 24	Volleyball at Marymount	7:00
Wed., Sept. 25	Field Hockey hosts Catholic	4:30
Thurs., Sept. 26	Volleyball hosts Gettysburg	7:00
Fri., Sept. 27	Josh Buckman, guitarist for Sacred Cows, buying sardines at Smiley's	8:05

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USA Today Searching for Outstanding Students

USA Today, in cooperation with four higher education associations, has begun its annual search for the nation's best college students. Sixty of them will be named to 1992 All-USA Academic Team.

The students selected to the first, second and third teams will be featured in a special section of the *USA Today* newspaper, planned for mid-February. The 20 first-team members will be invited to receive their awards at a ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Any full-time undergraduate is eligible. Each nomination must be signed by a faculty member familiar with the student's work and an administrator.

Criteria for the team were developed in consultation with co-sponsors, the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU), the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC), the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). The criteria are designed to find students who excel not only in scholarship but in leadership roles on and off campus.

Winners will be selected by a panel of educators, chosen in cooperation with our cosponsors. Each of the first team members will receive a $2,500 cash award.

According to *USA Today*, the key element, to be given most weight by the judges, will be a student's outstanding original academic or intellectual product. The judges will be influenced by the student's ability to describe that outstanding endeavor in his/her own words. They will not read an author's work, see an artist's painting or hear a composer's music. They will rely solely on the student's ability to describe the effort in writing, supplemented by recommendations from the nominating professor and up to three other persons of the nominee's choice.

Applications are available in the Career Center in Spanish House. Call Pat Ordovensky at 703/276-3467 or Carol Skalski at 703/276-5890 if you have any questions.

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institutional concern for concentrated study. We took with us the issue of diversity." Trout stated that Washington College is historically a white college with, until recently, a ~2% minority population. A number of open meetings will be held throughout the year to discuss the issue of diversity addressed in their report. "Any of you who are interested in this question, I hope you will read the report and participate in advising us in how to proceed."

Trout went on to mention that on the entire Eastern Shore, 127 African Americans actually sat for the SAT. "I think Washington College can do something about that. That Washington College can become involved in early identification and early intervention beginning even in the first grade. I think we can begin with the sons and daughters of our own employees, who deserve a better shake in life then I think they face today, because the statistics are gloomy. At Washington College, we have a program whereby the high school students who are certified by the High School as college potential, gifted, and have a decent academic average can take a course here at a minimal registration fee. This year the Kent County High School recommended forty-three students who were eligible for this type of consideration - not one of them was black. So we think we have an opportunity here to make a difference and to ultimately help ourselves. This doesn't necessarily mean that the students will graduate from high school and come to Washington College; they may go somewhere else - fine. But I think we have a role to play,a responsibility."

Miller Automates Catalog

by Karyn Iacangelo

The Miller Library's automation process is nearing its completion. The process began back in 1986 and was made possible by grants from the Culpepper, Frueaff, Bingham, and Surdna Foundations.

In preparing the library for this new automation system, many steps were involved. The first step was choosing a system; to do this, consultants from several companies came and gave demonstrations to library staff and student employees. Over the summer a contract was signed with Innovative Interface Inc. and they will provide the system for the library.

The next step was to begin computerizing the Card Catalog and send it to Ohio to their large Database. Ms. Judith Hymes, Assistant Librarian in charge of Technical Services was put in charge of this project. Over the summer, Ms. Hymes used students to help her with this project.

This process of retrospective conversion should be nearly completed by December. At that time, two database tapes should be ready. The database should be installed and ready for student use.

The major force behind the automation project is William Tubbs, Director of the Miller Library. The new system will provide students with the convenience of accessing the database from their rooms. It will also enhance research capacity. Another benefit to this new system is that books and periodicals will be easier for students to locate and everything is on the database, so the staff will be able to better help the students.

There is still much to be done before this project is complete, but it is well underway. By next fall, the library should be fully automated.

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Emily Daignault and Lisa Pruett, and Minta Martin will be represented by Christinal Smith, Kristin Kujawski, and Megan Wood.

Residants of the Cardinal Dormitories will be represented by Lynn Clifford and Michelle Beattie.

Representing the off-campus students will be Jane Kennedy, William Phipps, Sarah White, Bethany Wilson, and Mark Renzi.

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accident occurred approximately twenty miles from the Bay Bridge.

"Accidents happen, "Bigham said, "and if this was an accident it certainly made for an interesting Saturday night. However, if this was the result of some negligence on the part of the College I would hope they would move quickly to rectify and prevent it from ever happening again."

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Congressman Gilchrest Speaks at WC

Shares Stories of Power Politics with Students

by Sherry Menton

Congressman Wayne Gilchrest, Maryland's first district's member of the House of Representatives, spoke in Hodson Hall about "Power in Washington: A View from the House" on Monday, September 23.

Congressman Gilchrest was elected to the House in 1990 after losing the election to incumbent Roy Dyson in 1988 by 1500 votes. Gilchrest still lives in Chestertown full time, and commutes to Washington every day. He serves on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries and Science, Space, and Technology House Committees. Gilchrest is a self-described "citizen lawmaker"; before his election he had taught civics, American history, and government at Kent County High School.

Of his first year in the House, Gilchrest recalled, "The Persian Gulf war was like a bolt of lightning out of the blue. The debate [of whether or not to support the President] was the finest hour for the House in recent history, because there was absolutely no coercing. We knew that as soon as we voted 'yes', people were going to die."

As Gilchrest went on to explain in his speech, that hands-off attitude and solidarity are not the norm in the House, though he said that "that tone, to a degree, has lasted all these months." Under normal circumstances, the Representatives are encouraged, either mildly or strongly, to tow the party line. "The Democratic Party has a well-organized chain of command," he said. The party whip stands at the door as the Representatives are entering before a vote, and a "thumbs up" or "thumbs down" tells Democratic members how they should vote.

The Republican Party, which holds a minority in the House, operates differently, according to Gilchrest. The minority leader sometimes expresses to Republican Congressmen a preference in voting, and explains his reasons to them, "but you have to vote your conscience," he concludes. Congressman Gilchrest hypothesized that this less demanding approach is present because the Republicans are the minority party. "The Democrats can dole out committee chairs - and of course, chairmanships are highly prized - as rewards for voting the party line." The Republicans have no such incentives to offer. Gilchrest expressed his own desire to see "more independent thinking when it comes to voting."

As an example of power politics at work, Gilchrest related the story of a "dire emergency appropriations bill" that the President wanted rushed through Congress near the end of the war. The original bill that the White House requested was for 85 million dollars. That figure increased to 250 million in the House because of the addition of 25 germane amendments, and to 4 billion dollars in the Senate with the addition of another 75 non-germane amendments. The bill then went to the conference committee, where the total was hiked up to 4.2 billion dollars for an 85 million dollar request. And because that 85 million was needed immediately, the bill pork-barreled through the approval process.

On a more personal level, Gilchrest said that he "feels a part of the system, but apart from it." And indeed, during the course of his discussion the Congressman displayed a degree of detachment from the processes he described. He referred repeatedly to what he called "recreational issues" - topics like the laws governing campaign contributions, and limiting congressional terms - that would be fun to watch being debated in the House.

Despite his arm's length view of the legislative process, Gilchrest admitted that "the strangest thing is that it doesn't seem strange." The day before his lecture at WC, Congressman Gilchrest was one of 250 guests at a dinner hosted by Vice President Dan Quayle. As part of his duties in the Space, Science, and Technology Committee, Gilchrest has had coffee and doughnuts in the Oval Office with President Bush and a dozen Senators, while discussing the proposed space station.

Said Gilchrest of his Congressional duties, "You need to be committed to humanity, public service, solving problems you think need to be solved, helping the homeless, the sick, the unemployed. You have to constantly question your own values... if you can't be true to yourself, you'll be subjected and acquiesce to... the temptations out there."

photo by Sherry Menton

Congressman Gilchrest addresses students.

Fire In East Hall; None Hurt

by Karyn Iacangelo

A fire broke out on the first floor of East Hall in room 101 early Monday morning about 2:00. Brian Gimelson, the RA for East, heard a crash outside the dormitory and went to investigate, whereupon he saw the fire coming out of one of the rooms. Before the fire department arrived, Brian was able to put out the fire. "I was amazed at how quickly the fire department responded at so late an hour."

The fire was caused by a candle that burnt through a plastic shelf. The fire department was called and three fire trucks, as well as the Air and Foam Unit, two state police cars, and one local police car that responded to the call. It took about an hour and a half to get the building secured so students could go back.

Two East Hall residents helped in the effort to evacuate the building; R.J. Eldridge, and Andrew Parks.

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SGA Club Funding Allocated

by Karyn Iacangelo

On Monday, members of the SGA met with club representatives to determine funding for the fall semester. The SGA was allocated $9,350 for all clubs on campus. Brian Gimelson, SGA treasurer said, "We would have liked to have to have given out more, but we simply couldn't."

Campus Christian Fellowship received $200. Hillel received $300, and the Newman Club received $200.

For Honor Societies, allocations are as follows. ODK received $250. Phi Sigma Tau received $450, Pi Sigma Alpha received $150, and Psi Chi received $100.

The funding for publications are as follows. NOD, the comic book started by Ciaran O'Keefe received $300. Otherworlds, started by Raphael Koster received $300. Wac-Happenings received $400, and yawp received $150. Shoe Strings received $400 and tied in with that money were funds to help Sane Freeze, the new club dealing with Nuclear issues.

Service organizations funding are as follows. Amnesty International received $300, Big Brothers, Big Sisters received $200, the Dale Adams Heritage Club received $350. The Environmental Organization received $250. GALA(the Gay and Lesbian Association) received $250. Hands Out received $200 plus $600 in loans.

Awards to academic clubs and organizations were as follows. The French Club received $250. The German Club received $400. The Spanish Club received $250. The Historical Organization received $450. The International House received $500. The International Relations Club received $350. The Psychology Club received $300.

Other organization that received SGA funding are as follows. The Dance Club received $100. The Visual Arts Union received $400. The Outdoor Skills Club received $250. The Rugby Club received $700 plus $300 in loans with REC SPORTS approval. The Young Democrats received $250.

Campus Chapter of Sane/Freeze Organized

Political Action Group Seeks to Abolish Nuclear Weapons

by Ann Veiga

"Sane/Freeze: Campaign for Global Security is a grassroots-based national organization whose mission and purpose is to educate the American people in order to recruit and organize them into a citizens' movement with sustained political power to reverse the arms race, abolish nuclear weapons, and construct a world of peace and justice."

The students of Washington College have organized a Sane/Freeze Chapter on campus. The elected coordinators are: Ann Veiga, State/National Coordinator; Andrea Nolan, Campus Coordinator; Brad Castleman, Financial Coordinator; Bill Dudtch and Sara Griswold, Program Coordinators; Keri Nygaard, Trip Coordinator; Tamy Hickman, Publicity Coordinator. Dr. Kevin Brien is the Sane/Freeze faculty advisor.

The next meeting of Washington College Sane/Freeze will be on Monday, September 30 at 8:00pm in the basement of West Hall. All students, faculty, staff, and the community are welcome. In the words of Martin Luther King, Jr., "Those of us who love peace must learn to organize as effectively as those who love war."

OPINION/EDITORIAL

Task Force Has Already Benefitted WC

It seems the Campus Voices issue for this week has been overwhelmed (as are we) by the number of responses to last week's editorials about the task force to investigate... etc., etc. It's a double-edged sword, isn't it? "Task force to investigate the status of lesbians and gay men" takes far too much time and space to say every time (60 characters exactly, which would amount to about $5 or $6 in a classified ad), but the verbal shorthand of "gay and lesbian task force" invites misinterpretation, so people discussing the task force must be careful in their wording. There is great potential to misunderstand someone else's position on this issue because of a verbal misstep. That is why we at the *Elm* were gratified to see so many students taking the time to express their views clearly by writing to us. In an era of instant communication via satellite hookup, fax, electronic mail, and even the telephone, it is increasingly important that we learn how to clearly express our intentions without taking the time to sit down and puzzle out exactly how to phrase our ideas diplomatically.

At a less lofty level, it's been very gratifying to discover that students at Washington College have a pulse after all. We have been accused, and have accused each other, of collectively being apathetic about issues of local and national importance. WC students have proved those doomsayers wrong – and not just the students who wrote letters, either; everyone who argued with their tablemates at lunch about sexual freedoms, first amendment rights, or allocation of school funds has contributed to the WC community by just being *aware* of the issues.

In his recent address to WC students, Congressman Wayne Gilchrest expressed his opinion that the proposal to redistrict most of the counties in Maryland "is the best thing that's hit Maryland in a long time, because people are paying attention to it." People who wouldn't care if Maryland was redistricted quietly and in a matter of days are sitting up and taking notice, because of the furor surrounding the change in borders.

And so it has been with the task force. Aside from the benefits that the completed investigation will provide to our college, the controversy created by the task force's existence has already served to better Washington College by shaking, or perhaps shocking, WCers out of their apathetic stupor.

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Letters to the Editor

TaskForce Protects First Amendment Rights

As a senior political science major who is currently writing his thesis on the issue of gay rights, and as a strong advocate of such, I felt it necessary to respond to James Jenkins' letter concerning the task force to investigate the status of gays on campus which appeared in last week's Elm.

My first concern is that students may not realize that the purpose of the task force is not to put homosexuals above heterosexuals, as Mr. Jenkins incorrectly stated, but is rather to insure an equal existence between the two. Second, contrary to Mr. Jenkins' interpretation of the Bill of Rights (maybe he should pay better attention in Dr. Weissman's class), the freedom of speech clause does not openly protect a person's right to express his or her thoughts on an issue. It does, however, protect a person's right to express his opinion in a way that is deemed socially acceptable. Mr. Jenkins will not lose his right to express his disapproval of homosexuals in a proper manner, just as homosexuals will be able to express disapproval of "closed-minded" individuals like Mr. Jenkins in a proper manner. Third, I don't remember seeing an article from Mr. Jenkins requesting letters sent to parents and alumni telling of the creation and funding for Hillel (the Jewish union) or the Dale Adams Heritage Group (designed for the benefit of the ethnic minorities). The total Jewish and ethnic minority population on campus is less than 5%; based on national statistics, the homosexual population on campus would be double that amount. If this type of philosophy had been present in the past, we may have found ourselves as slaveholders, and this college would still be all male. Finally, the point should be made that the task force is not designed to force students to accept homosexuals, but to create a better understanding of homosexuals among the student population, which seems to be exactly what Mr. Jenkins lacks.

Sincerely,
Troy Petenbrink

Gays/ Lesbians Deserve Basic Human Rights

It's a tragic thing when a college educated man must resort to red herrings and half-baked arguments to mask the face of ignorant intolerance. But just in case anyone was convinced by Mr. Jenkins's editorial, "Task Force is Misuse of Money," some of us would like to debunk a few of his fallacious assertions.

Mr. Jenkins was rightly concerned that the Task Force neglected to define "verbal abuse." What he failed to realize is that the Task Force failed to do so because the Task Force doesn't yet exist. We are sure that when the Task Force is assembled that one of the first things they will do is precisely define their objectives.

Mr. Jenkins also thinks that everyone who pays tuition or donates money ought to receive a personal letter stating that college money might go to a gay/lesbian organization. If Mr. Jenkins had done a little research, he would have discovered that the SGA budget is public information, open to anyone who wishes to see it. Perhaps Mr. Jenkins would realize how unfeasible his proposal is if he volunteered to lick the thousands of stamps needed to tell everyone, not just about the gay/lesbian/bisexual alliance, but about all the other SGA funded organizations that someone might consider controversial.

Mr. Jenkins also feels that student and community opinion should be considered before forming a Task Force. Once again, Mr. Jenkins failed to report the facts. The Task Force is open to students and community members. Anyone, including Mr. Jenkins, can sign up. Two students and a local reverend have already volunteered for positions.

Mr. Jenkins also thinks that it is the aim of Task Force to identify heterosexuals, declare them "abnormal or second-class citizens" and "force its 'therapy' on people." We agree that this would be a horrible violation of human rights. Fortunately, it is not the aim of the Task Force to brainwash Republicans. It is the aim of the Task Force to teach students to respect the Constitutional rights guaranteed to all people.

Unfortunately, Mr. Jenkins seems to think that if the majority of students don't want a Task Force then there shouldn't be one. He apparently thinks that the will of the majority should dictate to the minority. He also seems to think that if the majority wants to deny the minority the Constitutional rights of life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness, assembly and free speech, they should be allowed to do so. Fortunately, the Bill of Rights doesn't distinguish between minority and majority rights. Neither does it distinguish between homosexual and heterosexual rights. It is the purpose of the Bill of Rights to guarantee all men and women basic human rights. It is the goal of the Task Force to make sure that heterosexual and homosexual students are able to express their views and pursue their own happiness without fear of harassment. It is not the duty of this college to force anyone to believe anything. It is the duty of this college to uphold the inalienable rights of all its students. If Mr. Jenkins is so adamant about denying these rights to homosexuals, simply because he considers them second-class citizens, then perhaps he should take his own advice and refuse to pay tuition to a college that seeks to uphold the rights of all Americans equally.

Sincerely,
John Need, Joseph Hamilton, Kristen Lewis, Gehrett Ellis, Tarin Towers, Heather Lynch, Andrew Stone, Bridgette Ferris, Amy Caddle, Tina McCuen, Erin Page, Doug Smith, Steven C. Brown, Christina Lancaster, Cleo Patterson, Kristen Hamilton, Beth Skinner

No Discrimination at WC

Dear Editor,

After reading the September 20th issue of the Elm, I felt the need to make my opinion on the homosexuality task force heard. It seems to upset the task force's supporters that most of the students at WC don't really care about homosexuals. Sara Hunt tells us that this "apathy is as reprehensible as discrimination." Well, where I come from this sort of "apathy" is called minding your own business. Personally, I find homosexuality to be repulsive, but like most- if not all- Washington College students, I don't go around looking for gays to pick on, I don't care what they do behind closed doors and I certainly don't do anything to infringe upon their rights.

Maybe I hang out with the wrong (or in this case, the right) people, but in two full years at this school, I have seen no evidence that there is a gay bashing crisis at Washington College. So what's the problem? Are gays being charged more for tuition? Are they being kicked off athletic teams because they're gay? Does Mean Jean turn them away when they want to get into the dining hall? Or are they just starved for attention in a community where people don't care one way or another about their sexual preference? While I found a couple of Jim Jenkins' comments in the last Elm to be a little too reactionary for my taste, he was one hundred percent right on one point: this task force is a waste of the administration's time, and our money.

Sincerely,
Dan Kretzer

Jenkins is a Joke

To the Editor:

I was highly gratified to read the premiere installment of the *Elm*'s new humor column. With so much desperate seriousness in college life, a good laugh is necessary every once in a while. I refer, of course, to Mr. James L. Jenkins, Jr.'s 'editorial' about the task force to investigate the status of lesbians and gay men at Washington College. This article, appearing in the September 20 issue of the Elm, contained so much specious claptrap that I can only assume its intent was to be humorous.

Mr. Jenkins' article contains only one point that seems to me to be of any relevance, which is his complaint that the task force's objectives as specified in the outline does not specifically spell out what is to be considered verbal abuse. An organization such as the proposed task force, which will be dealing with some very touchy people on some very touchy issues, needs to be equally touchy in setting down its aims and objectives. Not to do so will give homophobic detractors of the task force an opportunity to split hairs over wording rather than actually deal with the issues the task force was created to deal with.

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Weekly Absurdity

Due to the absurd number of letters we received this week, there is no space for our "Weekly Absurdity" column, since we feel it is more important to publish your opinions. Keep those letters coming!

ISSUES

In the World...

British Hostage Released

IRAQ

The prospect of renewed warfare in the Persian Gulf is being raised as the White House makes plans to issue a 48-hour ultimatum to Saddam Hussein, ordering him to guarantee United Nations access to his nuclear and chemical weapons facilities, or else face the use of U.S. forced inspections and "armed escorts," in an effort to make Iraq destroy all its weapons of mass destruction. At least a limited military deployment could come as early as this week.

According to a Newsday investigation, in some instances more U.S. casualties were caused by battlefield residue than Iraqi troops during Operation Storm's four day ground war. At least 14 Americans were killed and more than 100 were wounded by the residue. The residue was made up of unexploded Army bomblets left on the ground after Iraqi troops had fled. Many soldiers enjoyed playing catch with the explosives. Maj. Jim O'Donnell was quoted as saying "There is something about them (the bomblets) that just begs you to pick them up." He then told about one game of catch in which three soldiers were wounded.

BEIRUT

Seventy-seven year old British hostage Jack Mann was released by the Revolutionary Justice Organization on Wednesday. Mann, the oldest of the Western hostages, had spent 865 days in captivity; a time he called "two and a half years of chains." One American will also hopefully be released this week, according to an Iranian official. According to the official, all nine Western hostages, regardless of nationality, will be released by January.

WASHINGTON, DC

Although members of the Congressional black caucus testified this week that Clarence Thomas's confirmation to the Supreme Court would eliminate the right to abortion and set back the cause of civil rights; according to an Associated Press poll, fewer than one in six Americans are opposed to having Thomas join the Supreme Court, and more than half say he should be confirmed. The Judiciary Committee is expected to take its confirmation vote this week, with Senate floor action following next week.

Senator Jesse Helms is at it again: By a 68-28 vote, the Senate accepted a Helms-authored position that will prohibit the arts endowment from using tax dollars "to promote, disseminate or produce materials that depict or describe, in a patently offensive way, sexual or excretory activities or organs." A similar provision was dropped last year. However, the Senate did defeat on a 67-27 vote a measure to trim the endowment's funds by 13 percent next year.

U.S.A.

The average composite score among 797,000 students who took the ACT last Spring was 20.6 on a scale of 1-36. SAT verbal scores fell to an all-time low, and math scores declined for the first time since 1980.

A recent UFla study showed a 10% decline in student drinking over the past decade. The study also revealed that those who do drink drink less often.

Beginning in 1992, colleges will be required to make campus crime statistics public. This will give prospective students and their parents a chance to make informed decisions about the safety risks they might be taking when applying to prospective schools. Hopefully it will also force colleges to be more protective of the students already in their care.

compiled by Tanya Allen

CAMPUS VOICES - Do you think it would be a worthwhile effort for the school to install a campus phone hookup in every dorm room on campus?

Christabel Garcia-Zamor
Rockville, MD
Sophomore

Definitely worthwhile, because when you have a hall phone you never receive messages because people are too lazy to walk to your room, or to get the message right. We're completely overcharged by the phone company when we have phones installed individually.

Deb Kulich
Senior
Kinderhook, NY

Yes, I've paid for a phone in my room for four years and it gets expensive to go through C&P. It would be more convenient to go through the school.

Alex Nader
New York, NY
Sophomore

Yeah, I like that idea. Actually, it might keep people from doing homework, because they'll be on the phone all the time.

Kelly Burns
Annapolis, MD
Sophomore

Of course.

Richard McKee
Owings Mills, MD
Freshman

Yes, it would. It's a big problem because people who have their own phones never answer the pay phones, so you could miss getting an important message.

JOKE

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But as for the rest of Mr. Jenkins' article... Mr. Jenkins does not appear to have understood the facts behind the formation of the task force very well, referring to the task force in one paragraph as being "a homosexual organization" and in another, to its purpose being "to elevate the rights of homosexuals above the rights of heterosexuals." To address these points one at a time: Mr. Jenkins, because and organization concerns itself with the rights of a certain group of people, that does not necessarily mean that the members of that organization all belong to that group (were blacks the only people against slavery?). Secondly, nowhere in the resolution on the task force do I see anything about "elevating the rights of homosexuals above the rights of heterosexuals"; rather, the goal of the task force seems to be to ensure that homosexual people be granted the *same* rights as heterosexual people. Mr. Jenkins also bring up "ol' George Washington, a staunch Right-wing Christian" and wonders what the president would have thought of the task force's objectives, too, Mr. Jenkins. As someone who fought for this country's freedom to enjoy life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, I'm sure Washington would have been horrified to learn that someone was seeking to perpetuate those same ideas at a college named for him.

Does Washington College need to protect the rights of homosexual people on campus? Of course it does, as long as determinedly closed-minded people like Mr. Jenkins or Mr. Paul F. Obrecht [from the Campus Voices of the same Sept. 20 issue] insist on forcing their beliefs on others just because those others happen to be different. And in closing, I would like to offer this opinion: that the words *homosexual* and *heterosexual* work much better as adjectives than as nouns. To say that a person is *a homosexual* or *a heterosexual* reduces those persons to labels, rather than the living people, with love, pains, and laughter, that they are.

Respectfully,
Clay Eichelberger
Class of 1991

Jenkins Should Let God Do the Judging

This letter is regarding Jim Jenkins' guest editorial on the Campus Voices page of last week's Elm. In his editorial, Mr. Jenkins attacked the creation of the Task Force on Gay and Lesbian issues on the grounds that it was a misuse of money, immoral, and infringed upon the rights of heterosexual students on campus. I would like to offer a rebuttal to his arguments.

I have had no connection with this task force or GALA, nor have I read the minutes of the Faculty meeting that passed the task force proposal; however, several of the statements Mr. Jenkins make seem to me to be kneejerk reactions against the idea of bringing homosexuality out into the open. The attitudes expressed in this letter seem to imply that homosexuality on this campus was not an issue until today, that the status quo was fine, and that in fact the statistical average of a 10% homosexual population did not hold true at Washington College.

To tackle Mr. Jenkins' arguments one by one: he first expresses a fear that free speech against homosexuality will be curtailed. As I understand the task force objective, only courtesy is asked of the WC community. The specter of 'political correctness' has not yet made its appearance on this campus, and I hope it never does. Bluntly put, if he's worried that somebody is going to get in trouble for calling a fellow student a cocksucker, well then, that just indicates that there is a problem- and not even one of gay rights, but just one of manners.

As for the task force seeking college funding: well, there are many organizations on campus that you may not agree with; and your money (as a student) goes directly into their pockets. Last year, your student activities fee went into paying for human-rights activism and interfering with other nations' judicial and political process, alcohol abuse, celebration of pagan holidays involving nudity, and silly public feuds between campus-wide publications. In the name of the free speech, right to assemble, and other Bill of Rights clauses, these various things were allowed to happen, and Mr. Jenkins helped pay for them.

The idea of singling out one organization, one issue, one prejudice out of all these for disclosure strikes me as irrational. If Mr. Jenkins really cares, then he may ask the SGA to publish its club funding allocations in the Elm, he may ask the College to publish its budget; but since both of these things happen every year, I don't think he'll have to.

As for making the College open to gays and lesbians, and whether the community will accept it: I hate to break it to him, but Washington College, along with every single institution of higher education, along

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Next Topic:

What news events (national or international) have you heard about in the past week?

ISSUES

Katherine Trout Demonstrates Weaving for WC Women's League

by Sherry Menton

Mrs. Katherine Trout was the guest lecturer this Monday for the meeting of the Washington College Women's League, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. Mrs. Trout displayed many handwoven items, and answered the most commonly asked questions about the weaver's art.

To illustrate the difference between the works of other weavers and her own creations, she shared with the group handcrafts that came from Guatemala, Africa, and India. She then displayed some of her own works, explaining that her interest is in color variations and weaving patterns. "Other weavers are interested in the structure and the mathematics of weaving, but that, for me, is one of the least interesting things."

To aid in her discussion Mrs. Trout brought with her a portable wooden loom and a spinning wheel. She explained how to dress the loom and how each of the pieces work. "A loom is like a computer," Mrs. Trout said. "You can't play games until you know how to make it work."

Josephine the Fly

by Tanya Allen

"It's the end of the WAC as we know it!" Crazy Charlie was crying as Josephine and Brenda flew away from K.A. "First the Elm was destroyed, then the Culture Van blew up, then East Hall caught on fire, half the campus caught the flu, and a Somerset washing machine exploded! Repent and be saved! Repent and be saaaaaaaaaaaved!" Josephine and the butterfly flew past him silently. "Let's rest for a while...." Brenda said. They stopped and perched on the "Bench Overlooking Minta Martin". Someone had left a ripped white snack bar bag on the bench. There were a few french fry crumbs still in it. Josephine nibbled on the crumbs while Brenda's wings fluttered nervously. Josephine munched and munched. Brenda's wings fluttered and fluttered. "Brenda," Josephine finally asked, her mouth full, "What's wrong?"

"Nothing...nothing...." Brenda said.

"No, Brenda," Josephine swallowed and said firmly, "Something *is* wrong—you're acting really weird."

"No I'm not!"

"Mmhm." Josephine bit into another french fry crumb, then tried again. "Come on, Brenda," she said gently, "Does it have something to do with one of those moths we saw inside K.A.?"

"No, no...." Brenda flitted back and forth across the bench, then suddenly stopped and became completely still, staring straight ahead. "Yes."

Josephine nodded and chewed thoughtfully. "Which one?"

"The one who left."

"Ok..." Josephine nodded again. "All right...what did he do?"

"Nothing!" Brenda said, then started flitting around once more. "Nothing...nothing!"

Josephine groaned, then grabbed Brenda by the wings and made her stop flitting, while keeping a comforting limb around her back. "Brenda, don't be afraid...tell me. Did he do something bad to you?" Brenda shook violently. "Did he hurt you?"

"WHAT DOES IT MATTER?" Brenda suddenly screamed. "WHAT DOES IT MATTER IF HE HURT ME OR NOT?"

"Brenda?"

"What does it matter?" Brenda said in a quieter voice. "It seems that males are always hurting females...it's just a fact of life...."

"Brenda?"

"Well," Brenda went on in a toneless voice, "Not all males, I realize, not even most males, but enough of them...."

"I don't understand...."

"I mean, even in the human world—the human world, with all its ethics and religions and moral codes...do you know what the statistics are in the human world? In the human world, 1 in 4 women will be raped in her lifetime."

"1 in 4...?" Josephine repeated incredulously.

"Less than 10% of them will report the assault," Brenda went on, "And less than 5% of the rapists will go to jail."

"Oh God," said Josephine, "Is the situation that bad?"

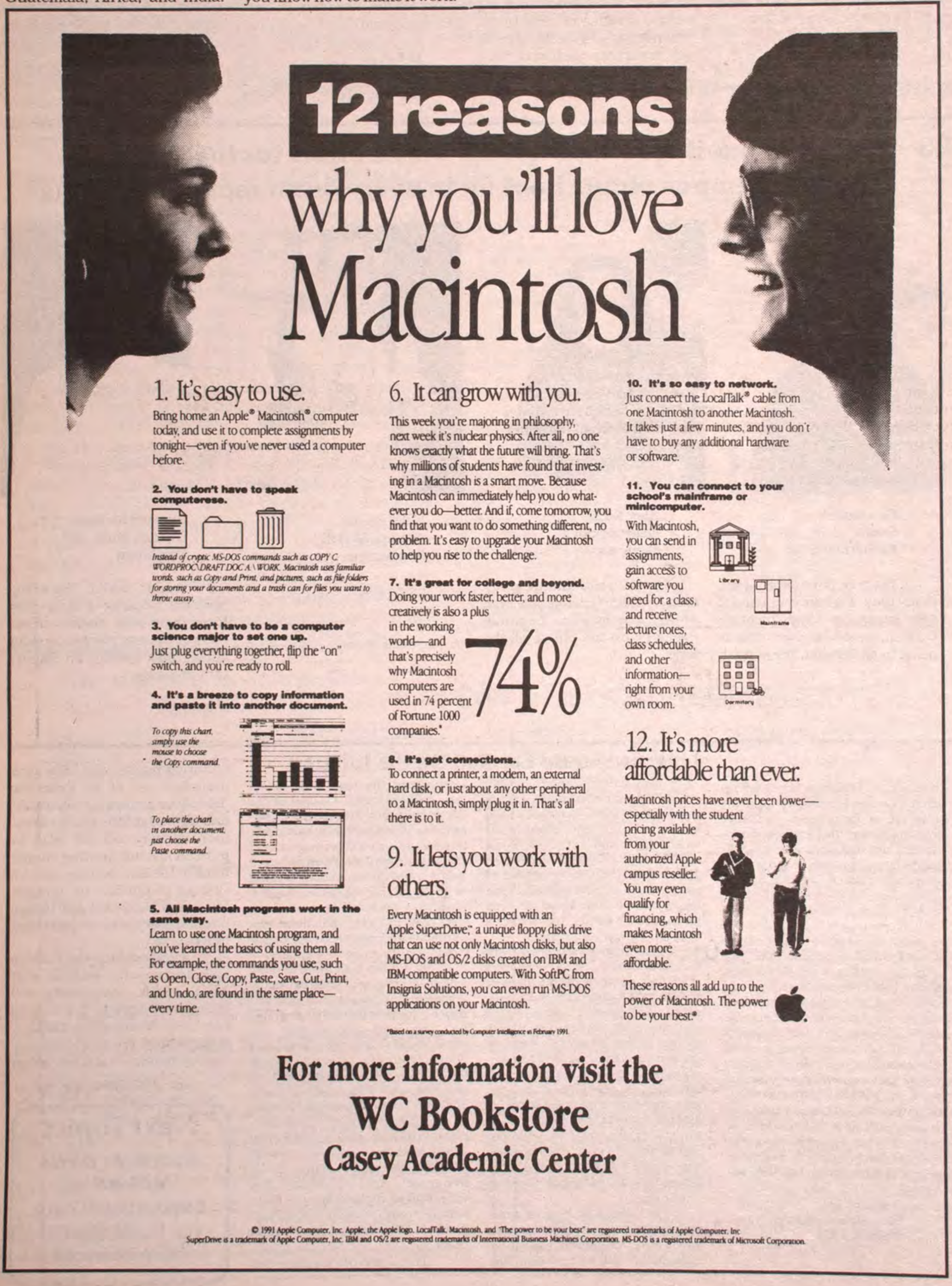
Brenda snorted. "Yes, the situation is that bad. It's bad in the cities, in rural areas, on college campuses especially...It's a world-wide problem, and it's always been bad, since the beginning of life. You'd think things would have changed by now...Recently there was an especially horrifying incident in Kenya..."

"Kenya? Yes?"

"I remember the facts and dates because hearing about it shocked me so much..." she shook her head and went on. "On July 13, in a boarding school in St. Kizito, 271 teenage girls were attacked by their male classmates."

"271?"

"They were chased into a dormitory," Brenda said quietly, "Where they were crushed into a corner..." she swallowed, then



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Goldstein Program in Public Affairs

Call for Students in Public Service

by Racheal Fink

On September 23, Washington College had the privilege of hearing Congressman Wayne Gilchrest speak about "Power in Washington: A View from the Hill" which was sponsored by the Goldstein Program in Public Affairs.

The Goldstein Program in Public Affairs was created by President Cater in 1988 and named after Louis L. Goldstein, WC's Chairman of the Board of Visitors and Governors and a 1935 alumnus. Cater established the endowment which supports the Goldstein Program and the Goldstein Chair. A resolution from the Board in April of 1990 created the program in its present form.

The purpose of the Goldstein program is to "encourage students to enter public service by introducing them to leaders from all areas of public activity. The Goldstein Endowed Fund sponsors lecture series, symposia, visiting fellows, travel and other projects that bring students and faculty together with leaders experienced in developing public policy."

Dr. Daniel Premo, Chair of the Political Science Department, is curator of the Goldstein program. As such, Dr. Premo is "responsible for exploring ways by which this endowed Program can be integrated into the College's curricular and extra curricular education."

In addition to the lectures, symposia, and travel activities that further the program, support has been allocated for the purpose of acquiring books for Miller Library that, "assist in the preparation of public leaders for roles in government, business and civic affairs."

Last year, the first official year of operation, the program supported numerous events, including a lecture by Anna Husarska on "Post-Communist Politics in Poland," a symposium including Michael Albert, Carol C. Gould, Fred Whitehead and Kevin Brien on "The Future of Radical Politics in America," and a field trip to Washington, D.C. to visit the Museum of African Art, the Museum of Modern Latin American Art, the National Textile Museum, and Dumbarton Oaks.

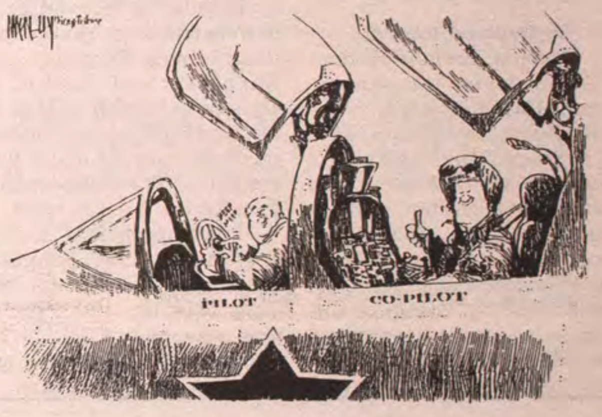
In support of the Centennial of Co-education at Washington College, the Goldstein Program is sponsoring two symposia; the first, entitled. "The Status of Women in Politics: The State and Local Level," to be held on October 23 in the Hynson Lounge at 7:30 pm, and the second, "The Status of Women in National Political Life," scheduled for November 18 in the Casey Forum at 7:30 p.m. Some of the participants will include Eloise Foster, Assistant Secretary, Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning, Congresswoman Beverly Byron, and Gloria Borger, *U.S. News and World Report*. Barbara Kreamer will be moderating both symposia and a dinner will proceed each discussion. Everyone is encouraged to attend these events and the many others that will follow.

Historical Society Plans Many Activities

Trips to historic towns, museums, battlefields and archaeological sites, lectures on topics of historical interest and tour guide opportunities highlight proposed plans of the Washington College Historical Society for the fall semester. Members present at the Society's organizational meeting last week suggested Frederick, Winterthur Museum, Antietam Battlefield, Historic St. Mary's City and various small towns on the Eastern Shore as possible destinations for the coming year. Organized just last year, the Historical Society toured Annapolis and also sponsored a lecture by preservation attorney Tersh Boasberg, who led the fight to stop a shopping mall from being built on the edge of Manassas battlefield.

Promoting and preserving the history and culture of Chestertown, the Eastern Shore, Maryland and surrounding areas is the Society's stated purpose. What that involves is introducing members to the fascinating and colorful heritage of the region by actually visiting historic sites. The Society offers students an opportunity to experience history rather than read about it; often a more fun and unique way to learn than in the classroom.

The Historical Society's faculty advisor is Dr. Richard Striner. Anyone interested in history is encouraged to join the Society by attending the next announced meeting or by contacting President Cynthia Slaby at 778-9168 or Vice President Jenifer Grindle at 778-9324.



Josephine

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went on, "19 girls died of suffocation. Another 71 were raped."

"That's horrible!"

"Two boys were charged with rape, and 29 boys, ages 14 to 18, were charged with manslaughter."

"Oh my God..."

"And you know what the school's deputy principal said?" Brenda turned to Josephine, her voice trembling. "The deputy principal, whose name was Joyce Kithica, was quoted as saying 'The boys never meant any harm against the girls. They just wanted to rape.'" *

"They never meant any harm...they just wanted to rape...." Josephine repeated, dazed.

"So you see," Brenda went on, "Things are tough all over—in all the phylums, on the campuses, in the cities, in our country, in all countries...there are always men who rape women. It's a fact of life."

"Brenda, you can't say that! There must be things that can be done to prevent..." Brenda shrugged. Josephine looked at her for a moment. "Brenda, that moth...he didn't...?"

"I told you it doesn't matter!" said Brenda. "These things happen!"

"Brenda, talk to me!" Josephine said, "Tell me what happened!" Brenda shook her head. "Brenda, tell me!"

"I CAN'T!" Brenda screamed. "It doesn't matter! I don't matter! Leave me alone!"

"Brenda, if you don't want to tell me, then tell *someone*, please! Tell a friend, or a counselor, or someone...please! If something horrible like that has happened to you, you have to talk to someone about it, if you don't it all sits inside you, and...and...feeds on you, it's like the pain becomes a parasite...if you don't tell anybody about it, if you don't get that pain out, it will hurt you, and keep on hurting you, for the rest of your *life!*"

"Leave me alone!" Brenda said. "Just...just...leave me alone."

"Brenda, please...let me help you..."

"Leave me alone!" Brenda rose into the air. "I told you, I can't, so just...leave me alone!"

"Brenda!" Josephine cried, but the butterfly had flown away, leaving Josephine kneeling next to the forgotten white ripped bag of french fry crumbs on the bench overlooking Minta Martin.

Females especially: at night, do not walk across campus or in town alone.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Robin Hood players get involved in the spirit of the times. courtesy of ACT

ACT Performs Robin Hood Festival At Garnett Playground

by Sherry Menton

The Robin Hood Festival will be performed for the second time on September 28, 1991 at Garnett's Community Playground in Chestertown. This Actors Community Theatre production will begin at 12:00 noon with a Medieval Festival for children which includes puppet shows, jugglers, Morris dancers, a may-pole, and performances by Kate Bennett as well as the Early Music Group from Washington College.

The play of *Robin Hood* will be performed among the festivities and will start at 2:30. Pictured above are some members of the cast of 45 people including Health Raimond as King Richard, John McDanolds as Robin Hood, Paula Knowles as Maid Marion, Neyah White as the Sherrif of Nottingham and Gina Brayden as Lady Gyndolyn.

The Actors Community Theatre first performed the Robin Hood Festival on Saturday, July 27, 1991. The show is part of the Actors Community Theatre's summer production for children.

Admission is free for children under 12, with a small fee for adults. For further information call 778-1100.

Richard Thompson Blends Psychosis, Humor and Musical Ability

Rumor and Sigh
Richard Thompson
Produced by Mitchell Froom
Capitol Records

by Raphael Koster

If you're like most readers of *Rolling Stone,* you were astonished when their list of the best albums of the decade of the 80's placed the unfamiliar names of Richard and Linda Thompson at position number two, with their 1982 album *Shoot Out the Lights.* A short visit to the record store, however, would reveal that Thompson has been around (with and without his collaborator and ex-wife) since 1967, when he was part of the seminal folk-rock group Fairport Convention. Since then he has been one of the most respected guitarist/songwriters out there, but known only to a few because his recordings were on indie labels such as Hannibal Records. Well, Polygram bought Hannibal, and Capitol got Thompson himself, and so *Rumor and Sigh* was preceded by a media blitz in all major trade magazines. It was also heralded by critics as a major event.

Thompson is a guitarist fond of mixing alternate tunings, modal scales, folk flatpicking, Strat blasting, and ferocious lead work. In one solo he hits every note on the guitar fingerboard in fifteen seconds. He plays holding a pick between two fingers while picking with the other three. His songwriting is sharp, incisive, darkly humorous, and sarcastic. Perhaps his only flaw is his voice: deep, rough and limited in range, it sometimes seems to strain to measure up to the rest of the music.

The album starts with a bang with the songs "Read About Love" and "Fell So Good"— the latter is already getting airplay. Both feature deranged narrators (one a sexual pervert and the other a violent convict) describing their worldviews. The ominous "Grey Walls" features heavy drums that burst into full-fledged menace; the subject of the song is a husband dropping off his wife at an insane asylum. The tempo gets picked up gain in "You Dream Too Much," a fairly conventional shattered love song that nonetheless ends in a burst of discordant noise.

One of the standouts on the album is "1952 Vincent Black Lightning," a song structured like a medieval ballad that deals with thoroughly modern subject matter: a pair of juvenile delinquents, the tragedy that ends their love, and their mutual love for motorcycles. The complex and beautiful acoustic accompaniment serves to display Thompson's nimble fingers, and reinforces the odd beauty of lyrics like "He reached for her hand and gave her the keys/ He said I don't have any further use for these/ I see angels on Ariels in leather and chrome/ Swooping down from heaven to carry me home..."

Other strong songs include the eerie and compelling "Mystery Wind" that sets an atmosphere with Knopfler-like guitar and sustained synths, a simple beat and a droning vocal; the oriental-tinged "Backlash Love Affair," rife with sarcasm and wickedly funny; the vicious diatribe "Mother Knows Best," an attack on Margaret Thatcher; and the off-the wall "Don't sit on my Jimmy Shands"— a plaintive polka about a drunk sitting on a bunch of out-of-print 78s. What begins as a polka goes through some distortion as the man destroys the records, then ends improbably as a Celtic reel.

Not all is perfect, however. There are several lackluster songs on the album, easy to spot because they are the ones that show little evidence of Thompson's sly humor, his able guitar, or his vitriol. His voice is just not strong enough to carry ordinary lost-love or happy-love songs.

The last song on the album is the disturbing "Psycho Street," which alternates between often funny and certainly sick tales of madness that sometimes seem queerly sane, recited over a menacingly droning guitar. It's stop-and-go tune, for the chorus is like nothing so much as Mr. Rogers-as-serial killer singing songs of neighborly love. This chorus is gradually overwhelmed by sirens and thumping bass.

All in all, *Rumor and Sigh* is definitely not for everyone. If you are easily offended, pass it by. If you will gross out at the idea of a cat being barbecued because it won't talk, pass it by. But if you are willing to listen to Richard Thompson on his own terms as he paints a rather depressing picture of the human psyche, and laugh with him, then do so. It may be tinged with hysteria, but it can be a great listen.

Raphael Koster is a senior double major (English and Spanish) who frequently writes music reviews for The Elm

Campus Calendar of Events

Sept. 27-30 The Film Series presents THE KRAYS, Norman James Theatre, 7:30pm.

Sept. 28 Greek Games Festival, Campus Lawn.

Sept. 30 The Concert Series presents 40th Anniversary Concert, the Juilliard String Quartet, Tawes Theatre, Gibson Performing Arts Center, 8pm.

Oct. 2 NOLS, the National Outdoor Leadership School, presentation by Dr. Michael Kerchner at 3:30pm in the CAC Forum.

Broadside Postcard Poetry Contest

The Literary House Press is sponsoring a poetry contest for Washington College students. Winners will have their poems printed as limited edition large-sized post cards. Three poems will be selected for the fall series and three for the spring. Any WC student may enter. The deadline for the fall series is Monday, October 14th. Poems should be submitted to Mr. Day's mailbox in the O'Neill Literary House.

Other literary projects now accepting submissions are *Otherworlds* and *Shoestrings.* Submissions to the genre magazine *Otherworlds* should be given to Raph Koster and submissions to *Shoestrings* should be given to Ann Veiga.

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SPORTS

Hockey Drops Two In Salisbury, Then Recovers Impressively

courtesy of Gary Brown

Aggressive team play by sophomore attacker Elizabeth Olivere (passing ball) can help WC thrive this season.

By Greg Coss

Every sports team faces a character test at some point during the course of a season. Some teams swim, and others sink. The Washington College field hockey team did the backstroke last weekend at the Sunfest Tournament at Salisbury State, passing their test with flying colors.

The Shorewomen received a very rude greeting in their first game of the tournament on Saturday. Lacking the team chemistry they had shown in their three previous contests, WC could not get anything going offensively as they were blanked by Oneonta State (N.Y.), 2-0.

On the bright side, junior goalie Brigid DeVries stopped a season high nine shots. This would be two shots too few, however, as the Shorewomen would have to accept the loss and regroup for an afternoon game against powerhouse Salisbury State.

WC would never see the light of day in this one, as they were thrashed, 5-0. DeVries kept it as close as it was, setting a new season high with sixteen saves. Washington never had a chance in this one though, as they ran into a buzzsaw in the form of a very strong Salisbury team, as well as being off their own game, as Coach Diane Guinan would admit later.

"Everybody worked hard individually on Saturday," she said. "But individuals don't win games, teams do."

Battered and emotionally letdown, the Shorewomen easily could have folded in their final match against Catholic on Sunday. After all, Catholic was a team that had upset the very same Salisbury team that gave Washington fits. But WC would pull all of their talent together in this one, surprising the Cardinals, 2-1. This game was probably the biggest challenge for the WC squad, a huge test of their poise. It was a time when the Shorewomen needed someone to step forward and make the big plays. Fittingly, it was senior captain Jen Blenckstone who did just that, scoring one of the goals and assisting on the other.

With thirteen minutes left in the first half, Blenckstone took a hard shot from about forty feet out that was redirected into the net by sophomore Caroline Jensen. This would be the only score of the first half as WC held on to the narrowest of margins.

Catholic evened the score with twenty-one minutes remaining on a breakaway goal which could have taken the wind out of the Shorewomen's sail. But Blenckstone would retaliate for WC just three minutes later unassisted, and turned the tide back in WC's favor. The Shorewomen were then able to hold off Catholic the rest of the way and preserved a 2-1 victory. Coach Guinan could not help but be happy with the team's performance afterward.

"When a team has confidence, they can come back from disappointment," she said. "We really pulled it together on Sunday. We had the fatigue factor and the pressure of facing a big rival working against us. This was a big win. Now we have to prove we are worthy of it."

A big win indeed. This win gave Washington a number four NCAA regional ranking (there are five regions in the NCAA's) and got them back on track. But just when it seemed like smooth sailing, revenge-minded Catholic returned to WC on Wednesday, a game which will be covered in next week's issue as well as a Saturday game at Elizabethtown and Tuesday's hosting of Albright at 4:00 p.m. Come support this very talented team, and watch it make a return trip to the MAC playoffs.

REC Sports Filled With Events

by Greg Coss

REC Sports' popularity is growing each day, so much that it isn't giving Tracy Greenawalt any time to cool down. The senior Aerobic Dance Coordinator faces a full class, which has prompted concern from REC Sports Director Dennis Berry, who wants to see everyone have a chance to dance. The result of his fear is an effort to bring step aerobic, the newest craze in aerobics, to Washington College. If budget allows for this, it could be here by late in the Fall semester, opening new classes for students.

In the meantime, REC Sports still is offering many enticing alternatives. The Greek Games will be held on September 29th, and then the following weekend the Theta Chi Softball Classic will take place. Berry said it is likely that ten campus (faculty and staff) and one alumni team will be participating, and he hopes for more entries. Entries must be brought in next week to Berry, whose office is located in the Casey Swim Center. Proceeds from teams entering will go to the Theta Chi Fraternity's charity of their choice.

Also, next week starts women's flag football. For those who are unaccustomed to the rules and the game of football, there will be minicamps held for each team. Each team is assigned a coach who will run them through plays and discuss strategy. The AOII team is the three-time defending champion, allowing a total of six points scored against them in those three years.

The Certs volleyball tournament also gets underway next week, and on October 14th and 15th the Shick Superhoops (3 on 3) tournament takes place.

In the ongoing football league, Caroline currently leads the league in points scored, averaging 19 points a game, while Conway leads all scorers with 30 points. Get with the REC Sports program!

Soccer Runs into Double Trouble

by Chris Vaughn

The streak stays alive! The Shoremen continued to fall deeper and deeper into the hole, as they dropped yet two more on their road of frustration, accumulating a record of 0-5.

WC travelled to Salisbury State last Wednesday, hoping that a trip to the shore would bring their first win. It was not to be, however, as Salisbury handled WC with ease, 5-0, with their defensive inclusive transition game. "Our biggest problem was our mental status. We came out flat and dragging," said returning junior defenseman Tad "Rerun" Hershey.

Last Saturday would be an entirely different story. The Shoremen warriors entered the Kib Dome with a sense of revived vitality as they prepared to take on #7 Guilford. Their lateral ball movement, which they lacked in previous games, was rather impressive and kept the pressure on the North Carolina boys. WC was able to keep the score at 1-0 during the first half, but then would suffer an emotional setback. Our own Chris "Flea" Kleberg took a cross from forward Chris Graham and fired home the apparent equalizer, only to have it called back because time had expired. Guilford capitalized on WC's subsequent letdown early in the second period, striking two more times to account for the rest of the scoring, as WC fell, 3-0.

The Shoremen take a well needed break this week as they prepare for a big game against Franklin & Marshall this Saturday at 1:30 here on the Kibster! Be there for what we hope is a change of pace!

This week's best bet in Professional Football:

The New York Giants are only favored by 2 1/2 points over the Dallas Cowboys in Texas Stadium this Sunday. The Giants are a much better team than the Cowboys. I'm so confident about this one, I'd bet Chris Spezio's (Meat's) life on it. God, I hope Aikman doesn't get hot. Take New York.

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ISSUES

JUDGING

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with every governmental body save the military forces, already IS open to gays – along with women, whites, blacks, heteros, convicted murderers, abortionists, right-to-lifers, etc. etc. I refer him to Title IX in the Student Handbook if he has further questions. If he is willing to strike down a national regulation in order to CLOSE the school to such people, then he has every right in the world to start a campaign to do so, and lose accreditation for his diploma.

The last point I would like to raise is Mr. Jenkins' reaction to the idea that the campus might need to recover from homophobia. Homosexuality is hardly something new, it is hardly something that can be avoided or ignored, and it is certainly not something which people have to agree with. It is, however, something with which people should deal. It is not going to go away just because Mr. Jenkins dislikes it, or because the church dislikes it, or even because God dislikes it.

If we want to take the religious view – each of us must make their own path to Heaven, and forcing people to follow a path that is not their own is quite possibly the severest offense to morality and ethics that can exist. A morality which people must be forced to follow is a morality that has no credibility. Likewise, if the administration were to force counseling on students, I would be in the front of the protest pack. However, all they are asking right now is that people learn how to live with one another without condemning, that HOMOPHOBIA (defined: an irrational fear of homosexuality) not be a barrier to understanding and a sense of community.

In summary, if Mr. Jenkins wants to take a moral stand, I suggest he leave the judging up to God. If not, then he may as well just learn to live with what is a fact of life, and should be treated as such. Any group has the right to go about their business unmolested until it harms someone else, anyone can say what they wish as long as it does not harm someone else, and your taxes go to pay for things you don't like. To single out this task force and this organization for special treatment would be the strongest possible denial of the democratic priciples which Mr. Jenkins seems to so eagerly defend.

-Raphael Koster

Senior English and Spanish major

Elm Policy Fails to Uphold First Amendment Rights

To the Editor:

The Constitution is specific: "Congress shall make no law ... abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press ..." It seems the "Elm" has managed to do what Congress couldn't. I admit, it was complete boredom that drove me to read the fine print in the newspaper staff box. Nonetheless, I was appalled to read that all "letters must be signed: no anonymous letter will be printed under any circumstances. Students should include with letters their major and year, faculty and staff their department and position." Obviously the editor thinks that anonymous opinions aren't worth the newsprint.

Maybe Ms. Menton isn't aware that the Supreme Court has repeatedly upheld that the First Amendment *does* protect anonymous speech. The same amendment which protects her paper also entitles cowards to the right of free speech.

I can only conjecture as to Ms. Menton's reasons for believing the First Amendment shouldn't apply to Washington College students. Therefore, I hope she will either fully explain her policy or recognize that newspapers have a special duty in securing the Constitutional rights of Freedom of the Press and Freedom of Speech, not just for themselves but for every American Citizen.

John Need
Major: Philosophy
Class: Senior

[Editor's Response: Had Mr. Need's "complete boredom" motivated him to read the August 30 article, "New Editorial Policy," he would not need to conjecture about the Elm's reasons for this policy. We stated, "we will no longer be printing unsigned letters to the editor, or printing letters with the author's name withheld. This is due to problems incurred by last year's staff when they printed an inflammatory letter without a byline. It is the opinion of this year's staff that if a student or staff member feels strongly enough about an issue to ... write the Elm a letter, he should be willing to publicly defend the opinion stated therein." Furthermore, "the Elm exists to provide a forum ... to exercise their first amendment rights; it is not the responsibility of the Elm or the Elm staff to shield authors from possible controversy." I would also refer Mr. Need to Troy Petenbrink's interpretation of the first amendment rights in his letter on page 2 of this issue.]

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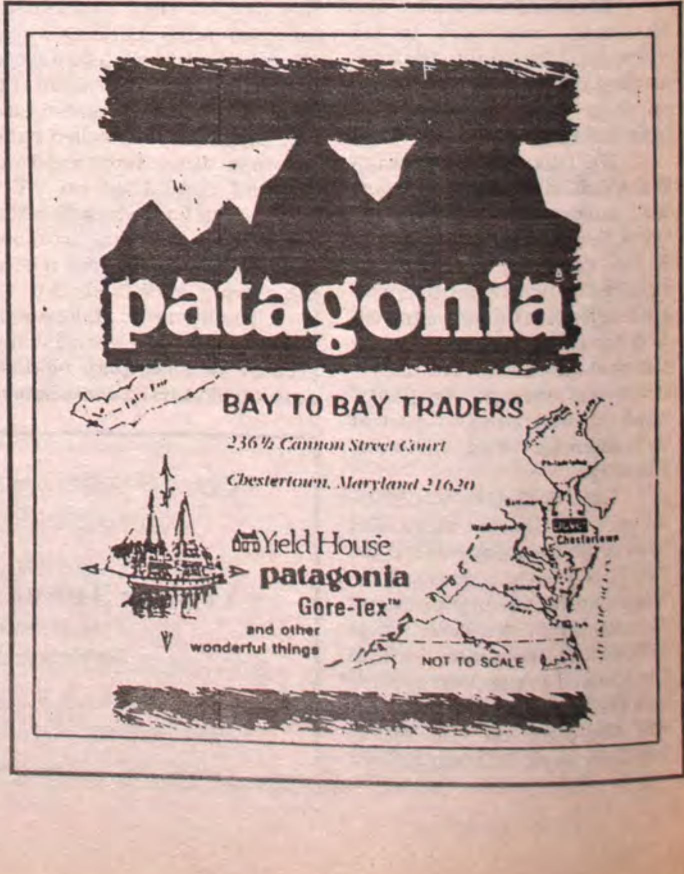

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Board of Visitors and Governors Plans New Classroom Building

by Sherry Menton

The Washington College Board of Visitors and Governors on September 28 approved a plan to allocate $20,000 hold a competition to determine the architect for a new classroom building for WC.

The site of the proposed classroom building has not been decided; however, plans currently call for the building to contain 26,000 square feet of classroom and faculty office space. The total estimated cost of the building is 4.6 million dollars, 2.3 million of which will be paid for by a matching grant from the state of Maryland.

Renovation of William Smith Hall is another construction project currently in the works. The estimated cost of the renovation is $450,000, bringing the total cost of both building projects to 4.9 million dollars. The renovation project is currently on hold until a course of action regarding the new classroom building is determined.

Also addressed by the Board was the status of Washington College's relations with the N.C.A.A. In a statement issued by the Board, it relates, "Following a meeting between members of the Student Affairs Committee of the Board and representatives from the men's

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SGA Allocates More Funding

by Karyn Iacangelo

At the SGA meeting on October 1, the CIA report was addressed as well as the issue of smoking in the Coffee House and the Dining Hall.

The CIA report stated that the Comedy Club will premier October 16 from 8:30-10:00 PM in the Coffee House. The Travel Committee is sponsoring a trip to the Museum of Art in Philadelphia on October 19. The next trip planned by the committee will be to New York City; the date will be forthcoming.

Along with the CIA report, the issue of smoking in the Coffee House and Dining Hall were discussed. Dorm senators were asked to get opinions from their residents, and anyone with a very stron opposition should write to *The Elm*. Dorm Senator Christy Albright brought forward the same concern with smoking in the Dining Hall. Many senators agreed that this was a growing concern amoung their residents and the issue will be tabeled at the next meeting.

SGA Treasurer Brian Gimelson stated that 360 people attended the Greek Games last weekend and $195 went to SGA, and $270 went to both the Alpha Chi Sorority and the Theta Chi Fraternity. The Aeorbics Dance Program, which originally requested $650 in funding, asked for $250, and the money was allocated. The Woman's Basketball Club which originallly requested $500 apllied for funding, was allocated $250 by a unanimous vote. The Office of Student Activities requested $626.20 to send four students to a conference on programming, and the money was allocated.

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CAC computer classroom is now open for student use on a trial basis. See pg. 2

Gov. Schaefer cuts state aid to private colleges by 25%. See pg. 4

First they came for the books, then they came for my soul: Banned Book Week raises awareness of Bill of Rights infringements. See pg. 7

Crew Team competes against Division I schools in Head of the Potomac Regatta. See pg. 10

Tiffany Althizer, Mike Tyson, Sally McGee, and Melissa Sirick perform at the Music Department's Bach's Lunch. photo by Sherry Menton

Bach's Lunch Concert a Sunny Success

by Sherry Menton

The Music Department's open-air performance, "Bach's Lunch," was greeted by warm weather and sunny skies this Wednesday after having been rained out last week.

The annual concert, which was presented on the Miller Library terrace, drew a sizeable audience not only from students who had gotten take-out lunches in order to attend the concert, but from students and staff who, walking across the terrace en route to something else, were attracted by the sounds of Vivaldi, William Byrd, and Phillip Glass in addition to the expected Bach.

The program began with a harpsichord solo of Bach's "Prelude and Fugue in D Major" performed by Michael Tyson.

Marilee Schumann, Cindy Young, and Jan Hartley then played Byrd's "Fantasia in D Minor" on their soprano, alto, and tenor recorders.

Vivaldi's "Concerto In G Minor" was performed by Melissa Sirick and Tiffany Althizer on violin, Sally McGee on violoncello, and Tyson on harpsichord.

The "Modern Love Waltz" written by Phillip Glass and performed by piano instructor Kathleen Mills added a touch of contemporary music to the concert. The electronic keyboard she used was provided by sophomore piano student Scott Graham.

Bach's "Cantana No. 211" was the final offering, with Kathleen Mills on harpsichord, Elizabeth Parcell on flute, and Sarah McGee on violoncello accompanying soprano Barbara Dresser.

Junior Fellows Accepting Applicants

by Julie Greene

As the Society of Junior Fellows embarks on its second year at Washington College, applications for membership are once again available to upperclassmen.

The Society was established last spring as a "collegium of scholars dedicated to the exchange of ideas," purporting to actively engage the interests of all Junior Fellows through lectures and an annually published journal of undergraduate research and writing by the Junior Fellows and funded by the Society.

Juniors and seniors may currently apply for membership to the Society, which is limited to 40 members. Membership criteria include a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or better, active participation in community outreach programs, and a demonstration of leadership qualities in extra-curricular activities. Applications for membership must be accompanied by a recommendation from the Department Chair of the student's major field of study. The application deadline for the fall semester is October 15, but students should submit them to the curator, Dr. Davy McCall, before that date so he may forward them to the Society's Advisory Council for review.

In their founding year the Society had 32 members from the Classes of 1991 and 1992. The Junior Fellows had a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 at the end of the last academic year.

One of the functions of the Society is to provide funding for projects which broaden the Fellows' educational experiences. This funding may be used to supplement internships, or for independent scholarly research, volunteer work, or research-related travel. Only Junior Fellows are eligible to submit proposals for monetary grants for the committee's consideration.

During the summer of 1990 the Society assisted two internships. Roy Kesey, a senior Philosophy/English major, taught American Literature at the Vilnius Polytechnical Institute in Lithuania, while political science major Steve Bruchey served an internship in the Maryland Governor's Office.

This past summer the Junior Fellows Program funded eight internships and special research projects. Mary K. Brewster studied the technical competence in wetland science, plant identification, soils, hydrology and government regulation during her internship in the Wetland Science Training

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OPINION/EDITORIAL

Dining Hall Smoking: Should it be Banned?

The SGA this week tabled discussion of a resolution to ban all smoking in the Dining Hall. The Senators did not want to vote on this issue until they had a chance to find out what their constituents think of the idea. At a time when governing bodies at all levels, be they college or national, vote according to their own desires and run roughshod over their constituents, the *Elm* is gratified to see that the Senators actually want to represent the student body's opinion on this matter.

We have grown up in a health-conscious decade; more surgeon generals than we can remember have repeatedly warned us about the dangers of smoking. Over the past year or two the Surgeon General has stated firmly that secondhand smoke is as carcinogenic as if the breather were smoking a cigarette himself.

As a result of this media blitz, many states have banned smoking in all public buildings, except in designated areas. Airline flights are largely smoke-free. Our own Miller Library now has no Smoking Room at all. The dining hall has a non-smoking section, but as a recent Napkin Board inquiry demonstrates [in the Sept 23-29 WCDS Newsletter], the abuse of this area is such that many people don't know it exists.

The *Elm* is tentatively in favor of the SGA resolution to ban smoking in the dining hall. It is a source of wonder to us that anyone can manage to eat and smoke at the same time, anyway. The plethora of health-related arguments in favor of the plan are undeniable. However, the *Elm* also recognizes that smokers may feel like they are being pushed out, barred from public areas, simply because of a trait that is, after all, a matter of personal choice. The *Elm* does not endorse discrimination against smokers or any other group, but if smokers are unwilling to respect the no-smoking section of the dining hall, perhaps the only alternative is to ban smoking. Another option, and one that we would urge the SGA to consider, is making two wings of the dining hall non-smoking, leaving only one wing as a smoking area. Perhaps a compromise will satisfy smokers and non-smokers alike.

The *Elm* encourages all students who have an opinion on this issue to speak to their Dorm Senators. The SGA is being kind enough to give the student body a true voice; all students should take advantage of this opportunity to be heard.

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Letters to the Editor

The Kent Parking Lot: Going in Circles

Wouldn't it be really stupid if someone spent a lot of money to clear Eastern Neck Island, pave it with asphalt, line it, but not allow anyone to park there? Yes, REALLY STUPID! So what's with the stupidity associated with lovely Kent Circle. [sic] I can remember keg parties on the quad, drinking and playing frisbee all afternoon. Students actually enjoyed hanging out there. It seemed to bring the campus together. Who could forget that wonderful rainy May Day of the same year, the entire campus watching Sean Kennedy and Dave Butler mud slide in the buff (ouch!) and then everyone joining in themselves. I still have scars from that.

But then came Clint and his "Master Plan" to redo the campus. I returned Junior year to find a road built around the quad. I guess the administration was tired of people driving on those little golf cart paths. And so arose Kent Circle, a nice drive with several parking places strategically placed in from to the dorms. People naturally parked their cars in the spaces, but were surprised to find warning on their cars one morning saying they were no longer allowed to park there. So the lot stood empty except for the security truck. Why you may ask? Well why ask why? That was the response last year.

Now it's happened again. Two weeks of unrestricted parking and now they have put back that little post in the middle of the entrance. The lot is once again empty. There is something called "No-Net-Loss Development," and the fact that the Bill Smith lot was filled in with grass is great, but something was still lost. Having those spaces there and not using them is a loss. Taking away our quad for 18 parking spaces for the security truck is a loss.

Several plans have been proposed, but none considered. I realize they just spent big bucks writing RA on the new Talbot parking lot, but how about RA parking in Kent Circle? Or maybe they can fill it back in with grass. Just please do something with it. We can't have kegs on the quad anymore, but how about some cars? I just hate to see wasted space.

Sincerely,
John Bates

A Message To Students From the Computing Center

To the Editor:

The Academic Technology Committee has begun to readdress the issue of student access to computing resources on the college campus. As an interim solution to the expressed need for more access to computers on campus, for the balance of the fall semester the computing classroom in the Casey Academic Center will be open for general student access Monday through Thursday 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM, Saturday from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM, and Sunday from 1:00 PM to 11:00 PM. I would like to add that the reason the classroom is not currently open for general student access is a support issue and not a budgetary issue as reported by the Elm. The computers in this classroom are set up based upon the needs of the classes using the facility. Student "hackers" customizing these systems interfere with the ability of other students to use them during classroom simulations and presentations. If students using the facility can refrain from malicious or inadvertent "hacking," copying of files to and from these machines, and making deliberate modifications to the system software, then the problems associated with the classroom's use last semester will be greatly alleviated. The schedule for general access will begin this Saturday, October 5. Please help us to maintain this facility as one of the finest electronic classrooms in the country.

Sincerely,
Paul Bishop
Director of Computing

Swarthmore Student Berates Jenkins for Subverting Constitution

To the Editor:

While visiting Washington College this weekend, I happened to read the *Elm*. I was interested in the debate surrounding the task force to investigate the status of homosexuals. As am not a member of the Washington College community, I can not speak, with any authority, to the necessity of such a task force. However, I was struck by James L. Jenkins, Jr.'s opinions, as expressed in his editorial.

Whether or not a task force is a "misuse of money", as the deceivingly benign headline suggests, is certainly an issue for the students, faculty, and administration of your school. Mr. Jenkins' article, however, dwarfs this debate, becoming a manifesto of intolerance, discrimination, and fear.

It is ironic that Mr. Jenkins, while calling for minority suppression, mentions the Bill of Rights. When the writer states, "A[n]...objection I have to the task force is its purpose to make the Washington College community open to gays and lesbians", he is clearly and decisively contradicting the egalitarian principles espoused in the aforementioned document. Mr. Jenkins seems unable to transcend his egocentric construction of the ideals on which this country was founded. In his vehement call for societal stagnation, the writer seeks to deny homosexual individuals their humanity. The theoretical community, proposed by Mr. Jenkins, is one of majority absolutism in which the status quo serves only to reproduce itself; it is the antithesis of an educational environment.

Although the writer claims to be concerned that "the rights of homosexuals...[might be elevated]...above the rights of heterosexuals", his belief in the exclusion of gay and lesbian people from the college community clearly undermines the legitimacy of his arguments and suggests a deep-rooted fear of difference as well as a profound insecurity about human sexuality.

Mr. Jenkins' opinions are, unfortunately, not unique. The hegemony has learned to fear plurality, as it intrinsically dilutes their power. Terns such as *moral*, *decent*, and *normal* have been appropriated in order to maintain the inequitable status of all groups outside of the ruling elite. Unfortunately, these efforts have succeeded and become an integral part of our society. Hopefully, positions, like Mr. Jenkins', will promote constructive academic debate as well as exploration into the hidden motives and fears implicit in any discourse on sexuality, gender, and power.

In short, although Mr. Jenkins is certainly entitled to his myopic opinions, he has failed to grasp the basic tenets of our country's constitution. By attempting to suppress the rights of the gay, lesbian, and bisexual community, the writer plants an insidious seed which will eventually poison the land that sustains him. Furthermore, this naked fear and hatred of homosexuals paradoxically and simultaneously confirms the power of plurality and the writer's impotence in comparison. Mr. Jenkins' spurious arguments are anachronistic at best; unchecked, however, they threaten to tear apart and, consequently, destroy our country and its position in the world today.

Sincerely,
Peter Oishi
Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, PA

Student Affairs Thanks RA

To the Editor:

I am certain that the entire Washington College community, especially the residents of the International House, join me in thanking Brian Gimelson, the East Hall RA, for his speedy and thoughtful reaction to the room fire Sunday night [September 22] in his building. His responsible actions prevented a very dangerous situation from becoming a tragic one.

Edward E. Maxcy
Ass. Dean of Students

Weekly Absurdity

Isn't Governor Schaefer's proposed budget absurdity enough? The regular Weekly Absurdity will return in two weeks time, letters permitting.

CAMPUS VOICES

QUESTION - What news events (national or international) have you heard of in the past week?

Ken Pipkin
Baltimore, MD
Freshman

None this week, but I usually go into the periodical room to read the news, or whatever I catch off television late at night.

Elisa Hale
Windsor, CT
Sophomore

Aside from Dr. Seuss and Miles Davis dying?

Tarin Towers
Grantsville, MD
Sophomore

In the forefront of my mind are the people in the middle of the road trying to figure out what liberal and PC is and isn't, especially when confronted with narrow minded anti-feminists like Camille Paglia.

Curt Millington
Baltimore, MD
Freshman

None. The only news I know is that there's a child molester in my neighborhood at home.

Nancy Millhouser
Timonium, MD
Freshman

I know my local news in Baltimore, but not national news.

Forrest George
Frederick, MD
Sophomore

None. I usually try and keep up, but...

Campus Voices Trivialized Security Aspect of Phone Issue

by Ann Veiga

As a student of Washington College, I am truly embarrassed by Campus Voices in last week's *Elm*. Despite the fact that only students were interviewed (an insufficient representation of the campus community), the responses were shocking. I presume the interviewed were approached at 6 am in the morning and their pictures were taken some time after noon. If so, I can therefore understand their responses as I myself am not a fully functioning, thinking human being while it is still dark outside.

Students, if you truly think it is *worthwhile* to have a campus phone hookup in every dorm room - if you have an *opinion* on this issue - why degrade the issue by complaining about fellow students' inability to relay messages or neglect in answering the phone? Pointing out minor human failings will not help the remaining college community to realize that there are real legitimate reasons for a phone hookup. Yes, the expense for an outside hookup is atrocious, and for the average college student, not affordable. Whether you hold these opinions or have no opinion whatsoever, do not overlook the most basic, legitimate reason - security.

Schools competitive to Washington College have recently, or are in the process of, installing a campus phone line in each room. Colleges such as Goucher, Sweet Briar, and Pitzer defend their investment not only because of the convenience it gives to administration, faculty, and staff if students need to be contacted, but primarily for the students' safety. The students have a direct line to campus security if emergencies arise. In the case of family emergencies, students are readily able to receive the call, not having to depend on a hall phone and fallible human beings.

Anything can happen (by outside or inside forces) on a college campus, as Josephine the Fly clearly pointed out to us last week. We were also informed in the *Elm* that it will be a requirement in 1992 to make campus crime statistics public to help students and parents be aware of safety risks they may be taking when choosing a college. Although Washington College's crime rate is much lower than those of other colleges, why not practice preventative security, even if that means each room is only equipped with a direct line to security?

I hope that those who support the mental and physical health of the Washington College community by their generous contributions will soon realize that we will be able to fully enjoy these gifts only if we are ultimately prevented from harm. Perhaps they will hear the plea for preventative security.

Until then, students, pease do not forget to place you robe near arms' reach, leave a quarter out on your night table, memorize 778-2800 ext. 310 dutifully, practice running to the hall phone (Cardinal residents may have to throw on a pair of sneakers to get to their phone and the remaining new dorm residents should walk, not run down their stairway so as not to fall), and finally, learning a prayer or two may help while you are patiently waiting for an answer if an emergency arises.

WC Students Out of Touch With World Events

by Sherry Menton

As our Campus Voices poll for this week has demonstrated, it is not always easy for students at WC to find out about world events. In the past week, President Bush and now Congress are seriously considering invading Iraq again to enforce UN mandates, Judge Clarence Thomas has moved one step closer to sitting on the US Supreme Court, Governor Schaefer has submitted a budget that will cut 25% from private college funding (which promises to drastically affect Washington College), and revolutions and civil wars are continuing all over the world. Many students remain oblivious to the majority of these crucial events.

The Periodical Room of Miller Library is the surest bet for students who want to know what's going on outside (and sometimes even inside) Chestertown, but a student would have to be a dedicated news buff (or have a class assignment to read the paper!) to make a special trip to the Periodical Room every day.

The Snack Bar has a television for use by its patrons, and students could catch the news there, were it not that Cheers is on almost as often as the news is during 5-7 pm.

The main problem with trying to watch television news (and I speak from experience, as an unreformed newsaholic Washingtonian) is that most students have other places to be during 5-7 pm than in their rooms, or a friend's room, or a dorm lounge, watching the news. One place that on-campus students are almost certain to be at some point during that time, however, is the WC Dining Hall.

Those of you who attended the Spring Fling night at WCDS last year may remember that a television was set up in one corner of the dining hall, showing "Field of Dreams." It would be wonderful if a television could be placed in the dining hall every night at dinnertime. Students who want to hear the news could sit in that wing of the dining hall, and students who aren't interested can ignore it just as they ignore the noise produced by everybody else's conversations. And even for those who chose not to pay attention to the news, they would at least be reminded that the outside world isn't waiting for us.

In an era of instant global communication, when political and business matters can change hourly, Washington College is doing its students a disservice if it does not make every effort to keep them aware of the social, political, and economic changes that are reported daily in the news. Providing a television in the dining hall so students can have easy access to the news would be relatively painless for the WC bureaucracy to deal with, and would be of great benefit to students.

The *Elm* will not be
printed next week
because of
Fall Weekend.

In the meantime,
we will still be accepting
your letters and comments.
The *Elm* will return
on October 18.

Next Campus Voices Topic:

If Governor Schaefer's funding cuts to private colleges mean that WC has to cut its own budget, what programs would you take funding away from?

Articles on this topic or about MD's budget cuts in general are welcome. Deadline is October 14.

In the World...

US, Soviets Reduce Nuclear Arms

WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Cold War is really over! On Saturday, President Bush announced a plan to withdraw all short-range nuclear weapons intended for use against Soviet troops in the event of a general war. The U.S. will also eliminate nuclear cruise missiles from ships and submarines. These are the biggest steps yet towards reversing the arms race. Moscow is preparing counterproposals to be presented later in the week, and is urging other nuclear powers to do the same. Deputy Foreign Minister Vladimir Petrovsky is quoted as saying "Today we have a real chance of a breakthrough to a nuclear-free world."

MARYLAND

Governor Schaefer has announced a $450 million cut in state spending. The plan includes 1,766 permanent layoffs and the elimination of 419 vacant positions. Two medevac helicopter bases will be closed, welfare and drug addiction programs will be sharply curtailed, and the General Public Assistance program for the poor will be eliminated.

HAITI

President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, who is Haiti's first freely elected president and an enormously popular Roman Catholic priest, was arrested on Monday by rebel soldiers. The government is negotiating "to at least save the president's life." The soldiers have seven demands, including greater independence of the military and reinstatement of several officers fired after Father Aristide became president.

GERMANY

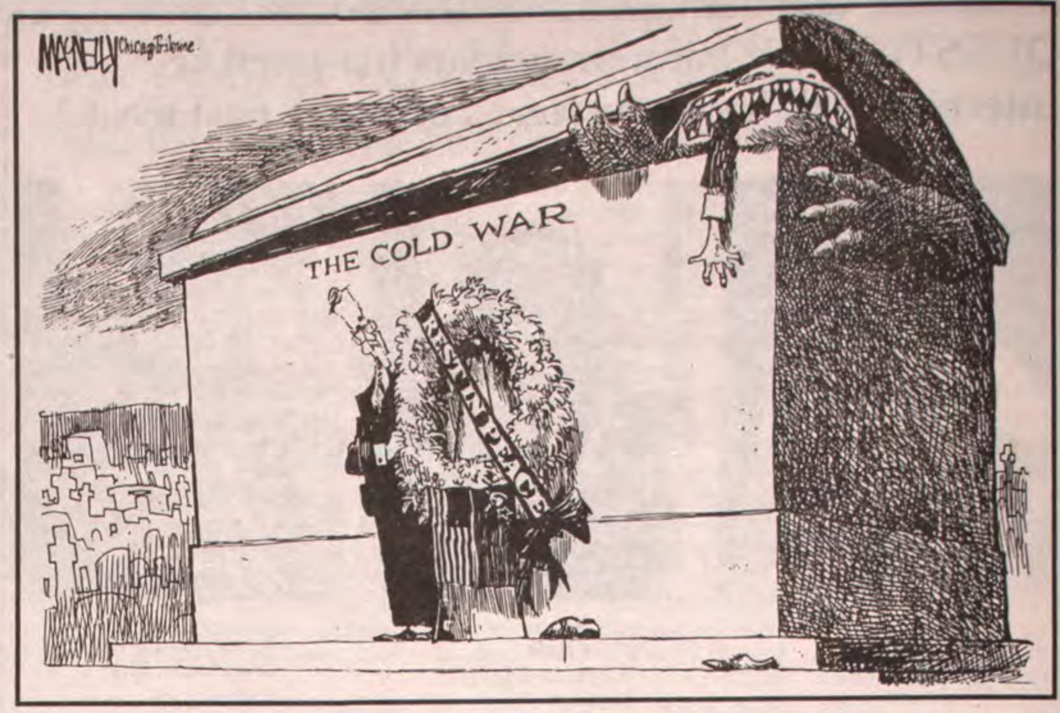
Thursday marked the first anniversary of Germany's unification. Although this should be a happy occasion, many eastern Germans have been disappointed by the year of unification; as many have felt exploited and belittled by the richer western Germans. The writer Fritz J. Raddatz was quoted as saying "On the map we are unified, but in our heads we certainly aren't." The prejudice between eastern and western Germans is so great that now another sort of wall has been built between them: one known as the "wall in the head."

U.S.A.

America mourns the death of one of its most beloved children's authors, Dr. Seuss. The influential writer wrote 4 of the top 10 best-selling children's books of all time and won a Pulitzer Prize in 1984 for his services to children's literature. He died on the 24th at age 87.

On Saturday, September 28, our country also lost a great jazz musician, Miles Davis. Davis, a trumpet player who lived to age 65, was one of the originators of the "cool jazz" style; and produced such albums as "Porgy and Bess," "Miles Ahead," and "Bitches Brew."

compiled by Tanya Allen



Tough Choices: How to Balance the Budget

by Governor William Donald Schaefer

The most difficult job I've had in the past few weeks has been balancing the state budget, and I thought you would like to know how some of the decisions were made. I'm not happy with these decisions, because people are going to feel the impact of these cuts, but I am required by law to balance the budget. There are alternatives.

A variety of factors contributed to the $450 million shortfall for this fiscal year. Among them: the recession has produced lower revenues from the sales tax and income tax, because people are spending less and many are earning less. Unemployment has helped drive up some of our more expensive aid programs – programs we have to fund. Since 1989, state aid to health care has gone up $300 million, spending on welfare and social services has increased $129 million, and costs for prisons and public safety has climbed by $155 million. Higher education, an important area which I committed to improving, has gone up by $91 million since 1989.

I am constantly told to "cut the fat" and cut unnecessary spending, but did you know that in the past few years, we have whittled away at other areas of government, cutting $85 million since 1989 from the bureaucracy and assistance to private groups. Last year, we trimmed 3,300 state jobs during cost containment efforts that cut more than $600 million from state spending.

Now, how do we go about balancing the budget for the current fiscal year? You might think that in an $11.5 billion state budget, it shouldn't be too hard to find a spare $450 million. But $7.1 billion of the total budget is made up of "mandated" expenses, programs the federal government requires us to fund. They include all the requirements passed down to us in the federal budget, education spending – this helps the local governments – the courts, the General Assembly, and payments on debt services for construction of schools, wastewater treatment plants, and other buildings. That leaves just $4.4 billion that can be cut, and this year we had to trim 10 percent of that to bring the budget in line with revenues.

Where did we cut? We made average across-the-board cuts of 6.5 percent to state agencies, which follow last year's 6.5 percent reductions. We cut non-mandated state aid by 25 percent, or $103 million, the maximum allowed under the law with legislative approval. This affects local government aid, paying for county police, health departments, community colleges, and the school breakfast program. Private institutions, like private colleges, the Baltimore Zoo and National Aquarium, historical sites, and the University of Maryland Medical Systems, also were cut 25 percent.

Some programs were eliminated outright, like the General Public Assistance (GPA) program that pays benefits for 24,000 of the state's poorest people, and the state-only Medicaid program that goes with GPA. We had to eliminate what we now have to consider "luxury" items in public safety: education, recreation, anc counseling services for prison inmates. With fewer chances to earn "good credits" that help speed their releases, inmates will end up staying longer in prison, and the state will effectively be in the business of "warehousing" inmates. Finally, the total effect of all the cuts will involve laying off more than 1,700 state workers and eliminating another 419 vacancies, reducing the statewide workforce by nearly 8 percent this year alone.

None of these decisions came easily, and each cut spells further potential problems for jails, hospitals, and shelters. The University of Maryland chose to balance its budget by increasing tuition, an option I'm not happy about. Reductions in local health aid means Maryland's counties won't have state money to spend on school nurses, restaurant inspectors, and basic local health services. The individual agency reductions means closing two State Police barracks, closing 22 Youth Services bureaus, and reducing grants for foster care and Aid to Families with Dependent Children. The $2 million cut form the Public Defender's Office means as many as 140 appeals a month will be deferred, choking an already strained judicial system. The state's Property Tax Appeals Board's reductions will mean the board will stop hearing appeals after Nov. 1. The $3 million reduction from the Department of Economic and Employment Development reduces opportunities for what could be lucrative foreign trade.

I don't like this plan, because it ends up hurting people who need our help the most. Unfortunately, right now, we don't have a choice, because as I said, the law states that the budget must be balanced. Make no mistake about it, there is no "fat" to be cut. Whatever is left – if eliminated – is going to hurt someone, somewhere. Some people are going to be shocked by this. I also don't like the burden that's being passed on to local governments.

A year ago I proposed a tax package that would have helped us avoid a lot of these reductions. My proposal was rejected because some didn't like it, didn't think it was needed. I have not proposed taxes to balance this budget, because that's something I couldn't have counted on. The cuts *had* to be made from what was available.

Through these difficult next few months, I want you to know that people will continue to be our No. 1 priority – we're just having to re-think how we deliver some services. And if ever before we needed new ideas and innovation, it's now. We need new ideas on helping prisoners, helping children, and treating the disabled. We need state agencies, local governments, and the private sector to work together to find new ways to treat old problems. There are alternatives to taking these kinds of steps to balance the state budget. My concern is that these reductions throw us backward. Remember it takes about 10 seconds to demolish a building, but it can take many years to rebuild it. That's the kind of rebuilding we would be facing in Maryland.

As always, I appreciate hearing from you. Write me: Governor William Donald Schaefer, State House, Annapolis, MD 21401.

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Josephine the Fly

by Tanya Allen

Brenda flew away, leaving Josephine alone on the bench overlooking Minta Martin. "Brenda!" Josephine cried, starting to fly after her, "Brenda! Which way did you go...come back! Brenda! Let me help you!" Josephine stopped and stared wildly into the darkness. Her friend had completely disappeared. "Brenda!" Josephine's voice was thin and frightened, and she began to also call for "Napoleon? Napoleon!" The only sound she could hear was that of seven drunk lacrosse players singing the Frankie Goes To Hollywood song.

"We lax, we do it
When the Coach says go
to it...."

Frightened, Josephine took a breath and plunged into the night. "Brenda?" she called her friend's name as she flew, her voice quavering. "Napoleon? *Someone?*" She flew across the crosswalk. "Hello? Gee..." she said to herself as she sighted the Lit. House, "That looks like a pretty place...." she could see some students through the windows, sipping wine, and she could hear them yelling to each other about the library's current display of banned books. "Can you believe...?" one yelled at another, "Can you believe that Maurice Sendack's *In The Night Kitchen* has been banned in some schools?"

"No way, man!" yelled another, "I love that book!"

"Yeah!" said the first, "And another banned *A Doll's House* because it had feminist thought in it, and others banned *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, and *A Wrinkle in Time*, and they even banned Big Papa's favorite book— *The Catcher in the Rye*, the one he mentions at least once a class period, in every class he teaches! Can you believe it? I'll bet *he's* upset! And, man, the list goes on! Just about every cool book there is has been banned at some time or another!"

"Yeah!" said a chick in a long skirt and jangly earrings, "Another school banned *The Old Man and the Sea....*"

"The Old Man and the Sea?" Oh man, how can that book possibly be controversial? It's about a man...who goes fishing! He goes *fishing!* Horrors! Controversy!"

"Oh, people are just so ridiculous...." another lit-house lady said. Josephine could also see a lone computer screen glowing in a room upstairs, and a long-haired man loping through the kitchen, then stopping to stare at a sheet of paper, muttering, "Is it 'YAWP, Young Aggressive Writers and Poets,' or 'YAWN, Young Aggressive Writers and Novelists?' Oh, who knows...."

Josephine was about to enter the building, when she heard a familiar voice coming from the garden behind the house.

"They destroyed the Elm!" the voice was saying.

"Napoleon?" Josephine whispered. "Nap...!" she started to rush toward the sound, then stopped as she heard more of what it was saying.

"They destroyed the Elm, therefore they must be destroyed themselves!"

"Yeah! Yeah!" a caterpillar cheered. "This school *sucks!*"

Josephine ducked under a picnic table and peered out from behind one of its legs. Her beloved Napoleon was standing in the center of a circle of bugs, his eyes glowing, his front legs rubbing together. "We shall destroy them!" he cried. "We shall destroy the administration! The faculty! The students! The dining hall workers! The security guards! Everyone! We shall destroy them all! Bugs! Let us review what we have done so far!"

"We," cried a gnat, "Are the 'bugs' in the computer network— the ones that keep making it go down!"

"And we," cried a moth, "Are also the ones who caused the culture van to blow up, and later the Somerset washing machine!"

"And we," cried a bee, "Are the ones who bring viruses to the campus computers!"

"And we," cried a grasshopper, "Are the ones who are making so many of the students 'catch bugs' and get sick!"

"And we," cried a cockroach, "Are the ones who jump up and down on the dorm toilet handles and make them flush, thereby scalding showering students! And to think," she went on, "To think that everyone thought it was the *Freshmen* who dared to flush and scald without yelling a warning! Ha ha ha ha ha!"

"Together!" Napoleon yelled, "Together we will slowly, but surely, cripple the school and everyone in it! Together, we will get revenge! Together, we will bring about the end of the WAC!

It's the end of the WAC as we know it
It's the end of the WAC as we know it
It's the end of the WAC as we know it
And we feel fine...."

Josephine shuddered as she listened to the bugs sing the REM song. "This is horrible!" she said to herself, "Simply horrible! Napoleon's gone mad! He must be stopped! What am I going to do?"

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Awards will not be made in areas such as business administration and management, communications, health sciences, home economics, journalism, library science, counseling, personnel and guidance, public health, social work, fine arts and performing arts, and education.

Awards also will not be made for work leading to terminal master's degrees, doctorates in education (PhD or EdD), Doctor of Fine Arts (DFA) degrees, or professional degrees in such areas as medicine, law, or business.

Tenure of a postdoctoral fellowship provides postdoctoral research experience at an appropriate non-profit institution of higher education or research of the Fellow's choice.

Appropriate institutions include universities, museums, libraries, government or national laboratories, privately sponsored non-profit institutes, government chartered non-profit research organizations, and centers for advanced study.

Fellowships will be tenable at any accredited nonprofit United States institution of higher education offering PhDs or ScDs in the fields eligible for support in this program.

Each predoctoral fellowship will include an annual stipend of $11,500 to the Fellow, and an annual institutional grant of $6,000 to the fellowship institution in lieu of tuition and fees.

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Banned Books Celebrated

"Books and ideas are the most effetive weapons against intolerance and ignorance." Lyndon B. Johnson

by Eve Zartman and Kris Wallenburg

The freedom to talk about sex, violence, racism, and the inequalities of man (universal meaning) in our society are in jeopardy unless we protect the right to express even those views we do not agree with. This week, Banned Book week (September 28 - October 5), is "the celebration and reaffirmation of the ideals expressed in the Bill of Rights." This week's celebration is to remind us of our basic rights, some of which we take for granted. Our forefathers developed the ideals by which our society functions; we are supposed to be able to read books and express ideas without the fear of persecution. This week many libraries throughout the United States, including the Miller Library, are displaying various banned books in their lobbies. Do you remember the books you read in high school? Some of them may be included on this following list. This is an incomplete list of books that have been banned in various areas throughout the United States, which are presently or proposed to be banned for 1991:

Huckleberry Finn; Catcher In the Rye; Catch-22; Slaughterhouse-Five; Of Mice and Men; To Kill a Mockingbird; Fahrenheit 451; Gulliver's Travels; Charlie and the Chocolate Factory; Where's Waldo?; A Wrinkle in Time; The Color Purple; Don Quixote; Gone With the Wind; Grapes of Wrath; The Great Gatsby; Great Expectations; Hamlet; Oliver Twist; The Scarlet Letter; Canterbury Tales; Macbeth; The Wizard of Oz; Biology Textbooks; The Talmud (the Jewish Bible); *Our American Heritage; Brave New World; Animal Farm; History of a Free People; The Lord of the Flies; The Glass Menagerie; Homemaking: Skills for Everyday Living; For Whom the Bell Tolls; How to Eat Fried Worms; I, Claudius; Invisible Man; The Jungle; King Lear; Little Red Riding Hood; Just-Right Family: Cabbage Patch Kid Series; Man and Superman; 1984; The Odyssey; Oedipus Rex; The Old Man and the Sea; One flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest; The Outsiders; Paradise Lost; The Pearl; The Prince and the Pauper; The Red Badge of Courage; Rise of American Civilization; Rumplestiltskin; A Separate Peace; System of Logic; Tarzan; Ulysses; Uncle Tom's Cabin; Watership Down; We the People - History of the US; Webster's Dictionary;* Wuthering Heights; *The Crucible;* The Critique of Pure Reason; *The Day They Came to Arrest the Book;* and yes, even Trout Fishing in America.

[Admittedly, this list has been edited, the complete list is available in the library.]

You must have read at least three or four of these books since the fifth grade. Some of the books mentioned in this list must appear preposterous. Can a book about trout fishing really damage anyone?

Remember in grade school and high school, when the majority of these books constituted summer reading assignments and were later openly discussed in the classroom environment? What kind of a country do we live in when we prohibit self-exploration and self-actualization usually brought about by reading books such as Charlie and the Chocolate Factory? Why are people prohibited from reading books that bring about inspiration, imagination and free thought?

However, there are some individuals who, by their actions, exhibit a disrespect for the essence of the Bill of Rights when it is what protects their disrespect. The object of the Banned Book Week is to express open-mindedness and the toleration of ideas that are not necessarily our own. Don't let others chose what you can read, "for Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise there of; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances." Celebrate your freedom to read; read a banned book!

Flower Power: *Pollinate!*

A Possible Birth Control Policy for Bees?

By Jason Truax and Kris Wallenburg

What are flowers? For some people, flowers are a symbol of romance; for others, they are a representation of beauty. And for the majority of us, they are the cause of allergic reactions during different seasons of the year.

But what do flowers represent at Washington College? The most impressive display of this bastion of pollen can be observed from the library terrace. This display, possibly known as the WC Botanical Garden, has attracted many visitors, both of the human and insect species.

This visitor population has increased over the past couple years. The most recent evidence of this was the increased attendance at the Bach luncheon, where the performance of the "Flight of the Bumble Bee" was very auspicious.

The WC Botanical Garden has prospered over the years with the addition of several different kinds of flowers. The polymorphistic flowers tend to appear at selected times throughout the course of the year.

One should expect the appearance of fresh, colorful impatients in the month of August, just before the students return and the occurrance of convocation.

In October, just prior to Parent's Weekend, a new arrangement of flowers on the terrace, usually chrysanthemums, is always evident.

As March comes in like a lion, so do the Easter lilies, daffodills, and tulips that give the campus the appearance of an innocent lamb.

An outbreak of vincas (otherwise known as bright eyes) appears just as the senior class ends its journey through their college education and prepares to dance to the tune of "Pomp and Circumstance".

The morphistic realm of these miraculous plants brings to mind implementing a possible birth control policy for bees - have you ever noticed how many bees there really are?

As animals are protected from inhumane treatment by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelity to Animals (SPCA); we should form a task force to protect plants from inhumane treatment, up-rooting, and pollination by other species (no correlation intended). A species should be able to live in harmony with its "brothers" and "sisters" without having to associate with the annoying man.

So, our first official action as the Society for the Prevention of Cruelity to Plants (SPCP), we call for the convocation of perpetual flower power. We, the plants, on behalf of our distant cousins, request that the horticulture specialists refrain from quarterly decapitating our forefathers, who probably adourned General George's table.

Instead, we suggest that the Horticultural Society of WC plant flowers that appear annually without the necessity to up-root the pre-existing plants; or, adopt a program called Rent a Flower - where WC rents out the pre-existing flowers for weddings, anniversaries, convocations, or bar mitzvahs.

Results from the Kent Super Stars

by Kathy Mullan

The Kent Super Star Competition held from September 16-21 was a huge success as the kick-off activity for the United Way's 1991-92 program here in Kent County. Of the 14 total teams that competed in the various events, 8 of these teams consisted of Washington College students, who enthusiastically decided to participate in this community function.

Not only was the competition a success for the United Way, but also for the 2 particular WC teams that placed first and second in the overall events and finished as the true Kent Super Stars. Sweeping first place was The Annoying Table from Hell! team Part 2: George Jamison, Joel Brown, Brian Coleman, and Bruce Alexander; and turning up in second position (only one point beneath the winners) the Theta Chi team #1: Darren Vican, Tom O' Bara, Scott Verstandig, and Spencer Beck. Both teams received medals for their athletic achievements and excellence in their events.

The other six WC teams earned excellent results and nobly represented our college in their efforts: in fifth place, the Hands Out team (Doug Peterson, Kevin Marshall, Kathy Mullan and John Phoebus) and Laura Green's team (Kate Towery, Kara Weisenbaugh, and Peter Martin); in sixth place, the Stumps - a.k.a. The Washington College Elm representatives (Kris Wallenburg, Emily Daignaut, Julie Greene and Greg Coss); in eighth place, the ZTA team (Rebecca Smith, Natalie Guiberson, Casey Carroll, Kathleen Kwapp and Amy Usilton); and finishing in eleventh and twelfth place, the Annoying Table from Hell team Part 1 (Mary Holmes, Tanya Allen, Tara Kidwell, and Mike Tarrant) and the Theta Chi team #2 (Jeff Lim, Michael Ginns and Kris Murphy).

Congratulations to all the participants—you were all Kent Super Stars for your athletic achievements and determined efforts to support our local community United Way and to prove that WC students have a willing and energetic spirit to complement our Chestertown surroundings.

The next Hands Out monthly event will take place on Saturday, October 19, and we are in need of at least 30 volunteers to help paint various barns and sheds for Camp Fairlee Manor, a local camp for physically disabled persons sponsored by the Easter Seals Foundation. Sign-ups for this activity will begin the week of October 14, and all are encouraged to participate by stopping at the Hands Out table in the cafeteria. Join our efforts in spending a day of work and fun to help a community in need of our service!

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Baltimore Artist Carol Wood to Exhibit Work

Carol Wood, whose dark, abstract drawings and paintings have received considerable attention in several recent Baltimore exhibitions, will display her recent work in an exhibition opening tonight at Washington College in Chestertown. The exhibit, in the Gibson Performing Arts Center Gallery, will be on display Thursdays - Sundays from 1 - 5 p.m., and a reception will be held today at 5 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

Carol Wood's paintings are distinguished for emphasizing movement and texture over figural representation. She titles her exhibit at Washington College "Black Paintings" in a reflection of her use of charcoal and black paint thickly laid over her canvasses to give a strong sculptural effect. She says of these paintings, "unhindered by explicit imagery, the dark sculpted surfaces suggest a metaphor for compassion by orienting the eye toward feeling as much as toward seeing. I am interested in the most immediate kinds of perceptions – in tactile, sensuous things."

Carol Wood, who studied at the Sorbonne and received her M.F.A. from the Maryland Institute, College of Art in 1986, has exhibited her work in fourteen shows in Maryland and Delaware over the past four years. John Dorsey of the Baltimore Sun writes of her work, "here is someone who has a feeling for the beauty of the thing as well as the making of it . . . the best of her paintings show a general visual field rather than a focused image . . . reminiscent of Mark Tobey."

Carol Wood is the second of five regional women artists whose work will be shown at Washington College as part of its celebration of a centenary of coeducation. For more information about the exhibit call (301) 778-2800, ext. 402.

Leslie Workman Lectures On Medievalism In America

by Cindy Young

Those of you who noticed the signs around campus for the recent lecture "Medievalism in America" may have wondered how these two subjects could have anything to do with each other. The lecture was presented by Leslie J. Workman, the founding editor of *Studies in Medievalism*, who will preside over a conference on medievalism at the University of Delaware. Workman began his lecture by reading from a paper he had written about the factors of the Middle Ages which shaped America from the 17th to the19th centuries, and then answered questions from the audience.

Even though we don't think of our society as medieval, there are many elements which Workman pointed out that were derived from the Middle Ages. Literature, for example, contains many elements of medievalism. Author James Fenimore Cooper created an American chivalrous hero in *The Last of the Mohicans*. Washington Irving reflected medieval thought in his writing, and Emerson belonged to a Harvard literary club called the Knights of the Square Table.

Even science fiction incorporates some of the ideas of medievalism by constructing alternative societies which are either societies based on technology or the Middle Ages.

The idea of chivalry, which is normally thought of in conjunction with medievalism, has played an important role in American society. Southern chivalry, which was most present during the Civil War, has its roots in medievalism, and the western cowboys resembled the knights. Also in relation to chivalry is the fascination with Arthurian lore, including the Grail legends which are an important part of literature.

The influence of medievalism can also be seen in architecture. Gothic churches were built in Boston and Baltimore and all throughout the eastern coast in the 1840's. Downing, the architect who designed the original Smithsonian building in Washington, D.C. which is now commonly called "the Castle," used a medieval or gothic style, and perhaps we are fortunate that he died when he did in 1843, or our nation's capital would resemble a medieval fortress.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Jazz Extravaganza Opens in Chestertown

by Kathy Mullen

Janes United Methodist Church at Cross and Cannon Streets in Chestertown, Maryland is having its Second Annual JAZZ EXTRAVAGANZA on this Saturday, October 5th, 1991, at Wilmer Park (by the Washington College boathouse and pavilion) from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. The EXTRAVAGANZA is sponsored by the Renovation Committee to raise funds for the extensive restoration program planned by the general church body, and its purpose is to restore the church to its former position as a center of community life. The suggested donation for all who attend this fun-filled afternoon is $5, and generous gifts have already been made by: The National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Maryland Historical Trust, the Kent County Historical Trust Preservation, Inc., and the Kent County Historical Society. Chesapeake Associated Architects, Inc. and its president, Peter Newlin, have completed many hours of free service to the project. If all goes well, restoration of the masonry and exterior painting is expected to begin near the end of October. The overall cost of this first phase is estimated at $200,000.

The Extravaganza will feature Randolph Johnson, better known as "JAZZ," the great vocalist and saxophonist. Jazz will conduct his All-Star Jazz Group, featuring Earl Price on the Hammond organ; Roland McGill, as tenor saxophonist; Mario Teoli at the trumpet, and Wayne Morgan on percussions. The group promises to top last year's performance in convincing all who attend to become lovers of all music: jazz, pop, rock n' roll, or classical.

There will be plenty of food and beverage for all: "Tea Party" ribs, fish, chicken and Maryland Crab Cakes, fried potatoes, baked beans biscuits, sodas and assorted baked goodies. As additional activities, an Arts and Crafts table will feature some unusual items, and helium inflated balloons will also be on sale at the entrance of the park. Come on out to enjoy the afternoon and help support the needs of a local church!

(Reverend Victor A. Harrison is the pastor of Janes Church, and Ralph Deaton is the chairman of the Renovation Committee within the church.)

Story Contest

Smith-Corona and *Story* have teamed up for the 1992 *Story* College Short Fiction Competition. *Story*, the magazine that first published Truman Capote, Carson McCullers, J.D. Salinger and other legendary writers, is continuing its tradition as the magazine of discovery for promising new writers with this college writing competition. Smith-Corona will be its sponsor.

The 1992 *Story* Competition grand prize winner will be awarded $500 cash and a new Smith-Corona 8000LT laptop personal word processor. The second place winner will receive a Smith-Corona PWP 3200 personal word processor, and a Smith-Corona PWP 1200 personal word processor will be awarded to the third best entry. Seven additional manuscripts will be chosen as Honorable Mentions and will receive Certificates of Merit. All winning manuscripts will be considered for publication in *Story*. If published, the writers will receive $250 on acceptance.

Each issue of *Story* offers over 100 pages of short stories by writers on the brinks of their careers, as well as well-known authors such as Joyce Carol Oates, Bobbie Ann Mason, and Tobias Wolff.

The *Story* College Short Fiction Competition is open to all students, undergraduate or graduate, who are currently enrolled in college. Only original, unpublished manuscripts consisting of 1,500 to 5,000 typed words will be accepted from each entrant. The $12 entry fee includes a one-year subscription to *Story*. Entries must be postmarked by midnight, December 31, 1991.

For additional information about the 1992 *Story* College Short Fiction Competition, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to *Story*, 1507 Dana Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45207.

The Return of Open Mike Night

by Julie Greene

This past Friday night marked the return of the infamous Open Mike Nite at the Student Center. An obvious newcomer to this scene made a comment which I feel appropriately describes the atmosphere of this series, "Why is it M-I-K-E? It's M-I-C! Don't these people know how to spell?" Whether or not the misspelling of, what Greg Coss has refered to as an "orgasmic" event, was accidental or not, it describes the craziness that goes on during these evenings.

As all Open Mike Nite fans know, the Sacred Cows established themselves at this event last year, and this year promises to introduce more talent of their caliber to the WC campus.

Senior Raphael Koster opened the 1991-92 season with an original called *Fire From Heaven*, which he played on acoustic guitar. Abrah Wilberding and Tanya Allen provided backup vocals for Raph as he performed Paul Simon's *Loves Me Like A Rock*. He followed with the Indigo Girls' *Blood and Fire* and then dedicated *Waltzing With Bears* to the late Dr. Seuss. Raph deserves much credit for maintaining the flow of creativity Friday night.

Abrah then honored the crowd with her rendition of the *Gilligan's Island Theme* and on a more serious note, Tracy Chapman's *Behind The Wall*. Another soloist, Christabel Garcia-Zamor, sang Suzanne Vega's *The Soldier and The Queen*.

Without a doubt, one of the most memorable moments in Open Mike Nite history will be Chris "Meat" Spezio's lip sync version of Gerardo's *Rico Suave*. If you missed that one you should whip yourself with a wet noodle.

Chris' act was followed by, appropriately enough, his former roommate, Ciaran O'Keeffe, lip syncing Right Said Fred's *I'm Too Sexy*. The crowd responded enthusiastically to Ciaran's performance art. Ciaran later returned in a tux to perform an original, *Melancholy*, on keyboard. When asked what his inspiration for this piece was, Ciaran quietly related his story to this reporter. "I was at Grand Central Station when I saw this young lady standing across the platform from me. I approached her with an inquiry. 'Do you have the time?' I asked. She replied, 'For camel sex, yes, but not for you.'"

Sophomore Scott Graham pleased the crowd with his medley of Billy Joel hits including *Captain Jack*, *Piano Man*, and *She's Got A Way*. Jen Reddish and Katie Degentesh provided backup vocals for Scott. India Henson and Brenda Stanley entertained the crowd with a requested *Secret Lovers* by Atlantic Star and *I Wanna Sex You Up* by Color Me Badd.

The evening ended with a series of return performances. Meat came back to lip sync Boyz II Men's *Motownphilly*. Ciaran did a comedy sketch with a cello, and Abrah again moved us all with Simon and Garfunkel's *Cecilia*.

While there was a good crowd at this year's first Open Mike Night, all are encouraged to come to the next one, and if you don't want to get up on stage, be an active audience!

OCTOBER

Campus Paperback Bestsellers

1. **You Just Don't Understand,** by Deborah Tannen. (Ballantine, $10.00.) How men and women can understand each other better.
2. **Four Past Midnight,** by Stephen King. (Signet, $6.99.) Late-night hours filled with horror and terror.
3. **What Color is Your Parachute?,** by Richard Nelson Bolles. (Ten Speed Press, $11.95.) Career and job guide for 1991.
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The Indian Lawyer, by James Welch. (Penguin, $8.95.) A vivid evocation of the American West and a provocative tale of the paradoxes of assimilation.

The Odyssey of Homer, by Allen Mandelbaum, Transl. (Bantam, $3.95.) This new verse translation realizes the power and beauty of the original Greek verse.

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Campus Calendar of Events

Oct. 4-7 The Film Series presents IRON AND SILK, Norman James Theatre, 7:30pm.
Art exhibition of Carol Wood: Black Paintings, Gibson Performing Arts Center Gallery, opening reception 5 pm.
Oct. 8 Literary House film: "CARLOS FUENTES: prose reading and discussion," 7:30 pm.
Oct. 13 Film: THE GRIFTERS, Norman James Theatre, 7:30pm.
Oct. 14 O'Neill Literary House Monday Series presents Professor Tex Andrews, slide lecture on Vincent Van Gogh, O'Neill Literary House, tea at 4 pm, talk at 4:15pm.
Dance on Film: ANCHORS AWEIGH, Casey Forum, 6:30pm.
Oct. 15 Literary House film: "FRIDA KAHLO: PORTRAIT OF AN ARTIST," 7:30 pm.
Oct. 18 The Concert Series presents THE PEABODY TRIO, featuring a trio by Shulamit Ran, winner of the 1991 Pulitzer Prize in Music, 8 pm in Gibson.

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SPORTS

Crew hangs tough in Potomac

by Greg Coss

Last Saturday, the men's and women's crew teams discovered just how much water is between them and the powerhouses of big and small college crew. The teams traveled to Washington, D.C. to participate in the 11th Sculler's Head of the Potomac regatta. For those familiar with the Washington area, the rowing was held on a three-mile course that began at the downstream end of Fletcher's Cove, went underneath the Key Bridge and concluded at the Roosevelt Bridge. Within this area Washington would be exposed to some of the best crew teams they will face for quite a while.

Over thirty-five different teams ranging in location from Atlanta to New York competed in the events, and the competition was fierce. Two of the more notable teams in the event were Georgetown (a small college team like Washington) and Navy (big college division). These two schools excel in their respective divisions; they are perennial powerhouses, and Washington rowers were competing with them the entire day. Will Brandenburg competed in the men's open fours competition, John McCarthy and R.J. Eldridge entered the men's intermediate doubles, Leroy Gatell was in the men's lightweight singles, and John Mulvany and Terance McCabe were participants in the men's all comers event to name a few of the male entries for WC. The women entered a scull in the club eights division. In each case, WC was facing teams like George Mason, George Washington, and the Potomac Boat Club and this would take its toll on the confidence of the rowers.

"We didn't go to this event expecting to beat everyone," said crew Coach Mike Davenport. "It was good for us to go there and get our butts handed to us."

Davenport also added that winning isn't always the most important thing. "We faced very tough competition at the Potomac, maybe more than we were ready for," he said. "But really we went to the head of the Potomac for three reasons. We went for a good workout, for a good learning experience for the athletes, and to have fun. We accomplished all of these goals, so I'm quite happy."

Washington faced a lot of big name schools last week and to ask a school the size of 850 students to keep pace with them is a very tall order. But Washington gets its chance for glory October 26, when it travels to the head of the Schuylkill river in Philadelphia. The competition there will be more varied than it was at the Potomac. There will be 60 to 80 crew teams entered as opposed to the 35 they faced last Saturday. This should give Washington a chance to prove its toughness against the other small college rowers. Davenport said that this will be "a nice little test to see how resilient we are, and how hard we can work together as a team after the Potomac journey." He also added that in many of the events the distance the rowers cover is 5,000 meters, but that in real races they only cover 2,000. This should strengthen the team considerably. We will see just how strong the Potomac event has made the WC rowers three weeks from now, when they participate in Philadelphia. If you can find a ride to Philly, come see these guys. They're busting butts for you, so get off your a_ _.

Blenckstone strikes again vs. CU

by Greg Coss

WC's field hockey team proved themselves worthy of their big win over Catholic at the Salisbury State Sunfest Tournament by duplicating the feat nine days ago, 3-2. This kind of victory is so tough because the other team always looks so forward to avenging a defeat. But before Catholic could think revenge, they had to find a way to stop Washington's superstar two-way threat, Jenifer Blenckstone. They couldn't. As was the case in the first game between the two teams, the senior figured prominently in the Shorewomen's offensive scheme. She scored two goals in this one, including the game winner, and Sophomore Renee Guckert added the other tally as Washington once again was able to hold a one-goal lead over theCardinals. The Shorewomen's aggressive defensive style proved to be the difference, aided by the leadership of Blenckstone. Junior Brigid DeVries was only forced to make eight saves as the Shorewomen served notice once more that they can play well with the lead, recording their third one-goal victory of the season. The Shorewomen's victory was a very big one because they wouldn't have to worry about the tough Catholic squad again. They had beaten them twice and were sitting pretty with a 4-3 record, ready to begin facing their MA Southeast opponents. But the those happy Shorewomen face a major obstacle on their roa to prosperity when they trav eled to Elizabethtown last Sat urday. This obstacle woul prove to be a mountain, a Elizabethtown completely con trolled the pace of the game an shut down Washington, 3-0. Th offense, which in previou games had been quite efficient could not come through, an the defense was not up to pa either. Elizabethtown recorde a whopping thirty-four shots o goal, which indicates how wel DeVries played in goal. He thirty-one saves were only tw short of the school record fo saves in one game, held by Lind Anders in a 1988 game versu Western Maryland. After a bi win against Catholic, the tea may not have been mentall prepared for the strength o Elizabethtown.

Washington had a chanc to even their MAC record at 1- with a home game agains Albright last Tuesday. This wi be covered in next week's issu as well as games at Swarthmor yesterday and home agains Haverford this Tuesday at 4:0 p.m. Come see the Shorewome make the Haverford Fords loo like a bunch of Gerald Fords This is a big MAC rival so if yo get a chance, go see 'em. You' be glad you did!

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More Pro Picks from the Shoreboard

by Greg Coss (13-12 record but still stinging after Dallas upset the Giants)

Washington -2 1/2 over CHICAGO. The Bears never should have beaten the Jets, so they're not as good as their 4-1 record might indicate. I also like the Redskins because they have been scalping many different animals this year (Lions , Cardinals, Bengals, Eagles,) so why should Bears be any different? Take Washington and give the points.

CINCINNATI -3 1/2 over Seattle. Seahawks get seasick when they go on the road. I've always bet against the Seahawks, an d I've always won. They've paid for a lot of my dinners in the past, and a nice television set, and for that I like the Seahawks a lot. But not that much. Take Cincinnati and give the points.

Dallas -2 1/2 over GREEN BAY. After last week,, I'll never bet against them again. Besides, I don't want to scare Chris Spezio any more by risking his life. Take Dallas and give the points.

Denver +7 1/2 over HOUSTON. I think Houston still can't believe they lost to New England. Getting last week off wasn't enough, I think they needed thewhole month off after that one. Take Denver with the points.

N.Y. Jets EVEN over CLEVELAND. The Jets looked like concords last week against Miami. They are my darkhorse pick to get an AFC wild card birth this year. Take New York.

DETROIT -3 over Minnesota. I never thought I'd be saying this after they lost 45-0 on opening day, but the Lions will be in first place in the Central Division after six games. Barry Sanders is too hot to bet against also, and Herschel Walker called my mom a homeboy raiser. Take Detroit and give the points.

NEW ENGLAND +6 1/ over Miami. This may surpris a few people, but I think Do Shula may die with exactly th 300 wins he has right now. Tak New England with the points.

San Diego +8 over L.A RAIDERS. I can't help but thin the Chargers are overdue at 5. The Raiders may still be cel ebrating the big win over th 49'ers. They made good trade with S.F. for Lott and Craig now they need to trade awa their owner, Al Davis. Take Sa Diego with the points.

N.Y. GIANTS -9 ove Phoenix. The Giants are read to explode after losing to Dalla last week. Take New York an give the points.

Pittsburgh -6 pver INDI NAPOLIS. The Colts just got new coach. Big deal. They ca try new coaches, new cities play in, or even playing the games wearing women's u derwear. No matter what th do they still stink. Take Pitt burgh and give the points.

KANSAS CITY +3 ov Buffalo. The Bills just came a big win over Chicago and w suffer an emotional letdown this one. Also, to be perfect honest, I think Bruce Smith is total woosy for sitting out t season so far when he has f coatswhich cost more than mo players make. Take points, K

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Volleyball Gives, Takes Hits Over 2-Weeks of Grueling Play

Theresa Sganga, a vital part of WC volleyball, continues her tough road back from ankle surgery. *courtesy of Gary Brown*

by Greg Coss

Over the past couple of weeks, Washington College's volleyball team has both received and given out its share of lumps, but through it all continues to look like a squad that could challenge for third place in the Middle Atlantic Conference. Perhaps the reason that they can finish so high is their difficult schedule.The Shorewomen had a very tough time last weekend at the Salisbury State University Gull Classic, dropping four of five matches. However, these were all matches that the Shorewomen weren't expected to win; they were facing stronger opponents, much like three weeks ago in Gettysburg. Better yet, none of these matches affected their MAC Southwest record, which now stands at 1-1. When the Shorewomen play their other MAC opponents later in the month, they shouldn't see anything tougher than what they saw at Salisbury.

Things looked promising early for the Shorewomen when they took the first game in their tournament opener against Stockton State 15-8. However, the Shorewomen would fall in the next two games, 9-15, 8-15. WC then lost another tough three game match, this time to Allentown. After losing a close first game 11-15, the Shorewomen rebounded to take the second 15-10, only to run out of gas in the third game, 7-15. After losing in two games to both Shenandoah and Salisbury State, the Shorewomen stopped their slide with a thrashing of Lincoln (PA) 15-0, 15-2. WC's volleyball team would seem to be a beaten group at this point, if it weren't for two big wins the week before, particularly the one against Dickinson two weeks ago.

After having just completed their trip from the Gettysburg tournament, the Shorewomen stayed on the road to face Dickinson, their first MAC opponent. Washington lost the first game 15-9, but really did not play very well. This was encouraging, because to be off their game and still get nine points in a game showed that Washington had an excellent chance to win this one. Sure enough, the Shorewomen roared back to take the next three games, 15-10, 15-13, 15-10, demonstrating that they could win the close games. Senior Theresa Sganga made the highlight films when she performed a jump set during the Shorewomen's rally, despite her slow recovery from ankle surgery. This win was a huge confidence booster for the squad, and it showed when the Shorewomen crushed host Marymount three days later, 15-4, 16-14, 15-9.

Despite a straight game loss to Gettysburg that would follow these two wins, the team was starting to look very sharp. It should be noted that Gettysburg is the favorite to win the MAC conference this year and Washington played them very tough in all three games, getting as many as seven points against their powerhouse opponent.

The Shorewomen's overall record now stands at 6-9. But their conference record is 1-1 and the loss was to the best team in the conference. Gettysburg and Franklin and Marshall would appear to be the front runners in the league, but then Washington could sneak in at number three. If they do they have an excellent chance at qualifying for the MAC playoffs. But first they had to worry about an away match with Catholic and Mary Washington Tuesday night, which will be covered in the next issue, as well as WC's big event of the season for volleyball, the WC Invitational. This tournament will be held this weekend at Cain Gymnasium and features powerhouses Mary Washington and Wilmington. Come support a winner this Friday and Saturday. The times for this tournament are unavailable at this point but should be ;ater today. This tournament should prove to have the toughest competition that the Shorewomen have faced this season, so they surely could use your help.

Football: Phi's Surprise

by Greg Coss

The story of the 1991 flag football season has to be the turnaround of the Phi Delta Theta team. Last year they were 1-6 and scoring only 2.8 points a game, and this was in Division II play. This year, they are one drive away from being undefeated in Division I. The Basic Lambda's (5-0) drove the length of the field in forty seconds to edge the Phi Delt's (4-1), 9-8. The biggest difference between this year's team and last year's is quarterback Rory Conway, who has thrown for eight touchdowns and thrown for another six, making him the obvious pick for REC MVP. It appears that his Phi Delt's will have a chance to avenge their only loss. If the Lambda's beat the Dawgs, the Phi Delt's and Lambda's meet for the title.

Freshman James Alvarez of International House is the newcomer of the year, picking off seven passes and catching four for touchdowns. Along with Greg Mouracade and John Morall of the Lambda's, he rates third in scoring behind Conway and Todd Stephenson of Caroline.

To me, the biggest surprise at quarterback is the performance of junior Dan Kretzer. Not given the talent to work with last year with International House, he wasn't able to make a dent in the REC league superstar list. But this year he ranks number two behind Conway in quarterbacks. My hats off to a good guy and a great athlete who is finally getting the attention he deserves!

But Kretzer figures to play a role only in deciding the Division II title. The Division I title could be decided by how hot Conway gets in the championship game.

Pro Football's Big Upset of the Week:

Tampa Bay will upset the Philadelphia Eagles this weekend, only because the Eagles don't have a legitimate starting quarterback. I don't even think Pat Ryan could start for WC'sfootball team if they started one next season. But when McMahon returns, watch out for a dangerous Eagles team.

Soccer High After Big Tie With F&M

by Chris Vaughn

As Dick Enberg would say, OH MY! The Shoremen struck it big this past weekend as they recorded their first decision that wasn't a loss. Surprising the Franklin and Marshall unit, WC played one from the heart, showing an emotional level which had previously not been seen this season in tying F&M, 1-1.

Andrew "Alf" Prevost said, "This is the first game we actually wanted the ball and had a feeling of confidence and aggressiveness." And how true it was! The new defensive line up, appropriately labeled "The Iron Tapestry," shut down the Franklin and Marshall offense and when one of the few WC holes were exploited they were backed up by the 8 X 12 plywood plank in goal, Greg Miller.

It was a struggle to the end as the WAC was given a break late in the second half when Matt "Rocket" Cairns was taken down in the box. Benji "Gumby" Ward was called on for the penalty shot and authoritatively stuck it in to tie the score at 1-1.

The double overtime came and went as the score remained tied and the Shoremen came off with a renewed attitude.

"It wasn't a win but we've got to start somewhere," said Chris Kleberg.

The boys of WC took on top notch Elizabethtown yesterday and could only hope for the best. Look for the coverage next week. Hope you were there on the Kib Meister to see it.

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NEWS

Miller Library Automates Catalog

by Karyn Iacangelo

The Miller Library's automation of its' card catalog is nearly complete. The process has taken almost five years and has involved many people including students.

Back in 1986, the Miller Library first proposed a program to automate its facilities. This process involved faculty, students and library staff, as well as administration.

The first step was to get funding from the administration which occured in 1988. A consultant was hired to help guide the process. He wrote a report with suggestions as to which system would best suit the library's needs and compiled a list of six different systems.

Representatives for each system were then asked to come and give a demonstration of their system. In the winter and spring of 1989, demonstration were given to library staff, and interested students.

After all the demonstrations had been completed, the list of six was narrowed to four. At that time, the consultant came back and by the fall of 1990, sent out written requests for proposals. Each of the remaining four candidates complied and after the proposals were read, the list was narrowed to three.

With the list narrowed to three, library committee members, including Professor Cades, and Paul Bishop and interested staff visited ten colleges with one of these three systems. Site visits were to Bucknell University, Drew University, Franklin and Marchall College, Lafayette, Millersville State University, Moravian College, St. Mary's College of Maryland, Uniformed Services University, University of Maryland, and Ursinus College.

At this point, committee members sat down to decide what system was best for the Miller Library. By a unanimous decision, the committee decided to go with Innovative Innerfaces. The administration agreed and in August of this year, the contract was signed.

Throughout the whole process of automation, many students were involved. Some of these students have graduated but were a great help. These students are Jennifer Brown, Jennifer Crouch, Lionel Dyson, Marie Ensor, Dianna Holden, Kevin Holland, Karyn Iacangelo, Rose Jarboe, Karen Johnston, Amy Klamberg, Cathy Lease, Carolin Leibig, Debbie Limbrick, Beth Ann Sheppard, Melissa Sirik, Beth Speer, Mary Speer, Jennifer Trappnell and Abrah Wilberding. These students attended the free demonstrations and gave their input to library staff which aided in system selection, as well as having a castin vote in the selection.

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and women's varsity tennis team, the full board unanimously resolved the following:

Resolved, that the Washington College Board of Visitors and Governors supports the Administration for the actions taken in respect to the College's varsity tennis program. The Board further endorses the decision to self-report to the N.C.A.A.

Be it further resolved that the Board urges the Administration to continue its support of the tennis program as it has in the past, it commends the dedication of present and former players for their many achievements, it encourages all returning letter-winners to come back to the program, it thanks the three members of the tennis team for the excellent presentation to the Student Affairs Committee of the Board, and it welcomes their cooperation in seeking a resolution this matter.

Be it further resolved, that the Board Urges the Administration, with the assistance of the faculty and student body, to examine the process used by the College in complying with N.C.A.A. regulations with the aim of improving the level of communication, information, and cooperation between the Athletic Department and student athletes, and to report back to the Board with the results of that examination."

Fellows

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Program at Environmental Concern in St. Michaels, Maryland.

Julianne Dolde was a research assistant at Publick House and the H.F. Whitsitt Center, a drug and alcohol outpatient facility in Chestertown. Following up on her voluntary work at the Center, Julianne will assist in a research project on outpatient treatment experience and progress.

Steven Boucher spent his summer in London interning with the Hansard Society for Political Government. Steve took three courses, including a "substantial paper" at the University of London, as well as serving as staff to a member of Parliament.

Jennifer Grindle assisted the Kent County Historical Society Curator in cataloging and examining uninventoried materials. Meanwhile, Jennifer began her first draft of a novel drawn from her experiences growing up in a small Eastern Shore town.

Andrew Bohutinsky conducted research on economic reform in Hungary, specifically the effects of privatization on Hungary's economy.

Jennifer Griffin interned at the Walters Art Gallery in Baltimore, while Brooke Frank was an intern in the Maryland Governor's Office.

Lauren Montenegro, who graduated summa cum laude with departmental honors in psychology, was able to present the results of her two year study on "The Genuineness Trust Link" at a psychology research conference in Pennsylvania after receiving a supporting stipend from the Society.

Dr. Davy McCall, Chairman of the Economics Department, is serving as Curator of the Junior Fellows Program. The faculty committee of curators, which selects the students, consists of Dr. Donald Munson, Chair of the Biology Department and Curator of the Joseph H. McLain Program and Dr. Daniel Premo, Chair of the Political Science Department. Assisting the Committee are the Chairs of the Humanities, Social Sciences, and the Natural Sciences divisions. Dr. Lucille Sansing, Associate Dean of the College, Mr. Edward Maxcy, Associate Dean of Students, and Dr. Linda Cades, Director of Career Development, complete the selection committee.

[Information for this article was provided by Dr. Davy McCall, Curator for the Society of the Junior Fellows]

Correction:

Shoe String did not receive any fundng from the SGA. We regret the error.

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Alumni Symposium For Homecoming

Nine panelists representing women from 1924-1991 will be featured at a symposium given by the Alumni Association entitled, "A Century of Coeducation At Washington College: We've Come a Long Way, Alumnae." This symposium on Saturday, October 19, will focus on the educational, social, and political environment for women at WC over the last eight decades, and will be moderated by Lucille Sansing, Associate Dean of the College and professor of Sociology.

This symposium is part of the college's celebration of 100 Years of Coeducation. In September 1891 "By a resolution of the Board of Visitors and Governors, ladies are admitted to the College on the same conditions as gentlemen."

On Friday, October 18, from 8:30-4:30, Alumni are invited to return to the classrooms. At 8:00pm, the Washington College Concert Series presents: "The Peabody Trio," in Tawes Theater.

Saturday, October 19 at 9:30am, the SGA is having a T-Shirt sale. A limited number of shirts celebrating a century of coeducation will be available.

The Alumni Symposium will be given at 10:00-11:00am. Speakers include, Dorothy Myers, class of '24, a retired banker and community servant, Hilda Ott Micari, class of '38, retired employment manager Western Electric Co., Dorothy Leonard, class of '41, a retired teacher from St. Michaels, MD, Barbara "Bobbie" Delaney Turk, class of '55, Psychotherapist, and Baltimore Sun columnist, Linda Cades, class of '68, Director, Center for Career Development, Washington College, Verna Wilkins, class of '79, Press Secretary, chief spokesperson for Senator William Roth, Arlene Lee Hawkridge, class of '82, lawyer, Legal Aid Bureau, Centreville, MD, and Kathy Brewster, class of '92, President, Zeta Tau Alpha, Washington College.

Immediately following the symposium, President Trout will moderate a discussion entitled, "Increasing Cultural Diversity in the Washington College Community." Students are strongly encouraged to attend.

The Alumni, Faculty, and Students' Starlight Dance will take place on the College Terrace and feature a DeeJay playing #1 songs from 1941-1991, from 9:00-12:00. Beverages are courtesy of the Alumni Office.

Snickers Provides Nutty Evening of Entertainment

by Julie Greene

Snickers Comedy Club premired this past Wednesday night with a severe blow to the campus' funny bone. The Student Center had not been that packed on a weeknight in years.

Comedian Richie Minervini and Gary Valentine, from the East Side Comedy Club in New York woke students up, and then eagerly anticipating future acts at Snickers.

Special guest, Gary Valentine opened WC's new comedy club with a half-hour of material ranging from being a non-smoker because secondary smoke is cheaper to his conclusion that the Polynesian's thirteen letter alphabet must ruin their Wheel of Fortune game.

Richie Minervini, whose credits include Star Search, MTV's Half Hour Comedy Hour, and the Letterman show, had the crowd roaring with his impersonation of a woman trying to dry off in the bathroom with no toilet paper. So that's why they go in pairs.

Both comedians got the

see COMEDY pg. 8

Gender Studies Group Started in '91

by A. Fessler

The Gender Studies Reading Group is new to the WC campus this year. Students and faculty who gathered at the inaugural meeting on Sunday, October 6th, discussed the group's goals and outlined its schedule for the remainder of the fall term. Everyone is invited to join its Sunday afternoon discussions.

The Gender Studies Reading Group is open to all member of the campus community: students, faculty, and friends of Washington College. It encourages people of all political persuasions and from all fields of study to participate. The purpose of the group is to read and discuss, seriously but informally, in a friendly environment, issues pertaining to being male and being female, and to gender relations.

The discussions will usually be centered on an article and sometimes on a book that group members have decided to read. This Sunday, October 20, the group will turn its attention to selections from Mary Wollstonecraft's A Vindication of the Rights of Women(1792). On Sunday, November 3, two articles from The Gender Reader will provide launching-points for discussion of gender relations in contemporary American culture. On Sunday, November 17, Naomi Wolf's The Beauty Myth will be the topic; on Sunday, December 1, the focus will be on two articles from Harry Brod's The Making of Masculinities, which contains essays from disciplines such as men's studies, philosophy, psychology, sociology, history, anthropology, Black studies, biology, English literature, and gay studies. Even if you do not have time to read the background material, you are welcome to attend the Reading Group's meetings.

Copies of this week's selection are available at Professor Fessler's office door (15 Smith Hall) and on reserve at the library under the name "Gender Studies Reading Group." You can also order your own copies of articles and books by signing up in advance at groups meetings or through Professor Fessler directly. Please watch WAC for more details.

Meetings will be held at the Lit. House at 2:00 p.m.

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Judge Thomas confirmed to the Supreme Court. Story on pg. 4, commentary on pg. 3.

Josephine the Fly looks in on the Gay and Lesbian Literature reading. See pg. 5.

Peabody Trio performs tonight. See pg. 6.

Volleyball, rugby, and field hockey updates See pg. 7.

As of Monday, this sign will appear in all sections of the WC Dining Hall. *photo by Emily Daignault*

SGA Bans Smoking in the Dining Hall

At the SGA meeting on October 8, it was decided that smoking be banned in the Dinning Hall, effective Monday, October 21.

The Dinning Hall smoking policy was tabled at the last SGA meeting and was brought up for discussion. President Kevin Kelly began by recommending that the two side wings be designated as non-smoking areas.

Senator Brooke Frank suggested that a referendum process be done, and many other senators reported that an overwhelming majority of their constituents prefered no smoking at all in the Dinning Hall. Senator Christy Albright mentioned that it would be difficult to enforce a smoking policy and that ventilation is poor in the dinning hall regardless of how much smoke there is.

Senator John Phoebus moved that smoking be banned in the Dinning Hall and after further discussion of the possibility of a referendum vote, Senator Myrus called question. At that point, a vote was taken to continue discussion and it passed.

Senator Kujawski explained that usually 35-40% participate in elections, and it was mentioned that it is more efficient if senators poll constituents themselves. Senator Skip Gibson moved for the end of discussion and the motion to ban smoking in the Dinning Hall passed with two opposing votes.

compiled from the minutes of the S.G.A.

Vandalism At Cardinal Dorms

The lounge of the Cardinal Dormitories was vandalized Sunday morning at 3:00 a.m.

The vandals, after attempto break into a Cardinal dorm, proceeded to throw a brick through the window of the Lounge, destroying the window and damaging the casing of the air conditioner.

Also this weekend a rug cleaning machine disappeared from the lounge of Cardinal. The machine, worth approximately $2,000, was left in the lounge by Buildings and Grounds, which is in the process of cleaning the rugs in all the dorms. It is unknown whether the two incidents are related.

OPINION/EDITORIAL

Plug the Leaks!

Chilly Washington College students may mark October 16 as the day the heat came on. While students who live on campus are probably glad that they no longer have to huddle under layers of blankets to stay warm at night in their own rooms, the problem here is that finances, not weather, govern Washington College's policy regarding heating and air conditioning.

Air conditioners are present in dorm rooms when students arrive in August, and are removed about a month later, in mid to late September. October 15 is the traditional date for the heat to be turned on. In the spring, air conditioners are not reinstalled in the spring until finals are over and students have left for summer vacation. Buildings and Grounds tries in this manner to keep under control the amount of heat and air conditioning being used, and hence the amount of money spent on climate control. It makes sense to minimize spending in this manner, but the current state of campus heating and air conditioning is not economical in the long run.

Roughly half of the dormitiories on campus have thermostats in each room, which by extension means that roughly half do not. Many dorm rooms, in Kent and Caroline especially, become sweltering in the winter. Students frequently are forced to prop their windows open to allow freezing cold air in. Aside from negating the usefulness of the insulating cinder blocks, propping windows is the climate control equivalent of a pre-plumbing method of tossing alternately cold and boiling buckets of water into a bathtub, hoping to chance upon a suitable temperature. Haven't we advanced beyond that? If all students were able to control the temperature of their rooms, the school would wind up saving money. Many people like sleeping in a slightly chilly room, and students who set the temperature thusly would more than offset the ones who like a snugly warm room.

Another problem that many dorms face is improperly insulated windows. Take Reid Hall, for example. Reid is just plain old, and it stands to reason that the windows don't fit their frames properly anymore. Many windows have gaps big enough to drive a Volkswagon through. And though Reid does have thermostats, residents can count on having most of the accumulated heat go literally straight out the window. Even in newer dorms, the abuse that window frames go through, between putting in and tearing out air conditioners and screens all the time, is enough to make them more than a bit drafty.

Admittedly, installing thermostats in dorms that don't have them, and/or replacing or insulating all dorm windows, is a major undertaking. Over the years, however, the increased efficiency of climate control would save more money than it would cost. And as long as Washington College is still construction-happy, we might as well put that enthusiasm to work on a job that is energy-efficient and environmentally sound, as well as cost-effective.

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Letters to the Editor

Library Committee Members Deserve Credit

To the Editor:

It was satisfying to see the article summarizing Miller Library's plans for automation in the October 4 issue of The Elm. This year's Elm has consistently focused on matters of importance to the college community; the automation article is a good example. I must offer one addition to it, however.

Paul Bishop and I were invited to join the library committee to help assure that the automated catalog would be available on the campus computer network (it will be!). The real work, however, was done by the library staff, including librarians Tubbs, Hymes, Shoge and Hartley; and the members of the Library Committee over a six year period. In the years that I worked with them, committee members have included Professors N. Smith (chair), Tatum, Locker and Day; students Lionel Dyson, Ed Elfenbein, and Jennifer Golden, and two members of the Board of Visitors and Governors—Mary Wood and Pat Ingersoll. It is the librarians and their staff, and the members of the committee, who are bringing this project to fruition.

On another matter—one correction to the Banned Books article [Oct. 4 issue]: "the Jewish Bible" (called by Jews the Torah and Haftorah) is what Christians call the Old Testament. The Talmud is an ancient collection of commentaries on those writings.

Sincerely,
Steven Cades
Associate Professor

Smoking is a Disgusting Habit

To the Editor:

As one that is allergic to cigarette smoke, I do not appreciate attending a social event where I become half choked and have to leave when I cannot tolerate it any longer. I also do not appreciate seeing many of our youth slowly killing themselves, while their passive smoke pollutes the air I and other non-smokers must breath.

Smoking is a dirty, rotten, disgusting habit. It makes one wrinkled and old before their time, and ultimately kills them in the end. It also causes poor circulation. It is faster, and more humane for those non-smokers around you, to stick a gun in your mouth and pull the trigger.

Smoking is a sign of a lack of intelligence and common sense. In this day and age, with all of the evidence and education concerning the unhealthy effects of smoking, there really is no excuse for young people to smoke.

I have no respect for someone who smokes, since they do not respect themselves, nor obviously their bodies. They also do not respect those non-smokers around them. For some reason, many young girls believe that smoking makes them look mature and turns a guy on. Nothing could be further from the truth.

I'm from the Midwest, where the percentage of people that smoke is much less than it is here. In the Midwest, 23% of the people smoke, while here, in what I call Jeffersonia (New York to Virginia to West Virginia), 38% of the people smoke. In the Midwest, less than 10% of those people in college smoke. Looking around at a social event at this college, the number of smokers is over 50%.

In the Midwest, laws against smoking are a lot more common and restrictive. The state legislatures of the progressive states of Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota, have passed resolutions, making it a major goal to make their states smoke free by the year 2000. Last May, the University of Wisconsin, effectively, banned smoking in all campus buildings. This is a jump start on the Wisconsin legislature, which is expected before the end of the year, to pass legislation banning smoking in all college and university buildings in the State of Wisconsin. This effectively includes residence halls, I proposed the law back in 1986, as a public interest lobbyist, and have lobbyed hard for it.

Another law in Wisconsin, that I lobbyed for, went into effect last January 1. This law, from what I understand, since I haven't been home, effectively bans smoking in many bars in Wisconsin. The law requires 100% smoke free exhaust systems in all bars. Since these units cost about the price of brand new Mercedes, most bars can't afford them or are not interested in installing them.

The last piece of legislation I proposed before coming

see SMOKING, pg. 4

Last week's announced Campus Voices topic was tabled, pending action by the MD State Assembly regarding Gov. Schaefer's proposed budget.

Next Week's Topic:

If you were able to redesign WC's system for registering for classes, what would you pick (arena registration, etc.)?

Editorials on this topic are encouraged, and must be delivered to the *Elm* office in the basement of Reid or put in the mailbox in Central Services by noon on Tuesday, Oct. 21.

Weekly Absurdity

Weren't the Senate confirmation hearings for Judge Clarence Thomas absurd?

For those of you who have forgotten, the original point of contention about Thomas' appointment was that he refused to reveal his stance on the abortion issue, that during the hearings he was qualifying or even changing positions he had proclaimed earlier in his career, that he had a questionable record on matters of civil rights, and that he had only one year's experience as federal judge.

Even giving Thomas the benefit of the doubt and believing in his good intentions, there is still an enormous weight of suspicion and speculation for Thomas and the Senate to deal with. So, in a fashion that has become typical of this nation's governing bodies, the real issues were neatly sidestepped when law professor Anita Hill came forward and alleged that Thomas had sexually harassed her while she was in his employ. Thus began the saga that pre-empted Saturday morning cartoons and Saturday afternoon college football games. Over this fall weekend, unless you had cable, the Senate confirmation hearings were the only show in town, and that is exactly what all parties concerned were hoping for.

President Bush, by sticking with his chosen man, was betting even odds that he'd come out ahead. Even if Thomas had been turned down, Bush would not have been hurt as much as if the abortion issue were Thomas' downfall.

Thomas himself came out ahead because (whether he was actually innocent or guilty of the alleged harassment) his role was to act moral and responsible and offended by the allegations. He was off the hook in regards to abortion, civil rights, and the other uncertainties that had plagued his hearings.

The biggest winners of all were the Senators themselves, who got two full days of better-than-prime-time air time in front of their constituents and the nation. After these hearings, will be nothing short of criminal for those Senators to spend so much as a dime on re-election campaigns.

The big loser, of course, was the American public. In the days before the vote, Capitol Hill was swamped with calls; voters often couldn't reach their Senators to ask their position or state their own preference. And what about all of those questions the public had about Thomas' qualifications and stances on issues? They *will* now be answered... from his seat on the Supreme Court.

CAMPUS VOICES

WC Student Cameraman Views Confirmation Hearings Firsthand

"I was there... but what can I tell you?"

by Geoffrey M. Nelson

I left Friday morning for the long Fall Weekend. I packed the car with laundry and my bicycle and headed towards 301, eager to get away from the hustle and bustle of Chestertown.

This weekend, however, held in store much more than the new autumn colors or brisk air. This was the weekend of the Thomas hearings. This was the weekend that sexual harassment was hammered into everyone's permanent vocabulary. And little did I know that I would witness history being made before the weekend was through.

I arrived at my house in Bethesda, just outside Washington, D. C. a little after nine o'clock in the morning. I unpacked and rested for a bit, but it was not long before I was going over my video camera to make sure all was in working order. I checked the batteries to make sure they were fresh. Did the microphone work? Did I have my headphones or did I leave them at school? For once , I remembered everything and nothing was broken. I had set a goal for myself that weekend. I was going to get into the Russell building and watch the confirmation hearings. In addition to that, I was going to film all the important events.

I called my mother at her office to tell her of my proposed adventure.

" Your going to what?"

" I'm going to get in and watch the hearings, Mom. What's the big deal?"

"There's no way you'll get in there."

" O.K. mom, I'll see you later."

The bet was on.

I drove to the Metro and took the train to Union station. After emerging from the escalator, I walked up to the Russell building. My heart began to pound slightly harder as I saw all the official government cars by the side entrance. Just then, I looked to my right and saw the most beautiful sight. Two network cameramen. The link between the real world and the television. The people that saw the whole world through a different "eye." I walked over to them like a young kid would to a famous baseball player. With cigarettes dangling out of their mouths, their marvelous cameras by their feet, they acknowledged my presence. I was in awe. I asked them how they were doing and what networks they represented. I must have looked like a complete fool standing there with my back pack, tripod, and camera case. I'm surprised they didn't offer me directions to all the interesting sights around the district. Surprisingly, they were quite polite. I told them that I hoped one day to work in television, as a cameraman. Of course they laughed and asked why in the hell I would want to do that. I told them I was there to add footage to my demo reel, to show to a perspective employer. They congratulated me on my aggressiveness as I turned to walk up the stairs and into the building.

At least the first step of my challenge was over. The guard at the front door mistook me for press and let me through without a hitch. There I was. In the middle of the rotunda. What a beautiful building! Soon, the interesting architecture was irrelevant. I unloaded my camera, popped in a tape, and looked through the viewfinder to check the focus. I began to conduct some interviews with some folks that were standing in line for the hearings.

" What is your opinion of these hearings?"

" Who do you believe?"

" What makes you say that?"

That was all of America standing in that line. Almost none of them were from the Washington area. They were all very opinionated, and at the same time, very confused.

But I was to become confused myself. The act of looking through the viewfinder of a camera is an exercise in hypnosis. Everything is black and white. Nothing seems real.

Later, I weaseled my way up to the second floor. The press floor. I was in heaven. I excused myself around all of the sound and video equipment the networks had set up in their respective corners. Everyone gave me a smile. There was an occasional cold stare, but most of the people there were hard at work, staring into small monitors, editing tape to be sent to the network affiliates. Listening intensely to pre-recorded tapes for sound bites. I had never seen so many wires in my life. I finally confided in a *C-Span* employee that I was not a member of the press, but a student, trying to make a video resume. He smiled and laughed and said that I was convincing but that he was unable to give me any help in obtaining a press pass. I thanked him and moved on. I was eventually stopped by a police officer and was asked to see my credentials. "Oh God," I said. "What am I going to do?" There was nothing I could do.

Lets say I was removed from the second floor.

Luckily, before I was "removed," I managed to get an interview with the vice-chairman of the EEOC, her name I cannot recall.

I was now desperate but I had not given up hope. Too make the story short, through different channels and some faxing, I obtained a press pass from NBC. I was set.

I hustled up to the second floor, dropped off my equipment at the NBC corner, and delicately walked to the door of the Senate Caucus Room. There was the same officer that had kicked me out previously. He glared at the pass around my neck and then into my eyes. I smiled. He opened the door and I entered into America's living room. It was an incredible feeling.

There was Judge Thomas and the fourteen senators in front of him. What an impressive sight! The room was huge and incredibly ornate. The ceilings were at least forty - five feet high, and everything was made of marble. "Incredible," I said to myself. "I cannot believe I'm in here." I walked over to the press side of the room and leaned on a huge marble pillar.

What were the Senators asking Judge Thomas? I couldn't tell you. What were the responses from the Judge? I don't know that either. My mind was whurring with excitement. My eyes couldn't stay on one thing. There was Andrea Mitchell from NBC. And look, Senator Kennedy is just as rosy cheeked as he is in photographs. And all the cameras! The echo of questions and answers lasting for seconds after being spoken. The beautiful green felt that covered both tables. It was all too much to take in at once.

I walked out of the room about five minutes before the committee broke for lunch. I grabbed my camera and equipment and ran downstairs to catch Thomas on tape. I broke through the line of people waiting in line and joined the other cameramen. Here came Thomas. My eye in the viewfinder, I entered another world. The importance of the issue was gone. Anita who? I knew nothing ex-

see **HEARINGS, pg. 12**

QUESTION - Do you think Judge Clarence Thomas should have been confirmed to the Supreme Court?

Sharon Bonner
Perry Hall, MD
Senior

Even though there were certain issues in which I did not particularly agree with Judge Thomas, my respect for him grew throughout the hearings. I was impressed with his persistence and determination not to give up because of Hill's accusations.

Kimberly Coburn
Dallas, TX
Senior

I don't agree with Judge Thomas on many issues, but Anita Hill's charges could not be proven. Both, Hill & Thomas were credible speakers, however in this case, there was no substantial evidence that Thomas harassed Hill. It's quite an accomplishment on Thomas' part to be confirmed after all this hoop-la.

Brian Gimelson
Doylestown, PA
Senior

In this country, you are innocent until proven guilty, and he seemed like the lesser of two evils. I think the Senate confirmed him so they wouldn't have to go through the whole process again.

Ethel Wilson
Worton, MD
Employee

I feel Thomas shouldn't have been confirmed because I feel that Anita Hill's allegations had enough substance to be true.

R.J. Eldridge
Chevy Chase, MD
Junior

Although I do not necessarily agree with Thomas' views on many subjects, I did not see enough conclusive evidence in the Hill aspect of the case to warrant his denial.

Lisa-Marie Castro
Baltimore, MD
Sophmore

I feel that Thomas has the qualifications to do the job. However,, with the sexual harassment issue looming over his head, I do not think he should have been appointed.

compiled by Emily Daignault

ISSUES

In the World...

Thomas Confirmed to Supreme Court, 52-48

WASHINGTON, DC

The verdict is in: Clarence Thomas was confirmed as a Supreme Court justice by a Senatorial vote of 52-48, despite being charged by Anita Hill for incidents of sexual harassment which occurred a decade ago. The testimony, broadcast on television last Saturday, preempted even the cartoons in television ratings; as the nation watched and debated its views on exactly what sexual harassment consists of, what should be done about it, and why many of its victims are afraid to come forward and fight against it.

Within two years, Congress might end all financing of the United States Commission on Civil Rights, a commission set up to ferret out and end discrimination. The agency's staffing and budget have already been slashed during the past decade, and is accused of giving the country what *The New York Times* refers to as"little more than a display of internal squabbling between conservatives and liberals."

IRAQ

Officials returning from a nuclear inspection team that recently returned from Baghdad have disclosed that Iraq has definitely been working on producing a hydrogen bomb—a weapon even more destructive than an atomic bomb. No Lihium-6—the material needed to produce the bombs, has been found yet, but documents seized from the Iraqis detail efforts to produce kilograms of it.

THAILAND

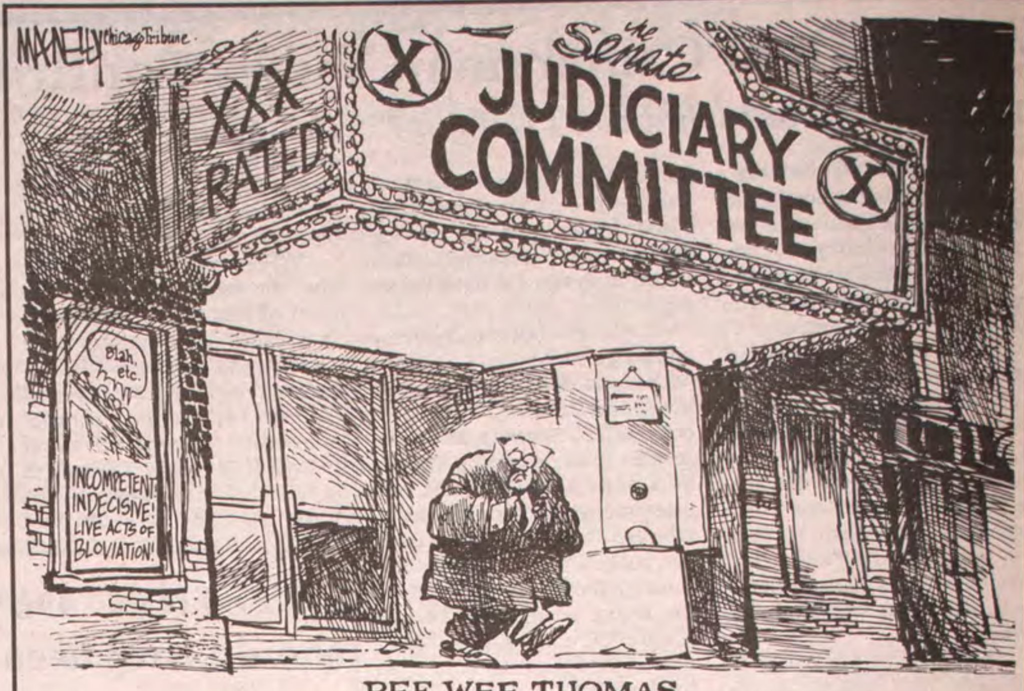
The Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to Aung San Suu Kyi, an opposition leader who has been under house arrest for more than two years. Despite her house arrest, her National League for Democracy won by a landslide in the May 1990 general election. However, the Burmese junta has arrested most of its leaders and has refused to let it govern. The Burmese regime is one which the Nobel committee refers to as being a "regime characterized by brutality." As of Tuesday, Burma's state press had not reported the award and the government had made no formal response to it, although Burmese diplomats did call it interference in their international affairs.

U.S.A.

Jimmy Swaggart is resigning from his leadership role in the Jimmy Swaggart Ministries after being stopped by police for driving on the wrong side of the street, operating an unregistered car, and not wearing a seat belt. Swaggart also had a prostitute in the car. His son, Donnie Swaggart, will take over his role in the Ministries.

The trial of William Kennedy Smith is set to start on October 30. The Florida woman who is accusing Smith of rape faced his lawyers for the first time on Tuesday for three days of questioning under oath. Smith's lawyers are arguing that the woman's charges against Smith are false and that she is making them because she has a psychiatric disorder due to past relationships with men and from the emotional impact of multiple abortions.

compiled by Tanya Allen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Smoking **from pg. 2**

to Washington College, was to prohibit anyone from smoking in the home where a minor is present. Doing so would be catagoized as child abuse. I received a very favorable response from all of the legislative offices I visited.

The point I'm making is that if you are bright enough to be expected and to attend a selective college, like Washington College, you should be bright enough know better, and not smoke. Your life, and the lives of those around you, depend on it.

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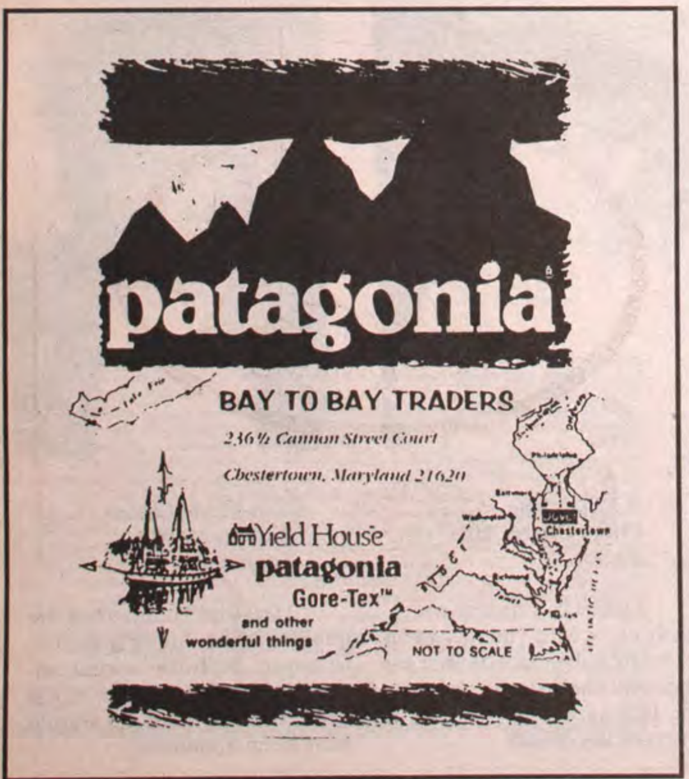

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FEATURES

Josephine the Fly

by Tanya Allen

Josephine hid behind a Lit. House picnic table, listening and shaking as Napoleon and his forces plotted ways of destroying Washington College. "This is horrible!" she said to herself, "Simply horrible! Napoleon's gone mad! He must be stopped! What am I going to do?" As she continued to watch, a mosquito flew forward and said "I say we adjourn– in favor of dinner!"

"In favor of dinner?" Napoleon said, "What's for dinner?"

"Well," the mosquito said, starting to giggle, "You know how there's a few male human-people on second-floor Caroline who own a megaphone?"

"Oh yeah– those really obnoxious males who like to hide in their rooms and peek out of their windows and use the megaphone to harass people in the crosswalk and parking lot; and who enjoy shouting degrading remarks to women walking into the neighboring dorms; and who do this at all hours of day and night– thus depriving people in the neighboring dorms of much-needed sleep?"

"Yeah, them," the cockroach said.

"They're cool!" Napoleon said. Josephine shuddered.

"Yeah," said the cockroach, "And you want to know something even cooler? Some sophomore-writer-girl with brown hair, blue eyes, a high forehead and hypoglycemia had a severe blood sugar drop, took a gun left over from Stuart Neiman, figured out which window the megaphone-people were in, aimed the gun, and wasted them. Security had been warned about the girl, but the only guard they had on duty was that really old, skinny, little one...and he couldn't get to her on time, so...lucky us! We get to feed on bloody carcass tonight!"

"Oh boy!"

"Yum yum!"

"Meeting is adjourned!" cried Napoleon, rubbing his front legs together.

Josephine gulped and quickly flew onto the porch to avoid being seen by the dispersing bugs. She crouched on the floor and shuddered some more. Suddenly she heard a "Psst!" She looked up. An aphid was sitting in a window, staring in at the people inside. "Come here!" the aphid said to her. "Check it out! Some students are having a reading of Gay and Lesbian poetry and prose!"

Josephine flew to the window. A group of 25-or-so students and teachers were sitting around the room, books of poetry in their laps, listening respectfully as one man read from Shakespeare's sonnet #116.

"Let me not to the marriage of true minds

Admit impediments; love is not love

Which alters when it alteration finds,

Or bends with the remover to remove".

"I can't believe they're all homosexual!" the aphid said in amazement, gazing at the people inside. "I thought that guy had a girlfriend– and isn't that teacher *married?*"

"Stupid," Josephine said, "They're not all homosexual– I'll bet many have come basically to show their support– for literature, and for their homosexual friends who have the courage to say "Hey World, I am what I am."

"...It is the star to every wand'ring bark,

Whose worth's unknown, although his highth be taken.

...Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks,

But bears it out even to the edge of doom.

If this be error and upon me proved,

I never writ, nor no man ever loved."

"Aw come on, come on," the Aphid said, "Help me figure this out– which of those people do you think are gay, and which are not?" Josephine ignored the bug as she listened to a man who was making the comment that "It doesn't matter whether-or-not Shakespeare was gay– what matters is whether-or-not what he wrote was true...."

"Come on, come on," said the aphid, "Which ones are gay? Which are lesbians? What do you think?" but Josephine had already flown away from the ignorant bug, muttering, "What the hell does it matter? They're all *people*, aren't they?" She shook her head sadly, then screamed as suddenly she was grabbed by...NAPOLEON!

Some rules for female students in 1952-53

1. No baths after 11:00pm
2. Library may not be used for callers
3. No dates on Monday evening

Students Organize Poetry Reading

Writer's Union Launches Ambitious Year

by Tanya Allen

The Writer's Union has launched an ambitious year with three student-organized poetry readings. The first reading of the year was a Children's Literature reading organized by Tanya Cunic. Dr. Elizabeth Baer and Professor Audrey Fessler were guest speakers. Dr. Baer opened with a reading of a few modern-day versions of fairy tales, one in which Little Red Riding Hood shot the wolf with an automatic; and then moved on to excerpts from *Little Women* and *Harriet the Spy*– two books that influenced literary history by being among the first of their times to portray non-stereotypical female characters. Other favorites were read by students, including *The Five Chinese Brothers* and an excerpt from *Winnie the Pooh*. A discussion followed, chiefly about how children today do not seem to be reading quality work, if they are reading at all.

Just-for-fun, Tanya Allen organized a "Cheezy Poetry Reading," at which Twinkies were served and excerpts read from the poetry page in *Sassy Magazine*; plus a passage by Erika Jong about "The Land of Fuck," and several satirical poems written by members of last year's Bad Poet's Society– who maintain that it takes talent to purposefully write a truly bad, humorous poem.

In honor of "National Coming Out Day" GALA organized a reading of Gay and Lesbian literature, which was attended by about 25 members of the student body and faculty. It is interesting to note that without homosexual writers, at least a quarter of the world's great literature would never have been written.

In general, the Writer's Union tries to hold at least one official literary event every 2 weeks; whether it be a reading, a party, or some other gathering. In addition to these, the Dead Pupa's Society meets every Wednesday night to hold midnight readings. Any sort of literature can be read during these readings, whether it be by a famous author or by the students themselves. Last year one student read a page from the phone book. Interested people should show up at the Lit. House at 11:30 pm Wednesday nights.

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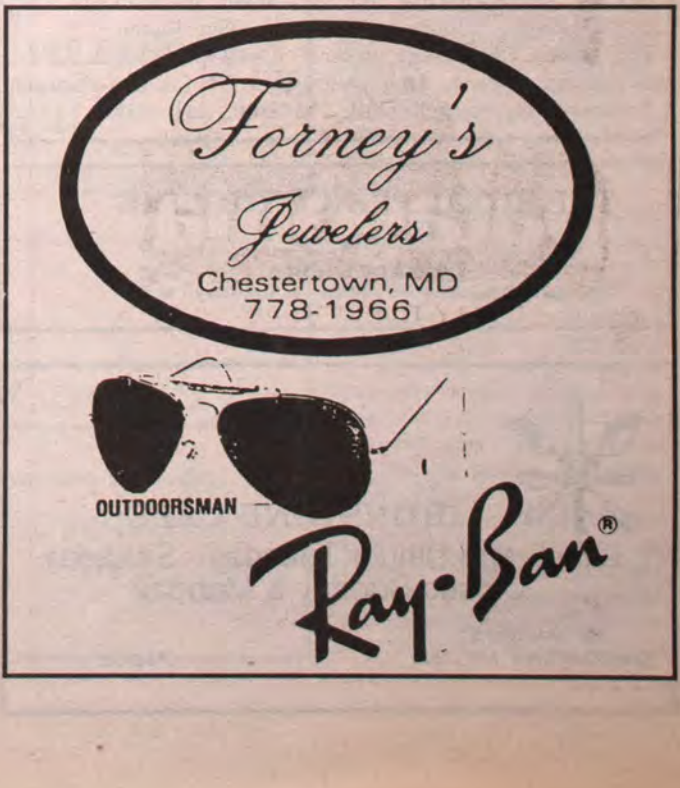

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Concert Series Features The Peabody Trio

The 40th anniversary season of the Washington College Concert Series continues Friday, October 18th, with a performance by the Peabody Trio. This is the second of five concerts to be presented this academic year for Chestertown audiences in the College's Gibson Performing Arts Center.

As Washington College celebrates its 100th anniversary of coeducation, this concert by the young chamber music ensemble will feature a contemporary work composed by Shulamit Ran, the 1991 winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Music. *Excursions*, composed in 1980 for violin, cello and piano, was first performed at Brandeis University in 1982.

Born in Tel Aviv, Israel, where she received her early training, Ran came to the U.S. at the age of 14 to study piano and composition. Ran, who has performed extensively as a pianist in the U.S., Europe, Israel and elsewhere, is now professor of composition at the University of Chicago.

The Peabody Trio, winner of the 1989 Naumburg Chamber Music Award, was formed in 1986 in San Francisco and began a full-time residency at the Peabody Institute in Baltimore in 1987. The three musicians come from diverse musical backgrounds. Violinist Violaine Melancon grew up in Quebec and studied at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia and at the San Francisco Conservatory. Cellist Bonnie Thron completed two degrees at The Julliard School. She has performed as soloist with the Orpheus Chamber Ensemble and as a chamber player with Speculum Musicae. Pianist Seth Knopp studied at the New England Conservatory of Music and with Leon Fleiser. In 1983 he and his wife, Violaine Melancon, formed the Knopp-Melancon Duo, winning the USIA Artistic Ambassador Competition in 1986.

Single admission tickets for the Peabody Trio are $10 for adults; children under 18 are admitted free. The performance, sponsored by the Yale Gordon Trust, begins at 8 pm.

Campus Calendar of Events

Oct. 18-21 Film: VINCENT AND THEO, Norman James Theatre, 7:30pm.
Disco Revival Night with DJ Brett Lankford, C-House.
Oct. 19 Alumni Association Symposium: "A Centenary of Coeducation: We've Come A Long Way, Alumnae," CAC Forum, 10am.
President's Forum: "Increasing Cultural Diversity in the Washington College Community," CAC Forum, 11am.
Oct. 20 FACETS FOR SAXOPHONE: Classical and Jazz Works, Ashley Parks Harding, Norman James, 4pm.
Oct. 21 The Monday Series presents Professor Beverly Wolff: "ALIENS AND MUTANTS: SCIENCE FICTION AND FILM," Literary House, 4:15pm.
Oct. 22 "CAN THE SUPREME COURT UNDO THE BILL OF RIGHTS?" Barry Lynn, CAC Forum, 7:30pm.
Oct. 23 THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN POLITICS: THE STATE AND LOCAL LEVEL, Gloria Lawlah, *Senator, Maryland General Assembly*; Anne Perkins, *Delegate, Maryland General Assembly*; Kay Bienan, *Lobbyist, Maryland Builders' Association;* Eloise Foster, *Assistant Secretary of Budget and Fiscal Planning;* Barbara Kreamer, *Moderator*; Hynson Lounge, 7:30pm.
Oct. 24 THE RIGHT TO DIE, a talk by Professor J. David Newell, 7:30pm in the Sophie Kerr Room.
The Drama Department presents ANTIGONE by Sophocles, Gibson, 8pm, Admission $4 for non-students; Reservations required, call 778-2800, ext. 268.

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Victorian Scholar To Discuss Biography Of Charlotte Bronte

Christopher Ricks, a noted scholar of Victorian literature and the author of *The Force of Poetry* and editor of several important volumes of Victorian poetry, will lecture on E.C. Gaskell's famous biography of Charlotte Brontë, Monday, October 21 at Washington College. The lecture will be given at 8 pm in the Sophie Kerr Room of the Miller Library at the college, and is presented under the sponsorship of the Sophie Kerr Committee in honor of Washington College's celebration of its centenary of coeducation.

E.C. Gaskell's Life of Charlotte Brontë is, according to Ricks, "one of the great biographies" and is in his opinion "the greatest life of a woman written by a woman." Using the title "Charlotte Brontë, E.C. Gaskell and Disappointment," Ricks will focus on the linguistic as well as religious implications of disappointment that are reflected in Brontë's writing as well as Gaskell's biography. "The word 'disappointment' appears again and again in Brontë and in Gaskell, with profound significance. We can understand that God appoints events, but, ironically, we lack the word that describes a reaction that is opposite to disappointment." Ricks will discuss the implications of this point as they relate to Brontë's life and writings.

Christoher Ricks was educated at Oxford University, where he maintains ties as an Honorary Fellow of Balliol and Worcester Colleges. He served at Cambridge University as King Edward VII Professor of English and Chairman of the English Faculty. He has been Professor of English at Boston University since 1986, and he has been a visiting professor at the University of California at Berkeley, Smith College, and Stanford, Harvard, Wesleyan and Brandeis Universities. He is author and editor of 17 volumes including *Milton's Grant Style, The Poems of Tennyson , English Drama to 1710, Matthew Arnold: Selected Criticism, Keats and Embarrassment* and *The New Oxford Book of Victorian Verse.* He is at work on books on Samuel Beckett, T.S. Elliot and Bob Dylan, as well as a new edition of *The Oxford Book of English Verse.*

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SPORTS

Volleyball Gets Red Hot After Slow Start

by Greg Coss

Two weeks ago, Washington College's volleyball team had a record of 6-9, which included disappointments in the Gettysburg Invitational and the Salisbury State Gull Classic. But now the Shorewomen's season has drastically turned around, and it started with great success in the Washington College Invitational.

WC came back home very confident for the Tournament with a timely win over Cathoic University on October 1 which really helped the Shorewomen regain momentum for their home tourney. In a match where WC knew they would be tested, playing on the road against a formidable opponent, they showed real character in edging the Cardinals, 15-11, 16-14, to pull their record up to 7-9. That weekend they would need all the confidence they could get going into a tournament where they were facing five teams capable of defeating them.

The first of the matches was against Widener, and WC came out smoking, taking the match 15-7, 16-14. Then came a very emotional victory for the Shorewomen against Scranton, 8-15, 15-13, 15-12. Then the Shorewomen fought hard for another win, this time over Gallaudet University by the scores of 15-10, 16-14.

The two losses the Shorewomen would suffer in this tournament would come at the hands of the two standouts over the weekend, Mary Washington and Wilmington. But Washington College made both of these teams sweat a little, fallling to Mary Washington 2-15, 9-15, and to Wilmington 7-15, 8-15. The Shorewomen came out of their very difficult tournament with a third place showing a 10-10 record and a lot of momentum for the coming week.

On Tuesday, October 8 the spikers continued their successful homestand at the expense of Johns Hopkins University. After taking the first game 15-11, the Shorewomen breezed in the second one, 15-4. Johns Hopkins surprised WC with its resiliency by taking the third game 11-15, but it was Washington who would take the fourth game 15-7, and subsequently the match. This was WC's third MAC (Middle Atlantic Conference) opponent, and WC's MAC record was now 2-1.

Two days later the Shorewomen took it to Swathmore, winning in three straight games, 15-13, 15-10, 15-11.

Going into the Gaullaudet Invitational last weekend, WC had thus won seven of its last nine matches with an overall record of12-11.

The Gallaudet Invitational was composed of four pools, each pool having five teams. The four best records from the pools would then represent the semifinalists of the tournament. Washington found itself in a very difficult pool. In fact, their first opponent would be Salisbury State, the same team which had knocked off WC a month earlier. Sweet revenge would be served in this one as Salisbury went down in straight games 15-12, 15-13. The Shorewomen had become the masters of pressure by this point. Of the last fourteen games they were involved in where both teams reached double figures, the Shorewomen had won thirteen.

This incredible statistic was marred somewhat in WC's second match of the pool against Methodist, when they lost the first game 10-15. But WC would rally to take the next two by 15-12, 15-11. Helping the comeback were senior Laura McClellan, (six assists, four digs, and four kills) junior Julie Dill, (7 digs and a kill) and freshman sensation Beverly Diaz (2 aces, 8 digs, 2 kills, and 2 blocks).

After finally losing a close one, falling to Gallaudet 12-15, 13-15, WC knocked off Christopher Newport 15-5, 15-12, to win their pool. Diaz contributed significantly with 10 digs and 8 kills, and the Shorewomen were into the semifinals.

Here they would run into a very strong Western Maryland Squad which would bump off Washington 13-15, 8-15. Despite McClellan's 10 kills, Theresa Sganga's 8 assists, and Diaz's 18 digs, WC was stopped, but would recover to defeat Methodist in the semifinal consolation match to earn third place for a second straight tournament.

Washington's record stands at 16-13 as of the Elm deadline, and the team is playing with a lot of confidence in going 10-4 the past two weeks. Results of this week's games will appear in next week's Elm.

Tomorrow at Cain Gynasium at 11:00 a.m. come see old faces and new when the Shorewomen play a match against alumni.

Rugby Dominates Swarthmore

by Ciaran O'Keefe

On October 6, Washington College's Football Rugby Club traveled to Swarthmore, PA to face it's second opponent of the season, Swarthmore College. The team looked mean as they walked onto the field in motley uniforms. Swarthmore College's team had similar colors, hence the mixed uniforms of Washington College (including New Zealand, Ireland, and Australia).

The game started strong with the forwards on both sides dominating the opening minutes. Very soon into the game Washington College began overpowering the opposition in their own half, finally a try being scored by Mark Renzi, who crossed the try zone (similar to America's end zone) to score four (not six) points. The extra two points were converted by Shawn Hamill, leaving the score at 6-0. Almost immeditately Swathmore received a penalty and drove the field to kick for points; now the score was 6-3.

The moment of the match occurred with a powerful run from Dave Snyder, flying by the opposing tacklers in his New Zealand shirt and diving into the try-zone to give Washington a 10-3 lead. In almost a carbon copy of what happened earlier in the match, Swarthmore converted another Washington penalty and kicked for three points to make the score 10-6.

Throughout the game Washington dominated with noticeable runs and moves from everyone on the team. The most noteworthy of those moments included Snyder's run for try, Hamill's agressive leading of the forwards, Stein's deservedly revengeful tackles and Slammer 's textbook kamikaze catch as five Swarthmore players close in on him, hungry for blood.

Despite Washington's noticeable domination, about three and a half minutes from the end of the game Swarthmore scored a try as a result of a dubious call from the referee and carelessness on the part of Washington. They failed to make the conversion and despite an incredibly aggressive ending by Washington led by Dave Brightman, Washington failed to score leaving the final score a10-10 deadlock.

Washington College left Swarthmore in high spirits, avidly recalling personal moments in the game, and with their sights set on a win on October 19th against George Washington (at Worton Park at 1:00 p.m.).

Oct. Starts Auspiciously for WC Field Hockey Team

by Greg Coss

Washington College's success in volleyball was matched by the field hockey team, which won three of its past four games since the last Elm report on them. The first of these games evened the Shorewomen's MAC record at 1-1 and had to give them a great deal of confidence in facing the rest of their MAC opponents.

On Tuesday, October1, Albright was the victim, and it's a game they'd just as soon forget. Washington completely manhandled them, 7-0. Sophomore attacker Renee Guckert registered a hat trick, senior defensiveman Jenifer Blenckstone added two and sophomores Maria Jerardi and Caroline Jensen added the other two. Brigid DeVries was only forced to make five saves as WC lifted its record to 5-4.

Then the Shorewomen registered a huge victory over a much tougher MAC opponent in Swarthmore. On the road for this one, Washington was in a defensive struggle until once again Jenifer Blenckstone came through for them. Her second half goal would prove to be the difference, along with DeVries' thirteen saves, as they held off Swarthmore, 1-0.

Following a tough home loss to Haverford which evened the Shorewomen's record at 2-2, they travelled to Frostburg State for a non-conference battle. With around eight minutes left in the second overtime Caroline Jensen scored, and Amy McCleary assisted, and the Shorewomen had themseves another big victory, improving their mark to 7-5.

The Shorewomen had a game at Johns Hopkins on Tuesday too late for the Elm deadline. Don't miss the home game against Randolph Macon tomorrow at noon.

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audience involved, sometimes involuntarily, but all had a good time. At the end of their individual acts, Minervini and Valentine did some improvisation, such as MadLibs, with the audience filling in the blanks.

The Comedy Club's debut was a resounding success. Even though the Student Center was not serving alcoholic beverages due to Alcohol Awarenedd Week, there was a large turnout. If you want a good seat, come early next time.

Thanks go to Terri Turmel, the Student Activities Director, and especially to Tammi Michener, Chairman of the Comedy Club Committee for organizing this new event. The comedians were great and the crowd appreciated their effort to drive here to Chestertown.

Sinckers will be a feature at the Student Center every other Wednesday. Please come out and enjoy the show.

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cept that Judge Thomas was in view and it was all being recorded on my camera. I was being pushed from both sides by other cameramen, trying to get the perfect angle. Thomas quickly left the area and our taping stopped. That was it. It was over. And none of it seemed real. I reviewed the tape and watched it over again and it looked like television. It was almost like it never happened.

One of the cameramen there asked what kind of camera I had and we struck up a conversation. I asked him about his work and some of the most interesting things he had shot. He had been to the Gulf, been shot at by a crazed killer, shot explosions, and lots of world events. He seemed to become a little depressed as our conversation continued. To my surprise, he said how strange it was looking at the world through a lens. I guess my feelings of hypnosis were not felt by me alone. He went on to say how things can get to you after years.

"When filming people getting blown away doesn't bother you anymore, it's time to throw in a children's documentary somewhere," he said.

I did some more filming of Thomas and Anita and conducted some more interviews. I had the time of my life.

Through my own eyes, though, I noticed a lot of ironies in that whole circus of a hearing. Most of the people who you would think know a lot about what is going on, really don't. They are too busy writing, taping, recording, and delivering to pay close attention to the matter at hand. I couldn't remember one thing that was said inside the hearing room Friday or Saturday. There were just too many things happening at one time. Too much activity. The cameramen with their blank stares, senate staffers rushing right and left, and network reporters checking their make-up. It was a three ring circus.

After spending ten hours there on Friday, I left tired and overwhelmed. I went through the revolving doors and out into the street. I was going to meet a friend of mine at bar nearby and get off my feet for awhile. As I walked past the Capitol Building, I listened to the hearings on a pocket AM radio. The differences between the environment inside the Russell building and on First Street were like night and day. I felt like I was in a new world.

Geoff Nelson is a senior English major and an aspiring cameraman.

Miller Library Computerized Catalog Nearing Completion

by Karyn Iacangelo

The Miller Library is nearing the completion of computerizing its existing card catalog. This process involved library staff as well as students.

This process began in 1988, and involved comparing all the cards in the card catalog to a Database in Ohio called the On-line Computer Library Center(OCLC). Three students helped in this process by pulling cards from the existing card catalog and attaching them to the library shelf list. By the summer of 1990, 50,000 titles had been completed. All of these titles dated from 1960 to the present. The three students involved in this process were Jennifer Morgan, Colleen Blenckstone, and Sara Tubbs.

By the fall of 1990, these titles were ready to be sent to OCLC. It took about four months to ship all of this information and during this period, Ms. Judith Hymes worked on the titles dating before 1960. These titles should be ready to send by today.

Once OCLC received these first 50,000 titles, they were able to compare them to their Database. If any discrepancies were found, these items were flagged before the titles were sent back to the Miller Library. The flagged items are then reviewed by Ms. Hymes, and sent back to OCLC, and this should be done by December. After the flagged items are received by OCLC, and they are told that everything else was fine, two computer tapes will be created for all the titles the Miller Library carries.

These tapes will then be sent to a company in Pennsylvania. This company will then create a tape with references for each title, which will then be sent to California to Innovative Innerfaces, who will send the Miller Library a test Database of 20,000 titles. Miller Library staff will then review the Database and verify titles. If everything appears fine, the rest of the titles will be added to the Database.

The new Database will be located where the Card Catalog used to be. The library staff have placed signs in this location announcing that a change is coming to the Miller Library. There will also be terminals on the top and bottom floors.

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As the finishing touches are being made to the rennovations of Hodson Hall, students are still waiting for the promised Student Study Center, which is taking over the Bookstore's old location. *photo by Sherry Menton*

"Battleline" Host Speaks at WC

by Sherry Menton

Barry Lynn, former Legislative Counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), addressed the question, "Can the Supreme Court Undo the Bill of Rights?" in a talk Tuesday sponsored by the William James Forum.

Lynn, who currently is the co-host of "Battleline", started out his speech by stating decisively that not only could the Supreme Court take away rights granted to Americans in the Bill of Rights, but that "the worst news is that it's too late to do anything about it."

Currently, about sixty percent of federal judges, and four of the nine members of the Supreme Court, were appointed by Republican Presidents Reagan and Bush, according to Lynn. This year, the Supreme Court may choose to hear four different anti-abortion test cases, and two cases that have the potential to overturn twenty-five years of desegregation of public schools. And the reason such cases can come before the Supreme Court, says Lynn, is because lower courts keep passing the cases along.

"Most judges are white men... there is a built in bias in the legal system," Lynn points

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Students Take Trip to International Monetary Fund

by Stephanie Sherwell

Last Friday economic, political science, and international studies majors went to Washington D.C. to visit the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. Profesors Shad and Premo had organized the excursion for students interested in international monetary affairs.

The students visited the International Monetary Fund (IMF) where they viewed a film on the goals of the IMF. Afterwards, the students were able to talk with Bruno J. Mauprivez, a public affairs officer, on more specific points about the IMF.

The main function of the IMF is to loan money to members of the Fund who are experiencing problems meeting their financial responsibilities to other IMF members. The only condition for these loans is that the borrowing nation works to correct their economic problems for their own good and the benefit of the world.

The IMF gets its funds

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Parking Problem Addressed by SGA

At the SGA meeting on October 15, the issue of parking along Campus Avenue was raised by Senator Emily Daignault. She reported that college boarding college students should not park on Campus Avenue, as local students board and exit along the road and parked cars impair vision which makes for a dangerous situation. Students and faculty should park in the lot near Maintenance instead and also, Kent Circle will remain closed.

Other business that was discussed included the Academic Council Meeting on October 14, to further discuss the Lilly Report. The difficulty in implementing an academic diversity requirement was noted and a letter asking them to describe the range of diversity in their material, will be distributed to faculty members.

Another allocation by the SGA was passed. The Dale Adams Heritage Club requested $150 for a dj November 8 in the Coffee House. Senator Daignault moved for the allocation and the motion passed with two abstentions.

Family Day Tomorrow

The Fall Family Day is an opportunity for new students to welcome their families to the Washington College campus and to Chestertown. It is a chance for families to begin to make new friends and to speak with members of the faculty and administration.

At 10:30 Saturday morning, there will be a presentation by Ms. Ellyn Taylor, the Director of Student Aid. This program will be held in the Norman James Theater in William Smith Hall. Ms. Taylor will help families better understand the financial aid situation at Washington College. She will be available in her office(third floor Casey Academic Center) between 1:00-3:00 o'clock to meet with parents with personal questions.

At noon, there will be a pre-luncheon reception in Hynson Lounge, where parents will have the opportunity to meet and speak with members of the faculty.

Parents and faculty are invited to join their son or daughter for a luncheon in the College Dining Hall beginning at 12:30. Meal tickets will be on sale in William Smith Hall before the morning presentation and at the entrance to the dining hall. Students on a meal plan need only present their ID.

Exchanging Tie-Dyes For Suits and Ties

Student Enviromentalists Battle Legislatures

by Melanie Yiasemide

(NSNS) On its 20th anniversary last year, Earth Day attracted huge crowds and lots of media attention. This year's celebrations, while more subdued, have seen the emergence of a more earnest variety of student environmentalists. Determined to win specific environmental reforms, these students have headed to Washington and their state legislatures to transform their Earth Day ideals into political realities.

"Tie-dye shirts and Birkenstocks aren't the flavor of the environmental movement I'm seeing in the field," says Julian Keniry, Southern Regional Coordinator for Cool It!, the student campaign of the National Wildlife Federation. "Students are willing to put on a suit and tie and play by the rules to get their administrations to take the first step."

Students Fight Observatory Planned for Arizona Forest:

Students from Arizona, North Carolina, Harvard and Yale have all joined in a campaign to preserve a forest threatened by a telescope observatory proposed by the University of Arizona. The students have worked since 1984 to convince federal lawmakers to stop the project.

Opponents of the plan to construct an observatory among 700 acres of old growth forest on Arizona's Mt. Graham say the project violates the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA). Also threatening the rare red squirrels that live in the area, the proposal violates the Endangered Species Act (ESA), according to environmentalists.

Arizona students have written letters of protest to Sen. Dennis DeConcini (D-AZ) and Sen John McCain (R-AZ). They also have enlisted the support of students at the University of North Carolina, Harvard University and Yale University to write Rep. Walter Jones (D-NC) and Rep. Gerry Studds (D-MA), who are known to be powerful supporters of the ESA.

"This [observatory] could set a dangerous precedent," says David Hodges, a senior interdisciplinary studies major and member of Arizona's SEAC chapter. Hodges says that if the

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OPINION/EDITORIAL

"Always remember to hold hands and look both ways before crossing the street." -- Robert Fulghum

The view of campus afforded to residents of Reid Hall is particularly attractive – the sight of students and faculty walking up and down the Fire Lane, the smell of newly fallen leaves, the sound of screeching car brakes and the curses of student pedestrians... The *Elm* staff, working as we do in the basement of Reid, usually with street-side windows open to combat the broken thermometer that keeps the office at a nice even 94°, is in an excellent position to view the traffic patterns of the Rte. 213 crosswalk, and we are not thrilled with what we have seen.

Every year, complaints about the crosswalk are trotted out along with complaints about the Dining Hall food, arena registration or the lack thereof, tuition hikes, etc. ad nauseum. But these issues, old as they may seem, are brought up because year after year they are of pressing concern to the college community, so perhaps it is time to evaluate our pedestrian habits once again.

Many students tend to behave inconsiderately when crossing the crosswalk. They meander into the road without checking to see if cars are coming and without picking up their pace or acknowledging the drivers of the cars. When students have gotten out of classes and many are all heading across the road, they can hold up traffic for minutes at a time because they can't be bothered to jog a bit to catch up with the person in front of them. Those are counts against us.

Much of that behavior is arguably justified by the ill manners of drivers. If you are crossing the street while balancing books and a sick tray, drivers may still honk or yell at you to hurry up. Cars coming down the road may show no inclination to stop, forcing pedestrians to wait at the curb until they are sure they are not going to be run over. Cars speed through the crosswalk area, sometimes far exceeding even the normal posted limit of 25 mph. At the other end of the spectrum, few things are more annoying to a pedestrian than a driver who stops his car ten yards away from the crosswalk when the pedestrian is still ten yards away from the edge of the road, and then honks with impatience when the student does not quicken his pace because the car is waiting for him to cross.

Both sides have some justification to them. However, a little more leniency ought to be granted to offending parties in the interest of keeping town-gown relations amiable. Even students who have been treated badly by motorists sometimes forget to stop at the crosswalk when they themselves are the driver. Let's give drivers a chance to show their good manners by showing them ours.

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Letters to the Editor

Smokers Have Constitutional Rights, Too

To the Editor:

In reply to David Serles [Smoking is a Disgusting Habit, Oct. 18], I would like to express my dissatisfaction at the way Mr. Serles presented his argument. While he made valid scientific points he neglected the politics of the issue. This is a country whose roots lie in the fight for freedom of expression and right to do, say, and be as one pleases. Mr. Serles, it is you who is the ignorant party. To say that because someone smokes they are ignorant implies only the reverse. You show lack of respect for the Constitution of the United States if you believe that because something offends you it should be stopped. Who do you think you are, the King of Siam? It is attitudes like yours which keep progress from occurring.

Tobacco was the cash crop that prevented this country from being a quickly-abandoned British colony. People smoke still, and will continue to smoke no matter what anyone says to them, and do you want to know why? Because they like it! People enjoy smoking, just like they enjoy drinking, just like they enjoy breathing. Remember that if someone's personal habits do not agree with yours, you still have no right to judge. You are not GOD!

That you have had to leave social functions due to smoke is your own fault. You are fully aware that people tend to smoke in social situations, just as they tend to eat, talk and drink. You have been on this campus long enough to know the habits of the student body. For you remain oblivious enough to assume that people will not smoke at the next function you attend is asinine.

You have every right to express your displeasure at people's personal habits, but to insist that they stop is wrong. I have encountered smokers who will extinguish their cigarettes when asked politely. I certainly do not see anyone forcing you to smoke against your will. The secondary smoke cannot be avoided, but you have ultimate control over whether or not you inhale. That you categorize all smokers as rude, vile, selfish people is your own prerogative, but a distorted view at that. I know many charming, intelligent, witty smokers on this campus and would rather associate with them than with someone pompous enough to presume that his view is the only view.

Sincerely,
Tara Kidwell

American Library Association Hypocritical

Conservatives Not the Only Ones To Practice Censorship

To the Editor:

Your feature story, Banned Books Celebrated [Oct. 4], desperately requires rebuttal. The authors swallowed whole the self-congratulatory treacle of the American Library Association. Any of the books listed are easily found. In contrast, the publications which, in the view of the ALA, "should not exist," are simply made "non-retrievable," and thereby rendered beyond the reach of anyone.

Through its decisive influence on the Wilson Company, which publishes Reader's Guide, the indexing of conservative publications has been prevented, very often for many decades. There is no way for anyone to learn that these journals— or those who wrote for them— ever existed, had anything to say, or happened to be right when the received wisdom of Libthink was dead wrong.

My million-plus words in print are in the Library of Congress— but if you walked in there, you could never find them. That is what "non-retrievable" is all about. What "some people" say should not be published at all, but if published, Liberals will try (quite effectively) to "censor" them by ensuring that the material is not distributed, reviewed, referred to, preserved, or to be found in libraries.

Many years ago, I gave a subscription to one of these journals to the WC Library, but the Librarian threw it away, rather than allow students to read it. To this day, the Library is severely— and deliberately— deficient in material reflecting American conservative thought. The official reason is that the College is too poverty-stricken to afford the Washington Times! In the entire history of the Library, it has never subscribed to any periodical containing the word "conservative" in its title.

I leave open the question of whether a student who did read, reflect upon, take data from, or reveal himself to be favorably influenced by any such publication would be re-

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Additions to Library Article

To the Editor:

I have been pleased by the coverage the *Elm* is giving the library's automation project. I think it is important for students to know what has happened and what to expect. I think it is also good for everyone to know the role students have played in the effort.

To that end I offer the following correction and additions tot he October 18 article. We would probably have been pleased to have Colleen Blenkstone work with us, but she didn't. The article should have said that Colleen Blakelock was one of the original retro crew. In addition Paul Briggs, Abrah Wilberding, Tamela Pinkney, Karla Pozo, Julia Schneid, Tarin Towers, and Monica Wilen have contributed to the conversion effort, and we appreciate them all.

Sincerely,
William J. Tubbs
Librarian

Weekly Absurdity

Isn't the whole Supreme Court thing absurd? This column has dealt more than once with the serious absurdities about Clarence Thomas et. al., ad nauseum, so before the whole Thomas thing drops into quiet obscurity (and every person who has to live in this country should be hoping that he does do a quick fade!), let's take a look at the lighter side of the whole spectacle.

All of this came about because the legislature is supposed to ensure that only qualified, fairminded individuals become lifetime members of the nation's highest court. What an unfortunate phrase - it makes it sound like justices are signing up for an American Express card, or are joining the Mafia. Hmm...

As MacNelly's political cartoon (pg. 4) indicates, the witless Senators were more interested in looking pretty on national television, for all their constituents to see, than in ensuring the civil liberties of those constituents. Paul Simon's bowtie nametag is a fashion commentary that could be applied to almost every Senator involved in the confirmation process. Not one Senator raised more than a minor fuss about the fact that Thomas had only one year's experience as a federal judge, and was patently unqualified to sit on the Supreme Court on that basis alone. Heavens, no! Their opinion polls might suffer if the Senators were to actually do their jobs, and they certainly can't allow that to happen. But what happens to democracy in this country when the check doesn't want to balance? (Never mind - the deficit isn't really the point here.)

Yes, the Supreme Court is decidedly tilted to the right. So what? We've always known lawyers and politicians are a bit off-balance, haven't we? And in any case, once the American public figures out that they, as jurors, can refuse to convict "guilty" people if they think the law they are guilty of breaking is *stupid*, jury nullification and the sensibilities of the average American citizen will mop up the mess the Court makes.

CAMPUS VOICES

QUESTION - If you could redesign the system for registering for classes, what would you pick (arena registration, etc.)?

Julie Klein
Massey, Md.
Freshman

"I think the best system for registering is arena registration. This provides equal opportunity among all members of each class."

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Jennifer Saunders
Germantown, Md.
Freshman

"The best way to fairly obtain the preferred classes, is through arena registration. The possibilities of getting a course are increased, whereas the other method is not as fair."

Todd Kagler
Baltimore, Md.
Senior

"The computer approach does not provide the personal touch that arena registration does. Sometimes special circumstances exist that professors can take into account that computers cannot."

Jeff Daly
Denton, Md.
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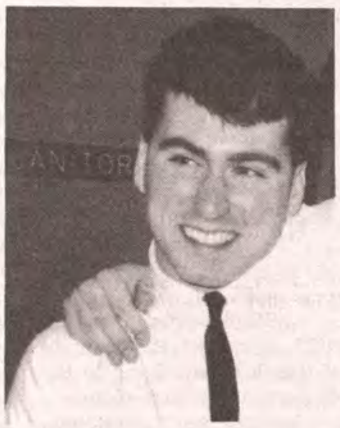
"The system last semester was fine as far as I am concerned. It was certainly better than arena registration."



"Fatman" Goldenberg
Philadelphia, Pa.
Junior

"The method last year was less tedious than in previous years. My main complaint was waiting in line for hours just to find out that the classes that I had chosen were all closed. Last year's way of registering eliminated that problem, at least for me."

Tiffany Altizer
Virginia Beach, Va.
Freshman

"I like arena registration better than the new system. It seems more fair."

compiled by Emily Daignault
Thanks to all those who loaned us pictures

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out.

If the lower courts may also be part of the solution as well as part of the problem. "The key to preserving individual liberties is no longer with the Supreme Court, but with individual state courts," Lynn claims.

Lynn maintains that the best approach to prevent rights from being taken away is to begin intensive lobbying of state legislatures now. He predicts that the same day that Roe vs. Wade is overturned (which he believes *will* happen within the next year), many state legislatures will introduce bills to restrict or abolish abortion. Then, says Lynn, it would be too late to launch a public relations campaign "to prevent the legislature from passing bad laws in the first place."

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warded or penalized by the present faculty.

Here's another good question. Wouldn't any publisher relish the notion of issuing a book destined to sell between three and six million copies? Well, not if the message is disapproved of by Liberals, and intended to influence the electorate.

During the hard-fought and very interesting political campaigns of 1964, three such books were published— but they had to be privately printed! And while no student of the political scene of the time should be unaware of the effect of these books, care has been taken to ensure that they "do not exist" in your or any other library!

You used a quote by Lyndon Johnson. One of those books was about him. He didn't like it. He tried very hard to destroy the author, J. Evetts Haley, both financially and in reputation. He directed both the FBI and the IRS to lean on him to the best of their considerable abilities. So do not for one moment imagine that Lyndon Johnson believed the quote attributed to him— or that the American Library Association deplores censorship!

Yours truly,
Dr. Susan L.M. Huck

[Editor's Response: While I cannot speak for the authors of the article, I myself wonder at the repeated use of the word "Liberals" as if liberals were a political party unto themselves. The original Elm article was a feature story about Banned Books Week, and was not a statement of political opinion.]

Elm Editors Wanted!

In our attempts to produce a high-quality weekly student newspaper, the *Elm* staff has encountered difficulties that we hope to alleviate by reorganizing the Editorial Board. Currently the burden of organizing, writing, and laying out the paper every week rests on a core staff of a half dozen people. We are gratified to hear the newspaper complimented and know that our efforts have paid off; however, more student involvement in the paper is going to be needed if we are to maintain the Elm's current standards.

You do not have to be a writer to participate in your newspaper. Campus organizations - send us press releases about your upcoming activities! Students and faculty - take advantage of our Letters column and our new Classified section! Send us suggestions - we're doing our best to provide what you want to see in the paper.

Many students showed up for the Elm's organizational meeting at the beginning of the year, and we hope they will consider applying for the positions, detailed below, that are now available. Experience is not necessary if you are willing to learn and work hard.

Our reorganization effort, specifically, is aimed at abolishing the position of Editor-in-Chief, effective next semester. Instead, the current duties of the Editor-in-Chief would be assumed by an Administrative Editor and a Managing Editor, who would share equal status on the Board.

The Administrative Editor would act as the Elm's liaison with the college community, duties to include: attending Board of Visitors and Governors meetings, Faculty meetings, SGA meetings; managing all Elm public relations and information contacts on campus; handling all Elm correspondence off campus; assisting section editors in layout; and sharing the responsibility of delivering the paper to Elkton every Thursday evening.

The Managing Editor would be responsible for overseeing the actual content of the newspaper, duties to include: directing editorial policy and writing staff editorials; coordinating the articles for each issue; copyediting articles for content and style as well as grammar; laying out the Op/Ed, Campus Voices, and Issues pages; and sharing the responsibility of delivering the paper to Elkton every Thursday evening.

It would be necessary for the Administrative and Managing editors to work closely so that, on the one hand, the Administrative editor will be able to accurately represent the Elm and serve its needs in day to day relations, and on the other hand, so the Managing editor will not be so bogged down as to be stuck writing articles and doing layout at three o'clock in the morning. Any procedural differences between the editors would be resolved by a majority vote of the Editorial Board, or by appeal to the Board of Publications if absolutely necessary.

Whether or not this restructuring is implemented depends on the response we receive. Because this is experimental, there is no application process per se. Details of the division of duties are negotiable. Anyone interested in the position of Managing Editor, which is a salaried position, should contact Sherry Menton as soon as possible. Final organization of the Board is subject to approval by the Board of Publications.

Also available for the spring semester are the Board positions of News Editor and Sports Editor. Application forms for these positions are in the mailbox on the Elm office door, in the basement of Reid Hall. Both are salaried positions and require a firm weekly commitment. Applications are due no later than November 4.

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Next Week's Topic:

Do you think Roe vs. Wade will be overturned by the Supreme Court before next year's Presidential election?

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ISSUES

In the World...

Another American Hostage Released; Natural Disasters in India and California

SYRIA

Yet another hostage has been released! On Tuesday, American mathematics professor Jesse Turner was released to the U.S. after spending more than 4 and-a-half years as a captive of Shiite Muslim kidnappers in Lebanon. Eight Western hostages still remain.

INDIA

At least 2,000 people were injured and 675 killed in an earthquake in the Himalaya foothills last Sunday. The quake destroyed some villages entirely and flattened buildings in about 500 other villages.

CALIFORNIA

About 14 people were killed in an Oakland California fire last Monday, including a family of five who died while trying to escape their home. At least 1,800 houses were destroyed. This was one of the worst fires in U.S. history.

TEXAS

Around lunchtime on Wednesday, October 16; 35-year-old George Hennard drove his pickup truck through the window of Luby's Cafeteria and began firing two semiautomatic pistols. 22 people were killed before the gunman put a bullet in his own head. This was the worst mass shooting in U.S. history since a gunman killed 21 people at a McDonalds in California in 1984.

USA

WAC is not alone: public universities and colleges in 30 states are giving their students the biggest tuition increases in eight years. This fall, average tuition and fees at four-year public institutions rose 12 percent; to $2,137 up from $1,908 in 1990-91. The typical four-year public school cost for state residents is $5,488. Total fixed charges for private schools averaged $14,403, after they too raised their rates 7 percent.

(NSNS) Most public and private schools are feeling the end of the baby boom hit with applications dropping by as much as 15 percent. According to the Department of Education, there will be only 2.5 million high school graduates in 1991, down from 2.7 million in 1990. The demographic trend is expected to continue until 1994.

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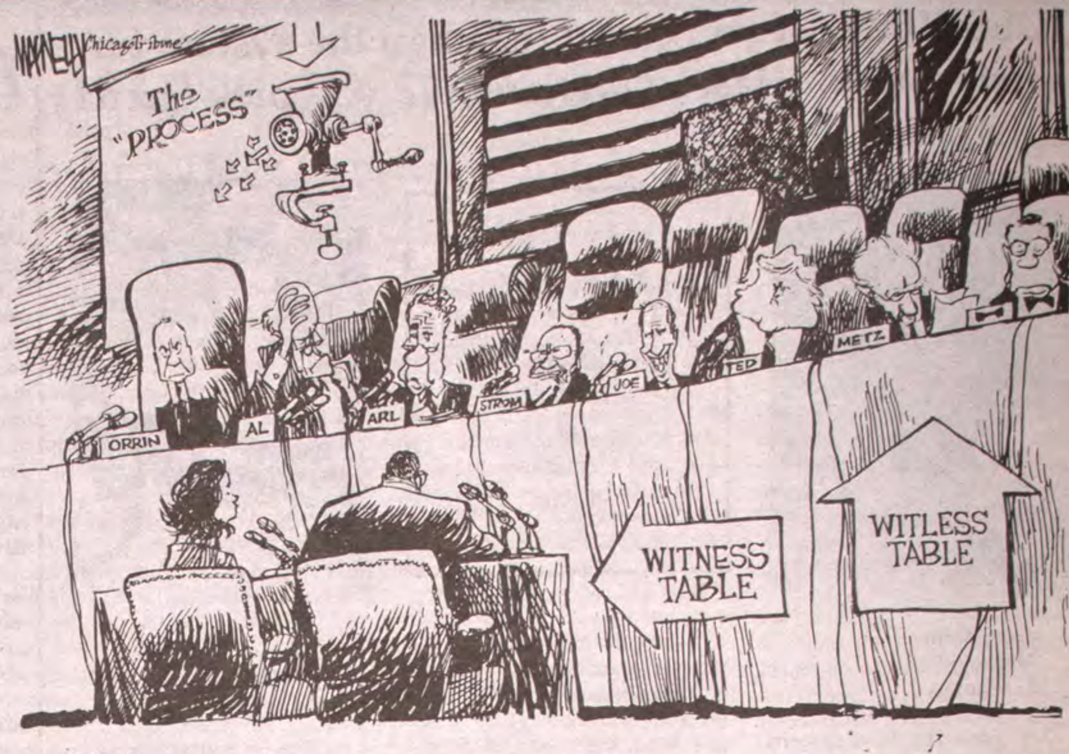

Josephine the Fly

"Josephine!" Napoleon cried, grabbing his girlfriend, "What are you doing here?"

"'What am I doing here?'" Josephine said weakly, "Napoleon! Don't I even merit a 'Hello?'"

"Hello." Napoleon said as it started to rain outside. "Why did you come here?"

"Come where—Do you mean why did I come to WAC, or why did I come to the Lit. House?"

"To the Lit. House," Napoleon said tersely.

"I came to the Lit. House because I was looking for you," Josephine said, "Because I was scared out of my head because I thought something horrible had happened to you because the last time I saw you you started frothing at the mouth and then disappeared and all!"

"Oh..." Napoleon said as a soaked female student stepped onto the porch.

"Goddamned rain..." the student muttered, "I HATE Maryland rain! I just tried to cross the crosswalk, and there was a *stream* running through it, and the stream had a *current*, and I got caught in the current and was swept all the way down to historic Chestertown, and none of the shops there were open, so I had to walk all-the-way back to the college, and as I walked all these gross-looking men in pick-up trucks saw me and said to each other 'Ooo! Look! That person female! We male! We have penis! We prove we male and have penis by hanging out of the window and shouting 'Woo Woo Baybeeee!' ' I HATE them! I HATE rain! And I HATE...flies."

Josephine and Napoleon shrieked and clung to each other as the woman spotted them and took a yellow flyswatter out of her pocketbook.

"Napoleon!" Josephine said as they watched the woman advance, "If we don't make it out of this alive I just want you to know...that I love you!"

"Uh, uh, uh..." Napoleon said in fright, "I...I love you too, Josephine!"

"WHAP!" went the swatter. "DIE!" screamed the woman, but the flies had flown to the side just-in-the-nick-of-time.

"Josephine!" Napoleon shouted, "If we do make it out of this alive, I want you to join my movement!"

"What movement?" Josephine shouted back as the swatter went "WHAP!" between them and the woman screamed "I'M GONNA KILL YOU! KILL YOU! KILL YOU 'TILL YOU'RE DEAD!"

"The movement..." Napoleon shouted from across the room, "To destroy WAC!"

"What? Why?" Josephine shouted back, feigning ignorance.

"Because..." Napoleon said, nimbly flying aside as the woman brandished her swatter again, howling "DIE! DIE! DIE! DIE YOU LITTLE FLY!"

"Because they destroyed the Elm!" Napoleon continued shouting, "And because they destroyed the Elm...it's only right that they themselves should be destroyed as well! Listen! It is we—the bugs of the college, who are succeeding in changing this place from being one of the friendliest campuses in the nation to one of animosity! It is we who caused the vandalism of the Cardinal dorms last week—we who whispered into the ears of the vandals while they were sleeping, subliminally prompting them to throw a brick through the window of one of the lounges; and who also prompted other vandals to steal the Cardinal rug cleaning machine! It is we who subliminally convinced the people who trashed Kent last weekend to do so; and we who persuaded three humans to steal the magic memo-board markers of the residents of first-floor Queen Anne and then use them to write obscenities all over the bathroom and hall walls! It is also we..."

"WHAP!"

"DIE, INSECT-SCUM!"

Napoleon escaped again, "It is also we," he continued, "Who whispered into President Trout's ear the brilliant idea of moving security off campus sometime soon! Ha ha ha ha ha!"

"You're crazy, Napoleon!" Josephine shouted as the swatter went "WHAP!" and missed again as the woman yelled "I'M GONNA KILL YOU IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO, YOU LITTLE BUGGERS!"

"What do you mean, I'm crazy?" shouted back Napoleon.

"You're crazy, and evil, and rotten, and bad, and...and...and...you're crazy!" Josephine shouted back hysterically. "This is a great school—you can't destroy it!"

"Yeah, right it's a great school!" Napoleon yelled, "Name one great thing about it!"

"Well..." Josephine began, "It... EEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEK!"

"WHAP!"

"HA! I GOT ONE!" rejoiced the woman. "I KILLED A FLY! I KILLED A FLY!"

"JOSEPHIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII-NNNNNNNNNNNE!" Napoleon screamed.

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Environmentalism

Something From The Heart

Describing herself as a writer, former school teacher/ administrator, Elizabeth Buckman, the Development Officer for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, spoke about Environmentalism, the Chesapeake Bay, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, and the Internships available to Washington College students.

Elizabeth Buckman described environmentalism as something from the heart, something one feels and not something that is necessarily taught in a classroom. A degree in the sciences is not a requirement for being an environmentalist - William Baker, president of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, majored in the Humanities; other senior staff members have majored in Psychology, in Theology, and in Law.

The Chesapeake Bay is a vast system that is 64,000 square miles across and approximately 15 feet deep. It is the source of the livelihood of the watermen in seven different states. The Chesapeake Bay is the largest estuary in the world. It needs to be taken care of and it belongs to each and everyone of us. The Bay needs to be protected from over-harvesting so that there are fish, crabs, and oysters left to be harvested in the next year. It needs to be sheltered from pollution which causes an increase in nutrients and eventually a decrease in fish, crabs and oysters. The Bay needs to be protected so when our children grow up they can come to the Chesapeake Bay, catch fish and eat Maryland blue crabs.

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation was founded in 1966 as a small, non-profit organization dedicated to saving the Chesapeake Bay. Since the founding of the organization, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation has implemented an Environmental Education Program, an Environmental Protection Program, and a Land Use Management Program. These programs are designed to further the understanding of the ecological impact that overharvesting, automobile emissions, sewage and chemical dumping have on the Chesapeake Bay as well as in the surrounding areas.

Washington College students have an opportunity to become involved with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. The Washington College/ Chesapeake Bay Foundation Internships are a way of doing something for the Bay and for yourselves. These internships were founded by a Jessie Ball du Pont Fund grant to Washington College and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation for internships dealing with the Chesapeake Bay. The internships augment the McLain Program and support Washington College interest and intent to foster environmental studies. The internships are under the direction of Dr. Donald A. Munson, Chair of the Biology department and curator of the McLain Program in Environmental Studies.

The interns will be doing important work and not just sitting behind a desk - they will be out there, in the field, making a difference. There are internship opportunities in Land Use, Transportation, Marketing, Personnel, Public Relations, Publications, and many others. The internship begins in the spring semester of the junior year, where you gather all the background material, it is continued into the summer (an eight week period) where you do the bulk of the work, and is completed with the presentation of the write up in the fall semester of the senior year. These internships are available to all students in their junior year, regardless of their major.

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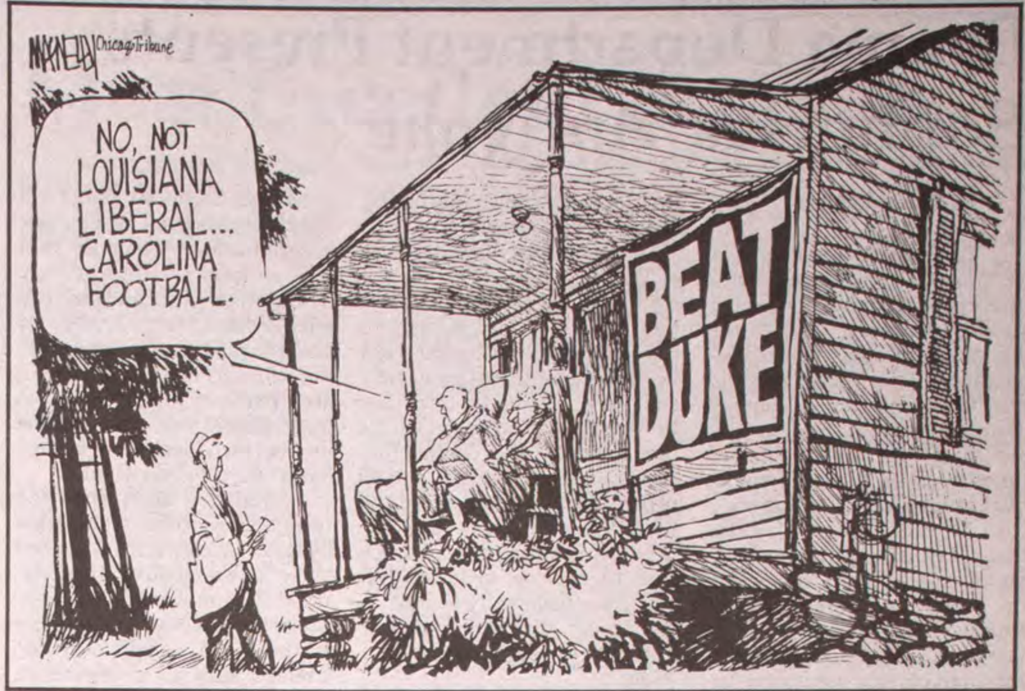
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SUBWAY

Drama Department Presents Sophocles' *Antigone*

by Tarin Towers

Sophocles' *Antigone* is a traditional Greek tragedy with universal appeal. Director Timothy Maloney, chair of the Washington College Drama Department, feels the play could have been set in any number of historical periods. He has chosen to set the play in modern times because "It would not be hurt in any way by doing so."

The set, designed by Professor Jason Rubin, implements on-stage seating in the form of an arena, or "theatre in the round." The feeling of Ancient Greece is present in the marble-textured playing areas and furniture. Maloney says that the design serves as "an arena for the confrontation of the play's two forces," characterized by Antigone and Creon.

Jason West plays the ruler of Thebes, Creon. The central conflict is between Creon, who has demanded that Antigone's allegedly criminal brother not be buried, and Antigone herself, who wants to bury her brother. The characters in the play embody the conflict between State and Family, and all of them, as West says, "feel duty-bound to act the way they do. . .The city is war-torn, and Creon has to restore order. While Antigone feels duty-bound by her family, Creon has an obligation to the city and responsibility."

Although many who are familiar with the story of *Antigone* see her as the force of good and Creon as evil, West feels that this is not an accurate generalization. When he first read *Antigone* several years ago, he saw Creon as a "bad guy, but after working with Creon for some time, I *know* he's not quite the evil man." He feels that Creon sees parts of Antigone within himself, and vice versa. All the characters follow their beliefs, which they feel are right.

Maloney adds that the twentieth-centuruy translation by Arnott, which is in unrhymed verse, is exemplary of translations of *Antigone*. "Any translation which feels a responsibility to the language will translate Creon's lines as chauvinistic, but Greek scholars do not see Sophocles as speaking in a sexist tone. He often used women as an *example* of a weaker person than authority . . . equality did not exist [in Ancient Greece]." He does not want audience members siding with Antigone just because they feel it is a women's lib vs. chauvinism issue — it isn't, and both sides are equally right. Thus the cuts were made.

Members of the cast include Carey Smith in the role of Antigone, Steph Hess as Ismene, Jason West in the role of Creon, Ed Schroeder playing a Guard, Richard McKee as Haemon, Jason Imber playing Teiresias, and Alex Nader as Eurydice. Playing in the Chours are Martha Kimura, Katie Degentesh, Lisa Woodcock, Tim Madison, Gina Braden, and John McDanolds. *Antigone* is directed by Tim Maloney and designed by Jason Rubin, with Dale Daigle as technical director and stage managers Melanie Green and Abrah Wilberding (assistant).

Campus Calendar of Events

Oct. 25-26 The Drama Department presents ANTIGONE, Gibson Performing Arts Center, 8 pm, Reservations required, ext. 269.

Oct. 25-28 Film: EDWARD SCISSORHANDS, Norman James Theatre, 7:30 pm.

Oct. 28 The Monday Series presents Professor Robert Day speaking on "E. HALERMAN-JULIUS (The Henry Ford of American Literature) and *The Little Blue Books*," O'Neill Literary House, tea at 4 pm, talk at 4:30.

Oct. 29 Literary House film: "VOICES & VISIONS: EMILY DICKINSON," 7:30 pm.

Oct. 31 The Sophie Kerr Committee presents "WAITING FOR COLUMBUS," Alastair Reid, Staff writer for the *New Yorker*, Sophie Kerr Room, Miller Library, 5pm.

Friday Night Fever

by Sara Hunt

Anybody remember how to do the hustle or the bump? Do you still get misty eyed watching *Saturday Night Fever* or *Xanadu*? Remember when the word foxy was "in"? Does anyone really miss bell bottoms and white loafers? Apparently so, because last Friday night the coffee house was swarming with people dressed in leisure suits and polyester dresses boogie-ing down to the funky beat of Donna Summer and Blondie. After all it was Disco Revival Night in the Coffee House and those who dressed up got one dollar off the admission price.

"This basically all came about because I love disco," claimed Kim Coburn who organized the event. "We'd had disco nights on the hall before, and wanted to have something like it campus wide and then I realized, as activities director of the C-house, I could actually do it!" Coburn and a rather large group of others arranged everything, including recruiting D.J. Brett Lankford.

Lankford managed to gather a surprisingly wide array of seventies music. Chris Spezio, Amy Caddle, Coburn and even Lankford's father all contributed their old albums, ranging from The Captain and Tenille to The Bee-Gees. "I did it to preserve disco," stated Lankford. "And so that every generation will be able to listen to Andy Gibb without laughing." But could it be done? Could the music of the astrology and Afro generation move the Madonna wanna-be's and Dead Heads of the eighties and nineties?

"It was funky!" seventies connoisseur Phillip Eanes exclaimed. He and his polyester-wearing date knew almost every song and taught quite a few a people how to "bump". Between 150 and 200 people came throughout the course of the evening and those who came seemed to have a blast. "I had the most I've had all year!" said Caddle. Caddle danced during every song, not even sitting out when Barry Manilow was played. The seventies revivalists grooved to the beat of "Y.M.C.A" and "Car Wash", "That's the Way (I Like It)" and "Ease on Down the Road". "People of all walks of life got up and did the hustle together. How often does that type of cooperation happen at Washington College?" Caddle asked.

Not everyone had fun. Two young men got into an argument over a girl, straight out of "Copa Cobanna." The situation was expertly diffused by Coburn. "I wish more people had come. But KA did have a party the same night," Spezio said. The remaining 800 W.C. students could not have been at KA. "I didn't go because the day's too short and the year's too long." joked Joel Brown. "And I am allergic to seventies clothes." Others were more honest. Rachel Demma admitted that she "just hates disco."

Coburn admitted "Basically, disco was a cultural embarrassment for America, but a very interesting phenomena." Disco is one of the few form of music that inspires so much loyalty and contempt and genuine amusement. The heart of the matter is, however, that no matter how silly and inane disco is and was it remains a lot of fun. So while people will still laugh at Andy Gibb- try merely mentioning his name at the next sorority function and see what happens- disco has become America's most unique cultural icon.

Ghost Stories For The Whole Family

Join folklorist and storyteller, Tom Flowers for an afternoon of ghost stories at the Centreville Library's meeting room on Sunday, November 10 from 3 to 5 pm. This afternoon of family fun is free and sponsored by the Queen Anne's County Arts Council. Sorry, no children under five admitted.

Juried Exhibition

Entries for the Academy of Arts 28th Annual Juried Exhibition are due on December 2, 1991. Awards include more than $1000 in prize money. The exhibition is open to all artists in all media. Art must be original and must have been completed in the last two years. Art must not have been exhibited at the Academy of Arts. Deadline for submission of 2 x 2 inch slides is December 2, 1991. For further information, contact Christopher Brownawell, Curator, 822-0455.

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SPORTS

Volleyball Suffers Tough Loss

by Greg Coss

Despite winning twice on the road last week at St. Mary's and pushing their record to 18-13, the Shorewomen have to be pretty disappointed today. The team suffered a heartbreaking loss to Western Maryland at home nine days ago, a defeat which puts their hopes of earning an MAC playoff in serious trouble.

Washington returned to Cain Gymnasium in great shape after easily handling Hood (15-2, 15-2) and St. Mary's (16-14, 15-2). A defeat of Western Maryland would have given the Shorewomen the inside track at an at-large bid to the MAC playoffs. The top two finishers from each MAC region get automatic bids, then the at-large bid teams are selected. Washington was shooting for third place in their region with this victory, which would have left them in great shape. But it was not meant to be. A 15-12 loss in the first game took some wind out of the Shorewomen's sails, as they fell in the second game 15-5. But then the Shorewomen made an incredible rally in the third game. Seemingly down and out at 2-13, WC rallied for eleven straight points and a 14-13 lead. But they could not force a fourth game, falling 16-14.

The Shorewomen now are left hoping for a little help from others along with helping themselves. First and second place in the region will go to Gettysburg and Franklin and Marshall respectively. Third place, which would have been WC's with a win over Western Maryland, is now a stretch. The team needs Gettysburg to defeat Western Maryland, which will probably happen. The difficult part for Washington will be to defeat Franklin and Marshall, a game played yesterday which will be covered in next week's issue. If in fact Washington pulled off this upset, their conference record would be 3-2, as would Western Maryland's, but the big win over F&M might give Washington the edge for the post season berth. Regardless, the Shorewomen are favored in the Chesapeake Invitational Tournament this weekend.

Sticksters Stay Red-Hot

by Greg Coss

Although the Shorewomen have apparently come up short of their goal to reach the Middle Atlantic playoffs this year, they have been on quite a tear as of late. This includes a win and a tie in last week's play, and the tie would have been a loss were it not for Marie Mohler rising to the occasion.

After a 2-0 victory over Johns Hokins which raised the team's record to 8-5, WC returned home last Saturday to face Randolph Macon. Mohler kept the Shorewomen's momentum going by scoring unassisted with twenty minutes left in the first half. Macon retaliated with their first of two late half tallies, this one coming with only five minutes remaining in the half to even the score at one. Although the Shorewomen were narrowly outshot in the half, Randolph Macon had the better scoring opportunities. WC forced the Macon goalie to make only two saves compared to the eight which Washington's netminder Brigid DeVries had thrown her way.

But Mohler would come through again for Washington, scoring a second unassisted goal with around seven minutes remaining in the game. The lead would be short-lived, however, as Randolph Macon's offensive pressure finally paid off with a goal to tie the game at two with only four minutes remaining.

This equalizing goal seemed to upset the Shorewomen, who completely dominated the overtime period. They outshot their opponents 11-2 over the two extra periods but were unable to put one home, and the game ended in a tie, leaving the Shorewomen at 8-5-1.

Washington is 4-1-1 over its last six games and is ready to finish off this season on a continued winning note. Next week's issue will include the results of their away game on Tuesday against Widener which was too late for the Elm deadline. It also will cover their final game of the season, a home match against Western Maryland tomorrow at 1:00 p.m. Come see the sticksters in action one last time. Despite the fact that there season will end tomorrow it's been another successful season for the team and you can send them away in grand style by being one of the 850 students who will show up.

Most Excellent Stuff

By Ciarbo "Big Bad MoFo British Bulldog" O'Kieffe

On Saturday, October 19th at Worton Park, the battle of the Washingtonians took place. Washington College faced George Washington University in the second home match of the Shoremen's season. Washington College was anxious to give their crowd a game to remember.

The opening of the game promised this with the forwards advancing over the opponents after the scrum broke up. With an impressive start it was surprising to see GW score almost immediately with a penalty conversion. The first half contained great rugby with both sides battling it out. George Washington scored two tries but the moment of the match was when Anthony Black scrambled past his tacklers and then ran magestically through the try zone, finger pointing at the crowd and above, finally placing the ball down behind the goal to put Washington College on the scoreboard. The conversion was made by Sean Hamill. The second half saw George Washington leap ahead, the gap lessened by "ICE" who took an impressive solo blinding run and then dove for Washington's second try. Sean again converted, kicking the ball from a difficult corner position. The backs and forwards held George Washington throughout the game but due to three escaping runs by their swift winger the game finished with George Washington winning 22-12.

Morale was not lost when a second game was arranged which included players that had just played for eighty minutes, and several novices (who had only played one game previously) who displayed new talent for the club. The game was just as tough and well-fought as the first game but this time a superb try, sneaked in by Mark Renzi, kept the punter happy and left the final score at 4-0 to Washington College.

Injury medals are given to Christopher R., who fell at the beginning of the first game then recovered to play in the second game, and to Dave Snyder whose aggressive play was missed when he was escorted off the field in the second game.

A special thank you from the Rugby Club for all the people who turned up to show their support. (Ciaran: thanks for saving my this week. You're not so bad for a British dude: Greg.)

Soccer still struggling

by Chris Vaughn

It was another weary weekend here on Kibler as fans saw the Shoremen drop their record to 0-11-1 with two losses on their record.

Their hope, as it has been all season, was to try and come away with their first win. But, as expected, they were denied yet once again.

The first foe they faced was Golden Beacom College. WAC began play with high spirits as they tied the boys of Beacom at 1-1 by a strike from Chris Esther Graham, assisted by John Shanahan. But to no avail, WC was left behind with a final of 3-1 glaring them in the face. "We had good ball movement and opportunities but the luck for us kept going bad," said senior co-captain "Sparky" Anderson.

On top of this, the Shoremen dropped their Alumni game by a score of 5-0. Whether a real part of the season or not, the loss seemed to be a climax of a very difficult season.

The season is coming to an end now so don't miss any of the final games as one of them may be the win they are looking for. They still have two games left here on the Kibby on Saturday November 2 at 1:30 versus MAC powerhouse Johns Hopkins and Tuesday November 5 at 3:00 versus Delaware Valley. Be there! (Thanks for all the help Chris. Ya know, I think you're swell - Greg)

Finally, Skins!

by Greg Coss (22-15 in pro picks with points)

2 reasons why the Redskins will end a six game losing streak to the Giants are, in my opinion, the absence of former Giants coach Bill Parcells and Phil Simms, the quarterback who seems to find a way to beat the Redskins every time. Hostetler has never faced Washington and new coach Rey Handley doesn't know the Redskins' system like Parcells did. Look for the Skins to take it in a very close, come from behind 27-23 victory.

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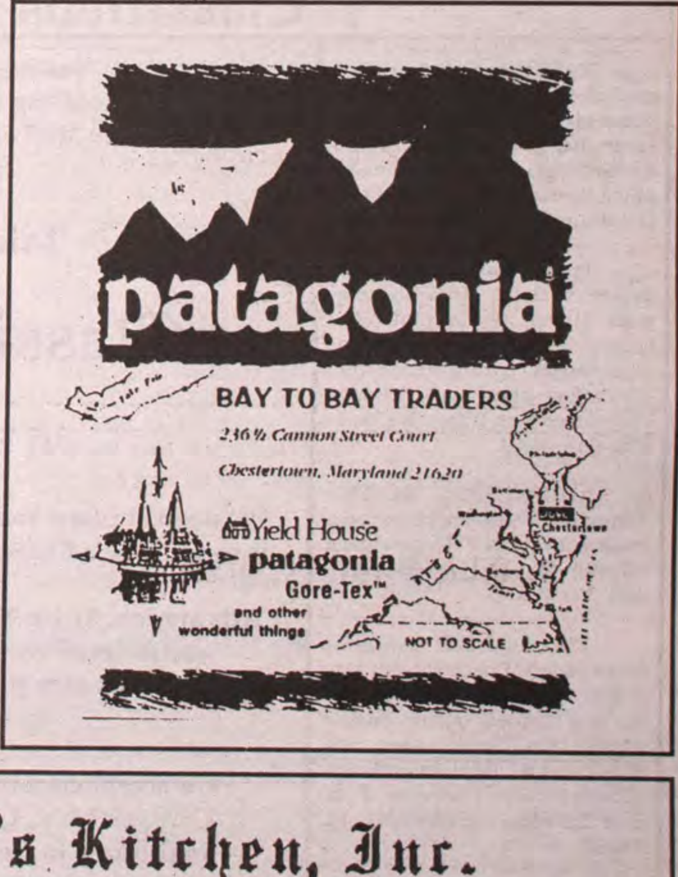

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university succeeds, then it has shown that "it just has to come up with the money to lobby Congress and it'll get around the act."

Steve Emerine, University of Arizona Associate Director of Public Information, defends the plan, stating that several artificial structures already exist on Mt. Graham, including a bible camp, log cabins and camping grounds. "I am optimistic that the project is going to be stopped," says Hodges. "There are students out there who are concerned enough to do something about it."

Florida Students Work for Bottle Bill:

In an effort to increase recycling in their state and save resources, hundreds of Florida students are writing letters, lobbying and signing petitions to pass legislation to put a five-cent deposit on cans and bottles sold in the state.

Students of the Florida Public Interest Research Group (PIRG) organized a drive in January and February that gathered approximately 1,800 letters urging Gov. Lawton Chiles and state legislators to support the "Bottle Bill." Students from Florida State University, the University of South Florida and Florida International University were among the campuses that took part in the drive.

The Bottle Bill's proponents say the legislation would promote recycling and reduction of trash by encouraging consumers to return containers to redeem their nickels. Nine states currently have Bottle Bills, but the legislation has been introduced unsuccessfully in the Florida Legislature for fourteen consecutive years.

"Our main effort with the Bottle Bill is to have an effective means of recycling on the books," says Mike Brustad, Florida PIRG's organizing director. "But the retail and beverage industries have consistently fought it – they don't want to be told they have to recycle."

[Sources interviewed for this report include the Student Environmental Action Coalition at (919) 967-4600, Cool It! at (202) 797-6858, Karen Plaut at (425) 497-7148, David Hodges at (602) 628-8976, University of Arizona's Steve Emerine at (602) 621-1877 and the Florida Public Interest Research Group at (305) 663-9710.]

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from member nations. The United States is its greatest supplier; therefore, it has more voting power. The IMF is considered a "last resort" for needy nations.

The students' afternoon agenda included a trip to the World Bank, a sister organization to the IMF. After watching another film, which explained the purposes of the World Bank, the students heard a talk on the policies of Latin American countries in regard to the World Bank. The next report, given by the chief economist for Southeast Asia, Dr. Aragwala, was on the World Bank's involvement in Asian countries and what effects it has had on their economies.

A popular topic the students wanted to discuss with all the lecturers was the IMF and World Bank's policies toward the issue of environmental harm in relation to economic growth. Dr. Aragwala informed the group that the World Bank can advise countries as to what would benefit their economy and the ill effects of certain policies, but they cannot force their members to adopt environmentally conscious policies.

The World Bank "exists to enhance the quality of hundreds of millions of individual human lives." The Bank consists of four different agencies. The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development loans money at the market rate and gives training and technical advise to developing countries. The International Development Association provides poor countries with interest-free loans and technical advice. The International Finance Corporation works with investors interested in private sector enterprises in foreign countries. The Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency was recently created to protect investments in developing countries.

More Students Stressed Out, Survey Shows

(CPS) – Significantly larger numbers of college students are seeking counseling for depression, stress, eating disorders, and substance abuse at a time when schools are cutting back mental health services, says a University of Florida psychologist.

Eighty-five percent of directors of college counseling centers throughout the nation reported an increase in serious psychological problems among college students in the past 10 years, said James Archer, who has written a new book called "Counseling College Students."

"I'd say it's a significant increase, and it's been steady," said Archer, director of the counseling center at the University of Florida.

The type of disorders treated at the centers ranged from counseling for depression, stress, alcohol and drug addiction to problems stemming from physical, mental, and sexual abuse. College students also are susceptible to loneliness, feelings of alienation and pressures to get good grades and jobs.

"It's not as easy as 10 to 15 years ago to get a job with a college degree," he said.

Being away from home, students also may discover for the first time that they have difficulties relating to their peers or professors because they come from abusive families.

Archer said it was difficult to tell whether the disorders are actually increasing or whether students are more willing to seek counseling because such problems are more openly discussed. The result is the same: More students are turning to counseling centers for help.

Most colleges are cutting health services, including counseling, for lack of funding. In tight budget years, "services to students are cut at a greater rate than academic programs. Counseling and mental treatment centers get cut to a greater degree," Archer said.

That was why Archer said he decided to write the counseling book, which focuses on way that college faculty and staff can help pinpoint troubled students and talk with them or refer the ones with serious problems to professional counselors.

The idea is early detection to prevent despondent students from turning to suicide, alcoholism or drug addiction, Archer said.

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New Yorker Writer Gives Alternative Look at Colombus

Poet and *New Yorker* staff writer Alastair Reid offered an alternative, irreverent view of the impact of Christopher Columbus' "discovery of America" in a lecture in the Sophie Kerr room yesterday.

Reid's lecture, sponsored by the Lecture Committee of Washington College, was titled "Waiting for Columbus." In this 500th anniversary of Columbus' first voyage across the Atlantic, Reid discussed Columbus' "invasion" of the Americas as the supreme example of European imperialism and disregard for indigenous cultures, rather than celebrating Columbus as a pioneer and humanitarian.

Reid's particular interest in Columbus' voyages began when he was living in the Dominican Republic, near the probable site of one of Columbus' first landings. Struck by the irony of the poverty of the Hispanic people living in the region, Reid began to see that the European incursion on the "New World" was a destructive and not a beneficial one.

Alastair Reid has appeared twice before at Washington College, to give readings of his poetry and his translations of the poetry of Pablo Neruda and Jorge Luis Borges. He is the

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Noted Arab-American Scholars to Speak at W.C. for Sympoium

by Karyn Iacangelo

A Middle-East Symposia Series has been announceed at W.C. on November 20-22.

The Symposia will feature three prominent women Arab-American scholars who talks will focus on "The Complexity of Middle Eastern Politics," and "Women in the Middle East," and The speakers include, Dr. Fedwa Malti-Douglas, Dr. Suzanne Pinckney Stetkevych, and Ms. Laurie King

Dr. Fadwa Malti-Douglas is Director of the Comparitive Language Program at the University of Texas at Austin and a member oft that University's Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures. Over the last decade, Dr. Malti-Douglas has become one of the country's most notable Arab-American Scholars. Her 1991 book Women's Body, Women's Word has been reviewed as the definite source on the use of feminine imagery in Arab-American Literature. She will lecture on her book and for an hour before her lecture, there will be a one hour book signing.

Dr. Suzanne Pickney Stetkevych has developed a reputation as America's outstanding young orientalist. She has published many books on the Middle East and will lecture on "Women in the Middle East."

Ms. Laurie King is a former Aid for Middle Eastern Affairs for Senator George McGovern and has been intricately involved with the US political agenda in the Middle East for the last decade. Ms. King has served as an Instructor of Arabic at Indiana University and as an Instructor of Sociology at Indiana University at Indianapolis. She has also served as the Director of IU Bloomington's Middle Eastern Studies Program. Ms. King will pursue research on women's roles and lives in Israel's Palastinian com-

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After much hot-n-cold weather, trees that separate Bill Smith lawn from Rte. 213 finally leave summer behind and start dropping leaves.

photo by Emily Daignault

Sane/Freeze Members to Visit U.N.

by Karyn Iacangelo

On October 28, Sane/Freeze hosted a lecture given by Peter Deccy, a member of the National Office of Sane/Freeze. His lecture was titled "Problems With Peace in the 90's," and focused on the Busch administration, economic conversion, the defense budget, and Arms trade around the nation.

Members of the Washington College Sane/Freeze Organization will be attending "The International Working Conference on the Arms Trade," in New York City on October 31. The conference will run until November 2, and will feature talks by well known members of the U.N., as well as members of the National Sane/Freeze Organization. These talks will be given at the United Nations and the Riverside Church. The vision underlying the conference is a world without war. They will be discussing current proposals to monitor, to control and to reduce the global production and transfer of arms and examine the obstacles which prohibit the implementation of a global arms restraint system. Some of the speakers include, Rev. William Sloane Coffin, President Emeritus-SANE/FREEZE, and Abdul Aziz Said, American University, Washington D.C.

"Sane/Freeze," is a new organization that has come to the Washington College Campus this year, and was founded by Anne Veiga. This organization is a grass-roots-based national organization which is concerned with environmental peace and nuclear disarmament. It is the only environmental peace organization with a voice in the United Nations(U.N.).

One issue that Sane/Freeze members have fought hard for is the Peace Economy Campaign. Sane/Freeze called for the transition from a Cold War economy to one based on

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Self-Defense Class Responds to Student Safety Needs

Almost every woman in this college has walked alone somewhere, whether it be on or off campus or even in any hometown. Most women do not recognize the danger that they could be in. Many women take the attitude that nothing will happen to them, but it can! Women need to be aware of the dangers around them and the harm that men can inflict, whether it be assault, rape, or even murder.

On Saturday, October 19, the first of a two part self defense class was held in the Norman James Theater. Duane Dieter, a very charismatic individual, was introduced to the few that attended as an accomplished martial artist with nine black belts. He discussed possible dangerous situations women could be involved in and demonstrated escape techniques. Mr. Dieter is the director and chief instructor of Dieter's Academy of Martial Arts located in Easton and Cambridge. He has helped one Washington College student regain self-confidence and fortitude after being raped last May. During the two hour session held on Saturday, Mr. Dieter discussed basic techniques and the advantages and disadvantages of certain weapons.

This past Saturday, October 26 at 1:00 pm in the Cain Gymnasium, Mr. Dieter and students of his academy demonstrated escape maneuvers, hitting techniques, and worked with individuals so they would feel comfortable applying them. The class was beneficial to all that attended because becoming aware of possible danger and learning what precautions to take are the best modes of self-defense. Another session will be offered in the Spring if there is sufficient funding and attendance is encouraged.

OPINION/EDITORIAL

Have You Seen Him Lately?

Larry Agran

Do you recognize this face? As one of the many relatively unknown Democratic Presidential candidates, he ought to be carrying the American Express card so he'll be treated like a President wherever he goes. The point isn't whether you recognize him, but that you, as part of the Washington College or greater Chestertown community, had the chance to meet Larry Agran this past Saturday at a coffee social in the Casey Academic Resource Center.

Hadn't heard of the coffee social? That's not surprising, very few students did. A handful of flyers announcing Agran's visit were posted in the Dining Hall and Bill Smith and the CAC only one day ahead of time. The opportunity to meet a Presidential candidate doesn't come along every day, and even were he not to receive the Presidency, or the nomination even, Agran is still an important figure on the political scene, and well worth getting up before noon to see.

That no press release informed the Elm of Agran's visit is admittedly a part of why we are upset about the lack of advertising, but it is not the major reason. The nation's highest political office is a matter of interest to everybody. Many students would probably have liked to attend the coffee social, but didn't hear about it because of the low key, last minute publicity. If Mr. Agran's visit to Washington College was scheduled at the last minute, leaving no time for a publicity campaign, perhaps a brief announcement could have been made in the Dining Hall to inform students who do not habitually check the notice boards.

One of the things that Washington College believes is an important component of a liberal education is out-of-classroom experiences. It is unfortunate that students were not given a real chance to take advantage of this unique chance to learn more about America's politics and politicians.

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All letters to the Editor are read with interest, but due to space limitations, the editors cannot always publish every letter received, and some might be edited for length. Letter that are printed are published as received, without editing for spelling, punctuation and grammar. Letters must be signed; no anonymous letters will be printed under any circumstances. Students should include with letters their major and year, faculty and staff their department and position. All letters should be limited to 600 words in length, and should, if possible include a day and evening telephone number should clarification be needed. Letters may be deposited in the marked box outside the Elm office in the basement of Reid Hall, or sent via campus mail. Please address letters to the Editor-in-Chief. Letters become the property of the Elm, and must arrive by 8 P.M. Tuesday evening for publication in that week's issue.

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Letters to the Editor

Fine for "Mandatory" Date Rape Talk Discriminatory

To the Editor:

I am being subjected to a preposterous injustice and I don't want others to "quietly" accept it happening to them! Two weeks ago, a poster was erected in my hall (Minta Martin 2nd floor) stating that on October 17th there would be a mandatory meeting for all female students that attended Washington College, and any men who felt like coming, considering the subject of date rape. Being anti-social, uninterested, in addition to having planned the night as a study session for a major test I had the following day, I ignored the sign. On October 23, I received a fine in the mail, demanding that I pay money for missing this meeting. I have two major problems with this.

First of all, having just paid the first half of the *17,000+* a year tuition, I find it absurd that this educational facility demands more money from me for not attending an extracurricular activity of private interest. Having paid this exorbitant amount, I find that all I really have to do is eat at the Dining Stall, defecate, attain A's, and die. This facility has no right whatsoever to demand me to attend any meeting which is not directly related to either my academic performance, financial state, or disciplinary action that is to be taken against me.

My second problem with this is that not everyone has to pay this absurd fine. After having spoken to many girls about campus, a great deal of them who decided not to attend the meeting did not get fined. In addition, this fine is highly discriminatory. Why was attendance not mandatory for men? Could you imagine the laughter, and then the anger they would express after being fined for not attending such a meeting? It also seems a pertinent point that no rapes (to my knowledge) occur on this campus perpetrated by women- so wouldn't it have been more logical to make it a men's meeting, anyways?

I am not paying my fine and I certainly hope any others who received such a ridiculous demand make their anger known. If the college has construed this as "an undercover" lucrative process, maybe they should have thought twice before purchasing the 1/4 acre of Kentucky Blue Grass tat now fills our student parking areas. Act now or your parents could find a mysterious unnamed bill, called "Miscellaneous Additional Charges"!!

Sincerely,
Christabel Garcia-Zamor
Class of 1994

Hands Out's Painting Praised

To the Editor:

This is an open letter of thanks to the thirty students of the Washington College Hands Out Program who volunteered their time last Saturday to paint the Pump House at Easter Seal Camp Fairlee Manor.

Their good work will help us to stretch our maintenance budget farther and ultimately contributes to our ability to serve children and adults with disabilities.

Thanks to the students and to Washington College for fostering this program which does such good work in Kent County!

Sincerely,
Johnson Fortenbaugh, Jr.
Facility Director

A Response To Tara Kidwell Concerning Smoking

To the Editor:

This is a reply to Tara Kidwell's letter to the editor [Oct. 25], which was a reply to my letter to the editor entitled "Smoking is a Disgusting Habit" [Oct. 18].

From a political point, I have no problems and agree that smokers have a right to smoke, as part of freedom of expression. Smokers have a right to smoke, as well as the right to kill themselves by smoking. You don't have the right to take me with you, though. The problem is that your right clashes with my right, as well as the right of others, not to have to breath [sic] your second hand cigarette smoke. Your smoke endangers our lives. The Supreme Court, years ago (when they still commanded some respect, before Reagan and Bust started stacking it with their cronies), ruled that health and safety does overrule some examples of freedom of expression. The specific example cited by the court was shouting "fire" in a theatre. Our case is no different.

One of the greatest national embarrassments and acts of stupidity, is the federal government subsidizing tobacco growers. I have and I will continue to challenge this. The federal government spends millions of dollars every year to help tobacco growers stay in business. It spends millions of more dollars to educate people on the evils of tobacco. This tobacco growers handout must end.

I have just as much of a right attend [sic] social events on this campus as you do. I shouldn't have to leave a social function because of cigarette smoke. I don't leave social functions because I want to, but because I have to. I'm fully aware that many people do smoke at social events, and I do not have to like it. This is why i [sic] expressed my opinion on the matter in the form of a letter to the editor. One thing that would relieve this problem is if the Coffee House had proper ventilation. In fact, it really has no ventilation, except opening the doors.

Although it would be nice if smokers would stop smoking period, but [sic] that was not what I'm asking. I was expressing my opinion, exercising my rights and indicating the situation in the Coffee House concerning cigarette smoke is not acceptable to me and other people. I was also in [sic] expressing my personal opinion of cigarette smoking as more of

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Weekly Absurdity

Isn't it absurd that our commendably over-efficient Groundskeeping staff doesn't let us enjoy the beauty of fall?

I refer, of course, to leaves. Even with the loss of the elm tree, there remains an abundance of trees on this campus, and the spectacle as they stopped photosynthesizing and turned colors was truly lovely. Even yours truly, sunk in concerns about midterm grades and term paper proposals and when are those inter-library loan books coming in anyway, still was struck by how pretty the campus looked, bestrewn with rainbow leaves. If you were equally preoccupied, drop by the Admissions office and take a look at the new brochures, which seem to all feature pictures of the campus in the fall.

Many people have childhood memories of raking leaves, which wasn't much fun, and of jumping in the piles thusly created and having colossal leaf-fights, which was a lot of fun. But as soon as a significant number of leaves had fallen – I mean enough to completely cover the ground you walk on, not just scattered leaves occasionally crackling crisply underfoot – the Groundskeepers showed up with their giant leaf-sucking machines to sweep away all that potential fun.

Now, with so many trees around, it is completely understandable that you have to work quickly and constantly to keep pace with or stay ahead of the stuff that's constantly falling. (Come to think of it, that's a lesson that DC snowplows really need to learn!) But wouldn't it be nice if we could arrange to *not* pick up the leaves from some area of campus, a portion of Bill Smith lawn maybe, and then have a great big leaf fight? That would a great way to relieve stress, and much more energetic and not nearly as expensive as getting drunk and tossing desks out of windows!

CAMPUS VOICES

QUESTION - Do you think that *Roe vs. Wade* will be overturned before the next Presidential election?

Andrea Nolan
Columbia, MD
Freshman

I hope not. We have to try th retain some sort of individual freedom. If it is overturned we will just have to fight back. But then again, 5 out of the 9 justices are Reagan/Bush appointees and the counry is already going to pot as far as freedom is concerned.

Elanor K. Shriver
Glyndon, MD
Junior

I should hope *not*! It should be up to the individual. It would be unfair to allow a people on the Supreme Corut to change this right women have earned.

Amy Osborne
Marietta, OH
Sophomore

I hope not but I think it will. It is an issue that will br brought up in the very near future and if the Republicans maintain their power it will be overturned. However, they must also think how George will be affected in the next election.

Harry Charles Rienholt
Baltimore, MD
Sophomore

Well, I would have to answer that with a "no." If it is overturned it would be a terrible, terrible mistake.

Tina Dayhoff
New Windsor, MD
Junior

If they do, it'll be the biggest mistake the government has ever made. But then again, we're talking about the Bush administration, so anything that restrictive is bound to get support.

Spence Lack
Abilene, TX
Sophomore

In the immortal words of the great prophet Benjamin T. Hinkle, it's a taste fish... I've nothing against it.

compiled by Emily Daignault

Why *Roe vs. Wade* Should be Overturned

by Sherry Menton

In the next year, there will be at least four chances for the Supreme Court to decide to hear or not hear abortion rights cases. Aside from the much-publicized Pennsylvania case, additional cases have been passed along to the Supreme Court from Utah, Louisiana, and Guam. So sooner, rather than later, a case will be heard, and the vote will surely counter the *Roe vs. Wade* decision.

Amy Osborne makes an interesting point in her response to Campus Voices, when she suggests that the members of the Supreme Court might take into account the impact that their decision would have on George Bush's reelection campaign. Perhaps I'm more cynical, but I hadn't before considered the possibility that they would do that because, as lifetime appointees, they no longer need to care about what George Bush thinks of them.

Why, then, should *Roe vs. Wade* be overturned? Whatever your personal beliefs on the abortion issue (and by now all the arguments are so old that everyone pretty much knows what their beliefs are), you should support the abolition of *Roe vs. Wade* on the grounds that no governmental agency, be it legislative or judicial, local or national, has the right to interfere in the treatment of a patient by a doctor.

Now, I realize that this broad wording also includes euthenasia, experimental treatments, and other illegal medical practices, but abortion is a different matter. Any law touching on abortion rights is, by nature, unconstitutional. Euthenasia laws and the like are designed to protect the rights of *citizens* of the United States. A developing fetus is not a citizen. It cannot vote. (On that basis alone, the legislators should lose interest in the abortion matter, since the fetus isn't going to vote for or against them.)

It would indeed, as the students above expressed, be a great tragedy for *Roe vs. Wade* to be replaced by anti-abortion rulings. It would be an even greater victory for *Roe vs. Wade* to be replaced by nothing at all.

Wanted: Editor-in-Chief

by Sherry Menton

Since the offer made in last week's *Elm* for a co-editorship garnered no response, I am forced to say that I will be resigning as Editor-in-Chief of the *Elm* at the end of this semester. Academic considerations have made it necessary for me to take this step, since it would be impossible for me to spend any less time on the *Elm* and still produce the sort of high-quality newspaper that Washington College is coming to expect.

Besides myself, the News and Arts editors are leaving for similar reasons, and the Sports editor is graduating. Applications for section editorships are available outside the *Elm* office in the basement of Reid Hall. The application form gives the due date as Nov. 4, but all applications will be held over until a new Editor-in-Chief is chosen, so that person can select his own staff.

Position descriptions for the section editorships have appeared previously in the *Elm* (basically, overseeing articles for that section and laying out the section's pages are the primary responsibilities), but I would like to briefly list the duties of the Editor-in-Chief, so that interested students will have a better idea of what they are applying for.

The Editor-in-Chief has editorial control over the paper, including the right to provide the staff editorial of the week (or, less often, to delegate this to someone else) and the right to make the final decision of what gets printed and what doesn't. The Editor-in-Chief oversees or delegates the assigning, proofing, and copyediting of all articles, and is responsible for the layout of the op/ed pages. Basically, the Editor has the right to organize the nitty-gritty, weekly management of the paper however he or she desires.

Other benefits of being the Editor-in-Chief include a standing invitation to monthly faculty meetings and obligatory attendance at quarterly meetings of the Board of Visitors and Governors. If female, the Editor-in-Chief has the option of taking (along with a roomate) the first floor Reid apartment, traditionally reserved for the *Elm* Editor. A monthly salary of $200, plus extra for layout pages and photos, accompanies the position.

To apply for the position of Editor-in- Chief, just send a letter expressing your interest to Prof. DeProspo, Chairman of the Board of Publications, by November 15.

I will be happy to answer any questions applicants have about the responsibilities of the Editor. Whoever is chosen Editor will be trained for at least one issue of the paper this semester, and I will freely offer my assistance in training section editors once they are chosen. I am willing to help with miscellaneous duties on the *Elm* next semester, but only if I am so asked by the new Editor.

**The Board of Publications
is now accepting applications for**

Editor-in-Chief of the *Elm*

for the Spring Semester.

**A letter indicating your interest in the position
should be sent to Prof. DeProspo,
Chairman of the Board of Publications.**

The deadline is November 15.

Next Week's Topic:

**Do you think that relocating their offices
off-campus will have any impact on Security's
services to the campus?**

**Editorials on this topic are welcome.
They can be sent to the *Elm* through campus
mail, Quickmail, or dropped off in the basement
of Reid Hall.
The deadline is Tuesday, November 5, at 9 pm.**

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Dire Straits Falls Short Of Reputation

by Raph Koster

Dire Straits
On Every Street
Warner Bros. Records
Produced by Mark Knopfler and Dire Straits

The return of any band that once laid claim to the title of most popular in the world is probably something to be feared. If the Beatles managed to have a reunion critics and listeners alike would be scared stiff to judge the quality of the music they produced. Almost inevitably, the reunion of a band whose members have ranged far and wide is somewhat disappointing. Think of the Stones, who were as noisy as ever but not interesting. Of Genesis; actually, it would be better to not even think of *Invisible Touch.*. Of Yes, who with their last two (three, if you count the overblown Anderson, Bruford, Wakeman and Howe) albums have given every sign of sliding deeper into a mire of two-thirds pop, one-third pretentiousness. The results seem always to be a patchwork, lacking in cohesiveness, in craft, in commitment.

Well, way back in the year of *We Are the World* (remember that?) Dire Straits was the most popular group in the world. They had three number one singles under their belt, a number one album, *Brothers in Arms*, with accompanying sellout tour, and a slew of Grammy nominations, which they all lost to Quincy Jones and Michael Jackson. Their album well deserved the praise— from the sticky "Walk of Life" to the rowdy and sly "Money for Nothing" to the far superior "The Man's Too Strong" and the title track, it was an entertaining, smooth, occasionally loud and even socially conscious album. Then Dire Straits vanished. We saw leader/ singer/songwriter/guitarist Mark Knopfler flirt with soundtrack scoring *(The Princess Bride)* and with country/ folk blues (the wonderfully mellow Notting Hillbillies, and *Neck and Neck* recorded with Chet Atkins). Now they're back.

Well, you know there's a problem when half the review dwells on past glories. The influence of the country is clear, on tracks like "When It Comes to You" where it works, and on tracks like "Ticket to Heaven" where it doesn't. In fact, can we ignore the fact that this song exists? Even standout tracks only deserve the tags "clever and catchy." There are no blistering solos on this album— instead, everything seems almost quietly tasteful. Basically, the album never catches fire.

This is not to say that there aren't high points. There's a wonderful lounge blues, "Fade to Black." There are plenty of mellow, relaxing melodies framed with exquisite guitar solos. But somehow even the rowdier songs, like "Heavy Fuel" and "The Bug" seem mellow and quiet. And the few moments of acerbity— like "that's a musical doorbell, it don't ring, I ain't kiddin'/ it plays America the Beautiful and ties a yellow ribbon" from "My Parties"— don't make up for the lack of energy in the rest of the album.

If you're a diehard Dire Straits fan, an admirer of Knopfler's sure touch on a guitar, or in a relaxed mood, check out *On Every Street.* But if you liked "Money for Nothing", you'd probably be better off trying the greatest hits compilation and maybe asking a friend to dub off two or three songs from this album. The full package, despite its twelve songs, just sounds a little thin. You end up by wishing that Knopfler remembered where the distortion knob was on his amp.

Campus Calendar of Events

Nov. 1-4 The Film Series presents MISERY, Norman James Theatre, 7:30 pm.

Nov. 4 The Biology Department presents BERMUDA REVISITED: Washington college at the Bermuda Biological Station, Dr. Don Munson, Dunning Lecture Hall, 7:30 pm.

Nov. 5 Native American Film Series: DANCES WITH WOLVES, Casey Forum, 7:30 pm.

Literary House film: WALT WHITMAN, VOICES & VISIONS, 7:30 pm.

Nov. 6 The McLain Program in Environmental Studies presents SUBLETHAL EFFECTS OF TOXICS ON CHESAPEAKE BAY ORGANISMS, David Wright, Associate Professor at the Chesapeake Biological Laboratories, Solomons, Dunning Lecture Hall, 7:30 pm.

Nov. 7 Philosophy Professor Deborah Kerman speaking on "What is it like to be a woman?" Casey Academic Center Forum, 7:30 pm.

Nov. 7-9 The Drama Department presents A DREAM PLAY, by August Strindberg, under the stage in Tawes Theater, 8 pm. Reservations required, ext. 269.

Drama Department Presents *A Dream Play*

by Cindy Young

The latest drama production is *A Dream Play*, by August Strindberg. As the title suggests, this is not your ordinary play. According to Director Dei Riegal, it is "largely incoherent, but follows a logical form within a dream."

It tells the story of the daughter of a god who comes to earth and becomes involved with the lives of people undergoing painful events. The people in the play are looking for something to make them happy, but they are looking for something outside of themselves, and this does not satisfy them. The daughter has come to tell them they can become happy and liberated like her, if only they let go of everything and look for happiness within themselves.

"It's a hard play to direct," said Riegal, as *A Dream Play* is essentially Strindberg's autobiography in play form. It contains a lot of symbolism, but is also funny and philosophical. The set is done in black and white, quickly painted, to reflect the idea of the play that the world was better before a copy was made, and that we are living the copy and the original is somewhere else.

Members of the cast include Tanya Cunic, Rachel Demma, Melanie Green, Stephanie Hess, Jason Imber, Tim Madison, Richard McKee, Cleo Patterson, Chris Rommel, Ed Schroeder, Roxanne Schubert, Carey Smith, Tony Squires and Abrah Wilberding. Tarin Towers is the stage manager and the play is directed by Dei Riegal.

A Dream Play will be performed on November 7-9 in Phoebes under the stage in Tawes Theater. Reservations are required (ext. 269).

Little Man Tate Now Showing in Theaters

"Little Man Tate," starring Academy Award-winning actress Jodie Foster in her feature film directorial debut, will open in select engagements nationwide on October 18 following exclusive runs in New York, Los Angeles and Toronto.

Orion Pictures' "Little Man Tate" stars Jodie Foster, Dianne Wiest, Harry Connick Jr., and Adam Hann-Byrd. The film is directed by Jodie Foster and produced by Scott Rudin and Peggy Rajski, from an original screenplay by Scott Frank. Randy Stone is executive producer. The musical score is by Mark Isham.

"Little Man Tate" is the story of an extraordinarily gifted seven-year-old boy and his attempts to fit in. Fred's life is greatly affected by the relationships he shares with his working class mother and a brilliant child psychologist, two women who have conflicting ideas of how to raise him.

"Little Man Tate" is rated PG. The soundtrack is available from Varese Sarabande.

Philosophy Professor Deborah Kerman On "What Is It Like To Be A Woman?"

Celebrating Washington College's 100 years of co-education, on Thursday, November 7 the William James Forum will present a talk by Professor Deborah Kerman on "What Is It Like To Be A Woman?" The program, open to all without charge, will begin at 7:30 pm in the Forum of the Casey Academic Center.

Since 1988 Professor Kerman has been Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Howard University in Washington, D.C. An honors graduate of Dartmouth college, where she majored in philosophy and mathematics, she went on to earn her Ph.D. in philosophy at Stanford University.

Professor Kerman's doctoral dissertation was titled "The Role of God in Kant's Ethical Theory." In addition to being a specialist on Kant, she also teaches courses in philosophy of religion, medical ethics, medieval philosophy, Chinese philosophy, and logic.

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Bermuda Revisited

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This trip is the lab component for one of the sections of the Society, Ecology, and the Chesapeake Bay course, Biology 200 which is offered in the Spring semester each year. Students spend 7-10 days in Bermuda at the Bermuda Biological Station for Research exploring the coral reef ecology.

Amidst all the fun and the folly, students are required to gain some knowledgeable insight about Bermuda and its coral reefs. Students are lectured to by various members of the Bermuda Biological Station community and by Dr. Munson. The lecture topics range from Bermudian geology to subtropical marine environment.and include mangrove swamps, corals and coral reef fishes, fauna and flora of Bermuda, and plankton dynamics.

Everyone should be reminded that suntan lotion (waterproof) is a requirement for this trip. Most of the daytime is spent in the field (water) and some in the lab. Students snorkel in many different locations including Ferry Point, Nonsuch Island, South Beach, Harrington Sound, and North Rock. In the lab, students entertain themselves by identifying basic structures and functions of corals, tunicates, sea cucumbers, and various other specimens collected at the various field sites.

If you are interested in going this year, Dr. Munson will be talking on Monday, November 4, at 7:30 in the Dunning Lecture Hall about the course. This course is open to any interested student.

Josephine the Fly

by Tanya Allen

BIG YELLOW THING FALLING QUICKL

pain

(blackout)

then

tunnel darkness numbness rushing rushing rushing dizzy pulling quickly sweeping flowing waving twirling flying buzzing *josephine* buzzing buzzing *josephi* rising singing whirling twisting spinning lightly lightly floating fastly blue and bells light light big black spot in light middle *hello josephine.*

hello. who are you?

they call me...Big Fly.

...Big Fly?

and sometimes i am also known as...Little Wind.

oh....where am i?

you are Not.

what?

you are Not. you are Not anywhere. you are Not anything. you have ceased.

i have not!

yes.

do you mean i'm...dead?

yes, josephine.

to hell with this! i'm not going to stand for being dead!

(faaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaal
ling)

where the hell am I?

yes.

(josephine looked up and saw a sign printed with the words "WAC HELL." she turned around.)

this looks just like the inside of the c.a.c! (she said.) isn't that the mail room, over there, behind those iron bars? (there was an enormous line of dead wac alumni in the c.a.c. hall. the watches of the dead wac alumni were all permanently stuck at "11:25.")

i want my mail! (one wac alumni said)

when are they gonna let us iiiiiiiinnnnnnn.... (another alumni whined)

i'm supposed to get a package today! (another was jumping up and down frantically) my mother sent me a package...it has cookies in it! chocolate chip cookies! i want my package! i want my cookies! i want my mail! cookies! cookies! let me in! let me get my mail! let me in! let me in!

they'll never get their mail...(Big Fly said, then laughed) *the mail room will never open. they'll all be waiting here forever, mailless, because this is...WAC HELL!*

A belated apology to the K.A.s: the author did not intend the Josephine column of September 27 to implicate that any member of K.A. are rapists--the moth mentioned was supposed to represent a basic generic moth at a basic generic party. Since the Josephine satires are usually set at specific places on campus, and since K.A. gives some of the most visible campus parties, the author chose to situate the story at Middle Hall. The author also wishes to apologize in advance to any Lit. House people who might think that, since Napoleon's forces are having their meetings at the Lit. House, the author is implying that all Lit. House people are anarchists and want to see the end of WAC. Another apology to anyone named Josephine, or Brenda, or Charlie, or Napoleon, who are upset that the author is using their names in this coloumn. Additional apologies to other sensitive individuals who are over-identifying with bugs.

Does Tuition cover travel expenses to Security?

by Jason Truax and Kris Wallenberg

What is a vacation? What is the purpose of security? These are probably the two most asked questions for any student attending Washington College. They are also the necessities of college life - a vacation and a feeling of security.

What is a vacation? A vacation, as defined by the Random House Dictionary, is a "period of rest or freedom from regular work, study, etc." Now one might ask, what is a break? A break is a "a brief rest, as from work." A rest is "a period of inactivity, repose, or tranquillity." So, in all essence, a break is defined as a brief period of inactivity, repose, or tranquillity - as from work which is more commonly known as a vacation.

Now we ask you - what is a vacation at Washington College? This question has always baffled us for we were under the impression that a vacation was a period of rest or freedom from regular work or study.

What we do not comprehend is how work appears to reproduce and breed just prior to the said vacation. This athenaeum had an increased polymorphistic population that should have depreciated over Fall Break. What we, the serfs, are interested in is whether or not the Lords of the Manor enjoyed the break?

What is the purpose of Security? Security is the "freedom from danger, harm, care, or anxiety" and the purpose of Security is to protect students from danger, harm, care, and or anxiety.

In case you are not aware - Security has moved to a new location to gain space. While Security acquired more space, there happens to be this incredible void between their newly found abode and the campus. The term "abroad" has taken a new and intimate meaning.

Before, students, when in dire need of help, had to travel to Spain (i.e the Spanish House) which was a central location in this idiosyncratic bureaucracy (commonly referred to as WACO or WC). Now, students must venture onto the autobahn or join the diplomatic core to reach the Arcadian Embassy - be assured that you will be required to carry your passport.

The serfs pose this question to the Lords of the Manor - how can a fort be protected when the imperialistic Arcadian knights have colonized abroad? Will this colonization lead South campus out of the Dark Ages and into the light?

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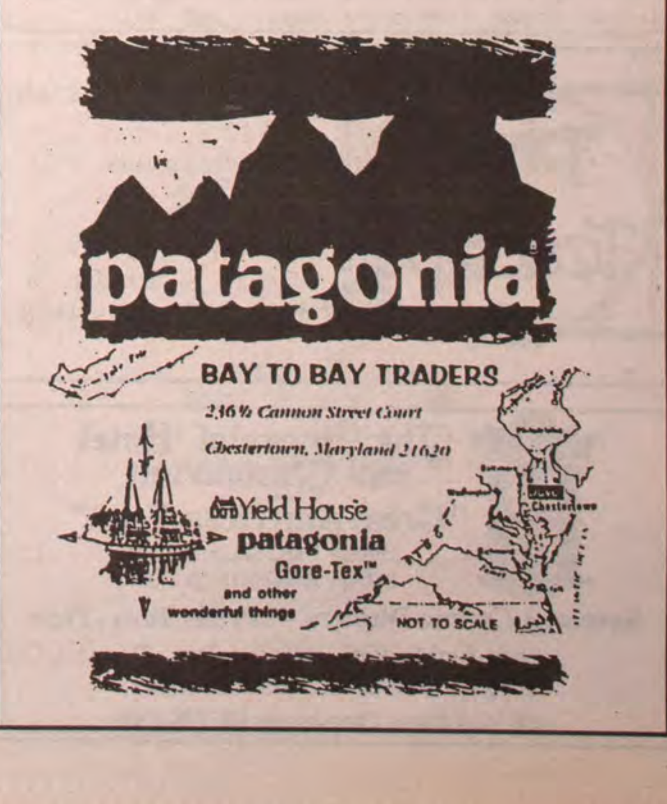

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In the World...

Mid-East Peace Talks Begin

SPAIN

The Middle East peace conference opened on Wednesday. The conference, brought about by a U.S.-Soviet diplomatic effort, involves Israel, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and the Palestinians. The main issue of the conference is: who will control the lands seized from the Arabs in 1967. Before leaving for the conference President Bush was quoted as saying "I don't want to get people's hopes too high because there's a long, long way to go before we have the makings of– or have an agreement for– peace in that troubled corner of the world."

WASHINGTON, DC

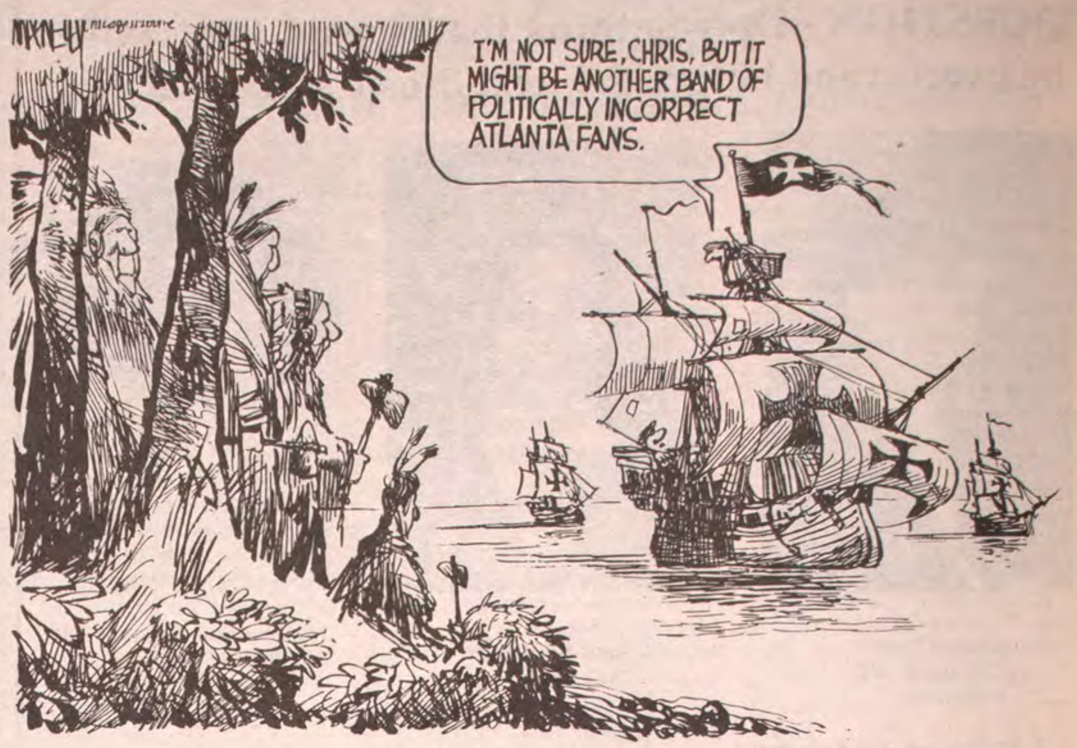
After 2 years of negotiating, the Senate has finally come up with a job-discrimination proposal that Bush might actually sign. White House chief of staff John Sununu told reporters "We finally were able to get language accepted that eliminated the prospects of quotas...I spoke with the president. It appears the proposal is acceptable and if there are no additional changes to what is there, the president is willing to sign that bill." The rights bill is intended to make it easier for victims of job bias to win lawsuits and collect damages. Unfortunately, the new bill still has caps on damage awards for women. Under the new bill women will still not be treated the same as victims of racial discrimination who, under current law, are entitled to unlimited damages.

SOUTH AFRICA

On Saturday, South Africa's most prominent black resistance movements, the African National Congress and the Pan-Africanis Congress, made a consensus on negotiating with the white-minority government, agreeing that a conference of all political parties should be held as soon as possible to work out methods for the transfer of power to the country's black majority. After meeting with officials earlier this week, the ANC predicted that the conference could be held before the end of November.

YUGOSLAVIA

The Serb army is continuing a four-week siege on the Adriatic port of Dubrovnik. There are 50,000 people trapped inside the Croatian city, and are running low on food, water and medicine. They have been without normal water, electricity and phone service since the siege began. Many inside still want to fight on, fearing that the city will be taken over by Serbia. Fighting in Yugoslavia has claimed between 2,000 and 3,000 lives since Croatia declared its independence in June.


I'M NOT SURE, CHRIS, BUT IT MIGHT BE ANOTHER BAND OF POLITICALLY INCORRECT ATLANTA FANS.

CONNECTICUT

(NSNS)

The Professors World Peace Academy, an arm of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church, proposed on Oct. 9th a $50 million take-over of the financially strapped University of Bridgeport. The group said it wanted control of the school's board of trustees to create a worldwide network of universities striving for international harmony. The University of Bridgeport turned down the Moonie's proposal last week. The Rev. Moon has also offered to buy the financially-strapped state of Connecticut, but this offer shall probably be turned down also.

NEW JERSEY

(NSNS) A marine reservist and Montclair State College junior is threatening a lawsuit unless his sociology professor goves him an "A."

Under the law, James Lloyd is entitled tot he "A" he claims the had in Prof. Barbara Chasin's course before he was activated for the Persian Gulf War. Prof. Chasin refuses to give Lloyd the grade, saying that legislators do not have the right to dictate grades.

compiled by Tanya Allen

Rebuttal

from pg. 2

a commentary. The intention of my letter to the editor was to stir people up and to do that, I had to use the tone that I did. The result hopefully, is to get smoking banned in the Coffee House. Smokers could still go outside and smoke themselves to death if they so wish.

Finally, people that know me know that I'm can [sic] very outspoken at times. In order to get people's attention, I go for shock value to stir people up and get them off their apathetic butts. The negative feedback on this issue was extremely limited, and the positive feedback was far greater.

Dave Searles

[This letter has been edited for length.]

Correction

To the Editor:

Regarding one of the letters to the Editor in the *Elm* of Oct. 25, I would like to make a correction. The library *does* subscribe to the Washington *Times*. Some of your readers may be interested.

Sincerely,
William Tubbs
Librarian

Law Students Protest Thomas Confirmation

by Jennifer Safrey

NEW HAVEN, CT (NSNS) Four student groups at Yale University Law School organized a press conference to protest the confirmation of Judge Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court and to show support for Anita Hill, who accused Thomas of sexual harassment.

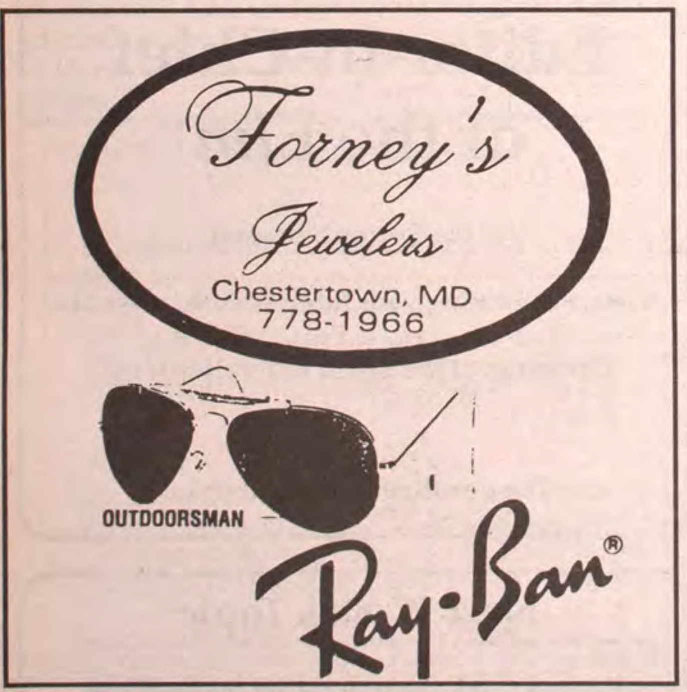
The conference was held on October 16, two days after Thomas' confirmation, and gave representatives of Yale Law School Women, the Collective of Women of Color and the Law, the Yale Journal of Law and Feminism, and the Women's Committee of Law and Liberation an opportunity to speak out on the procedure the U.S. Senate followed during the Thomas hearings. Also involved was a representative from Brother to Brother, a black men's organization.

The groups holding the conference also wrote a joint statement which included three demands: that the Senate start taking sexual harassment seriously; that Democrats take an active role in nominating future Supreme Court justices; an that the American people elect more men and women of color to the Senate.

"The members of the Judiciary Committee ... failed to investigate [Hill's] allegations seriously," said E. Christi Cunningham of the Collective of Women of Color and the Law at the press conference. "Black women have always been called liars and fantasizers ... and we have not been believed."

Tory Clawson, a member of the Yale Journal of Law and Feminism, says the groups are starting a letter-writing campaign to senators, informing those who voted for Thomas that they are outraged and telling those who voted against Thomas that they are pleased.

"The hubbub has died down, but we don't want it to be forgotten," says Clawson. She also says that the groups are working to insert a provision in the Civil Rights Act of 1991 that includes penalties for those guilty of sexual harassment.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Field Hockey Finishes Strong

by Greg Coss

Maybe the field hockey team didn't do everything they wanted to do this year. They didn't repeat their performance of last year's qualifying for the MAC play-offs when a win over Haverford or Elizabethtown could have done it. But they did do just about everything else in finishing 10-5-1, including winning their final two games of the season, 3-2 over Widener and 1-0(2OT) over Western Maryland.

Fresh off a solid previous week, the sticksters travelled to Widener on October 22 to try to keep the momentum going. Eleanor Shriver did just that, scoring on a pass from Caroline Jensen with 12:42 left in the first half which gave WC a 1-0 lead. However, Widener retaliated with only 38 seconds remaining in the half to even the score at one.

But as Coach Diane Guinan would admit later, "We finished a lot stronger than we started." With 25:49 left to go, Caroline Jensen put WC ahead again, scoring on a rebound in front of the net. But three minutes later the game was tied again. However, WC would untie it for good just a minute later, as Jen Blenckstone, on a free hit, caught Widener's defense out of position and fed a pass to Renee Guckert, who put home the game-winner, making the final score 3-2. Coach Guinan saw this as a very heady play by a couple of her stars, but also added that Jen Rupert played a fine game.

"Jen played real well, and she's made great strides in her first year of college hockey," she said. "Her game has come a long way during the season, which she deserves because she studies the game very hard."

Washington then dominated Western Maryland, though the score wouldn't show it. In the first half Washington had several opportunities to score in the 17 shots they recorded, but they couldn't put any home. In the meantime, Western Maryland could only put together four shots, but they stayed strong and tied at half. Coach Guinan admitted that "this has always been a big rivalry, which is why they hung in there with us. We outplayed them in the skill department, but they played with incredible aggressiveness to compensate for that."

Washington continued to dominate in the second half, but also continued to fail in scoring a goal. The frustration continued through the first overtime, but Marie Mohler ended it in the second overtime, (sudden death) scoring off a rebound of a Jen Blenckstone goal only 1:21 into the final extra period. This goal ended Washington's season on a very nice note and gave them a final #5 ranking in the South region of the NCAA III teams (includes schools from Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware). Coach Guinan said that Maria Jerardi really stood out in this game, as well as Brigid DeVries in goal and of course Marie in getting the game winner. Then I asked Coach Guinan to sum up the season.

"It's tough not getting back to the play-offs, particularly for the girls who remember what it was like to be there," she said. "But we lost some key people, and finishing 10-5-1 and fifth in the region is certainly nothing to be ashamed of. We did quite well for having such a young group."

Washington's season is over, but for some of the players it goes on. Washington is a member of the Maryland/Washington Field Hockey Organization, which chose eight of WC's players to play for it's Southeast Regional team competing in the Southeast tournament at Essex College November 16-18. If these players can stand out in this tournament, they could be selected for the national tournament. Those who play very well at nationals have a shot at making the United States Field Hockey Association's Olympic trials. So the regional tournament in Essex could be used as a springboard for glory for our eight players chosen. The players who made first team for the Southeast Regional team are senior defensiveman Jenifer Blenckstone, junior attacker Amy McCleary, and sophomore attacker Caroline Jensen. Second team selections were Heather Mayr, Renee Guckert, Maria Jerardi, Elizabeth Olivere and Eleanor Shriver. Congratulations and good luck in Essex. Also congratulations to the entire team.

Volleyball Wins Chesapeake Tourney

by Greg Coss

The Shorewomen have ended their 1991 volleyball season in excellent fashion. The feisty Shorewomen responded to tough losses by winning the big Chesapeake Invitational Tournament in strong fashion.

Washington College would travel to an October 22 date against Wilmington. They were facing a team loaded with experience and fan support. Wilmington posed problems for the Shorewomen because they had six seniors. These elements, combined with the lengthy road trip WC was still on, contributed to the 6-15 loss they suffered in the first game. As Coach Penny Fall put it best, "At that point, we were still in the van."

However, the players would recover by winning the second game 15-12. Although they would eventually lose the third and fourth games 12-15 and 11-15, Coach Fall was very pleased.

"They're [Wilmington] tall seniors who are very smart on the volleyball court," she said. "But we didn't fold. This was a great match for us."

Coach Fall had hoped that this match would give WC a lot of confidence going into the big match with Franklin and Marshall. But WC fell to F&M in three straight games, 4-15, 8-15, and 9-15. Bad officiating also played a role in determining the lopsided outcome. But if there was a bright side to the loss, it was that the Shorewomen had gotten the bad game out of their system. The Shorewomen needed perfection for the Chesapeake tournament held last weekend.

Goucher would be an early test for WC in the tournament. After taking the first game 15-11, WC lost the second 9-15, but rallied to take the third 15-11.

At this point Washington was on a roll, and it showed in their pasting of Notre Dame 15-5, 15-11.

After rolling over a Hood 15-2, 15-9, it came down to the battle of the unbeaten. Washington and Marymount were both 3-0 in the tournament, and were ready for action. After some furious action in the first game, Washington College found itself behind 11-14. They rallied to win the game 16-14, and cruised 15-1 in the second thanks to Laura McClellan's eleven service points. On their comeback in the first game, Fall said "This group has an incredible ability to raise their game an extra level when the pressure is on."

The Shorewomen (22-17) had reached their goal of winning the tournament. Laura McClellan and Theresa Sganga were named to the all-tournament team as the icing on the cake. Fall was particularly pleased that Theresa was finally recognized. Congrats to all on a great season. Tomorrow at 1: Haverford. See ya there!

WAC Gets Whipped by Widener, 4-0

by Chris Vaughn

In case you haven't noticed and judging by the attendance you haven't, WC has managed to lose a few more. I think it was a surprise to us all to hear of the Shoremens' loss to Widener last Tuesday. WC travelled up to their turf and came back with the goose egg still intact. Now 0-13-1, they have just 2 games remaining to rid the big 0.

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, the men of WC played their usual style of soccer: domination turns into frustration. With the loss of key offensive players Chris "Paper Machet Head" Graham, who suffered a concussion after a collision with the goalie, and Caperton Beirne, who pulled a hamstring, things quickly dissipated and fell apart. Widener began hounding the net and putting WC on the defensive side for the rest of the contest. The final result: 4-0 Widener.

The Shoremen went up against Haverford this past Wednesday and will face Hopkins here on the Kib Saturday afternoon at 1:30. I hope youcan make it! If you can't, it will be covered in the next issue. Their final match against Delaware Valley, which is here this Thursday at 3:00, will really be the one you won't want to miss. Catch what could be history in the making!

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Work Opportunities Abroad

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Increasingly, graduate school admissions officers and corporate recruiters are seeking people with international experience as it provides a broader perspective.

"If a person thinks studying abroad is a cultural experience, wait till he tries working abroad! The different work ethics and attitudes to which you must adapt to teaches a person the pros and cons of the American system," commented a University of Virginia participant on the Work In Britain program.

More than six thousand U.S. students each year benefit from the program, receiving permission for temporary work in Britain, Canada, Costa Rica, France, Germany, Ireland, Jamaica, and New Zealand.

Students discover that finding a job abroad is much the same as it is at home. By contacts or researching to prearrange a job before departure, most students secure work soon after arrival.

"Working abroad was the best and most exciting thing I've ever done. I went with nothing to a foreign country and started a life all by myself in one of the most expensive cities in the world, and I made it," said a University of Michigan Flint participant on the Work In Britain program.

Most jobs available are unskilled in variety - in bars, restaurants, stores and hotels. But, with research and preplanning, past participants have prearranged such positions as financial analyst, legal assistant, intern and research assistant in large corporations that often have U.S. offices.

"The area I lived in was beautiful in landscape and people. And, because I had a career-oriented job, I feel confident of my future employment opportunities," said a Work In Germany participant from the University of Kansas.

The Work Abroad program is open to U.S. students who are 18 years of age or older and are enrolled full-time in a U.S. college or university. The only cost to students is the program fee of $125 and airfare to their destination.

For more information and application forms, write or telephone the Council on International Educational Exchange, WA-R, 205 E. 42nd Street, New York, NY 10017, (212) 661-1414 Ext. 1130.

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munities through a 1992 Fulbright Grant.

The Symposium will begin on November 20 with lectures on TRADING WITH THE ARABS. There will be a talk given by Professor Don Weirda on "Getting your Products to the East," in the Sophie Kerr Room at 9:45am. Later that same afternoon, Professor Jay Wright will give a talk on "Banking and Risk Management in the Arabian Gulf," at the International House at 4:30.

On Friday, November 22, the lectures will concern THE COMPLEXITY OF MIDDLE EASTERN POLITICS. Talks include "Nawal El Saadawi: Leading Egypt's Women Writer's," given by Dr. Malti-Douglas at 3:00. Immediately following her tak, there will be a talk given by Alan Douglas at 4:30 on "The Comic Minority: Les Beurs in Strips," in the Casey Academic Center Forum. At 7:30, there will be another talk in the Forum given by George Irani on "The Papacy and the Middle East."

To conclude the Symposium will be the subject of WOMEN IN THE MIDDLE EAST, with talks given by Dr. Pinckney Stekevych, and Ms. Al-Tarrahi. There topics are "Sara and the Hyena: Laughter, Menstruation and the Development of a Double Entendre," and "Under Seige: Women and the Liberation of Kuwait, both in the Sophie Kerr Room at 10:30 and 11:30 respectively.

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peacetime priorities. The group's campaign was launched in 1989 and has focused grassroots pressure on Congress to cut the military budget and to reinvest its resources to meet human needs. Activists for Sane/Freeze collected and presented House Budget Committee Chairperson Leon Panetta(D-CA) with over 50,000 postcards carrying this message. This action helped Sane/Freeze win his support as well as the support of his counterpart in the Senate, Jim Sasser(D-TN).

Through its network of chapters, Sane/Freeze has taken the lead in pulling together local and state coalitions of community organizations dedicated to changing federal spending priorities.

Sane/Freeze's second major national organizing campaign brings together a coalition of peace and environmental organizations workshop to clean up the Department of Energy weapons factories in an attempt to keep them shut down. This organizing effort and lobbying paid off when Congress cancelled funding for two new plutonium plants and funding for the clean up of existing plants was increased by $340 million.

Another major concern of Sane/Freeze is Economic Conversion. This country spends 52% of tax money on the military whereas only 12% is spent on non-military interests like education and housing.

Social concerns such as homelessness, education, AIDS research, and the search for new energy sources seem to have taken a back seat to nuclear weapons technology. Economic conversion is a means to encourage military reductions while retraining displaced personel and providing for a gradual shift to peace time industrial concerns. Conversion also offers a plan to use military resources for pressing civilian needs.

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author of four volumes of poetry and 14 volumes of translations, as well as numerous children's stories and travel books. In addition to his translations of Neruda and Borges, Reid's interest in Hispanic and Latin American culture has resulted in Spanish translations of the Mother Goose stories as well as a sociological study entitled *Hispanics*.

If you missed Reid's lecture, which lived up to his reputation for wit, irreverence, and insight, never fear. The ideas expounded by Reid in his lecture will appear in an article in the*New Yorker* in the coming year.

[Compiled from a Washington College press release.]

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY Tracy Peel-Nudo! Make it a great one - your fans

WANTED: Editor-in-Chief, Sports Editor, and News Editor for next semester's *Elm*. A letter expressing interest in the position of Editor-In-Chief should be addressed to Prof. DeProspo, Chair of the Board of Publications, by Nov. 15. Section editor applications are outside the *Elm* office, and are due Nov. 15, but awards of titles will be delayed until a new Editor-In-Chief is chosen.

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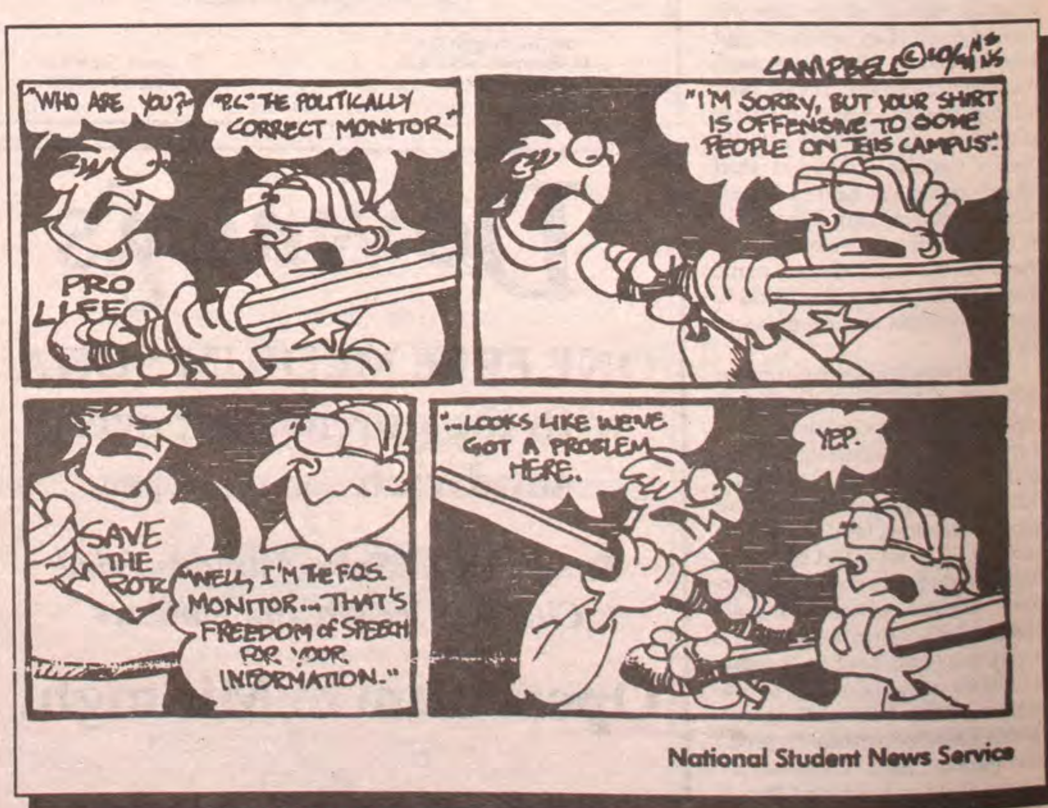
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Fire and rescue workersfrom five towns assisted in subduing the Kent House fire. *photo by Emily Daignault*

Room Ruined in Kent House Fire

by Kris Wallenberg and Julie Greene

This past Wednesday evening between 7:30 and 7:40 a fire broke out in the creative arts hall of Kent. No one was hurt.even though most personal belongings in room 212 were destroyed. One room was ruined by smoke, fire, and water damage; another room suffered water damage. The rooms sustained little or no structural damage; however, the North wing residents have been enduring the stench of the smoke for the past few days.

Nancy Whiteman, an RA of Kent, was alerted to the possibility of a fire when resident Dawn Jarboe smelled smoke. Ms. Whiteman went down to the North end of Kent to observe smoke protruding from one of the rooms. She proceeded to knock on the door to determine if anyone was in the room. When no one answered she felt the door and the handle, which were not hot, then she opened the door. A thick, black cloud of smoke rushed out of the room upon opening the door.

"I didn't see any flames in the room," Whiteman said, but she decided to reach in to turn on the light to make sure no one was unconscious in the room. Her hand was slightly burned when she touched the area around the light switch. She shut the door then ran to call security. While she was calling security the dorm's fire alarm activated itself. Security called Kent Central, which dispatched aid. Ms. Whiteman, with the assistance of Lionel Dyson, evacuated Kent House.

Fire Departments from various towns arrived on the scene shortly after the alarm sounded. Chestertown dispatched three engines, a truck, and an Air and Foam unit; Centreville assisted with a rescue squad and a truck; Church Hill had one engine on the scene; Rock Hall dispatched an engine and truck to Kent; Kennedyville assisted with an engine and a utility truck; and Kent and Queen Anne Rescue Squad had two trucks.

Ed Maxcy, Associate Dean of Students, stated that "I'm very happy that Nancy Whiteman responded so professionally, that we have this excellent volunteer fire department that responded so quickly, and most importantly that no one was injured." 'Maureen McIntire, Dean of Students, said that "we are lucky, again we are lucky that there was an RA around." Jerry Roderick, Head of Security, responded that we are "extremely lucky and fortunate -the fire was contained in one room."

Fire Marshall Richard Powell stated that the "cause of the fire appears to be the misuse of a candle." According to Dean Maxcy, the Fire Marshall stated that the fire could have been caused by a lamp cord, an electrical cord, or a candle and that the fire was not cause by a building wiring problem.

"Misuse of Candle" Is Unlikely Cause of Fire

by Julie Greene, Sherry Menton, and Kris Wallenberg

Based on our own observations during our age for the *Elm*, we believe the procedures implemented in the wake of the fire were not as stringent as they might have been. We further think that the physical evidence makes impossible one of the possible causes of the fire.

After examining room 212 and ensuring the proper ventilation of Kent House, th Marshall said the residents were allowed back into the dorm. Why should an investigation into the cause of the fire be put off until morning simply to placate the sixty-odd residents of the building who wanted to get back into their rooms? Residents of the building should have been notified of the possible risks involved. In a statement made Thursday morning, Reed Raudenbush, Director of the Physical Plant, said that all wiring in Kent is enclosed in steel conduit pipes, in accordance with building codes, and that "based on a visual examination, it was clear that the conduits were intact," and thus the building was safe for occupation.

Around 9:30 p.m. the Fire Marshall and Security departed without sealing the room, and stated that maintenance could clean up the mess in the morning. The floor's R.A. asked if the occupants of 212 could gain entrance to their room to salvage what they could. They were permitted. Without having completed a thorough investigation the authoritative forces allowed the occupants of the burned room to enter the room and handle and even discard evidence.

photo by Emily Daignault
An electrical short may have caused the fire.

As we photographed the room, we noticed that he room was still on. Why was the heat left on in Kent? If the heater had been fine before the fire, it certainly wasn't afterwards. It was located in the corner of the room that sustained the most damage; the entire left side of the heater had pulled away from the wall. Even if shutting off the heat meant relocating everyone in the building, or everyone on the west side of 213 for that matter, precautions should have been used.

The Fire Marshall may have allowed the burned room to remain open because of his judgement that the probable cause of the fire was the misuse of a candle. After discussing the events of the evening with the residents, witnesses, and people involved in the evacuation and aftermath of the fire, we have come to the conclusion that the misuse of a candle is a quick answer to a much more complex situation.

Nancy Whiteman, the R.A. who alerted security to the fire, said that the door was not hot to her touch, but that she almost burned her hand feeling for the light switch on the wall inside the room. Metal conducts heat faster than cinder blocks, yet the doorknob was not hot, and the area surrounding the light switch was. When we called Fire Marshall Powell for a follow-up report on this information, he stated that this could have been due to the smoldering fire. A smoldering fire is slow, combustible and keeps heat in the room. He still felt strongly that the misuse of a candle that was found under the bed was the probable cause.

Following up on this, we returned to room 212 where we located the "candle" which "probably" caused the fire. If that candle caused the fire it would not have been intact, identifiable, nor sitting on a section of the radiator where no damage from smoke or fire was evident. There were two lit candles that had been put out, in the presence of witnesses, before the victim left. Unless the candle managed to spontaneously relight itself, and the once-again burning candle and its gallon jug holder were knocked over by a *very* stiff breeze, all in the five minutes between when the occupant left the room and when the fire was noticed, there is no way for a candle to have caused the fire.

The bubbles in the tile floor, the bubbled paint on the wall, and the smoke patterns throughout the room indicate that the origin of the fire was across the room from where the candles were located. Also, the wooden chest the candle was on was virtually unharmed.

Several items from the room, includign the bed, were thrown out of the window by the firemen. It would appear that this evidence was not deemed important enough to have been protected from scavengers, but then again neither was the evidence in the unsealed room. One of the objects discarded out the window was a lamp which had been attached to the headboard of the burned bed. Not only had half the mattress been burned to dust, but this headboard, which was still attached to the lamp, was severely burned. The metal clamp which held the lamp to the headboard had melted into two pieces and most of the insulation on the cord had been melted away to show burned wires; however, the plug was still intact. The positioning of the metal clamp on this headboard coincided with the fire lines and with the smoke lines. From this information, we hypothesized that the heat of the fire was probably, somehow, conducted by a short in the lamp, a section of the lamp wire several inches from its plug, and possibly even the radiator. Raudenbush stated that one theory he has is that the cord to the lamp was caught behind or wrapped around the bedpost, and the friction eventually rubbed away the insulation around the wire. He stressed that this is only a theory, and that it and the candle theory are still under consideration.

Other than Fire Marshall Powell's statement about the fire appearing to be caused by a disregarded candle, fire officials have made no official comment about their investigation.

photo by Julie Greene
No one was injured in the th fire that destroyed the contents of one room and left another water damaged.

A Note To the Reader...

Due to the immediacy and importance of our cover story this week, the regular news coverage has been placed on the back page. This week's layout had already been prepared, but was moved due to the priority of the fire in Kent House. The news article pertaining to the fire was written Wednesday night through Thursday morning and contains information available as of Thursday afternoon at 1 p.m. Due to press deadlines, any relevant information and follow-ups will be covered in next week's issue.

The article entitled "'Misuse of a Candle' Unlikely Cause of Fire" is an editorial, not a news story, and appears on a news page for expediency's sake.

The *Elm* staff would like to express their gratitude to the following individuals for their aid to us in getting this to press on time and for their help at the scene: Fire Marshall Richard Powell, Chief of Security Jerry Roderick, Deans Maxcy and McIntire, Nancy Whiteman, Sue Czechowski, Katie Degentesh, Kristen Johnson, Raphael Koster, and the residents of Kent House.

INSIDE:

Kent Circle is now open for student parking. See pg. 8.

OPINION/EDITORIAL

Departmental Rules Impede Success of Distribution Requirements

As we go to our advising appointments and begin to select courses for the spring semester, many WC students, especially freshmen and sophomores, may be confused about the requirements of the distribution system. This is not surprising, because even if you understand the reason for having distribution and for having it count for thus-and-such much of your curriculum here at WC, the eccentricities in distribution requirements in the individual academic departments make no sense whatsoever.

It is plain to see why distribution exists. It is an integral part of a liberal education that students gain experience in as broad a range of classes as possible. Distribution forces students who would otherwise emerge themselves in the department of their major, never to be heard from by the rest of the campus, to gain this wider experience that is the goal of a private liberal arts college.

Understanding the specific requirements of distribution is no problem, either. A total of six year-long sequences in four distribution areas seems reasonable – it would not even take three semesters to complete.

What does emphatically not make sense with the distribution system, however, is that there is no standardized criterion for which classes can and can not be applied to distribution. The Philosophy department is the most lenient; any two courses taken in combination can be applied to distribution. Only the first year science classes (General Biology, etc) can be applied to distribution, but this is logical, because those classes are prerequisites for the upper-level courses.

It is less logical for the introductory Political Science class to be the one offered for distribution credit in that department, when other courses in the department have no prerequisite and do not conceptually depend on the intro class.

So too in the Art department, where the courses offered to fulfill distribution are Intro to Western Art in combination with Intro to Visual Design or in combination with any upper-level art history course. Since the three-hundred level art history courses do not list Intro to Western Art as a prerequisite, why is it not possible for students to take two upper level art history courses to fulfill distribution? Does the Intro class have some mystical role in broadening a student's experience (which is the raison d'etre for distribution, remember) that is not readily apparent?

It makes even less sense that a sequence in Calculus and a sequence in Computer Science cannot both be used to fulfill distribution because they both happen to be taught out of the same department. A year's worth of Calculus can be combined with a year of Logic, however, because Logic I and II are taught out of the Philosophy department. We are not allowed to double-concentrate in the same department because it defeats the purpose of a broad education, yet the current policy would rather students take the similarly-premised Calculus and Logic courses than one or the other along with Computer Science, which is an entirely different discipline. At the same time, students may take two full-year sequences of a foreign language (a discipline that also falls under the Formal Studies category) and have them both count towards distribution. This double standard is applied in an attempt to encourage students to continue their study of foreign languages, and while this is an entirely commendable effort, it discriminates against students with strong science and math backgrounds who want to take both Calculus and Computer Science for distribution credit.

What is required are a few blanket clauses in the distribution program to standardize departmental requirements and level the playing field for all WC students. One clause should state that students who have prior experience in a discipline should be granted advance placement and allowed to take upper level courses for distribution. This should occur with the advisor's permission, since they have the student's high school or transfer records, and not require the lengthy process of appeal to the Academic Standing Committee, as is currently the case. The distribution offerings in Formal Studies should be changed so that Computer Science is considered a different discipline than other math courses, even thought they are taught out of the same department.

It is time to take another look at the manner in which the distribution process is carried out. Rules should be changed to make it easier for students to achieve the wide range of course experiences that a liberal education demands, without all the headaches of being obliged to take unwanted and unnecessary courses.

Letter to the Editor

"Multiculturalism 101" Flyer Displays Intolerance

Dear Editor,

Tonight, as I was leaving the dining hall, I saw a sheet of paper posted on the corkboard there. It contained a cartoon lampooning the potential Democratic candidates for president. It also contained a blurb denouncing, in a sarcastic manner, the concept of 'multiculturalism'. What these two items had in common is another subject, and the cartoon I have no problem with, aside from the fact that I disagree with it. In the blurb itself, I found flawed logic used to defend the author's closed-mindedness, and, by including the cartoon, it would seem, the entire right-wing's closed-mindedness toward other cultures. This is a response to the author and the person who posted the blurb and cartoon.

The blurb cited two Americans who had gone to Pakistan in order to help the Afghan refugees living there. It goes on to say that they were accused of armed robbery, and that the Islamic Courts sentenced them to the amputation of an arm and a foot. The author of the blurb then used this fact to sarcastically denounce the concept of understanding others: "So let's have another one of those great big, throat-rasping cheers for 'multiculturalism.'"

Perhaps these Americans really did commit armed robbery. These judges most likely reviewed the facts and testimonies and then found the Americans guilty. If this is the case then the Court was not being closed-minded. Americans have, I've been told, a tendency to think that they can do whatever they please in another country, disregarding its laws at whim. The author seems to assume that the charges were trumped-up and that these Americans could not possibly have committed this crime, (being American has never stopped anyone from committing a crime) and, I admit, this could also be the case. It is not implicit from the facts given that the judges made no attempt to understand these Americans.

Whether the case against them was real or not, the author was wrong to immediately assume that we should not attempt to understand these, or any other people, because they are not making the attempt to understand us. The author uses the assumed closed-mindedness of a court from another culture to justify his or her own closed-mindedness. Might I remind the author that when you assume, you make an "ass" out of "u" and "me". Feel free to make an ass of yourself, but please do not make an ass out of me and my country. Our country has been made an ass of too much already, mostly by its own citizens.

With the advent of a World Community, mutual understanding becomes imperative, as these two Americans so dramatically found out. Perhaps if they had been exposed more to other cultures, in the form of a multicultural education, they would have learned how to behave in a foreign country and to understand the Pakistani culture. "When in Pakistan, do as the Pakistanis," is still a good idea, and how can you do that if you do not know their customs? Multiculturalism in the American educational experience will help us to deal, in a positive manner, with the emerging World Community.

To us, the Pakistani laws may seem cruel, but is forced amputation really any worse than imprisonment? Their laws are an outgrowth of their culture and they have the right to impose the laws they want, just as we do. When we are in their country we must follow their laws, or pay the consequences. If they wanted to change their laws, then they would. The author denigrates their entire culture by saying that Americans should be immune to Pakistani law while in that country. The author, and myself, would expect (I hope) a Pakistani immigrant to obey our laws or face the consequences.

To the author of the blurb entitled "Multiculturalism 101", and to all those who agree with him or her, I would like to say, please do not make the 'A' in 'U.S. of A', stand for 'Assholes', to the rest of the world. Instead, make the attempt to understand the other people in this world. Their cultures, no matter how strange, cruel, odd or disgusting they may seem to us, are no better or worse than our own.

Think about it,
Justin Cann

Campus Flyers Stir Debate over "Political Correctness"

by Sherry Menton

The ideological conflict highlighted by the above letter is in no way unique. In fact, nationwide the debate is heating up between conservative students' efforts to protect freedom of expression, and progressive students' efforts to rid their campuses of insensitive and hurtful expression towards women, minorities, and other student groups.

This debate can be illustrated best by what is happening with increasing frequency to one of the simplest, most obvious, and most common forms of expression on college campuses – the campus flyer.

Recently, members of the Black Student Union and the Hispanic Society at the State University of New York at Fredonia ripped down what they considered racist flyers from public bulletin boards on campus. The flyers were being used as a recruiting tool for the student-run group called Project Environment. They portrayed a white male pumping liquid into the ear of a bug-eyed black male with the caption, "Environmental problems bug you?"

Sensitivity was also an issue for two female students from Glassboro State College who saw an Alpha Phi Delta fraternity advertisement for Rush week, a flyer with a photograph of a nude woman posted in their Student Center. The Dean of Glassboro asked the fraternity to apologize in a letter to the school paper, and the day the apology was printed, they posted a new flyer depicting an old woman wagging her finger at the Alpha Phi fraternity and calling them "a bunch of godless heathens."

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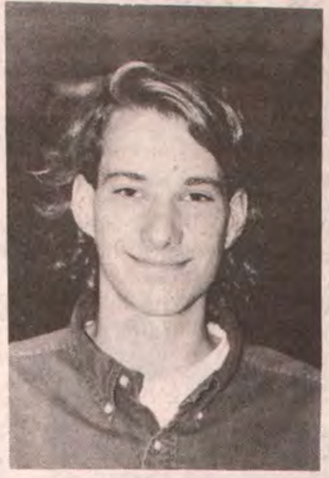
CAMPUS VOICES

QUESTION - Do you think that relocating their offices off-campus will have any impact of Security's services to the campus?

Wendy Kraus
Centerville, MD
Freshman

Yes, I think Security moving their office will impact on campus. They're never around when we need them when they're on campus. What's going to happen when they move off?



Michael Mucha
Towson, MD
Sophomore

In my opinion, Security does absolutely nothing but give tickets anyway. Whoops, I forgot about fining people for having fun.

Troy Petenbrink
Oldtown, MD
Senior

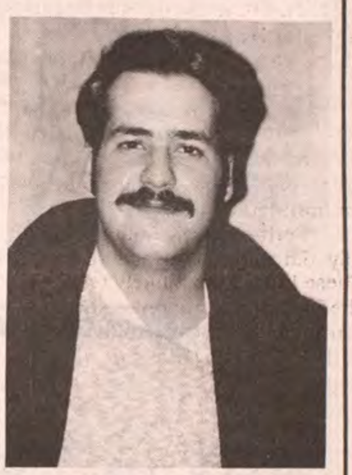
No, it's not that great of a distance and the new communications system should be adequate in insuring security and availability.

Don Thorton
Crystal River, FL
Freshman

I don't care what Security des with itself until they post signs up designating restricted parking spaces.

Sabrina Luginbuhl
Dover Plains, NY
Freshman

Yes, I believe that relocating their offices will lessen the efficiency of their purpose.



Bruce Hamilton
Port Republic, MD
Senior

If those golf carts can handle the trek, it shouldn't make much difference. Those high-tech walkie-talkies always make responses to the troubled hundreds at WC so expedient. I just hope they don't forget where campus is.

compiled by Emily Daignault

Complain, Complain: Moving Security Shouldn't be a Big Deal

Frankly, I was surprised by the sort of responses we received to the Campus Voices question this week. Only one person interviewed thought that Security's performance will not be impaired by the move, and the five who thought that it would were not gentle in stating their views. I think perhaps we need to get a grip on ourselves here.

We have spent the better part of the semester complaining both verbally and in print about the isolation of the Cardinal Dormitories. Cardinal is poorly lit - which problem, by the way, will soon be solved thanks to the generosity of Mrs. Betty Casey - and cut off from the rest of campus. There is no easy way to contact Security from Cardinal since there is no pay phone yet. Several times the Chestertown Police have had to enter campus to break up disturbances out by Cardinal. With Security that much closer, they will be able to head off problems before the police have to teach students a lesson that's more expensive (per hour) than a WC education.

Certainly, it is less convenient now for residents east of 213 to reach the Security offices. There should seldom be need to do so, however, since telephones abound and Security is a telepatch away.

While I have some sympathy for students who are chagrined by Security's penchant for ticketing cars (after having survived three semesters of car-owning residency, I just got my first ticket this week), they do considerably more, and we would do well to remember that. Too many cracks about Security's uselessness and you may find yourself high and dry when you call in a theft or vandalism (or need to have your room unlocked).

In any case, the location of Security's offices is pretty much irrelevant. In my experience, Security officers are rarely *at* the office in Spanish House because they are out patrolling the campus, and not in golf carts, as one student indicated. Maintenance workers use carry-all equipped golf carts to transport heavy equipment between buildings; Security, generally, does not.

Flyers

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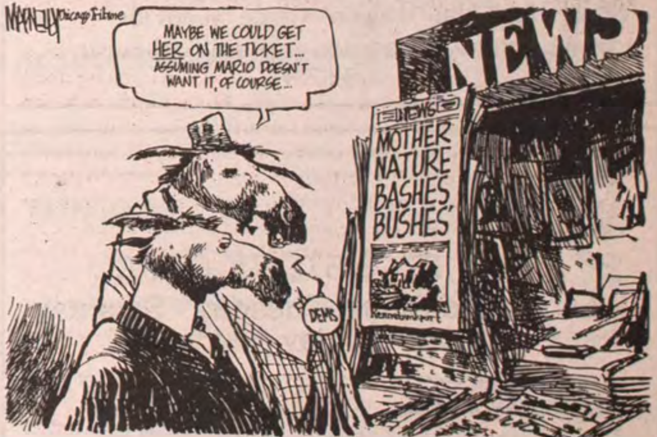
Student Press Law Center, a non-profit organization working against the censorship of college newspapers, stated, "The First Amendment doesn't allow government universities to censor based on the content of the material in question."

Washington College is not a government university, and we are doubly blessed in having what appears to be a more polite, if not tolerant, student body. The fact that WC as an institution is already politically correct enough to have banned unnecessary mailbox flyers last year may contribute to WC's non-participation in the latest college trend - intolerance.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Next Week's Topic:

Do you think that Washington College is attentive enough to the potential health and safety hazards in its dormitories?

Editorials on this topic are welcome, and should be turned in to the *Elm* no later than 9pm on Tuesday, November 12.

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Peace Talks Conclude Peacefully

MADRID

The Middle East peace conference is so far a U.S. diplomatic triumph, as last week Israelis and Palestinians talked across the negotiating table as equals for the first time. The two sides ended the first phase of the Middle East conference peacefully, and might resume negotiations in two to three weeks. However, Yasser Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization, was quoted as saying "If the negotiations do not lead to a positive outcome, we will continue the jihad," or holy war, and the Palestinian uprising will "go on, wave after wave."

MOSKOW

Bread lines grow longer and longer as the Soviet Union comes closer to complete economic collapse. Russian President Boris N. Yeltsin is preparing to make a series of tough economic reforms that will, at first, make life harder for the average person. He is hoping to free prices from state control by the end of the year, which will cause some prices to quadruple. The newspaper *Kommersant* predicted that each person will have to earn 680 rubles a month to subsist. The average wage now is about 400 rubles a month. The head of the Russian KGB says that the situation is so serious that rioting could erupt across Russia within weeks.

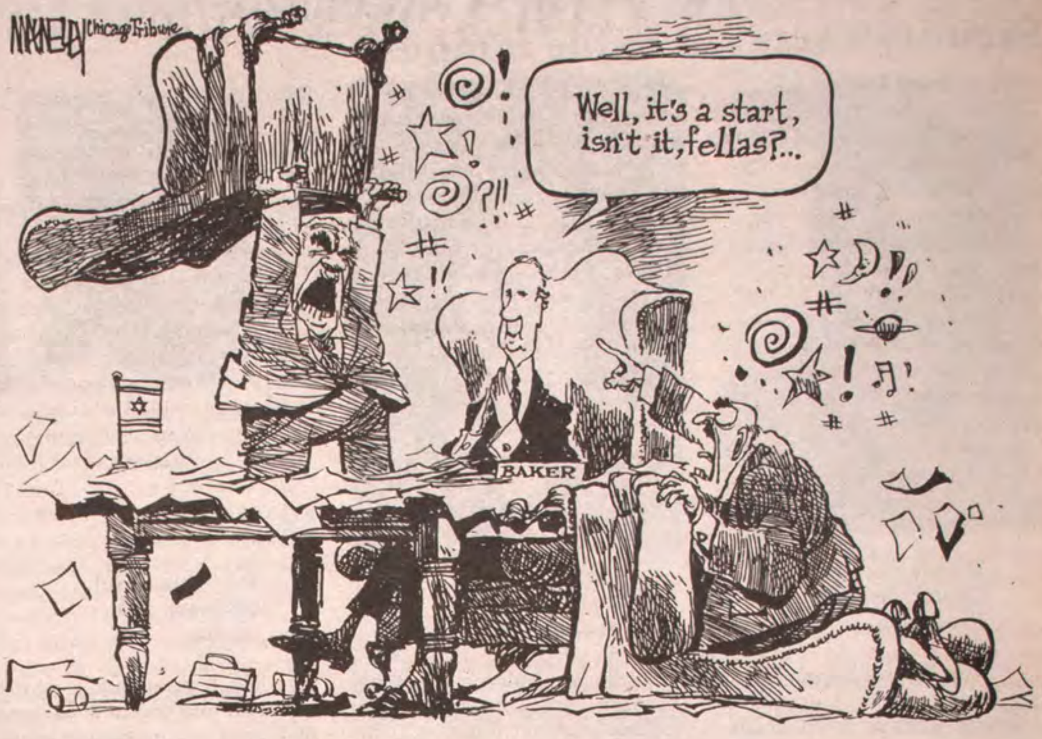
MARYLAND

Even after the plan for $450 million in cuts and 1,500 personnel cuts is set to take effect in November, Maryland still faces another $150 million budget deficit this year. This could mean another round of reductions in aid to schools, social programs and local governments, plus more employee firings, depending on how state officials decide to balance the budget.

MAINE

President Bush's family compound in Kennebunkport, Maine, was severely damaged by a fierce storm that blew up along the Atlantic coastline Wednesday, sending 30-foot waves crashing over the compound. It is not clear yet whether the compound can be restored. The damage was so bad that "We're talking boulders in the living room," said White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater.

Inside the closed-door negotiations...



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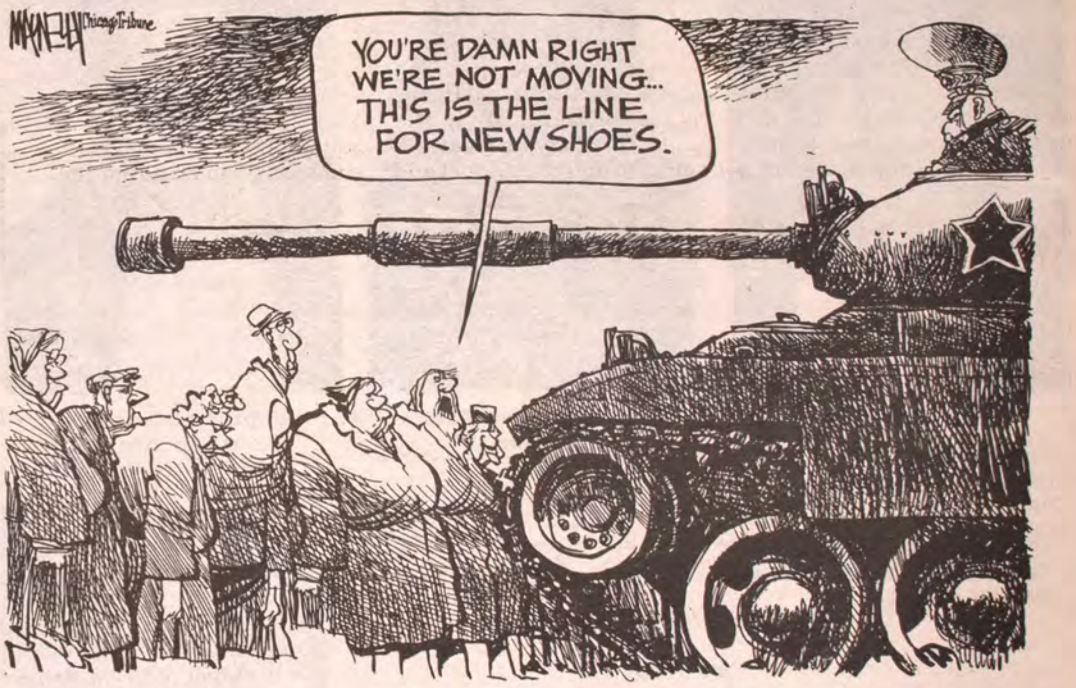
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Influenza: It Is Preventable

Since influenza virus strains typically change each year, people who are in a "high risk" group — those over 65 or anyone with a chronic health problem — should be vaccinated each fall with the current vaccine, according to the American Lung Association® — the Christmas Seal People®.

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Fund For American Studies Program Helps Students Gain Appreciation

by Rachael Fink

It's early November, not even Thanksgiving yet, but it is a good time to start thinking about how to spend the summer. Right now, the sun and having free time may seem far removed but the season will change quickly and plans should be made. Every year around two-hundred college students plan to and do spend their summer in Washington, D.C., working and learning.

The program is called the Fund for American Studies and is held for six weeks in June and July. The six weeks include an internship with a local business, credit classes given by Georgetown University and numerous chances to make contacts and learn the ins and outs of the nation's capital. Three different institutes are offered to students each year : The Institute on Comparative Political and Economic Systems (ICPES), The Institute on Political Journalism (IPJ), and The Bryce Harlow Institute on Business and Government Affairs (IBGA).

ICPES offers internships with national political leaders in the U.S. Congress, foreign embassies, government agencies, law firms, think tanks, or other private or public politically involved organizations. The Walter Judd Policy Lecture Series, along with other events, provides access to top government officials and policy experts. Four afternoons a week classes are held. Comparative Economic Systems includes a theoretical comparison of the market economy and central planning, as well as analysis of Marxism and Communism. The second course, Comparative Political Systems, is a comparison of the political systems in Western Europe, former Communist bloc countries and the United States. Both classes are taught by experts in the field and complement the internship experience well.

The Institute on Political Journalism includes two full days and three mornings of internship per week in a Washington news bureau of television of radio network, magazine, newspaper, public policy organization, federal government agency or with a Member of Congress. Guest speakers to IPJ's evening dialogues and site breifings include among others Jacqueline Adams, CBS News, Lou Cannon, The Washington Post, and Helen Thomas, United Press International. The classes, Economics in Public Policy and Ethics and the Media, held three afternoons a week go indepth into two distinct and fundamental aspects of journalism.

The third institute offered by the Fund for American Studies studies the role that American businesses are playing in the forming of national policy. IBGA internships have been sponsored in the past by Procter & Gamble, MCI Communications, Phillips Petroleum, and others. Business and Government Relations is a class that examens the history and philosophy of the business-government relationship. The second class held by IBGA is Power and Values in Organizations. It is an analysis of the effect of personality type preferences on organizations and society's shared beliefs about individual and organizational values. This institute also includes a weekend workshop of simulations and power exercises designed to illustrate these issues to the students and help them to discover their own sources of power.

All of the Institutes has specific admissions requirements and require at least one full year of undergraduate study. If interested, information can be obtained from The Fund for American Studies, 1526 18th Street, N. W., Washington, D.C. 20036. Plan a summer. Plan an adventure.

Hollaender Fellowships

Oak Ridge Associated Universities is now accepting applications for the Alexander Hollaender Distinguished Postdoctoral Fellowship program.

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and administered by Oak Ridge Associated Universities, this prestigious program offers fellowships in the energy-related life, biomedical, and environmental sciences as well as other scientific disciplines. Fellows will have the opportunity to conduct research at participating federal and university laboratories in the United States. Research topics include health and environmental effects associated with energy technology, biological and environmental processes, physical and technological research, and applications of energy sciences and technology.

This program was established in memory of the late Dr. Alexander Hollaender, the 1983 recipient of DOE's Enrico Fermi Award and former director of the Biology Division at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Dr. Hollaender is known for his many outstanding contributions to biological research as well as his support of education and training. Since its inception in 1986, the Hollaender program has awarded 38 fellowships, and up to five new fellowships with a first-year stipend of $37,500 will be awarded in May 1992.

Applicants must have received a doctoral degree or equivalent in an appropriate discipline within the two years prior to the beginning of their appointments. Selection is based on academic records, recommendations, compatibility of background and scientific interests with the needs of the research center, and the availability of funds, programs, staff, and facilities.

These fellowships are open to all qualified U.S. citizens and permanent resident aliens without regard to race, sex, religion, color, age, handicap, national origin, or status as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era.

Deadline for the Alexander Hollaender Distinguished Postdoctoral Fellowship program is January 15, 1992. To receive an application packet, write to Science/Engineering Education Division, Oak Ridge Associated Universities, P.O. Box 117, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, 37831-0117, or call (616) 576-4805.

Josephine the Fly

by Tanya Allen

WAC HELL is a wonderfully horrible place! (said Big Fly as he lead Josephine into another torture chamber, commonly known as the fitness center. inside the fitness center were lines and lines of dead wac alumni, holding little white slips of paper, upon which were listed four or five wac courses, plus an advisor's signature.)

what's going on here? (asked josephine. a huge square appeared on the wall as an overhead was turned on. a gigantic shadow of a human hand moved across the square, holding the gigantic shadow of a pen. the hand began writing, in careful, neat letters,) 'CANCELLED: BIO 200 10, 11, 12, &13 Society, Ecology & Chesapk Bay.' (a scream was heard from the line of humans.) 'CANCELLED: ENG 316 10 The American Short Story.' (another horrible scream was heard as dozens of students began banging their own heads with notebooks) 'CANCELLED: PSY 321 10 SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY.' (even more students began weeping and gnashing their teeth.)

this...is the ultimate form of torture. (Big Fly said.) *this...is known as...arena registration.*

MEANWHILE:

Back in the real world, the students and staff and bugs of Washington College were confused. It was the end of the WAC as they knew it. First the Elm had been chopped down, and now the *Elm*—the college's student newspaper, was in danger of disappearing also, unless new editors could be found in time. The school had lost its symbol, and was now in danger of losing one of the main things that brought unity to the school: the newspaper that connected the faculty, all of the various cliques of the campus, the student's parents, and the administration. What was to be done?

Napoleon and his forces started whispering into the ears of the faculty, all of the various cliques of the campus, the student's parents, and the administration. "Trout!" they whispered, "Trout!"

And suddenly, Trout mania came upon the school! A fountain, made for the purpose of holding various drunk people and Trout, was built in between Bill Smith and Gibson! The paper, in hopes of attracting new editors, renamed itself *The Washington College Trout!* All of the students acquired a new favorite pastime: saying "Chuck Trout" really fast 10 times in a row! The bookstore began selling Trout tee-shirts, Trout coffee mugs, Trout stationary and stuffed animals! One female student began carrying a Trout-shaped pocketbook around, and a highly respected psychology professor began wearing fish neck ties! The school was given a new motto: "Carp et diem, Seas the day!" The college also got a new official school song, sung by Beatles:

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"Beyond the shadow of a Trout," Brenda-the-butterfly said, "Something fishy is going on...."

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Concert And Art Exhibition Highlight Women Artists

English pianist and composer Elaine Hugh-Jones once asked the famed conductor, Sir Thomas Beecham, why he didn't play her music. "You're a woman," he replied, "and there are no women composers."

The Washington College Community Chorus will help to disprove this false belief when it performs music of three centuries by ten women composers in its fall concert, Friday, November 15 at 8 p.m. The concert under the direction of Associate Professor of Music Kathleen Mills, will be held in Norman James Theatre of William Smith Hall at Washington College in Chestertown, and is free and open to the public.

"From A to Z: Celebrating Women Composers" is part of an ongoing series of events celebrating the 100th anniversary of coeducation at Washington College. The concert will feature composers from Renaissance Italian Vittoria Aleotti to contemporary American Ellen Taaffe Zwilich, the first female to be awarded the prestigious Pulitzer Prize for musical composition. The chorus will perform several pieces by Felix Mendelssohn's sister Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel, whose musical talents, although comparable to her famous brother's, were discouraged by her family and only lately have been reconsidered.

Of literary interest are settings of three poems by Oscar Wilde, composed by Emma Lou Diemer, and settings of a number of poems by the contemporary American "Black Mountain" poet Robert Creeley, by Libby Larsen. Additional works include the Kyrie from a Mass composed by Amy Cheney Beach and the seasonal "Thanksgiving Song" by Ellen Taaffe Zwilich.

Guest percussionist Dale Trusheim, 1972 graduate and former Director of Institutional Research at Washington College, will be joined by pianist Professor Garry E. Clarke and student flutist Greg Hickman in the Larsen works. Alumni performing vocal solos include Diane Landskroener, Gina Braden, John McDanolds and J. S. Edward Tatnall. The chorus will be accompanied by harpsichordist Robert Tyson, gamba player Tom Anthony and a flute trio in music by several 17th-century Italian composers. For more information about the fall chorus concert phone 778-2800, ext. 358 or ext. 402.

The Incidental Image will be exhibiting photographs by Constance Stuart Larrabee at the Gallery at the Chestertown Bank, 211-213 High Street, Chestertown. The exhibit will be open through December 2, and the hours are Monday-Thursday, 9 am-3 pm, Friday, 9 am-7 pm, Saturday, November 30, 1-4 pm.

photo by Emily Daignault

Stephanie, Cleo, and Carey during dress rehearsal for *A Dream Play*, which is being directed by Dei Riegel.

Lectures Range From India's Caste System to Chesapeake Bay

John Cumberland, Professor of Economics emeritus at the University of Maryland and a Visiting Professor of Environmental Economics at Washington College, will lecture on "Saving the Chesapeake Bay: An Environmental Perspective," Monday, November 11 at 4:30 p.m. The lecture, sponsored by the Joseph McLain Program in Environmental Studies, will be given in the Dunning Lecture Hall at Washington College in Chestertown. Admission is free and the public is welcome to attend.

Professor Cumberland enjoyed a distinguished career as an economist at the University of Maryland, and has concentrated recently on environmental issues related to the economy. He has taught and lectured on economics and the Chesapeake Bay at Washington College and the Heron Point Laboratories in Cambridge, and in the spring semester he will be teaching a course on Environmental Economics at Washington College.

The Goldstein Program in Public Affairs at Washington College will present a two-part lecture series on "South Asia in Transition," Monday, November 11 and Tuesday, November 19. On Monday, November 11, Arjun Appadurai, Chair of South Asian Regional Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, will lecture on "Ethnicity and Caste in Contemporary India." The lecture, which is free and open to the public, will be at 7:30 p.m. in the college's Hynson Lounge.

Dr. Appadurai, a cultural anthropologist who has written extensively on the caste system in India, will explain the evolution of the caste system and its importance to Indian religion and culture. He will address such contemporary issues as the impact of the caste system on modern politics, the women's movement, and a changing social structure in India today.

The second lecture of the series, "Democracy and Discontent in India," will be given by Atul Kohli of Princeton University on November 18.

The Women's Issues Group is sponsoring a lecture by Dr. Ralph Surette, Ph.D. on "Power and Control in the Workplace," on Friday, November 15 in the Casey Academic Forum. It will address the topics of power sturggles and gender and authority and resistance to authority. The lecture begins at 6:30 pm and discussion will follow at 7:30. For more information on the lecture or the group in general, call Lynn Clifford at 778-2800.

A Dream Play Set Down In Phoebes

by Cindy Young

For those of you who aren't familar with various drama terms, Phoebes is the area under the stage in Tawes Theater, where the latest drama production, *A Dream Play*, will be performed this week. It may seem rather unusual to have a play underneath a stage instead of on a stage, but according to director Dei Riegal, the nature of the play calls for something a just little bit different.

August Strindberg, the author of *A Dream Play*, had his own theater built, the Intimate Theater, which was very small, as the name suggests. The traps of the stage will be open down in Phoebes', and the characters in the play will have a lot of space above them that is unused. All of the black space will be used as a chalkboard, and during the course of the play, the characters will draw their own set. Everything, costumes and set, is done in black and white. Due to the pillars which partially block the view of the audience seating, everyone will see a different view of the play and may see some parts clearly, but not others. The total atmosphere will give the play a dream-like quality, as the name suggests.

Phoebes' has been used for drama productions in the past, such as *Vinegar Tom* and *Apple Tree*, and years ago there was a group called Phoebes' Productions.

A Dream Play will be performed on Friday and Saturday. Reservations are required, and seats still available. For reservations call ext. 269.

Campus Calendar

Nov. 8-11 Film: JOURNEY OF HOPE, Norman James Theatre, 7:30 pm.

Nov. 8-9 The Drama Department presents A DREAM PLAY, Phoebes, 8 pm. Reservations required: 778-2800, ext. 269.

Nov. 8 The Art Exhibitions Committee presents JACKIE O' REGAN: RECENT WORKS, Gibson Performing Arts Center, Opening Reception 5 pm, On display Thur.-Sun., 1-5 pm.

Nov. 11 The McLain Program presents SAVING THE CHESAPEAKE BAY: AN ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVE, John Cumberland, Professor of Economics, emeritus, University of Maryland, Dunning Lecture Hall, 4:30 pm.

Dance on Film: TAP, Casey Forum, 6:30 pm.

The Goldstein Program presents SOUTH ASIA IN TRANSITION: "Ethnicity and Caste in Contemporary India," Arjun Appadurai, Chair, South Asian Regional Studies Department, University of Pennsylvania, Hynson Lounge, 7:30 pm.

Nov. 12 Literary House film: LA DOLCE VITA, 7:30pm.

Nov. 13 The Center for Career Development presents CAREERS IN HEALTH SERVICES AND PATIENT CARE, an informal panel discussion with Damon Wilson, Physician Assistant, Nancy Dick, Registered Nurse, and Julie Bainbridge, Physical Therapist, Sophie Kerr Room, 7:30pm.

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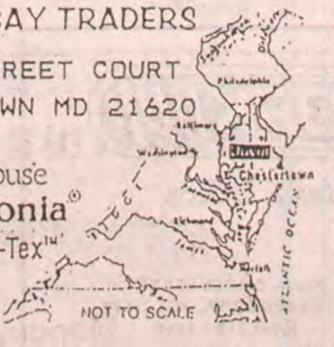

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SPORTS

This Week's Shocking Pro Picks

by Greg and Ms. Greene

This week's pro picks will be done differently. "Jules" Greene is calling me a fraud. She is an aspiring sportswriter with a lot of nerve. I have decided to give her a little paper time and allow her to make predictions with me, despite the fact that she thinks the Super Bowl "is a big event on the Pro Bowler's tour" and Lord Stanley's Cup "is a new brand of athletic supporter." God, I'm glad I didn't ask her who Magic Johnson is@*??6669! Anyway here be the picks.

Atlanta +11 over WASHINGTON. "I loved Gone With the Wind, and I'm still fuming over the Braves loss. Ms. Greene is a big Falcons supporter. (They will lose by less than 11 and I agree, though on different terms.)

NEW ORLEANS +4 over San Francisco. The new Niners quarterback is Steve Bono, and upon discovering this Ms. Greene said "That guy and Cher were funny as s—t! Wait a minute, did he ever play football?" We both say take New Orleans with the points.

GREEN BAY +8 over Buffalo. Ms. Greene likes the Bills. She says that "with a skull cap, Jim Kelly looks just like the bald-headed dude on the new Star Trek show." She says take Buffalo and give the points but I say back the pack and take points.

HOUSTON -8 over Dallas. I say take Houston and give the points. (They will win by more than 8) A confused Ms. Greene said, "I thought that show was cancelled already, but I think J.R. Ewing is a hell of a quarterback.

Pittsburgh +1 1/2 over CINCINNATI. There has been team dissension in that Coach Sam Wyche was chosen over Bengal QB Boomer Esiason to play the part of the grapes guy in a new Fruit of the Loom underwear commercial. Ms. Greene said, "Oh, man, that's harsh. Whoah! Are they having any more auditions for the other fruits? I always wanted to be the plum." We both say take Pittsburgh.

Philadelphia +1 1/2 over CLEVELAND. Ms. Greene said it best when she said, "Why does McMahon wear that visor? He's hot but I can never see his face. I'm not quite as excited over McMahon but I say take Philadelphia too.

Detroit -3 1/2 over TAMPA BAY. Ms. Greene's response: "Oh c'mon dude, they're playing Tampa Bay. My grandmother could beat Tampa Bay. In addition to the foresaid comment, the Lions have averaged 39 minutes of ball possession a game, and the play of their middle and outside linebackers has been exquisite." I agree. Take Detroit.

Indianapolis +13 over N.Y. JETS. I think the spread is too much, but Jules said "a dyslexic person could pick the Jets and still win on the point spread." She says take the Jets (NY wins by more than 13 or 31) and I say take Indy (they lose by less than 13).

L.A. RAMS +4 over Kansas City. The Chiefs always seem to have problems against the NFC. **Jules** thinks Jon Robinson needs a hair transplant. She suggests "Chiahead." I say take the Rams (they will lose by less than 4), Jules says go Chiefs (they will win by more than 4).

Seattle -1 over SAN DIEGO. "Why is it only one! Is it grandmother's day in Seattle and Dave Krieg's lettin' old grandma call the shots?" said a P.O.'d Ms. Greene. We both like the Seahawks, and Jules especially likes the cute little birdhead on the helmet. (Chris Vaughn donation.)

MIAMI -7 over New England. I feel Miami's defense is coming around, therefore I have to like them by more than a touchdown. Ms. Greene, on the other hand, exclaimed, "All I care about is just seeing Danny [Marino] with his isotoner gloves, but no other clothes." But unfortunately, that won't happen until Christmas. So she likes NewEngland to keep it under 7.

MINNESOTA -3 over Chicago. Ms. Greene went into a frenzy on this one, telling of a psychadelic dream she had where she was drowning in grape soda and being eaten by purple trolls like the ones in the "Billy Goat's Gruff." Therefore she finds it difficult to root for squads with Nehi grape-like uniforms. She likes Chicago with points and I like Minnesota.

Ms. Greene's big college upset pick: "West Virginia over Miami or I Cheese Whiz wrestle The Fridge for 20 minutes."

New-Look Swimming Gets Early Test in Goucher

A press release submitted by Kim Lessard

Washington swim mentor Kim Lessard will rely on a strong senior class and a promising crop of newcomers to battle their way through another tough MAC slate in '91-'92.

Two-time All-American senior Kasey Carroll will lead the women with help from classmates Leslie Newcomb and Joan Colton. Carroll will again be a force for the Shorewomen in the long distance freestyles, the individual medleys, the butterfly, and relay events. Newcomb is an accomplished breaststroker, holding school records in two events, and Colton has great endurance in the fly events.

Sophomores Mimi Devlin and Jennifer Green head the underclassmen, each coming off brilliant freshman debuts. The twosome placed in five individual events in last year's MAC championships. Fellow sophs Magdelena Fuchs (a member of all three relay records last year) and Ramsey Bigham, and junior Karen Prendergast also figure to contribute. Incoming freshmen Amy Draper (Lake Forest (DE) High School), a sprint specialist, and Deidre Swinden (Wissahicken (PA) High School), a butterfly/backstroker, could have an immediate impact, along with Beverly Diaz at breaststroke. Also joining the team are a pair of upperclass crew members, Nancy Whiteman and Stina Sturges, and junior field hockey star Eleanor Shriver. All three have had previous swimming experience and should help add to the depth of this year's squad.

The men will be paced by co-captains Brian Basso, a hard working freestyler whose leadership paid dividends for last year's inaugural squad, and Troy Petenbrink, who can swim a variety of events. Juniors Jarrod Wunderlich, a record holder in three events, Andy McKim, a breaststroke specialist, and sophomore freestylers Alex Nasjletti and Mike Frey return to give Washington an experienced nucleus. An impressive list of recruits, including David Cola (a YMCA national qualifier out of Dover (DE) High School), Tyler McCarthy (Shepaug Valley (CT) High School), Jason Campbell (Middle Township (NJ) High School), Tim Whittier (Bridgton (ME) Academy), Chris Freishheim (Abington (PA) High School), David Czeka (Huntington (NY) High School), and Mike Bowman (Newport Prep (MD) High School) figure to provide immediate help in the Shoremen waters. Coach Lessard believes that "we will see quite a lot of records set in the first meet. Saturday will be an interesting contest since the men lost to Goucher last year." Be there tomorrow at 1:00 in Casey.

Washington Has a Sailing Team?

by Keith Daniels

Yes, we do have a team, although most people are unaware of this fact. It has been in existence for the past three years and this year is the team's best so far. This year's team currently centers around six core members: Freshmen Jason Campbell and J.K. Delahay, Sophomores Wistie Wurts and Michelle Vandernat, and Juniors Keith Daniels and John Wyman. Team Captain Wyman is the only returning member from last year. The sailing Sho'men are coached by former Olympic sailor Dave Pratt.

The team competes intercollegiately in Area C of the Mid-Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Association, and has been to three regattas this fall season as well as hosting another. Washington College hosted another invitational regatta last weekend on Saturday, November 2. It began at 9 a.m. at Truslow boathouse. Racing continued the rest of the morning and into the early afternoon. The Sho'men soundly defeated both visiting teams from Salisbury State and George Washington Universities to take the honors in both the Laser and intercollegiate 420 classes.

The team is also looking for more members in order to expand the program for the spring season. No experience is necessary, just a sincere desire to join in the camaraderie of competitive sailing. If you are interested in joining the team, please contact either John Wyman or Dave Pratt at the boathouse at extension 324.

Stunning Sting in Soccer Finale!

by Chris Vaughn

In the immortal words of Gomer Pyle — Surprise, Surprise, Surprise!! That's right, they may have waited for the final call to do it, but the Shoremen finally took one! The losses of two out of their last three games, one to #12 Haverford and one to MAC foe Hopkins, are unimportant because the real focus belongs on the big, BIG win versus Delaware Valley.

It was early in the first period when the WC boys, excuse me . . . men, took hold with a strike by John "Flipper" Seal. The WAC fans, who endured intense, bitter, freezing, cheek reddening, down right mildly cold weather, wouldn't see another score until the second period when Caperton Beirne plowed one home and then was shortly followed by a stinger from Gilbert Orser. The nets remained settled as the final score showed the Shoremen had managed to rack up a few and double their season tallies with a victorious final of 3-0. On top of that, the Iron tapestry managed to shut out an opponent for the first time this season.

It was a reversal of fortune if you will! It's just too bad this possible win streak started at the end of the season. I shed a silvery tear as one of the fans said, "Notice how the reddish brown sun clips behind the barren trees represent not only the end of a day, but the end of a memorable game and the end of an unbelievable season."

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NEWS

Kent Circle Open

by Karyn Iacangelo

The SGA meeting of November 5 provided Dorm senators a chance to voice their opinions as well as their residents opinions on the smoking ban. The issue of parking was also discussed and Senator Emily Daignault submitted a parking report which was approved by the executive board. Also discussed was the issue of carry-out trays used in the Dinning Hall.

Senator Skip Gibson brought up the motion to have the smoking ban reviewed. A vote was taken and smoking will still be prohibited in the Dinning Hall.

Senator Emily Daignault submitted a parking report which stated; "The Kent Circle Lot will open up to public use on Friday November 8. The lot will consist of three repainted Handicapped spaces, and the regular spaces. The reopening of this lot was decided by President Trout and the Executive council of the school on October 23." "A stop sign will be placed at the top of the Dorchester Lot, where it turns onto the driveway towards the Cardinal Dorms. This problem was well known by the administration and they have communicated that the sign will be there soon." The final point made in the report was,"The current dilemma of the amount of parking in the Reid, Minta Martin, and Queen Anne/Caroline area was discussed at length. A number of options are being considered."

Concerning the issue of sick-trays in the dining hall, a survey will be sent out to see what students want. At the Products Show last week, the students polled stated that they want the same kind of tray that exists now. Senator Stephanie Lee announced that there will be another products show in two weeks.

Along with these three issues, Senators Lynn Clifford and Lisa Pruett discussed the NACA Conference that they attended with Student Activities Director, Terri Turmel. They had the opportunity to attend various workshops on Leadership Training and Education.

The CIA also discussed their upcoming trips to Washington D.C., for the "Circa 1492 Exhibit, and to New York for Christmas shopping. These two trips will be on November 16th and November 23rd respectively.

The Kent Circle Lot will be closed on Friday afternoon and will be reopened on Saturday afternoon,due to a prior commitment for a Hodson Hall event.

State Budget Cuts May Be Good for WC

by Sherry Menton

At the faculty meeting held this Monday, President Trout as part of his introductory remarks stated that the "whopping tuition increases" that will have to be instituted by state universities in Maryland in order to combat the state's budget cuts could be good news for Washington College. As public education becomes more expensive, the repercussions may translate into increased interest in Washington College and other private institutions.

Ten architects are currently under consideration for the contract to build a new classroom building and renovate Bill Smith Hall, according to Professor Cades, Faculty Representative to Buildings and Grounds. That number will be narrowed down to four, and those four will be invited to campus to tour the sites, after which they will submit formal proposals.

It was announced that Professors Creegan, Anderson, Horne, and Shivers have been granted sabbaticals for next year. Faculty enhancement awards, which assist the selected professors in their out-of-the-classroom scholarly endeavors, were granted to Professors Wagner, Kirtchner, Schultz, Clarke, DeProspo, and Kaplan. It was also announced that Professor Emilie Amt has been awarded a book contract for her manuscript about the lives of medieval women, that Professor Jay Wright has recently had one article published and another accepted for publication, and that Professor David Newell was recently interviewed on the Voice of America.

Cardinal A can be seen in the background behind the newly acquired Security building on Route 213.

photo by Emily Daignault

Security Moves Off-Campus

by Jason Truax

In order to obtain more space, Washington College Security is moving to a new location, the old Kent County Recycling Center behind Cardinal A, and adjacent to the Kent County Health Center. The move should be completed by the middle of next week.

Currently, Security occupies only two rooms of the Spanish House. The Director of Security, Jerry Roderick, shares his office with a work study student, and his secretary, which tends to make conducting confidential interviews extremely difficult. The other room is an officer's lounge with a small closet-like room for making campus keys. The space that Security is vacating will be turned over to the Dinning Hall which also is cramped for space.

The new location should allow for better efficiency due to a larger working environment. The new location will consist of two offices, a separate room for making keys, and a reception area which the secretary and work study student will share.

Students may be concerned about Security's accessibility to campus, but Director Roderick assures that this will not pose a problem. There will not be a significant change in Security's performance. Things will be positive in that the work environment will improve, and the ability to react to campus emergencies will not decrease. Up to this point, response time to emergencies has been good. Even though Security is now located on Washington Avenue, their vehicles will have no problem pulling out because they will not have to pull out across lanes of traffic, and Security will have no problem getting to the scene. The Security vehicles use will become more prevalent.

Planned for the near future are exterior phones which will be placed at strategic locations around campus, including inside the Spanish House's back door which will remain open 24 hours a day so student's can call Security while remaining safe. When a student dial's security's extention, 310, it will go to the office and if closed, the call will go to the officer's radio who is on duty.

Security officers must make judgments as to how serious some calls are. Priority will of course be given to the most serious, being cases of student endangerment and criminal offenses, and in most of these cases, the police respond as well.

Director Roderick reports that it is the student's responsibility to report any strange happenings. According to Roderick, this is the kind of environment that makes for a crime safe community. The biggest successful factor for a Security Department is not what they are doing, but it is whether or not the community that they are working in, works with them.

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By the time students return from Thanksgiving break, they will no longer have to walk through an acre mudpuddle to get from Bill Smith to the CAC. *photo by Emily Daignault*

More ConstructionUnderway

by Karyn Iacangelo

As students walk from Bill Smith to the Casey Academic Resource Center to get their mail, they may have noticed the obstructed pathway they are forced to take. Construction has once again begun on the Washington College Campus.

The planned walkways should be completed by Thanksgiving according to Reid Raudenbush, Director of Physical Plant for the Maintenance Department and should give students their freedom once again to roam where they please between Bill Smith and the Casey Building.

Sod is also going to be placed around the walkways. The sod was obtained from Anthony's here in Chestertown. It is being used in placed of grass seed because it is too late for the grass seed to germinate.

Women in Nat'l Politics Panel to be Held

Gloria Borger, national political reporter for *U.S. News and World Report*; Beverly Byron, congresswoman from Maryland's sixth district, and Sharon Rodine, past president of the National Women's Political Caucus, will gather to participate in a major symposium on women in national politics , Monday, November 18 at Washington College. The discussion, moderated by Barbara Kreamer and sponsored by the college's Louis L. Goldstein Program in Public Affairs, will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Casey Academic Center Forum. Admission is free and the public is welcome to attend.

The symposium promises to be a wide-ranging discussion of the changing role of women in American politics and the new focus on women's issues at the national level.

Gloria Borger has over 10 years experience as a Washington political correspondent, for

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Dr. Baer Returns to Present Lecture About Women Diarists

As part of its celebration of a century of coeducation, Washington College will present Dr. Elizabeth Baer lecturing on "'A Little Piece of a Secret:' Four Virginia Women Diarists," Wednesday, November 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Casey Academic Center Forum. The lecture is free and the public is encouraged to attend.

Elizabeth Baer, who is on leave as Dean and Provost of Washington College, is at work on a book on the same subject as her lecture, under the auspices of a grant from the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities. Much of her recent research and teaching has been devoted to the subject of women's autobiography.

Dr. Baer will discuss the diaries of four Virginia women written between 1787 and 1882. Lucinda Lee, an ancestor of Robert E. Lee, wrote about a number of visits to Virginia plantations in 1787. Lucy Beck kept a diary as a teenager in Front Royal, Virginia, from 1861-1865; her writings include reminiscences of several Civil War battles, and the appearance of Robert E. Lee on her family's porch after the battle of Gettysburg. Georgiana Gholson Walker, wife of a Confederate blockade-breaker, also kept diaries during the war as she travelled, often in great personal danger, with her husband from Richmond to Bermuda, Nova Scotia and England. The fourth diary, from 1882, is by 14-year-old Daisy Williams, who died of pneumonia in 1884; her family founded Sweetbriar College as a memorial to her.

Baer's talk, which will be illustrated with slides, will include readings from the diaries, a discussion of the women's lives in a historical context, and an exploration of the ways in which such diaries can be used by historians to understand women's consciousness. "The diaries provided these women with a private means to rail against the stereotypes of the 'Southern Belle,'" says Baer, "we can see their independent personalities evolve beyond the normal expectations of such women in society."

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Middle Eastern Symposium Scheduled for Next Week. See pg. 5

Miss Greene Takes Over Pro-picks. See pg. 7

Economic Solutions to Saving the Bay Proposed

by Julie Greene

This past Monday afternoon Dr. John Cumberland, Professor of Economics, emeritus, University of Maryland College Park, spoke on "Saving the Chesapeake Bay: an Economic Perspective." Professor Cumberland will be a Visiting Professor of Environmental Economics at Washington College in the spring. He has also lectured at Horn Point Laboratories in Cambridge. Currently, Cumberland has an office at the Chesapeake Bay Laboratory on Solomons Island.

Professor Cumberland reported that although protective laws have been passed and millions of dollars have been spent on the Bay, it has not recovered sufficiently from the damage it has received in past decades. The amount of pollution and oyster beds dying has increased, and by 2020 a 20-25% increase in the population who will want to settle on the water near the Bay and its tributaries will add to the degeneration of the Bay.

Cumberland stressed four basic factors contributing to the deterioration of the Bay: pollution; the mismanagement of fisheries; the increase in population near the Bay; and state and government programs.

The first, pollution, damages the water quality. One of the fundamental' laws of thermodynamics implies that we cannot get rid of waste once it is created. The problem is what we do with this waste. Currently the absorption of pollution by air and water is treated by the public as a free good.

Cumberland mentioned that pollution is an externality. An externality, according to economist A.C. Pigou's *Welfare Economics* is a transaction that affects third parties and involves extra costs which no one pays for directly. Pigou's solution to this problem was to tax externalities. Cumberland agrees that taxation and not regulation would be the better option. Taxes would give manufacturers incentive for research and development of safer products and production methods, and place incentives on consumers to buy more environmentally safe products. For example, a tax on gasoline would encourage consumers to purchase more environmentally sound cars, which would get better mileage. A problem with taxation is determining where the tax should be placed. He admits taxation is not a popular remedy and that is one reason economics is called the 'dismal science.'

The second factor contributing to the deterioration of the Chesapeake Bay is the mismanagement of fisheries. The heart of the problem economically is the absence of property rights to the fisheries. Pareto optimality states that to warrant the introduction of an improvement, the benefits must provide enough advantages to compensate any losers. If the rights were transferable, watermen could use, sell, or pass them onto their heirs.

Again management is being regulated, but inefficiently. Current regulations include limiting seasons for oyster harvesting and regulating gear and technology. Greater attention

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Prof. Munson with future visiting professor John Cumberland at the McLain lecture. *photo by Kris Wallenberg*

OPINION/EDITORIAL

A Practical Look at the SWO

The Sophomore Writing Obligation is an institution that has been oft-discussed in *Elm*'s of past years, and this year's staff would like to propose yet another change in the Writing Lab requirement.

The Writing Lab serves a vital purpose. Many students will not submit a paper for a grade without first taking it to the Lab for the comments and criticisms of a tutor. Sometimes these people can't get the appointment times they need in order to have their papers critiqued because sophomores who are out to fulfill their obligation, not to get genuinely wanted assistance, are cluttering up the appointment calendars of the tutors.

Abolishing the SWO is definitely not an option. First of all, many students who now are obliged to attend at least three hours of sessions would not, if left to their own devices, take advantage of the Writing Lab at all. No matter how good the writer, there is always something to be learned that students who would scorn the Lab would miss out on.

The real question, then, is if a Sophomore Writing Obligation is the best way to ensure that all students have the opportunity to gain additional insight into their writing style and assistance on graded works. The *Elm* believes that SWO is *not* the best way to achieve this goal. During the course of a four year sequence of college, the average student is going to run across a few courses that are very challenging to write for. Unfortunately, there is no guarantee that these will fall conveniently in the sophomore year.

A general requirement of three hours of Writing Lab time (or five or six or however many hours) to be completed by the time of graduation would be more helpful. The ability to pick and choose which papers to seek out assistance with would be of greater benefit to students who are reluctant to take advantage of the Writing Lab. The levelling out of chances at appointment slots would help students who regularly consult the writing tutors.

The danger inherent in this system is that some students will let slide their obligation until their senior year, and then have to scramble around making nuisances of themselves in frantic attempts to complete the graduation requirement. A painless solution to this is for faculty advisors to keep tabs on how many hours their advisees have attended the Writing Lab, in the same way they check to be sure that distribution requirements are well on their way to being fulfilled. Twice a semester students would thus be reminded of their obligation and warned if they were in danger of delaying appointments too long.

Changing the SWO to a general graduation requirement is admittedly a plan that caters to students who, for whatever reason, choose not to take full advantage of the service offered by the Writing Lab. We at the *Elm* are pragmatists, however, and believe that in enabling such students to get help on papers when they most need it, obligatory (and somewhat perfunctory) appointments will instead be viewed as valuable assistance.

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Letters to the Editor

Commentary, Not Censorship, Motivated Letter

To the Editor:

It seems, from your article and comment on my letter of last week (Nov. 8, "'Multiculturalism 101' Flyer Displays Intolerance"), that you have misread my intent. My goal was not to censor the person who posted the flyer entitled "Multiculturalism 101", but rather to prove him or her wrong. In no way was I attempting to censor the author of the blurb, or the person who posted it. I merely wished to express my own arguments as to why these people are wrong, which is why I put, "Think about it," before my name. I could have very easily ripped that poster down, but I left it there, with the intention of responding to it, because I believe that stifling a bad idea is not the way to remove it from our culture. Instead, our culture must stare these ideas down, and come to our conclusion about them, through open discussion. I intended my letter of last week to be an admittedly small step in this process.

Also, don't let anyone fool you into thinking that the Republicans and any other sundry conservatives are really attempting to protect your right to free speech. They have a vested interest in censorship, to protect themselves from the literature of the various liberation movements that threaten conservative white-male power. On the other hand, the "Progressives" have a vested interest in free speech, namely because they are the ones trying to be heard and to gain a voice for themselves and other groups without a solid political voice. While there are a few instances of Mark Twain's, The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, being banned in public schools by liberals who feel that the use of such words as "nigger" would offend black people, the book has been banned far more often by those, almost invariably conservative people, who disapprove of the positive depiction of Huck and Jim's friendship.

Campuses, and the rest of the world will only be rid of, "insensitive and hurtful expression towards women, minorities, and other student groups," when everyone understands the power of words, and chooses not to hurt each other with them, and not to hurt each other at all.

That sounds unlikely, doesn't it? Well, that's the goal of 'multiculturalism', the understanding of other people, so that ultimately, we will not hurt each other. Perhaps, humanity will never reach this goal, but maybe we can lessen the pain we inflict on each other, through mutual understanding.

Again, think about it,
Justin Cann

[Editor's Note: By running the article "Campus Flyers Stir Debate over 'Political Correctness'" along with Mr. Cann's letter to the editor, the Elm *did not mean to imply that his comments regarding the multiculturalism flyer were intended as censorship; rather, the article was meant to illustrate that political flyers have become a hot topic on many college campuses other than ours, and that by comparison Mr. Cann and Washington College students should be congratulated for their fairness, broadmindedness, and "non-participation in the latest college trend - intolerance."]*

It Just *Might* Kill us to Cut EMS Funding

To the Editor:

The following essay is an attempt to personalize some very grave statistics that may spell life or death, disability or recovery to a significant segment of the Maryland population, particularly the young. They are the most frequent victims of trauma. By printing this, I hope that people will understand the ramifications of these budget cuts in terms of their potential impact on them and their loved ones.

Sincerely yours,
Prof. Penny J. Fall, NREMT-A

The air is crisp and clear, after the passing shower, with just a hint of the aroma of wood burning... the sun has descended enough to require headlights, but a sliver of the auburn sunset still lingers in the rearview mirror... a perfect autumn evening. How the dog got there, transfixed in the beam of the headlights, is irrelevant, but your reaction is... foot slammed onto the brake, steering wheel yanked to the right to avoid it... and the wet leaves acting like an escalator moving your vehicle inexorably toward the trees.

For many years I have been involved with prehospital emergency care, as an Emergency Medical Technician riding an ambulance, working in emergency rooms, and as a First Aid instructor. I've seen the results of such a scenario over and over again. Nobody wants it, and few expect it, which is why it is labeled an accident!

For more than a decade, with the birth and maturation of the Maryland Institute of Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS), Maryland residents have been sheltered under the umbrella of the best trauma care anywhere in the world. With Dr. R. Adams Cowley at the helm and Shock Trauma as its flagship, MIEMSS plowed its way through the rough seas churned up by the skepticism and doubt that often accompanies that which is new and different. However, by staying the course, they delivered trauma victims to a safe harbor of the highest level of expertise and an incredible record of success. If you, as a multi-trauma patient, are delivered to a definitive care facility, such as Shock Trauma or a regional trauma center within the "Golden Hour", you have a 90% chance of living versus 50% or less if you arrive at a regular emergency room.

The bumper crumbles first, as bark chips fly into the air, leaving the grill and fender vulnerable. Metal twists as the force generated by the impact careens through the car frame towards the passenger compartment. Its arrival is punctuated by your forehead spiderwebbing the windshield. Like a plastic animal's head on a spring your brain dances the mambo against the rough interior of your skull, and your other vital organs slam against your bones. Your limbs flail away in another weird dance smashing into almost every sharp angle within reach. ("Damn, I should have worn my seat belt.") You know it's only seconds, but is seems like forever before the cascade of noise, impact, and pain delivers you to the blessed peace of unconsciousness.

If such an event happens to you in Maryland during the next few months the following chain of care should occur:

The first link is the person who finds you. Hopefully that someone is trained in first aid, or, at least, can assess the gravity of your predicament, and knows how to call 911.

Once the call is received at Central Alarm, even as the dispatcher is still writing down the particulars, the alarms have been punched alerting the ambulance and fire companies

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Omissions

The lecture "Democracy and Discontent in India," the second in the Goldstein Program's two part series on "South Asia in Transition," was accidentally omitted from the Campus Calendar. The lecture,given by Dr. Atul Kohli of Princeton University, will he held on Tuesday, November 19, at 7:30 p.m. in Hynson Lounge.

The Weekly Absurdity was removed for lack of space, and will return next week.

CAMPUS VOICES

EMS a Vital Service to Maryland

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that they are needed. Also, if the information warrants it, Syscom, the state-wide emergency communications network, joins in by getting the State Police Med-Evac helicopter off the pad and on its way.

Consequently, as your grip on life becomes more tenuous, the expert resources of a highly trained, technically sophisticated network of emergency systems are converging on your location.

The white shaft of light "hurts" and you start to try to brush it away, but the pain brought on by even the attempt at movement quickly cancels that idea. As the "fog" begins to lift you are aware of the gently touch and voice that seems to belong to the shadow off your left shoulder. It has a name... you are not alone. Their calming competency is translated into every word and subsequent motion... the IV needle stings as it is inserted into your vein, but pain is relative at this point... the traction stabilizing your head and neck is uncomfortable, but surprisingly reassuring... and when you are moved, packaged better than the most wanted Christmas present, because of the synchronization of the hands that lift your backboard it causes no fear. As you are transported towards the intermittent noise of the helicopter a new face appears, and with it again the serenity invoked by competency.

> **"If you... are delivered to... Shock Trauma... within the 'Golden Hour', you have a 90% chance of living versus 50% or less... at a regular emergency room..."**

These are the first few steps of the MIEMSS protocols of care, an uninterrupted chain of specialized services, which offers the trauma victim the best possible prognosis: EMTs & Advanced Life Support specialists extricating you front he wreckage and stabilizing you at the scene; the aviation medic continuing your care as you cross the Bay and enter the night skies over Baltimore; and finally the hurried, but gentle "hand-off" into the waiting arms of the Shock Trauma team.

When you look up surrounded by masked faces you feel a little like a quarterback in the middle of a huddle, but you are not calling the plays. Actually, except for the nurse near your head, who is explaining everything that is happening to you as well as taking your medical history, there is very little conversation. Obviously the plays have been practiced many times, and everyone knows their positions without additional coaching. This fluidity of motion continues form the highly specialized admitting area, into the operating room, and then up to the epitomy of intensive care units, where state-of-the-art nursing care is practiced on a one-to-one basis.

The preceding is a somewhat simplistic journey through a very complex, finely tuned process. However, it is this marriage of humanity and technology that works, and together bring about the 90% survival rate alluded to earlier.

That is the good news, and now the bad news... the best trauma care system in the world is about to be decimated, because of the proposed budget cuts brought on by the State's financial woes. At this time, November, 1991, 63% of the present EMS budget is on the chopping block. Nothing is sacred, whether it is EMT training and certification at the local firehouse, that helicopter trip to the appropriate care facility within the Golden Hour, or even Shock Trauma.

If we allow such massive cuts to take place the 10-year-old son who takes a "header" over the handlebars of his bike, the grandfather lying beneath his overturned riding mower, the mother sprawled unconscious on he concrete floor at the bottom of the cellar stairs, or the college student sent flying by the car at the crosswalk will have few, if any, options. We will be going back to the future, to the "swoop and scoop" brand of care, and the "hearse as the ambulance" mentality.

What to do? What MUST we do?

1. Each of us must come to the realization that this is not a select constituency issue, but has the potential of involuntarily effecting any man, woman, or child living in or passing through the State of Maryland.

2. Each of us must contact your legislators and Governor William Donald Schaefer and let them know, in the strongest language possible, of our concerns and downright fear at the removal of this safety net.

3. Each of us must give generously to the local rescue squad and/or fire company, so that, at least, the "front line troops" can afford to remain current in both training and equipment if the present state funding is lost.

Finally, it may mean "biting the financial bullet" and finding alternative ways to support this life saving system... an EMS trust fund with monies gathered from various sources, such as an additional penny/gallon on the gas tax, or $0.25 per month on the phone bill, or a means to actually earmark a small portion of our state "tax bite" to this fund...

Whatever the answer is, think of it as taking out an insurance policy on yourself, your family,your friends and neighbors. If you do, as the early seatbelt ads use to state, THE LIFE YOU SAVE MAY BE YOUR OWN!

QUESTION - Do you think that Washington College is attentive enough to the potential health and safety hazards in its dormitories?

Tanya Allen
Trumbull, CT
Sophomore

I think that the college could be more attentive— especially because when one has a problem after regular school hours it's often hard to get a hold of health service people, counselors, & even RA's— Health Services should be open on weekends, especially.

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Greg Coss
Bethesda, MD
Senior

I think that the Colege should raise some of its safety standards. The dorm rooms should all have smoke detectors, and they should be checked regularly.

Curtia Arnold
Edgewood, MD
Freshman

I think Washington College is attentive enough to health and safety hazards in dorms. The only ones who create problems are the students and we should be more aware of the hazard we create everyday.

Victoria Homan
Chestertown, MD
Freshman

I can't really say [about dorm safety] because I live off campus, but I think it was a bad idea to move security off campus.

Heather Feezer
Baltimore, MD
Sophomore

I think that the colege does not take enough safety precautions. THey don't check our appliances or anything before we start [school].

Greg Hickman
Huntingtown, MD
Senior

I think that they're doing OK, but there's always room for improvement.

compiled by Emily Daignault

Aspiring editors have one more chance!

Today is the last day that the Board of Publications (c/o Prof. DeProspo) is accepting applications for

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The *Elm* office is also accepting applications for section editorships in News, Sports, and Arts through Monday, November 18.

Next Week:

Would you support the elimination of Fall Weekend in exchange for a full week's vacation at Thanksgiving?

Editorials on this topic are welcome, and should be turned in by Tuesday evening, Nov. 19.

ISSUES

US-European Boycott Attempts to Halt Violence in Yugoslavia

NETHERLANDS

The U.S., in an effort to stem the fighting in Yugoslavia, has joined the European economic sanctions against Belgrade; suspending trade concessions, banning imports of Yugoslav textiles and striking Yugoslavia from a list of aid recipients in Eastern Europe. The U.S. will also cosponsor a U.N. resolution that could lead to an oil embargo. In a speech at the conclusion of a meeting of the European Community, Bush addressed the problems of Yugoslavia in the context of growing nationalism in Eastern Europe, along with two other elements that could be dangerous: an inability to move into a period of peace following the Cold War and failure to meld divergent forces into cooperative trade agreements.

USA

Magic Johnson, star of the Los Angeles Lakers, announced last week that he had just discovered that he was infected with the AIDS virus and was quitting basketball. He has now become a spokesman for AIDS prevention, helping young people "understand that safe sex is the way to go" and telling the country not to be afraid of HIV-positive people. Johnson indicated that he had gotten the virus through heterosexual sex. Doctors say that it may take 10 years or more for Johnson's AIDS symptoms to show up, although when they do they will invariably lead to the full disease and death.

It is said that by 2000 there may be 40 million people infected with the virus.

USA

Forbes FYI– the Forbes magazine quarterly supplement, reported last week that Soviet officials were auctioning off the embalmed body of Vladimir Ilyich Lenin with a minimum bid of $15 million. The report was echoed by the Associated Press, ABC News, the PBS Nightly Business Report and USA Today. After Soviet officials angrily denied the report, Forbes confessed that the story was a fraud.

LA.

The election that will determine whether David Duke, former KKK member and founder of the National Association for the Advancement of White People, will become the governor of Louisiana. Democratic polls indicate that Duke is losing support as the media blitz continues. A whopping 80% voter turnout is expected.

MA.

Last Monday hundreds of Tufts University students gathered for a demonstration supporting demands and concerns of gay and bisexual students at the university. The Tufts Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Community is demanding that the university finance a full-time administrator for the group in accordance with the recommendation of an official task force; provide a residential space for gay and bisexual students; and to develop gay studies courses, of which there are now none. The university's president, Jean Mayer, says that because of "financial restrictions" he does not expect that their demands will be met.

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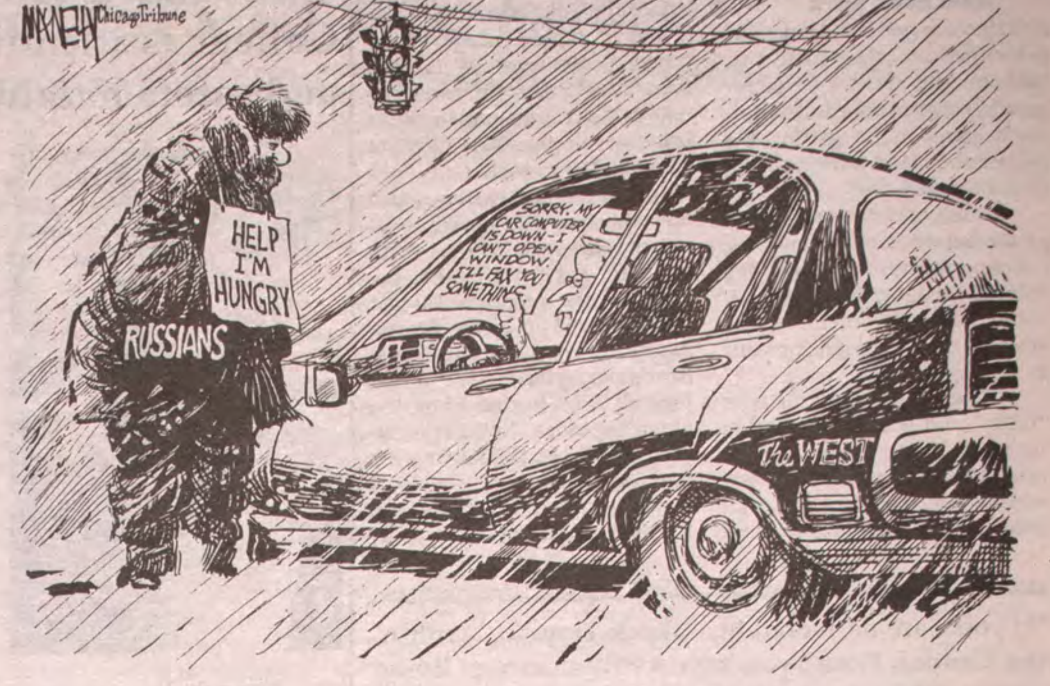
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Josephine the Fly

by Tanya Allen

why are these poor people in WAC HELL? what are their sins? (josephine asked as she and Big Fly flew over another section of WAC HELL– one in which students were trying, in vain, to get across the construction in between bill smith and gibson.)

well, (said Big Fly, pointing to people randomly) *that hippieish one over there once illegally read poetry in the graveyard at midnight; and that frat guy there smoked a cigarette in the college dining hall; and that girl who just got her shoes muddy from the dirt around the construction brought food into the library once; and that guy with the glasses stole several street signs; and those 4 over there refused to give blood during a blood drive; and that short blond chick once stole change from her roommate because she was hungry and wanted to buy a snickers from the vending machine; and that one over there used her mystic harold a bit too many times.*

mystic harold?

yeah, one of those' magic dollars' used to fool the vending machines into giving free food. all the other people are here because they committed the sin of drinking alcohol when they were under the age of 21.

horrors!

shocking, eh? i can't believe anyone would do something like that. but, come now, it is time to show you WAC HEAVEN. follow me! (the two flew up, up, up, up, up, up, up, up, up, up, up, up, up, up, up, up until they came to a classroom door.)

this is it? (josephine asked) do we go through the door?

no, (said Big Fly,) *just read the sign on it.* (there was a little note tacked to the door which read 'prof. __________'s 2:30 class cancelled, due to a regrettable illness.' as josephine read the sign she felt an incredible rush of bliss....) *HEAVEN.* (Big Fly said, nodding.) *this is WAC HEAVEN.*

Meanwhile,

The WAC bugs were giggling over the recent fire they had caused on second floor Kent by rewiring one of the lamps in room 212; and over the alarm they had pulled in Caroline the night after; and over the trouble they had brought to WAC by subliminally bringing on Trout Mania. Because of Trout-Mania the campus had become divided into 2 groups: those who were "pro-fish" and those who were "F.I.N.S.," which stood for "Freedom to Ingest Nautical Species." The pro-fishes raged every time the dining hall served fish– staging demonstrations, waving pictures of fish still in-the-sea and carrying bowls full of goldfish, while the F.I.N.S. stubbornly defended their right to eat fish. Tensions were mounting as a rumor spread, saying that the dining hall might be serving fresh lobster soon....

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Middle Eastern Symposia Comes to WC

by Rachael Fink

Starting Wednesday, November 20, Washington College students will have the unique opportunity to hear and talk with some of the nation's leading experts on the Middle East. Several groups on campus are sponsoring The Washington College Middle East Symposia Series. Funding has been provided by the W.C. Lecture Series, the Sophie Kerr Committee, the Louis L. Goldstein Program in Public Affairs, the W.C. Women's League, the Eugene O'Neill Literary House and the International House. Topics under discussion will include everything from trade and politics to women's roles in the Middle East.

The first day of the Symposia Series will include two lectures by Washington College professors. At 9:45 a.m. in the Sophie Kerr Room of the Miller Library Professor Don Wierda, a lecturer in the Business Department, will speak about trading with the Arabs. The title of his lecture is "Getting your Products to the East." Professor J. Wright will also be speaking on Wednesday about trade with the Arabs. Wright, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Business Management, will speak on "Banking and Risk Management in the Arabian Gulf." This lecture will be held in the International House at 4:30 p.m..

The topics under discussion Thursday, November 21 will deal with "The Complexity of Middle Eastern Politics." The O'Neill Literary House is sponsoring a lecture and book signing by Dr. Fedwa Malti-Douglas. Dr. Malti-Douglas, the Director of the Comparative Literature Program at the University of Texas at Austin will be speaking on "Nawal El Saadawi: Leading Egypt's Women Writers" in the Casey Academic Center Forum at 3 p.m. The lecture will deal with Malti-Douglas's upcoming book concerning Nawal El-Saadawi's *The Fall of the Imam.* This is one of the most controversial novels ever published in Egypt. Professor Malti-Douglas's 1991 book *Woman's Body, Woman's Word* has been praised highly as the definitive source on the use of feminine imagery in Arabic literature. She has published numerous other books and edited two collected works, all of which have vaulted her to the position of one of this country's most notable Arab-American scholars.

Thursday's second lecture will be held in the Casey Academic Center Forum at 4:30 p.m.. The lecturer, Alan Douglas is currently teaching French and Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Texas at Austin. Professor Douglas specializes in Francophone political influences on Northern Africa and the Middle East. He has written several books, including *From Fascism to Libertarian Communism: George Valois Against the Third Republic* and *Arab Comic Strips: The Politics of an Emerging Mass Culture*, and he will speak on "The Comic Minority: *Les Beurs* in Strips."

The third lecture on Thursday is titled "The Papacy and the Middle East," and will be given by George Irani, Chair of the Franklin College Department of Political Science and Director of the College's International Studies Program. The lecture will be held in the Casey Academic Center Forum at 7:30 p.m., and will cover Irani's most recent book of the same name. Dr. Irani gained much of his expertise concerning the Middle East as the Director of the Center for Mideast Studies at the College of Saint Rose, as a writer for the Catholic Near East Welfare Association and as a correspondent for Italian State Television covering the Lebanese Civil War. Some of Dr. Irani's other publications include numerous articles on the Middle East, Lebanon, and Southern Europe as well as several books.

Friday's lecture series, titled "Women in the Middle East" is being sponsored by the Women's League of Washington College. Both of the lectures and the panel discussion will be held in the Sophie Kerr Room of the Miller Library. A Middle Eastern Buffet will be held in Hynson Lounge at 12:30 p.m. All events are free to students but a $15 charge to the public will cover the Friday series which includes the Middle Eastern Buffet.

The first lecture, at 10:30 a.m. is titled "Sara and the Hyena: Laughter, Menstruation and the Development of a Double-Entendre." The speaker, Suzanne Pickney Stekevych, has a reputation as America's outstanding young orientalist. She has published a book, *Abu Tammam and the Poetics of the Abbasid Age*, and several articles on Arabic Poetry. These articles include "The Abbasid Poet Interprets History: Three Qasidahs by Abu Tammam;" The Archtype and Attribution in Early Arabic Poetry;" "Pre-Islamic Panegyric and the Poetics of Redemption;" and "Toward a Redefinition of badi' Poetry."

Ms. Al-Tarrahi, a member of the Embassy of Kuwait will give the second lecture at 11:30. "Under Siege: Women and the Liberation of Kuwait" will examine women's roles in the Persian Gulf War.

The final event scheduled for The Washington College Middle East Symposia Series is a panel discussion, to be held at 1:30 p.m. The topic, Women in Today's Middle East will be discussed by Professor Janet Kestenberg-Amighi, a Visiting Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Lauri King, a former Aid of Middle Eastern Affairs for Senator George McGovern and Professor J. Wright.

South Asia in Transition

by Eve Zartman and Jason Truax

How would you react if you were told you were beneath someone - not do to your actions - but due to your lineage? A person cannot control his/her birth or what family he/she is born into. Without a chance for a rebuttal, a person is are labeled for the rest of his/her life. This issue was discussed at the forum "South Asia in Transition: Ethnicity and Caste in Contemporary India," sponsored by the Goldstein Program in Public Affairs. The guest speaker was Dr. Arjun Appardurai, the Chair of the South Asian Regional Studies Department at the University of Pennsylvania. He explained India's caste system and described the more modern conflict of ethnicity, which presently plagues the society.

The caste system has been in effect in India for many centuries. It is a system that puts individuals into definite social levels. The lower castes are representative of workers and peasants. The middle castes are the more educated and are more financially independent. The upper classes, the highest being the Brahmin, are the religiously faithful. If people are good during their lifetime they are reborn into a higher caste and eventually reach Nirvana or heaven, where the soul finally rests never to be reborn again. People marry within their caste, associate only within that caste, and basically have no reason to do otherwise. But even this traditional structure is undergoing change. The government is attempting a more democratic method of affirmative action in which certain government jobs are reserved for lower castes. The middle and upper castes are upset because jobs are being taken from their hands. Since people are willing to kill over their caste, putting this plan into effect will wreck India's national community.

The ethnic differences once celebrated in Indian society are now looked down upon. India has become a more democratic society because of British colonialism. The British tried to establish a majority in a "land of minorities." The people of India are predominantly Hindu, and the world tends to think of India as a fundamentalist Hindu nation. But the concept of India as a nation with the Hindus as its majority is young. The Hindus have only been united under one identity since the 17th century. Until then, the idea of an "India" did not exist. Because of their control of the government, the Hindus have become more extremist in their views and have enforced the political thoughts of the Hindu majority.

This extremity has in turn inflamed the ancient debate between Hindus and Muslims. These two faiths have fought over religious shrines for years and the debate can never be resolved by theologians or anthropologists. Although the debates still continue, there will never be a winner. The more present problem is that they are now at a more fervent level because of the extreme religious fanaticism majority/minority politics has brought out.

It is hypothesized that the government is attempting to bring out nationalism and suppress sectionalism for the well being of the nation. The method that they are using seems to be causing much conflict. With the changing caste system and the religious fervor causing more conflict, most people seem to feel very uncomfortable and tense about their environment. The people who are supposed to be educated are those who question the changes the most. It is not that they believe they are the powerful majority and that all minorities should be suppressed because every caste and ethnic group in India is a minority. It is that they believe the idea of minorities should be praised - which is the idea they were raised with. As the government tries to group people into larger groups, their goal is to someday group them into a nationalist throng.

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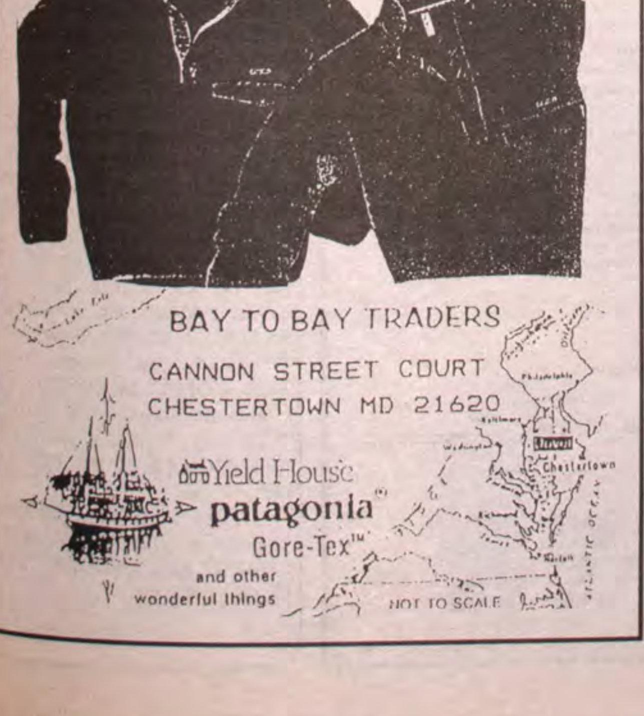

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Open Seating for *Seascape With Sharks and Dancer*

by Rachael Fink

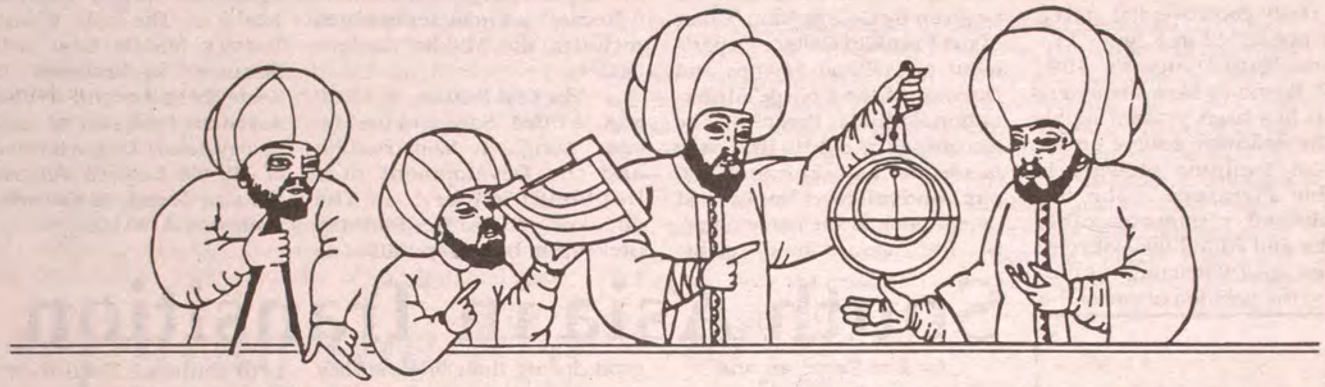
For a senior there is nothing more exciting than the completion of the Senior Obligation. One senior is about to be so excited. Next weekend, November 21 - 23, Beth Skinner will finish her senior project. As a Drama Major Beth has had to direct a play to be performed for the public. Other Drama Majors have done the same in the past several months. Ten Little Indians and The Dream Play were both senior projects by Drama Majors. To fulfil her senior obligation, Skinner has chosen to direct Seascape with Sharks and Dancer, by Don Nigro, author of The Reeve's Tale, and The Curate Shakespeare As You Like It.

Seascape with Sharks and Dancer is two act play set in a beach house in late fall. The only two characters are Ben, writer/librarian in his late twenties and Tracy, a girl, about twenty who Ben has rescued from the ocean. Without giving away too much of the plot one can only say that Ben and Tracy develop a rather strange relationship based on love, understanding, and a little self-depreciation. While Seascape is a story about love it does not have the typical romantic boy-meets-girl plot, and it is guaranteed to surprise and entertain.

The stars of this show are Debra Boyer and Steve Brown, both active in the theater but never before on stage. Boyer is currently taking the Acting One course under Dale Dagel. Brown has worked on many shows previous to this one, hanging and adjusting lights, operating the light board and numerous other technical jobs. Both are very excited, if a bit apprehensive about their first stage role.

Assisting Beth Skinner in the production of this play are Heather Lynch, as Stage Manager in charge of organization and continuity backstage, Deidre Riegel, Set Designer, Jason Imber, Technical Director, and Jason West, Carpenter all helping to design and build the set, Shan Driscoll, Lighting Designer making sure there are no shadows on the actors faces, Stephanie Hess and Tarin Towers are both in charge of locating properties needed in the course of the play, Ed Schroeder is the Soundboard Operator, Tony Squires, make-up, Tim Madison, Violence Coordinator, the program and poster art is being done by Steve Brown and Amy Cadle, Karyn Iacangelo is the House Manager in charge of the distribution of programs, Richard McKee is Assistant Stage Manager under Lynch and Rachael Fink is Skinner's Assistant Director advising on the creative aspects of the production. Many other people have and are helping to put together a successful show, so many that it would be impossible to mention each one of them even in passing. In a brief interview Skinner expressed a wish to thank everyone for their help and support.

The show start at eight o'clock on Thursday, the 21 of November and runs until Saturday, the 23. Tickets are free to the public and do not need to be reserved as Skinner elected to have seating in the house of Tawes Theater rather than on stage, as has been done with several of the previous senior productions. Everyone is encouraged to come and is promised a night of entertainment. Parental guidance is suggested as profanity is used and the subject matter is of an adult nature.



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Trading with the Arabs

NOVEMBER 20

"Getting Your Products to the East"
Professor Don Wierda
Sophie Kerr Room, Miller Library, 9:45 a.m.

"Banking and Risk Management in the Arabian Gulf"
Professor Jay Wright
International House, 4:30 p.m.

The Complexity of Middle Eastern Politics

NOVEMBER 21

"Nawal El Saadawi: Leading Egypt's Women Writers"
Fedwa Malti-Douglas, University of Texas
Casey Academic Center Forum, 3:00 p.m.

"The Comic Minority: *Les Beurs* in Strips"
Alan Douglas, University of Texas
Casey Academic Center Forum, 4:30 p.m.

"The Papacy and the Middle East"
George Irani, Franklin College
Casey Academic Center Forum, 7:30 p.m.

Women in the Middle East

NOVEMBER 22

"Sara and the Hyena: Laughter, Menstruation and the Development of a Double-Entendre"
Suzanne Pinckney Stekevych, Indiana University
Sophie Kerr Room, 10:30 a.m.

"Under Siege: Women and the Liberation of Kuwait"
Al-Tarrahi, Embassy of Kuwait
Sophie Kerr Room, 11:30 a.m.

Luncheon: Middle Eastern Buffet
Hynson Lounge, 12:30 p.m.

Panel Discussion: Women in Today's Middle East
"Women's Roles in Zoastrian Iran," Professor Janet Kestenberg-Amighi
"Arab Women in the West Bank," Lauri King, Indiana University
"Women in the Saudi Work Force," Professor Jay Wright
Sophie Kerr Room, 1:30 p.m.

Presented by the Women's League of Washington College

Funding has been provided by the WC Lecture Series, the Sophie Kerr Committee, the O'Neill Literary House, the International House, and the Louis L. Goldstein Program in Public Affairs. Books and library displays were provided by the International Studies Program, the Department of Modern Languages, and the Business Management Department.

All events are free to students. Events on the 20th and 21st are free to the public; for the *Women in the Middle East* series on the 22nd, there is a $15 charge which includes luncheon. For information contact Professor Jay Wright, 778-2800, ext. 348.

WASHINGTON COLLEGE

Campus Calendar

Nov. 15 - Women's Issues Discussion Group presents POWER AND CONTROL IN THE WORKPLACE, Ralph Surette, Ph.D., CAC Forum, 6:30 pm.

WASHINGTON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHORUS FALL CONCERT, Norman James Theatre, 8 pm.

Dance to benefit Sane/ Freeze and Terra Firma in the C-House, featuring Wett Catt, 9 pm-1 am. Come support a good cause and have a good time!

Nov. 16-18 - Film, MILLER'S CROSSING, Norman James, 7:30 pm.

Nov. 16 - Hillel Society Dance, C-House, 9 pm.

Nov. 17 - WASHINGTON COLLEGE JAZZ BAND, Tawes Theatre, 4 pm.

Nov. 18 - Goldstein Program in Public Affairs presents WOMEN IN POLITICS: The National Level, CAC Forum, 7:30pm.

Nov. 19 - Fall Student Recital, Norman James Theatre, 7 pm.

The Goldstein Program in Public Affairs presents SOUTH ASIA IN TRANSITION: "Democracy and Discontent in India," Hynson Lounge, 7:30 pm.

Native American Film Series: WINDWALKER, CAC Forum, 7:30 pm.

Nov. 20 - Symposia Series on the Middle East presents TRADING WITH THE ARABS: GETTING YOUR PRODUCTS TO THE EAST, Sophie Kerr Room, 9:45 am; BANKING AND RISK MANAGEMENT IN THE ARABIAN GULF, Sophie Kerr Room, 1:30pm.

The Committee on the Centenary of Coeducation presents 'A LITTLE PIECE OF A SECRET': FOUR VIRGINIA WOMEN DIARISTS, 1787-1882, CAC Forum, 7:30 pm.

Nov. 21 - Symposia Series on the Middle East presents NAWAL EL SAADAWI: LEADING EGYPTS'S WOMEN WRITERS, CAC Forum, 3 pm; THE COMIC MINORITY: Les Beurs in Strips, CAC Forum, 4:30 pm; THE PAPACY AND THE MIDDLE EAST, CAC Forum, 7 pm.

The Drama Department presents SEASCAPE WITH SHARKS AND DANCER, Tawes Theatre, 8 pm.

SPORTS

Men Set 12 Swimming Records

by Kim Lessard

The men broke twelve school records and held on to the end, but eventually lost to Goucher, 104-98. However, a year ago the Shoremen dropped a sixty point decision to this very same team, making this year's narrow loss encouraging.

Freshman Dave Cola led the men with two outstanding individual first-place finishes and two records in the 100 and 200 meter freestyle events. He joined Tyler McCarthy, Chris Freisheim and Jarrod Wunderlich for a first-place finish and school record in the 200 meter free relay. Tim Whittier won the 200 meter individual medley and finished second in the 100 meter breaststroke, breaking school records in both races. Jason Campbell added two second-place showings in the 50 meter freestyle and 50 meter breaststroke, also breaking two school records.

Freshman Chris Fresheim took nearly five minutes off the 1000 meter freestyle record and placed second while Jarrod Wunderlich eclipsed one minute off the 500 meter freestyle former record in finishing second. Troy Petenbrink added an important third in the 500 meter freestyle while Brian Basso added a second in the 100 meter butterfly and third in the 50 meter freestyle. Tyler McCarthy placed third in the 100 meter backstroke. Dave Czekaj took third in the 1000 meter freestyle.

The 200 meter medley team of Tim Whittier, Jason Campbell, Brian Basso and Tyler McCarthy broke the school record by 15 seconds. It was an exciting start. The men proved they will be knocking on the doors soon of the schools that have had programs for years. They swam very well with five men qualifying for the MAC Championships. Last year no members of the men's team qualified. It's a young team that will keep improving.

Rugby Learns A Lot In 3-Week Stretch

by Ciarbo "Mad Dog Mohawk" O'Keeffe

This week's article covers a three-week span of games for the Washington College Rugby Football Club. The team learned more in these three weeks than it had learned previously throughout the entire season.

The first game was in Philadelphia against Billy Whitemarsh, a well established men's club who was in the national league a couple of years ago. Washington played with valor thanks to noticeable flash photograph-type plays from Seth Engel, who skated by his opponents to score a try, and to the forwards who dominated the game. Despite a substantial loss, the team looked towards the next weekend when they played Wilmington Men's Club.

This particular game was played against the backdrop of the Rugby World Cup Final (England vs. Australia). Wilmington Men's Club was also an established men's club, but Washington learned from the previous game and put up a brave fight with excellent tackles from all players. The player of the game medal had to go to Steve Dadzi, who scored his first try for Washington College in his first game. Again Washington lost and they left the field with the Rugby World Cup Final looming over their heads too (England 6, Australia 12).

The last game in this series was against St. Mary's College, at last a college team. Washington braved the cold weather and a sloping field to compete on the same level as St. Mary's. There was tension throughout the game as both sides attempted to score a try. There was a consistent battle between the fullbacks as they kicked backwards and forwards, psychologically taunting each other. A textbook try was scored by Washington as the ball was passed down the line to Anthony Black, who sprinted for the tryline to lift Washington spirits sky-high. The final score had Washington losing by a try and conversion, and a penalty kick. It was a great game and if the series follows sequence, the home game on Saturday the 16th at 1:00 p.m. against York will prove to be the best of the season. See you there and thanks to everyone who attended the Rugby Benefit.

Editor's Apology

Last week in my pro picks I used Magic Johnson's name in a joke. I am very sorry and hope that no one thinks that I intended to offend this great person. I had no idea that Magic Johnson had acquired the HIV virus when the joke was made, because the paper was completed on Wednesday night. The next day Magic made his announcement. It was an incredible coincidence that makes me wonder about what's going to happen next. With luck like that, I'm waiting to be attacked by an armadillo on 213's crosswalk.

Shorewomen Swimmers Fall Just Short, 103-102

by Kim Lessard

The Washington College women's swim team experienced a heartbreaking loss to Goucher, 103-102, in front of a packed house at the Casey Swim Center last Saturday. The team battled head to head with their opponent up until the last individual event, the 100 meter breaststroke, which Goucher used to take an insurmountable six point lead. But WC didn't quit, as the free relay team of Amy Draper, Ramsey Bingham, Magedelena Fuchs and Jen Green won in the final race, leaving the Shorewomen just one point shy.

Although the Shorewomen were defeated, the squad still had many bright spots to show for their efforts. The 200 meter relay team of Jen Green, Leslie Newcomb, Dede Swinden and Mimi Devlin placed second, and right behind them were Karen Prendergrast, Beverly Diaz, Joan Colton, and Nancy Whiteman, swimming in her first meet.

A strong event for Washington was the 1000 meter freestyle, which it used to take a temporary lead in the meet. Two-time All-American Kasey Carroll took the event while Leslie Newcomb came in second and Stina Sturges placed fourth. The same trio would later post identical finishes in the 500 meter freestyle. Mimi Devlin won the 200 meter freestyle and Magdelena Fuchs came in third. Mimi also placed third in the 100 meter butterfly and Fuchs took third in the 100 meter freestyle.

Freshman Amy Draper placed second in the 50 meter freestyle and 100 meter butterfly. Ramsey Bigham placed third behind her in the 50 meter freestyle and fourth in the 100 meter freestyle. Nancy Whiteman added second in the 100 meter freestyle and fourth in the 100 meter breaststroke.

Jen Green, Karen Prendergrast and Dede Swinden all had personal best times in the 100 meter backstroke to finish second, third, and fifth. I felt it was a tough won to lose, but we didn't have the bodies. The women swam great with 10 already qualifying for the MAC championships in February. We are a good team and will keep improving. Their next home meet will be Wednesday against Salisbury State at 6:00 p.m.

I'm Taking Over

by Ms. Greene (edited for publishing)

Hi everybody, my name is Ms. Greene and I'd like to start my job of picking games by first explaining why I am taking over for Mr. Coss. He is worthless and weak. He knows as much about football as Telly Savalas does about The Hair Club for men. He knows as much about football as David Duke does about "It's Showtime at the Apollo." He knows as much about football as Roseanne does about singing. The chances of him ever beating me in pro pick selections are about the same as Jeffrey Dahmer performing the next comedy act at the Coffee House and titling his performance "Tearin' Ya Apart at the Seams With Laughs, Then Eatin' Ya For Desert Wtih Whipped Cream and a Cherry on Top." In sum, his predictions stink. He went a puny, pitiful 5-7 last week and I was a brilliant7-5. He was so humiliated and subsequently subservient to me that I was able to make him clean my Dog Fifi's poopies (with a reach toothbrush, it took 2 hours and I gave him a five minute break) without a single gripe. Since I am runnin' out of space I will make my prediction: Take Wash. over Pitt. unless you be illiterit.

WC Students Attend NIRSA Conference

by John E. Kelly

On Friday November 8, 1991, Washington College students Joan Colton, Margret Doyle, Kristy Hilgartner, and John Kelly attended the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association Region 1 conference in Baltimore, Maryland. The conference was held at the Towson Sheraton with over 150 participants attending and representing schools from the University of Maine to the University of Maryland.

Participants attended lectures covering such topics as "Student Leadership Training Programs," "Risk Management and Campus Recreation," and "Water Aerobics." Washington College's own Director of REC Sports, Dennis Berry, was a featured speaker and gave a lecture entitled "Posted Warning: How Effective are Your Signs?" Mr. Berry's lecture discussed the degree of liability schools have in warning participants of dangers and hazardous conditions associated with recreational sporting facilities.

The four students who attended this year's conference were surprised at the level of importance intramural and recreational sports programs held at other institutions, especially the larger universities. Also, the conference enlightened the students to the size of the recreational sports field and the many opportunities that abound within that field. Many schools offer graduate assistantships where the student can pursue post graduate education and work part time as assistant REC Sports directors. Washington College alumnus and All-American basketball player Timothy Keehan is involved in one of these programs at Mount St. Mary's College in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Mr. Keehan will be graduating from Mount St. Mary's this spring with a Master of Business Administration.

In general, the conference was an excellent opportunity for the students involved and provided them with new and challenging ideas to implement in WC's REC Sports Program.

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Chesapeake Bay

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needs to be paid to oyster students instead of trying to manage the fisheries from a distant bureaucracy.

The third factor of deterioration is the excessive population of people living on or near the water. Their use of garden and lawn chemicals damages the Chesapeake Bay, as does their waste.

Cumberland noted that the private price for water does not reflect fully the ecological cost of the water. The public only pays enough to compensate the seller in the open market. As before, management is through regulation.

One way to counteract this growing waterside population would be to place impact charges or taxes on those who live on the water. The problem with this theory is how to measure the damage residents have on the Bay.

"Externalities from industrial development are considerably more than those from residential development," added Cumberland. There is no longer a justification for putting industrial or commercial developments on the water. Two myths about why it is considered acceptable are that it broadens the tax base and that we cannot stop progress. To find out if the tax base is being broadened a cost-benefit analysis needs to be done. Concerning the second myth, what is progress? Polluting the Chesapeake Bay.

He listed the fourth deteriorating factor to the Chesapeake Bay as government programs. He stated that, "government agencies have their own agendas," such as "increasing their budgets, protecting pensions, and protecting their programs." John Cumberland noted that economist James Buchanan, a past winner of the Noble Prize in Economics, implied that these energy, military, and infrastructure programs are not necessarily in favor of public interest. Nuclear energy is heavily subsidized by the government; however, if a meltdown occurred it would infect the entire Bay.

Professor Cumberland stressed that an interdisciplinary program, including economists and scientists, is needed to save the Chesapeake Bay. Neither can do it alone. He further professed that education is the key to the agenda to saving the Bay. "Perhaps today's students can set an example for environmental management in the United States."

Cumberland praised Washington College for the recent incentives it has provided for environmental studies. These include the addition of the environmental economics course in the spring which was encouraged by Professor Davy McCall, Chairman of the Economics Department, and the Joseph McLain Program in Environmental Studies, coordinated by Dr. Donald Munson , Chair of the Biology Department and curator of the McLain Program. It was the McLain Program in Environmental Studies which sponsored Professor Cumberland's lecture. He also thanked President Trout for integrating these programs.

Women

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the *Washington Star, Newsweek* and as a panelist on *Washington Week in Review*. Beverly Byron has been western Maryland's representative to Congress since 1978. She serves on the House Armed Services Committee, the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, and the Select Committee for Aging.

In 1989, Sharon Rodine was elected president of the National Women's Political Caucus, a bipartisan, membership-based organization dedicated to increasing numbers of women in public office and promoting issues of concern to women and their families.

Following the 7:30 p.m. symposium, a reception for the participants hosted by the Washington College chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society.

Library Automation a Reality

by Karyn Iacangelo

The Miller Library's automation system is now a reality and will be operational at the end of January according to Mr. Bill Tubbs, head of the Miller Library.

All the terminals have arrived and will be placed in strategic locations throughout the library. Three terminals will be placed on the first floor where the Card Catalog used to be. Two of the terminals will be equipped with printers. There will also be a terminal placed behind Mrs. Shoge's desk, and one between the indexes and the Periodical Reading Room. On the second floor, in the Seminar room will be two terminals, and in the basement, a terminal will be placed near the Curriculum Center. The terminals will be able to work between all Macintosh's on campus and will be able to have thirty-two users at any one time.

One thing students may have heard a lot of jack-hammering in the last couple of weeks in the library. This is so workers can put in the needed electricity to operate the new automation system.

The library will keep the Card Catalog until such time that the staff feels adequate for students to get used to the new terminals. They will also keep it for their own records. All in all, the automation system is coming and should be a nice addition to the library.

The new terminals will provide students access to Welseley College and Lafayette University as well as many other libraries in the surronding area. The terminal will also be able to tell the user whether or not the book they want is available.

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The *Elm* would like to let you know that you have one last chance to submit an applicationfor editor-in-chief or for a section editorship. Applications for editor must be turned in to Prof. DeProspo TODAY, and for section editors can be returned to said office by Monday. Last chance to join the staff of what truly IS (NOT) the Best Paper in the World. And yes, we are ramblingon fill up space because NO ONE OUT THERE is taking advantage of this wonderful and really rather cool looking Classified section.

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World-Renowned Singers Kristine and Katherine Ciesinski Featured in Concert Series

The 40th anniversary season of the Washington College Concert Series brings to Chestertown, Maryland, a performance by soprano Kristine Ciesinski and her sister, mezzo-soprano Katherine Ciesinski. The third of five concerts to be presented this year for local audiences in Tawes Theater of the College's Gibson Performing Arts Center takes place on Tuesday, December 3rd, at 8 p.m.

The two singers, originally from Newark, Delaware, made musical headlines when they portrayed the two sisters in *Cosi fan tutte* at the Taipei International Arts Festival and later at the Kentucky Opera. Most recently the two were heard in a duet recital at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. which was nationally broadcast live on radio.

Kristine, who has been described as possessing "the formidable vocal and acting qualities of a great opera tragedian," has performed with many of the leading British opera companies. She had a major success in 1990 as Lady Macbeth in a new production of Verdi's opera directed by David Poutney for the English National Opera in London. Her portrayal received great acclaim from the London public and critics and also from the Soviet press and audiences when she performed the role on tour with the company at the Bolshoi and the Kirov theatres.

She has performed the role of Salome with several leading companies on both sides of the Atlantic, including the Bavarian State Operra in Munich, Canadian Opera Company, English National Opera, Baltimore Opera, Manitoba Opera and Florentine Opera.

This season Kristine Ciesinski debuted at the Bastille Opera in Paris and La Scala in Milan in Shostakovich's *Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk*. She will also star in the BBC's television production of "The Secret Life of Alban Berg," which is an acting and singing tour de force for the soprano.

Katherine Ciesinski, a mezzo-soprano accomplished in opera, concert, and recital performances around the globe, has been called "a singer of rare communicative presence, and a musician of discrimination and intelligence."

Her work on the opera stage has included Judith in *Bluebeard's Castle* at the Metropolitan Opera, Laura in *La Gioconda* with the San Francisco Opera and Miami Opera, and Waltraute in the San Francisco Opera's presentation of Wagner's Ring Cycle.

see CONCERT, pg. 12

Announcement to All Dorm Residents:

There will be a campus wide electrical shutdown to repair the main switch on Saturday, November 30. The shutdown will last all day. All sensitive electrical equipment should be unplugged on Wednesday evening November 27th or when you leave campus for Thanksgiving break.

Sexual Harassment and Sexism Addressed at Campuses Nationwide

(NSNS) While the nation listened to tales of Long Dong Silver and pubic hair on Coca-Cola cans during Clarence Thomas' Supreme Court confirmation, students across the country also began re-examining their own attitudes toward sexual harassment.

Many female students have been active in fighting sexual harassment for a long time. But recently, a growing number of male students have become active in the feminist movement by forming anti-sexism groups on campus to fight what they view as no longer solely "a woman's issue."

"I think the men's groups are a very positive sign," says Rosemary Dempsey, the Action Vice President of the National Organization of Women (NOW). "I think only men can change other men's behavior. What they're doing is a healthy reaction to the incredible increase of sexual crime and violence that has occured in the last 10 years."

While many men's groups are taking direct action on their campuses by holding protests or demonstrations against sexism, others are seeking to educate their fellow classmates. Still other men's groups are simply trying to deal with sexism they see within themselves.

Wanting to help end their own gender's harassment and degradation of women, anti-sexism men's groups from several Boston colleges and universities joined more than 100 college women and faculty members in a demonstration on Oct. 14th outside a pornographic video store that recently opened in the vicinity of three women's colleges.

Male students from schools including Harvard University, Tufts University and Wheelock College took part in the protest organized by the Women's Alliance Against Pornography.

"If men do not speak out against pornography, then it will be the sexist, abusive, and violent men who would come to speak for all men," says Jackson Kaatz, a member of "Harvard Anti-Sexist Men." Jackson, a graduate student researching a thesis on the social construction of violent masculinity in sports and the media, says that because it is men who produce, sell, and buy pornography, it is up to men to stop it.

Wheelock College professor of Women's Studies Gail Dines and special education major Sarah Stevenson, two of the protest organizers, welcome the men's support.

"Men have to confront other men about their collaboration with the pornographers," says Prof. Dines. According to Dines, studies show that pornography increases the rate of rape and aggression by men towards women.

Wheelock junior Stevenson agrees with Dines. "I don't think it is enough for men to say they are against sexual discrimination or harassment" she says. "I think they have to go out and show their support.

Kaatz says the purpose of anti-sexism men's groups is not to take over the women's movement, but rather to make men more responsible for themselves. "Violence should not be what being a man is about," Kaatz says.

Harvard Anti-Sexism Men are involved in speak-outs at high schools and colleges, have picketed outside Andrew Dice Clay and Sam Kinnison concerts because of the comedians' sexist jokes, and have handed out leaflets at sporting events to educate men they feel would otherwise be unable to reach.

The group is also planning to commerate the Dec. 6th Montreal Massacre of 1989, in which a man walked into a classroom at a technical school and killed all the female students. A letter, later found in his pocket, blamed feminists for his troubles.

"We think it is appropriate for us to commemorate the event because the massacre took place on a campus," says Kaatz. "And because it says now more than ever that it's time for men to stand up and defend the women's movement."

Students at Tufts University in Medford, Massachusettes are defending the women's movement by challenging the sexism they see both on their campus and within themselves.

Members of the student group Men Must Understand Sexism at Tufts (MMUST) are confronting their own sexism in a format similar to

see HARASS, pg. 12

SGA Mobilizes Against EMS Funding Cuts

by Sherry Menton

The SGA has resolved to take part in an effort to block Maryland's proposed 63% cut in the Emergency Medical Services budget. Were this budget cut to be enacted, it would mean, among many other things, the elimination of the network that keeps all emergency services in Maryland in contact with each other, a serious reduction in Shock Trauma care, and the elimination of the Medivac program that makes accident victims a short helicopter ride away from the state's best emergency care facilities.

The Eastern Shore would be particularly hard-hit by the cuts, and in recognition of that the SGA will be sponsoring a petition that protests the budget cuts. Students who sign the petition in the Dining Hall next week are encouraged to make a donation of $1.00. The money raised will be donated to the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Department and the Kent/Queen Anne's County Hospital.

Prof. Fall, who along with Prof. Siemen gave a presentation to the SGA about the proposed cuts, expressed a desire to see other colleges across Maryland stage similar campaigns. "You all are more powerful than you think... students between 18 and 22 are registered voters, and most of them are taxpayers as well," she pointed out.

Dean Baer Gives Lecture

by Cindy Young

Dr. Elizabeth Baer presented a lecture Wednesday, November 20, entitled "'A Little Piece of A Secret': Four Virginia Women Diarists, 1787-1882." This is the tentative title for Baer's book, which she is working on this year during her sabbatical and hopes will be published sometime next year. The lecture was part of the celebration of the centenary of coeducation here at Washington College.

"A little piece of a secret" is actually a line from one of the diaries, all of which were written by young southern women. In their diaries they describe their frustrations of growing up with the expectations of society. When most people think of southern women in the antebellum age, they think of the tiny waists, porch swings, and mint juleps, all of which are stereotypes that these women write against in their diaries. These diaries contain intimate and private thoughts and if the authors knew they were being read and discussed by people today, they would probably be shocked and mortified. But a lot about their lives and views of the world around them is revealed in their writing. The journals serve to describe the impact of the Civil War, or "the late unpleasantness," as it is still referred to in some parts of Virginia. Just as Matthew Brady's photographs chronicle the impact of the Civil War on the men, so do these journals chronicle its impact on the women.

Dr. Baer is focusing on the diaries of four women in her book: Lucinda Lee, Georgiana Walker, Lucy Rebecca Buck and Daisy Williams. Lucinda Lee's diary was written in 1787, the earliest of the four, and she is an ancestor of General Robert E. Lee, which is why her diary has been preserved and was first published in 1871. She addresses her comments to a close personal friend, much like a letter, and describes a tour she was on of the homes of friends in Northern Neck, Virginia. She comments on men, clothing, and what books she was reading at the time.

Georgiana Walker was born in 1833 in Petersburg, Virginia, and married in 1852. Her husband served in the Confederate army and she spent much of the war in Bermuda, Nova Scotia and England, as her husband was sent there as part of his duties to the Confederacy. Georgiana had to run the blockade with her three children and another one on the way to join her husband in Bermuda.

Lucy Rebecca Buck was born in 1842 at Front Royal. She was nineteen when she wrote her diary, and it was published in 1940 by a descendent. She lived at Bel Aire, near Winchester, which was occupied alternatively by the Yankees and Confederates sixty-eight or seventy-two times, depending on who is counting. Lucy had battles literally fought in her front yard. She writes of her reading, her anger at the Yankees and her hatred of Lincoln. She ended her diary after the surrender of the Confederacy.

Daisy Williams died very young, and Sweet Briar College was founded in her memory. She started her diary in 1882 when she lived in New York for half a year. Her home was in Sweet Briar, in what is now the current president's house. She describes, among other things, of buying her first corsets, a big event in the lives of young women of the time.

All of these diaries show the frustrations of these women to overcome the stereotypes of southern women and, as Dr. Baer described, their attempts to "push against borders and boundaries" of the Antebellum south.

Inside:

Gov. Schaefer discusses the rescue of the Chesapeake Bay. See pg. 3.

Genesis album reviewed. See pg. 8.

For more Pro Picks than ever, see pg. 11.

OPINION/EDITORIAL

All of Washington College Should Unify to Support EMS

During the past two weeks the plight of the embattled Maryland Institute of Emergency Medical Services Systems (MEIMSS) has been brought to the attention of the Washington College community. The most visible effort to protect the MEIMSS from a two-thirds budget reduction has been the SGA's resolution to sponsor a school-wide petition/ fundraiser. Professors Siemen and Fall have sponsored a similar petition among the faculty. Both of these are worthy efforts, of course, but why have the two petitions not been combined? It is as easy to say "We, the faculty, staff, and student body of Washington College" as to have a separate document for each, and perhaps presenting a united front would convince the Governor of the unanimity of our wishes. By definition, accidents do not discriminate on the basis of age, scholarly achievement, or tenure, and neither should our efforts to protect ourselves and each other from the potentially deadly results of accidents, should the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) be withdrawn.

The benefit, and potential loss, of the EMS programs is self-evident. We are not immortal, and here on the Eastern Shore we are very cut off from the state-of-the-art services and technologies that city dwellers take for granted. It is in the interests of everyone who lives here to fight against the one budget cut that could not just inconvenience us, but actually kill us.

The SGA's donation to the Chestertown Fire Hall and to the Rescue Squad of funds collected from student petition signers should go a distance towards refuting allegations that College students are insensitive to the community in which they live.

If other colleges across Maryland will mobilize in similar efforts to block the EMS funding cuts, there is a markedly improved chance that the cutbacks will be reconsidered. Even if this does not occur, however, the concerted effort being made by the faculty, SGA, and students of Washington College (and hopefully by residents of the Chestertown community as well) towards maintaining our local EMS services – caring for our own even if the state doesn't care for us – can bring nothing but good to the College, the town, and the Eastern Shore.

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Letter to the Editor

In Support of Maintaining EMS Funding

To the Editor:

I would like to commend Professor Penny J. Fall on a well-written letter regarding the importance of Emergency Medical Services in Maryland. It is of the utmost importance that this "umbrella of... trauma care," as Mis Fall put it, remain as intact as possible during these times of budget cuts. The topic of emergency medicine is not just a "Western Shore" issue because of the greater number of trauma-related incidents that occurs over there. It is very much an Eastern Shore and Washington College concern as well. Here on the Eastern Shore, it takes hours for a trauma center to be reached by ambulance, but only eight to ten minutes for a Maryland State Police helicopter to make the same trip; and more than once in the past few years those Med-Evac services have been needed to fly students from this school to the Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore for injuries which were untreatable in this region.

To further impress upon you how important emergency medical care is to Maryland, I have enclosed a list of exactly what the residents of this state will lose by Governor William Donald Schafer's budget cuts. This list was distributed by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems Region IV office in Easton during an EMS conference. [Proposed cuts include: Elimination of EMT-A Standardized Training, Testing, and Certification; Elimination of Cardiac Rescue Technician Training and Certification; Elmination of First Responder Certification; Elimination of all MEIMSS-Sponsored Conferences and Educational Programs; Elimination of Continuing Education for Emergency, Trauma, and Critical Care Nurses; Total Shutdown of EMS Communications System in the Field Within Two Years; and Elimination of the Maryland EMS System of Care.]

If you wish to protest these cuts please write to the following addresses and express your desire to keep what is known as the best system of trauma care in the world: The Honorable William Donald Schafer, State House, Annapolis, MD, 21401; Errol Reese, DDS, President, University of Maryland at Baltimore, Davidge Hall, 522 West Lombard Street, Baltimore, MD, 21201.

Sincerely,
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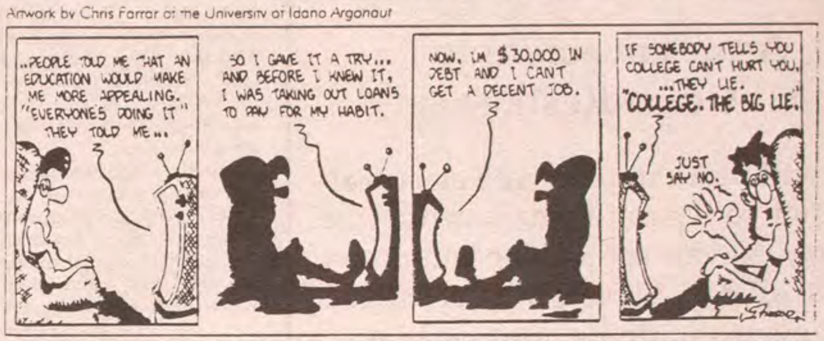

...PEOPLE TOLD ME THAT AN EDUCATION WOULD MAKE ME MORE APPEALING. "EVERYONE'S DOING IT" THEY TOLD ME...
SO I GAVE IT A TRY... AND BEFORE I KNEW IT, I WAS TAKING OUT LOANS TO PAY FOR MY HABIT.
NOW, I'M $30,000 IN DEBT AND I CAN'T GET A DECENT JOB.
IF SOMEBODY TELLS YOU COLLEGE CAN'T HURT YOU, ...THEY LIE.
"COLLEGE. THE BIG LIE."
JUST SAY NO.

Art Department Responds to Distribution Editorial

To the Editor:

As Acting Chair of the Art Department (in Sue Tessem's absence), I wish to respond to the editorial on distribution offerings in the November 8th *Elm*. Some of your points are well taken, and perhaps some inconsistencies could be addressed at the divisional level and adjusted. I believe, however, that there always will be differences between departments on this matter and most certainly between divisions. At issue for the departments in this case is control and self determination, and by extension academic freedom (which is only about censorship in the most gross cases. Cases such as this one are more subtle).

With respect to our own department, the "mystical role" that Intro. to Western Art plays "that is not readily apparent" (?-!) is that is surveys western art in toto (as much as it is practical in a one semester course). I would have thought that the combination of a course with a broad range coupled with one that examines a particular segment of that range an obvious "distribution" sort of sequence.

I suspect that there are two other aspects of this "problem" that trouble you (and probably other students as well). One is that a 300 level course can be taken first, followed by intro. I believe this is mainly for the convenience of the students - we do not benefit from it. Another aspect is the difficulty of getting into intro., since it is always full. Well do we understand your frustration! This problem, however, is in the main an issue of staffing, and there is little that can be done about it at the moment.

You will be pleased, if only mildly, to know that the department and the administration have discussed different options for the distribution requirement in art. Furthermore, in 1992-93 the department will undergo an external review, and all aspects of the department will bear scrutiny, including distribution offerings. Your suggestion will also be considered seriously. After this review, perhaps some adjustments will be made.

I want to thank you for a timely editorial. It is truly good to see student concern about matters we take very seriously. I have written this response so that you will know that the Art Department hears you, and listens.

Respectfully,
Tex Andrew

Weekly Absurdity

Isn't weather on the Eastern Shore absurd?

I am convinced that something unnatural controls the weather that is inflicted on the Eastern Shore, and I'd really like to know who or what that something is so I can register a formal complaint. Blaming God is passé, and nothing as simple as the seasonal changes, the Earth's rotation, or the thermal currents could possibly account for the completely kooky weather we have to put up with. I think I'll blame Puck; he's the only Imp I can think of who'd create such perverse weather.

Everyone at WC comes equipped with silly looking rubber boots of some kind, because we all know how much it rains here. But now that we're prepared, it doesn't rain. Sure, we've had one or two drenchings from hurricane leftovers, but that's it.

Temperature, too, makes no sense. I have a sneaking suspicion that the temperature *inside* regulates the temperature *outside*, instead of the other way around. In October before the heat was turned on it was freezing outside, and now that it's practically Thanksgiving we had a few days of 70° weather.

I am a native Washingtonian, and I'll admid that over on the Western Shore (and it NEVER occurred to me to call it that before I lived on the Eastern Shore) we are weird about our weather. There is a queer sort of pride involved in - and I suppose that this is the rationale - acting Southern by shrugging off heat that would fell a camel and being completely incompetent at dealing with even the threat of a few snowflakes. DCers just like to pretend that they can survive odd weather, but on the Eastern Shore we actually do!

When it comes down to it, there is only one possible rational explanation for Eastern Shore weather — Puck (or whomever) is in the employ of Governor William Donald Schaefer!

And btw, since there's still a bit of space to fill here, kudos to the Dining Hall for it's wonderful Thanksgiving buffet Wednesday night!

CAMPUS VOICES

Partners In Bay Progress

by Gov. William Donald Schaefer

This summer I took over as chairman of the Chesapeake Bay Executive Council. It's a job I'm excited about, because we have more work to do to clean up the Bay, and it will only be successful if it's a regional effort. That means we have to work closely with Governor Casey from Pennsylvania, Governor Wilder of Virginia, Mayor Dixon from the District of Columbia, legislators, the private sector, citizens, and the federal government.

We are all partners in the Chesapeake Bay cleanup. All participants have devoted money, time and talents to finding new ways of protecting the Bay and helping along the restoration of its water quality. We are lucky that more and more, institutions such as the state and federal governments are making Bay protection a priority, and are constantly thinking about how their activities might affect the Bay.

A few weeks ago I had a chance to visit the Norfolk Naval Base in Virginia, which acts as coordinator for the Navy's Bay cleanup and protection plans. The Norfolk base keeps track of Bay-related activities under way at the 37 naval facilities in the bay region, including many in Maryland. In the past year, the naval facilities alone – only one piece of the federal Bay effort – spent $25 million on cleanup projects.

In Norfolk, I had a chance to see that newer naval vessels are equipped with the latest technology that helps control pollution while at sea. We talk about recycling our household waste, and how that can help the Bay. Well, the Navy has a plating facility that actually allows them to recycle aircraft parts by stripping the parts to remove corrosion and recoating them with metals like aluminum and chrome. They keep discharges in check by removing hazardous waste from the facility– even household paints with latex – through an outside contractor, and directing pretreated industrial waste into their sanitary sewer system instead of the Bay. There also is a general effort to conserve water and reduce waste where possible.

I had to brag about what the facilities in Maryland are doing. Indian Head Naval Ordinance Station has undertaken major improvements to its industrial wastewater discharge system. The Patuxent River Naval Air Station is working with the Defense Department to identify and cleanup former hazardous waste disposal sites. The Aberdeen Proving Grounds has more than doubled its staff and efforts on environmental programs in the past four years. It's great to see the progress, but even better to see agencies like the Navy making institutional changes to help the environment, especially the Bay. We need to get everyone thinking that way.

Yes, we have a lot of work ahead of us. But I am encouraged each time I talk to a single person, or a single organization, that is trying to make even the smallest difference with the Bay cleanup. We should apply that kind of energy to all of our problems.

I'd like to hear more from you about what you would like to see in the Bay cleanup programs. I'm always open to suggestions. Write me: Governor William Donald Schaefer, State House, Annapolis, MD 21401.

CONGRATULATIONS

to

Pat Attenasio

Editor-In-Chief
of the *Elm*
for the Spring '92 Semester

Next Week's Question:

Do you think that town-gown relations are bad, and if so, who is to blame? (This topic is in response to an editorial in this week's Kent County *News*.)

Editorials, especially from off-campus students and Chestertown residents, are encouraged, and can be dropped off at the *Elm* office before Tuesday evening.

QUESTION - Would you support the elimination of Fall Weekend in exchange for a full week's vacation at Thanksgiving?

Beth Skinner
White Hall, MD
Senior

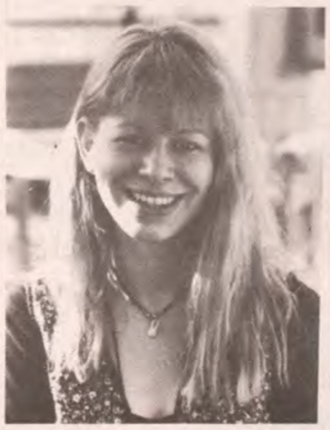
Yes! Fall weekend usually falls so early in the year that I don't go home. By the time Thanksgiving comes, I'd like to be there longer than 3 1/2 days, and what about an Easter Break??

Jennifer Hagey
Baldwin, MD
Freshman

No, I feel we should have a week off in the Fall, but not during Thanksgiving since classes end soon after for Christmas.

Scott Koon
Columbia, SC
Freshman

Absolutely not. The fall weekend break is a very useful opportunity for study. Elimination of fall weekend would not actually be beneficial as students would probably not get as much work done over a longer break.



Roxanne M. Seubert
Belle Mead, MD
Senior

Yes, I would definitely like to have fall weekend combined with Thanksgiving break, as it would give students a full week to rest up before final exams, and professors a chance to grade papers.

Amy R. Caddle
Keyport, NJ
Senior

Thanksgiving break is so close to the end of the semester it seems silly to have a week's vacation, two weeks of classes and then Winter Break.

Tim Whittier
South Paris, ME
Freshman

Yes because it's a long travel home and it might as well be worth the stay. Why not have both?

compiled by Emily Daignault

Editor's Apology, Or "Why I never got back to anyone."

I have been advised at various times by my professors, my SWO tutor, my *Elm* staff, and even my parents, to not write this article. "Don't be negative about your editorship," they've said, "you've done a good job, and you shouldn't encourage people to think otherwise."

Good advice, I'm sure, but advice I choose not to accept. I feel obliged to issue an apology to all the students who showed up at the organizational meeting back during the first week of school to volunteer their time and services to the *Elm*, and then were never contacted by me to actually write anything.

This was a problem that last year's *Elm* had as well, and it was one of many areas that I wanted to improve upon. Unfortunately, as any of you who have taken Calculus (or any other class that builds on itself) will already know, once you get a half step behind, it is nearly impossible to catch up, and completely impossible to get ahead. The *Elm* staff this semester has regularly been writing articles with no lead time at all (for instance, Cindy Young attended Dean Baer's lecture and immediately sat down and wrote the article for us - thanks, Cindy!). Since I have been unable to plan ahead of time what articles we are going to need two weeks down the road, I was unable to take advantage of the kind offers of help I had received. Staff is more or less obliged to work with no lead time, but it would have been presumptuous in the extreme to expect non-staff to whip up articles in half an hour, on the spot.

All of this was going to be my parting message, but I have included it a week early because I hope that everyone who offered their support to me will attend Pat Attenasio's organizational meeting this coming Monday at 7:00 pm in the Reid Basement. Please do not let my disorganization deprive Pat of the writers that he will need to make the *Elm* an even better newspaper next semester.

ISSUES

In the World...

Duke Loses LA Gubernatorial Election and Hostages Waite and Sutherland Finally Released

LEBANON

On Monday there was a surprise release of two more American hostages– Thomas Sutherland and Terry Waite. Six hostages have been so far freed this year– the most in any year since the first Westerner was seized nine years ago. U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar says that he believes all Western captives may be freed by Christmas!

NEW ORLEANS

David Duke was defeated by Edwin W. Edwards in the election for governor of New Orleans. Duke is, however, intending to run for office again, either for a House seat in Louisiana or against President Bush in some of the Republican presidential primaries in the South next March 10.

MARYLAND

The Governor's Council on HIV Prevention and Treatment has shot down mandatory testing for AIDS in health care workers. Dr. Richard T. Johnson, the panel chairman and a Johns Hopkins Medical School Neuroscientist, was quoted as saying that "There has never been a case of direct transmission of HIV from physician to patient, there never has been....There is this one crazy dentist situation that has something very funny about it. So, let's not take all the doorknobs off the battleships." The dentist he is referring to is the Dr. David Acer who infected 5 of his patients with HIV before he himself died.

U.S.A.

A family and medical bill that would require many employers to offer workers up to 12 weeks unpaid, job-guaranteed leave for illnesses or to care for a new child or family emergencies, plus would give federal workers up to 18 weeks of unpaid family leave over two years and 26 weeks of medical leave each year for serious illness, cleared the House with a 253-177 vote. However, it didn't have the two-thirds majority needed to override President Bush's threatened veto.

A new report from the U.S. Census Bureau has shown, surprise surprise, that a striking gender-related salary gap persists in the workplace. According to the report, a woman who has completed at least four years of college and works fulltime typically earns $25,929, roughly the same as the $25,372 median earnings of men with a high school education. Women who did not complete high school typically earn $11,919, compared with $18,766 for men of the same education level. Women with five or more years of college typically earn $28,806, compared with $41,721 for men with the same amount of education. The report also showed that high school-educated blacks typically earn only 80 percent of their white peers.

According to the American Association of University Professors, only 45 percent of the 89,502 full-time, female faculty members at U.S. colleges and universities had tenure during the 1990-91 school year, compared with 70 percent of the 225,496 men.

compiled by Tanya Allen

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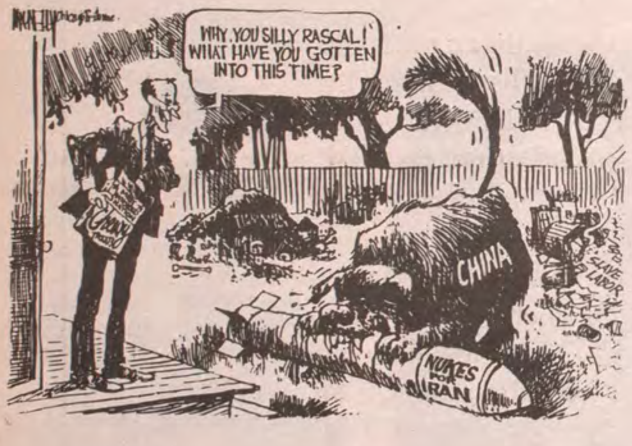
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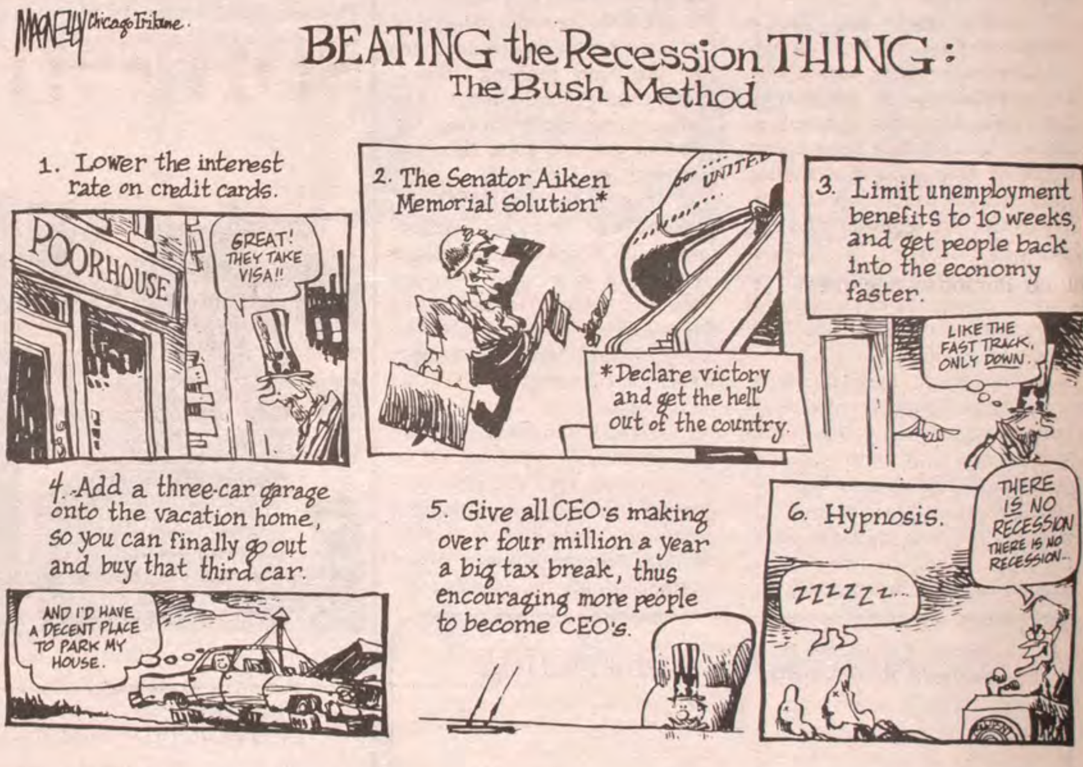
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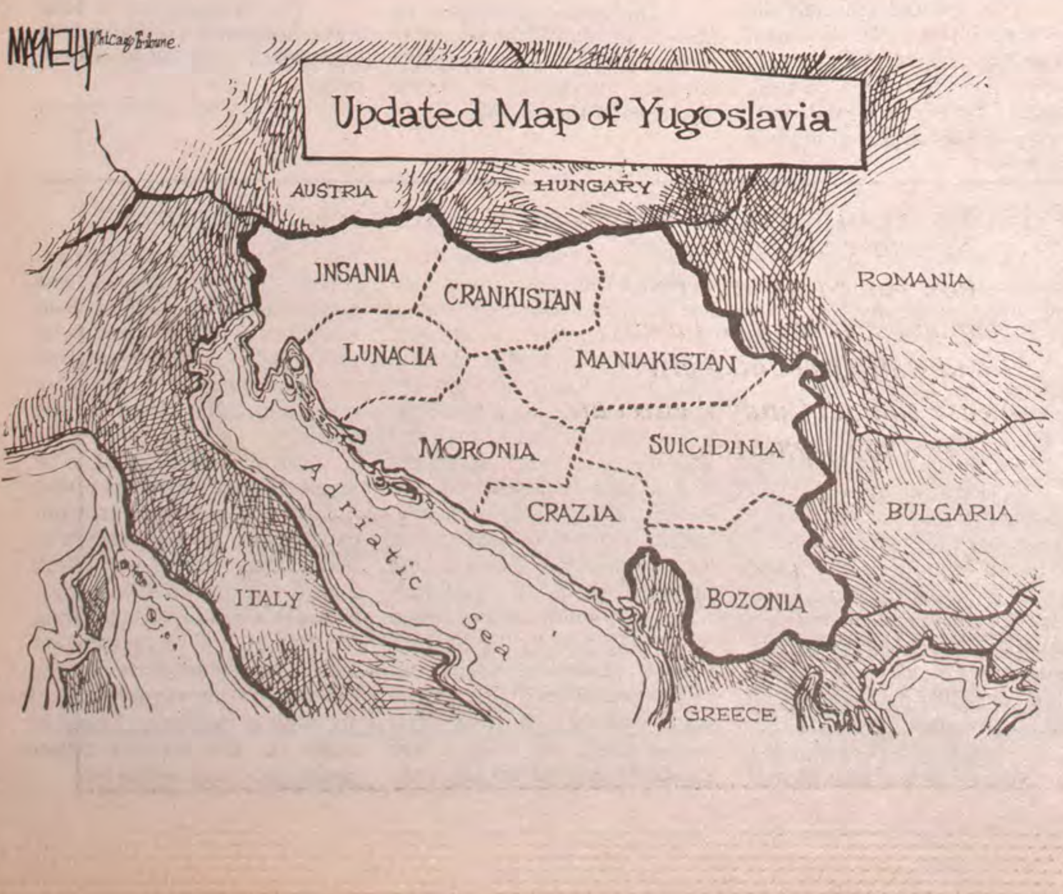
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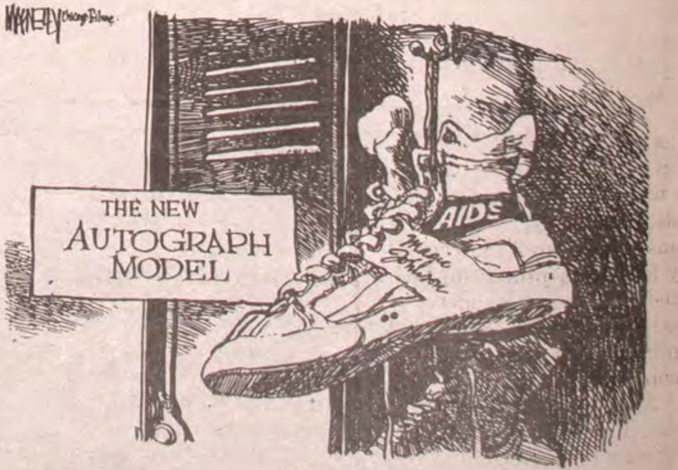
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ISSUES

White Student Union Sparks Controversy in Minnesota

Duke Publicity May Encourage Others

by Rene Steele

(NSNS) David Duke, former KKK member and gubernatorial candidate , may have lost his election bid, but his influence on the attitude towards racial relations in this country is far from over. Even if Duke choses not to run against George Bush for the Presidency, he will likely make headlines once again when he attempts to gain a Louisiana legislative position. The nationwide publicity garnered by Duke during his run for governor has emboldened white supremacists across the country to form higher profile organizations, some analysts believe. One of many such newly-formed groups has a midwestern university up in arms.

In an effort to fight an organization they accuse of espousing white supremacist beliefs, students at the University of Minnesota rallied on Nov. 14th to protest the establishment of a white student union.

The rally, organized by students from the Coalition Against White Supremacy, will protest White Student Union founder Tom David and the ten members of his organization.

"There is no need to promote white culture," says Monique Parsons, vice president of the African Student Cultural Center. "Promoting white culture is the same as promoting white supremacy."

"I am not a white supremacist," says David, a senior majoring in ancient history. "Affirmative action and quotas are endangering the white race/" David says it is not a question of one race being inferior to another, but rather a difference of values. "Whites value going to school and getting a Ph.D.," says David. "Blacks don't. They value selling drugs and buying big, fancy cars."

University of Minnesota Vice President of Student Affairs Marvalene Hughes indicates that the White Student Union is not a sanctioned campus organization since its members have not signed an equal opportunity statement required by the university. "People are making a lot of noise over something that does not exist," says Hughes.

The Coalition Against White Supremacy first sponsored a demonstration on Oct. 9th where approximately 500 students gathered to speak out against David and the racism they feel he is promoting. Although coalition members and David's supporters exchanged insults, it was a non-violent demonstration.

A more violent exchange occurred on Oct. 17th while David was on a campus radio station talk show. Although University police don't know what caused the fight, students interviewed say White Student Union supporters attacked coalition members with numchucks and chains. Three coalition members required stitches following the incident.

Melinda McGowan, member of the Progressive Student Organization, believes that David is promoting violence and should not have the right to speak his views. "There are laws about hate crimes," says McGowan. "The issue at hand goes beyond the issue of free speech. [David's actions] are incidents of hate crime."

Correction:

Segments of the article "Campus Flyers Stir Debate over Political Correctness" [Nov. 8] were obtained courtesy of the National Student News Service. This attribution was excluded from the article accidentally, and we apologize for the oversight.

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FEATURES

WC Students in the U.N.?

On Thursday, October 31, Dr. Brien, Ann Veiga, Andrea Nolan, Carl Pupa, Brad Castleman, and Kris Wallenberg, members of the Washington College Sane/Freeze Organization, attended the International Working Conference on the Arms Trade in New York City. The conference, which concluded on Saturday, November 2, focused on various issues concerning the production, sale, and transfer of weapons (conventional and nuclear arms).

On Thursday and Friday, the participants of the conference were invited to attend several forums, at the U.N. and at the Riverside Church, sponsored by the NGO Committee on Disarmament, the U.N. Department for Disarmament Affairs, the U.N. Department of Public Information, and Sane/Freeze. Ambassador Maj Britt Theorin, Member of Parliament - Sweden; Ambassador Edmundo Fujita, Mission of Brazil to the U.N.; Ambassador Guido Lenzi, Mission of Italy to the U.N.; and Ambassador Graciela Uribe de Lozano, Mission of Colomia to the U.N. were but a few of the delegates who presented the forums on the U.N. study on arms transfers and the impact of the arms trade on development, debt, the global economy and the environment.

On Saturday, we divided into small groups (about twenty-five people) depending on our area of interest. The working session I attended dealt with the Environment and the Arms Trade. Maria Cherkasova, Center for Independent Ecological Programs, USSR, Claire Greensfelder, Greenpeace, U.S., John Miller, International Clearinghouse on the Military and the Environment, U.S., and Ambassador Maj Britt Theorin, Member of Parliament and Ambassador for Disarmament, Sweden, spoke on the effects of the arms trade on the environment - globally and locally. Our objective in this group was to formulate two or three proposals concerning ways to improve the environment and to curb the arms trade. One proposal was an international study of the effects of arms testing on the environment. Our group also endorsed a Resolution to the U.N. regarding control over the military's disposal of potential pollutants. This resolution will go back to the United Nations' General Assembly for a vote, if passed it will become legislation. The proposals our group made will go into committee; if passed, then they will then go to the General Assembly for a vote.

Sane/Freeze is a grass-roots national organization "whose mission and purpose is to educate the American people in order to recruit and organize them into a citizens' movement with sustained political power to reverse the arms race, abolish nuclear weapons, and construct a world of peace and justice." This organization is the only non-governmental organization that is "officially represented at the U.N. with a representative." The importance of this organization can truly be felt when one gets up in front of several representatives to the U.N. and gives a speech.

ARMS ARE FOR HUGGING
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After a long day's travel, they've finally made it. Pictured above are Dr. Brien, Ann Veiga, Carl Pupa, Andrea Nolan, Brad Castleman and Kris Wallenberg at the Sane/Freeze International Working Conference on the Arms Trade in the Riverside Church. *photo by Emily Daignault*

Flu and Pneumonia Have Dire Effects

Americans had 448.8 million restricted activity days and spent 262.9 million days in bed because of the flu in 1989.

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Josephine the Fly

by Tanya Allen

so, (said josephine,) why are you showing me all this, Big Fly? where am i meant to spend eternity– in WAC HEAVEN or in WAC HELL?

(Big Fly was silent for a moment as they flew through some dirty, scraggy grey clouds.) josephine, (Big Fly said) *the reason i am imparting the mysteries of WAC HEAVEN and WAC HELL upon you is because...we here in eternity...have a special mission for you.*

a special mission?

yes. josephine, do you know why i am called a..Big Fly, and sometimes a...Little Wind?

no, why?

it is because of something that the navaho indians believe.

the navaho indians?

they believe in a being known as the Big Fly, who sometimes flies down to sit on a human's shoulder when he or she is walking alone. according to the navaho myths, Big Fly whispers to young heros the answers to all the questions that their fathers put to them when they are being tested. they believe that Big Fly is the voice of the holy spirit, revealing human wisdom.

that's amazing!

yes. the purpose of those who are known as Big Flies is that of turning the land where they live into a place of spiritual relevance.

wow. what a job.

josephine, we, the members of eternity, have decided that WAC needs you to be its own...Big Fly.

what? you mean i have to go around whispering to the students the answers to their tests? wouldn't that be breaking the honor code?

your mission, (continued Big Fly) *is to save the WAC. look.* (Big Fly pointed downwards, and josephine suddenly had a vision of napoleon and his followers. they were congregated in a small, cell-like room with blackened walls and the charred remains of a few posters.)

where are they? (josephine asked)

they're in kent, (Big Fly said,) *room 212.*

"Brilliant place to pick for our new headquarters, Napoleon!" a dragonfly said to the leader.

"Especially because the residents have no idea we're here," said a cockroach, "Ever since this room burned down two weeks ago they've kept the door locked– so now almost no one ever enters this place, besides us bugs!"

"And we can make as much noise in here as we like," said a ladybug, "Because the hall residents all believe that this room is haunted!"

"Yeah!" laughed a termite. "They think that the ghost of Reid moved over here, because he wanted a single!"

"Or else that Gibson's theater ghost came because he wanted to live on the Creative Arts hall..."

"That lightswitch trick is a great idea, Napoleon!" said a Black Widow.

"What lightswitch trick?" asked a silverfish.

"Well," giggled the Black Widow, "It's simple. We bugs keep turning the room's light on. The residents don't realize that it's on until night, when they can see it from outside. When they go to try and shut off the light, they find that the door is locked...they have no idea who keeps turning on the light, how they get in the room, and so on, and so they think it's being turned on by a ghost...."

"Clever!" said the silverfish.

"Speaking of clever," said Napoleon in a loud, dynamic voice, "I'd like to congratulate all of you on our two most successful projects of the week. First of all, I would like to congratulate you on getting into the ears of so many drunken students last Saturday night, giving them subliminal messages– urging them to drink so much that some of them got alcohol poisoning, and some of them got suicidal, and some of them got physically hurt...it's so easy to mess with human minds when they're drunk! All in all, we made 4 WAC students go to the emergency room of the hospital that night, all because of alcohol-related occurrences. Bravo for us!"

"Bravo! Bravo!" the bugs shouted.

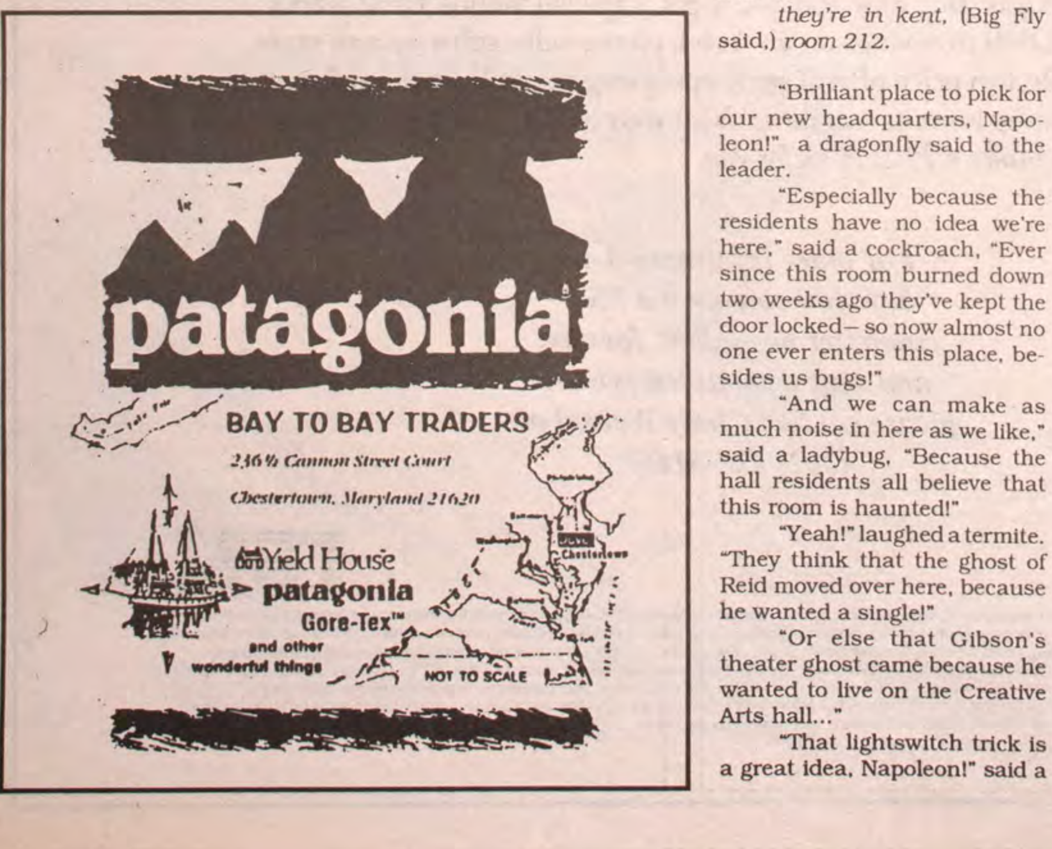
"And another congratulations," Napoleon went on, "On the...forklift episode. Mikey, would you like to tell the rest of the bugs about what happened?"

"Heh heh heh," said Mikey the mealworm. "A bunch of the bugs and I decided to go on a little joyride last week, using one of the forklifts in front of Gibson. Hee hee hee. We figured out how to turn the forklift on, and then a whole bunch of us learned how to turn the wheel...it was such a great ride! We went all around the parking lot, several times, and almost ran into the swim center! It was glorious! Glorious! And then security came after us, so we parked the forklift really quickly and turned the forklift off and then flew away....You should have seen the faces of security...they didn't see any humans around, so they couldn't figure out how the forklift had been moving around, but they didn't want to look stupid, so they made up a story saying that a couple of students had grabbed the forklift, went for a joyride, and then ran away, and that security gave chase, but that the students were just too fast for them....Hee hee hee hee! It took security 20 minutes to get the forklift started and back to its original place again, because they didn't know how it worked...!"

"Ha ha ha ha hee hee hee hee chortle chortle chortle!" the bugs all said.

"We bad! We bad!"

Meanwhile, Washington College– an extremely politically-correct place which offered equal education to all except for the handicapped and learning disabled; decided to submit to the demands of the pro-fishers and nauticalists, and began to admit fish, and to hire more fishy professors.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Three years ago, Washington College and The Johns Hopkins School of Nursing formed a dual degree program. Through this program, Washington College students have an unique opportunity to attend one of the most prestigious and renowned nursing schools in the country. Students, in this program, will obtain a bachelor's degree from Washington College and a bachelor of science degree in nursing from The Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing.

According to Mary Brune, Admissions Coordinator of The Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, there are several different programs, depending on one's academic year, by which Washington College students can achieve this bachelor of science degree in nursing.

One program is referred to as the 3+2 Program, where students, typically freshmen and sophomores, spend three years at Washington College and two years at The Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing. During the first three years at WC students would acquire a liberal arts education emphasizing a solid science background. The course work at Johns Hopkins would consist of the nursing and clinical classes required for the bachelor's in nursing. Every week, students should expect to be in the classroom on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday and in a hospital, home, or community center performing clinical duties on Thursday and Friday. Students would earn both a bachelor's degree from Washington College and a bachelor of science degree in nursing from The Johns Hopkins School of Nursing after completion of the program.

There are also opportunities available for those students who have decided to enter the profession after completion of their college degree. One program allows students, who have received a bachelor's degree from college, to spend two years at Johns Hopkins. During the two years students would take the nursing and clinical courses required to receive a bachelor of science in nursing. The other two programs are accelerated programs, either thirteen or sixteen months for a bachelor of science in nursing . Ms. Brune stated that, for students who have decided on a career in nursing in the later years of college, some of the courses not offered at Washington College but normally required for entrance to The John Hopkins School of Nursing might be waived. Even if some courses are waived, one is responsible for material covered in those areas. Ms Brune also stressed that if some required courses were taken at Washington College, students would not have to retake the course at Johns Hopkins, thus lightening the course load.

There are several avenues open for those students pondering their ability to pay for The Johns Hopkins School of Nursing. Johns Hopkins has a consortium of Church, Johns Hopkins, and Sinai Hospitals and a consortium award. If a student is granted a consortium award, then half a year's tuition is paid for one year of service at one of the consortium hospitals. There are other financial aid opportunities available, such as merit awards, state and federal grants, Johns Hopkins scholarships, and VA awards.

Nurses, today, are not the typical white dressed female at the bedside of a patient. There are many opportunities available for nurses in research, in the legislative process, in recruiting other perspective nursing students, and in bedside nursing.

If you are interested in nursing or in the Washington College/Johns Hopkins Dual Degree Program in Nursing, please contact Dr. Munson, Chair of the Biology Department and Advisor of the Dual Degree Program in Nursing.

Ethics Awards

NEW YORK (Oct. 18) – Topics for the 1992 Elie Wiesel Prize In Ethics Essay Contest were officially announced October 18th by Roberta Goldman, Executive Director of The Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity. The contest, sponsored by The Foundation, is open to full-time undergraduate senior students enrolled in an accredited college or university in the United States.

The 1992 contest topics are "The Meaning of Ethics Today: Choices, Challenges and Changes," "Ethics: Global Responsibilities and Individual Choices" and "Can Ethics Be Taught?" First, Second, and Third prizes of $5,000, $3,000 and $2,000, respectively are awarded annually.

"In today's world, it becomes more and more important to think about the ethical questions that remain unresolved in our struggle for peace and understanding. The Elie Wiesel Prize In Ethics challenges students to consider ethical questions and issues which they face as individuals and as members of a larger society," says Ms. Goldman.

Essays must be submitted on behalf of a student by their college or university and are judged by a distinguished panel of judges. Deadline for submission is December 30, 1991.

The Elie Wiesel Prize In Ethics is in keeping with the objectives of The Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity whose purpose is to advance the cause of human rights and peace throughout the world by creating forums for the discussion of urgent ethical and moral issues confronting humankind.

Last year's First Prize winner was Peggy Brophy, Colby-Sawyer College, New London, NH, for her essay, "Public Sins and Private Needs." Meredith Kilgore, University of Hawaii at Manoa, was awarded Second Prize for his essay, "Ethics and War in the Persian Gulf." Third Prize was given to Jason Hodin, Wesleyan University, for his essay, "Ethics."

The contest is made possible by a major grant to The Elie Wiesel Foundation from E. Billie Ivry of New York, with additional funding provided by The Thaler Family Foundation of Chicago.

Entry forms and further information about The Elie Wiesel Prize In Ethics Essay Contest can be obtained by writing to: The Elie Wiesel Prize In Ethics, The Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity, 666 Fifth Avenue, 10th Floor, New York, NY 10103.

CIA To Invade New York

by Julie Greene

A new organization on campus this year, Campus Involvement and Activities, is making its mark on Washington College's social scene. The CIA is an SGA sponsored student organization, advised by Student Activities Director Teri Turmel. Board members are SGA Social Chairmen Glenn Warner and John Buckey, Concert Chair Sally McGee, Social/Daytime Chair Dave George, Travelling Chair Julie Greene, and the Comedy Club Chair Tammie Michener.

This fall the CIA got off to a great start by bringing performer Tom Acousti to campus and taking a number of students off-campus to one of the Baltimore Orioles' last games at Memorial Stadium.

A juggler announced the opening of Snickers Comedy Club in October. Snickers has been a resounding success and the Club is planning its last performance of the semester for Wednesday, December 4.

The reggae band Third Eye, which performed during Greek weekend, was sponsored by the CIA and the Pan-Hel Association, and the CIA sponsored the recent performance of the Boneshakers.

The hypnotist, as well as the caricaturist who was here on Halloween, was sponsored by the Daytime/Social Committee.

Three trips have been planned this semester since the Orioles game. In October students went to the Philadelphia Museum of Art and in November to the National Gallery of Art to see the "Circa 1492" exhibit. Tomorrow the CIA is sponsoring a Christmas shopping trip to New York City.

Campus Involvement and Activities is holding a meeting Tuesday night at 7 p.m. in the CAC to discuss a spring break trip to Montego Bay in Jamaica. A representative from Student Travel Services will be there to answer students' questions. The agency reserves hotels during the spring break period for student groups. The currency exchange for Jamaica is favorable and Jamaica is one of the hotspots for spring break 1992, along with Cancun.

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New Genesis Album Leaves Little Hope For The Group

by Raphael Koster

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Genesis has been around for a long, long time. In the process of surviving, they also have become the root of a musical tree that rivals any other in the industry. Peter Gabriel was a Genesis founder. Mike and the Mechanics is led by the lead guitarist. Brand X features a Philip Collins as jazz drummer. Films give soundtrack credits to a certain Tony Banks, keyboardist. And of course, Collins has his own solo career. From their humble origins as a pop group they evolved into one of the leaders of the art rock movement in the seventies, known for extravagant arena spectacles with lots of make up and twenty-minute songs. That phase ended with the departure of Gabriel and the *Lamb Lies Down on Broadway* tour, a monumentally artsy and self-indulgent stage show. Now, of course, Genesis can be pointed to primarily on the basis of its reputation as a pop group— the wheel has come full circle. The last album was 1986's *Invisible Touch*, an ultimately annoying record that featured plenty of catchy riffs, only a few songs of any depth, too much reliance on Collins' solo style, and 6Top Ten singles.

Can a group outlive its peak period? Many would say that Genesis ended when Gabriel left. Others could argue quite successfully that 1983's eponymous album managed to cover all bases, from experimental techno-synth rock to pop. Nonetheless, the fact is that with the rise of Collins' solo career, the band he led from quality to stardom has gone into a corresponding decline.

We Can't Dance is an album drenched in synthesizers— not interesting sounding ones, but fake string sounds. We heard plenty of those on *...But Seriously*. It's got those patented Collins drum sounds. There's a token "save the earth" song that doesn't even have the piano riff that "Another Day in Paradise" had. It even has (shudder) lyrics like "my heart is broken in pieces/ yes my heart is broken in pieces/ since I've lost you..." and even worse, "fading distant lights/ leaving us all behind..../ you know that these are the days of our lives/ remember..." I kid you not. "The days of our lives." The lyrics on this album are actually that bad. These aren't even the verses. They're the *choruses*.

Not to say that you should rush out and obtain copies of the CD to burn them. The single, "No Son of Mine" has an interesting if very depressing lyric, sort of an in-house reply to Mike (Rutherford) and the Mechanics' "Living Years." It's about a son who tries to reconcile with his father and the father disowns him. Not once but twice. There's also the very amusing and interesting title track, with its saga of a beach bum hawking wares while eyeing a girl in blue jeans lounging on the beach. This song stands out from the pack musically as well- it's the only track on the album that has a real punch to it. "Driving the Last Spike" and "Jesus He Knows Me" are also interesting for one reason or another. Not great, but interesting.

It sounds like a terrible thing to say, but maybe Rutherford, Banks, and Collins should have taken more time with this album. Considering that it took them five years, I can't hold out much hope for the future of the band. It might just be that they worked with a different producer than Hugh Padgham, who has produced the work of every single one of the branches of that musical tree for years. Mike and the Mechanics tried not using him with *Word of Mouth* and it was awful.

In any case, *We Can't Dance* has to be reckoned a failure for the band, if what they wanted was to get on track and do something different. If that wasn't their goal, then maybe it was to be a success, and we'll all get mighty sick of hearing the myriad of singles that come forth. I regretfully have to hope not. Instead, you'll see me in line to buy the new Peter Gabriel album, if he ever finishes it. But that's another story...

Other releases of interest:

Paul Simon's Concert in the Park, a must-have if you enjoy the singer-songwriter's work. Although Michael Brecker's wonderful instrumental set was cut form the recording, the sound quality is digitally amazing even on cassette and the performances great. Especially the definitive "Bridge Over Troubled Water" and the amazing percussion work.

The long-awaited and ominously titled *Achtung Baby* from U2, singles from which sound different from what anybody expected. In what way? Well, they sound like Love and Rockets, for one thing...

And due out soon: *Dangerous* from Michael Jackson, the hype for which has already commenced; and a Michael Crawford album for the musical fans. Enjoy!

Raph Koster is a senior English and Spanish major who wrote this review at 1:00 Thursday morning after returning from seeing Don Giovanni in DC. We very much appreciate his contribution to the Elm.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Deb Boyer and Steve Brown in rehearsal of *Seascape With Sharks and Dancer.* *courtesy of Beth Skinner*

Seascape With Sharks And Dancer A Sure Hit

by Karyn Iacangelo

The Washington College Drama Department's current production is "Seascape with Sharks and Dancers" by Don Nigro, a love story that has an extremely startling conclusion.

The play stars Steven C. Brown as Ben and Deborah A. Boyer as Tracy, whose lives collide as the result of a drowning accident. Ben brings Tracy back to his apartment and that is where all the trouble begins.

Tracy is an extremely strong willed, cynical young woman who refuses to trust anything or anybody, and is convinced that Ben is only thinking about his physical needs and doesn't care about her. Throughout the play, Ben tries to convince her that she is wrong, but because of her strong will and determination she disbelieves him until the end.

Ben, on the other hand is a very tolerant young man who is genuine in his feelings toward Tracy. He is extremely gentle, but in a very ironic way, and tries desperately to convince Tracy how he feels. By the end of the play, he is disillusioned and left unsure of what he wants out of this relationship.

After the intermission, the play really comes together and forces its audience to realize the delicate nature of the human condition. Something is revealed in the second act that makes the love between Ben and Tracy grow stronger for a brief moment and then it just collapses.

Both Steven C. Brown and Deborah A. Boyer do an excellent job in their roles. There were a lot of lines for them to memorize and they did a great job in a very short time. This is also the first time performing in a WC drama production for both of them.

The play is expertly directed by Margaret-Elizabeth Skinner and assistant-directed by Rachael Fink. Set design was done by Deidre Reigal, and lighting design was done by E. Shanley Driscoll.

Heather Lynch and Richard T. McKee, Jr. are Stage Manager and Assistant Stage Manager respectively and the Technical Director is Jason N. Imber. The play runs Friday and Saturday at 8:00 pm in Tawes Theatre and there are no reservations required.

Chestertown Actors Community Theatre To Perform *The Wind In The Willows*

Come join in the whimsy and magic of "The Wind in the Willows," performed in the style of England's holiday pantomimes by the Actors Community Theatre of Chestertown at Norman James Theatre, Washington College. Start off your holiday season with the jolly antics of Toad, Mole, Ratty and Badger November 29 & 30 at 7:30 pm, December 1 at 2:00 pm, December 19-21 at 7:30 pm and December 22 at 2:00 pm. Tickets are $5.00 for Adults and $3.00 for Children, Students, and Seniors. For more information or directions call (301) 778-5919. For ticket reservations call Infinity Recycling at (301) 778-5949.

"And we'll wack 'em and wack 'em!" Badger (Kent Armiger) threatens a weasel gangster (Glenn Tosten) in ACT's production of "The Wind in the Willows." The production runs Nov. 29-Dec. 1 and Dec. 19-22 in Norman James Theatre. For more information call 778-5919. *courtesy of ACT*

Auditions
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Monday, November 25th
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Tawes Theatre

Campus Calendar

Nov. 22 - WOMEN IN THE MIDDLE EAST, Sophie Kerr Room and Hynson Lounge, 10:30 am-3 pm. Admission $15, includes luncheon. Information and reservations: J. Wright, 778-2800, ext. 348.

Nov. 22-24 - Film: AY, CARMELA!, Norman James Theatre, 7:30 pm.

Nov. 22-23 - SEASCAPE WITH SHARKS AND DANCER, Tawes Theatre, 8 pm.

Nov. 24 - THE FRESHMAN LITERARY COLLOQUY: VIEWS OF GENDER, O'Neill Literary House, 3 pm.

Nov. 25 - Lecture: "Women in Beckett and Joyce," by Linda Ben-Zvi, Visiting Professor of English Literature, 5 pm in the Sophie Kerr Room, Miller Library.

Lecture: "Science with the Hubble Space Telescope," by Thomas E. Lutz, Professor of Astronomy, 7 pm, Dunning Lecture Hall.

Dec. 3 - Careers Lecture: "Interviewing Successfully," with John Flato, Supervisor of Employee Relations, Allied Corp. 7:30 pm, Sophie Kerr Room.

Concert: Kristine Ciesinski, soprano and Katherine Ciesinski, mezzo soprano, Gibson, 8 pm. General admission $10.

Dec. 4 - Lecture: "International Opportunities, Summer 1992," with John Nelson, Vice President of the American Farm School in Thessaloniki, Greece. CAC Forum, 7:30 pm.

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2. **Scientific Progress Goes "Boink,"** by Bill Watterson. (Andrews & McMeel, $7.95.) Latest *Calvin & Hobbes* cartoons.
3. **Seven Habits of Highly Effective People,** by Steven R. Covey. (Fireside, $9.95.) Guide to personal fulfillment.
4. **The Burden of Proof,** by Scott Torow. (Warner, $5.95.) A lawyer tries to solve the mystery of his wife's death.
5. **You Just Don't Understand,** by Deborah Tannen. (Ballantine, $10.00.) How men and women can understand each other better.
6. **Memories of Midnight,** by Sidney Sheldon. (Warner, $5.99.) Vengeful Greek tycoon haunts the destiny of an American woman.
7. **The Women in his Life,** by Barbara Taylor Bradford. (Ballantine, $5.99.) Story of a corporate raider and the women who love him.
8. **The Joy Luck Club,** by Amy Tan. (Ivy, $5.95.) Destinies of Chinese immigrant women and their Chinese-American daughters.
9. **The Education of Little Tree,** by Forrest Carter. (Univ. of New Mexico, $10.95.) Growing up with the Cherokee way of life.
10. **101 Uses for a Dead Cat,** by Simon Bond. (Clarkson N. Potter, $5.00.) Cartoons.

New & Recommended

The Witching Hour, by Anne Rice. (Ballantine, $14.00.) Grand saga as much about love as alchemy, family secrets as the occult.

Haroun and the Sea of Stories, by Salman Rushdie. (Penguin, $8.95.) Haroun, a 12-year-old boy sets out on an adventure to rescue his father and return to him the precious gift of gab.

Home Before Dark, by Susan Cheever. (Bantam, $10.00.) Moving chronicle of John Cheever's success and failures as a son, brother, husband, and father.

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Shoremen Cagers Prepare to Open 1991-92 With Delaware

edited press release

The 80th edition of Washington College basketball tips off Saturday, November 23, with a 3:15 battle at the University of Delaware.

The series between the Division I Blue Hens and the Division III Shoremen resumes after a year's hiatus. Washington leads the overall series 29-25, but Delaware has won the last four, including a 90-74 victory in 1989-90. Washington's last win over the Hens was a 79-67 conquest in 1984-85.

Washington returns five starters from last year's squad that won five of its last seven outings and finished 9-14 overall. Key players for the '91-'92 Shoremen include All-Middle Atlantic Conference junior center Darren Vican, a 6'9" Milford, DE product who averaged 15.0 ppg and 6.9 rpg last season. Senior 6'5" forward Tim Liddy is Washington's most experienced player, having been a regular on the squad that two years ago went to the Division III Final Four. Liddy will be joined in the paint by either 6'3" sophomore Geoff Rupert, who can play either forward or guard, or 6'7" junior Dan Dutton, who is recovering from a preseason ankle injury.

Washington's backcourt should be headed by senior Allen Lester and sophomore Greg Rogers. Lester scored 133 points in his last ten games in '90-'91, and Rogers blossomed as a freshman into a defensive ace. The Shoremen will be bolstered by junior guard Peter Basel, a starter at the beginning of last year, and incoming freshman Jason Ronstadt (Dover, MA/Dover-Sherborn), and sophomore Charles Cummings. (Baltimore, MD). Down low, help comes from veteran 6'4" junior Mike Swanson and newcomers Jerry Davis (6'5", Houston, TX/Lamar), Adam Poe (6'3", Livingston, NJ/Livingston), Jay Devlin (6'5", Springfield, PA/Springfield) and Eric Henry (6'4", Gaithersburg, MD/St. John's).

Washington faces another challenging slate in '91-'92, including a rugged December with a trip to Division I Towson State, an NCAA Tournament team two years running, and a berth in the Scranton Holiday Tournament, December 20-21. Scranton captured the MAC Northern Division title last year. Washington will host the 15th annual Wild Goose Classic December 6-7, facing John Jay (NY) in the first round and then either Catholic or Roanoke the following day. In January, Washington treks to the Bahamas against the Bahamas All-Star Team and NCAA Division III champ Wisconsin Stevens Point. The Shoremen's home opener will be November 26 against Frostburg State at 7:30.

Rippin' Ripken Takes AL MVP For 2nd Time

by Julie Greene

This past Tuesday night the Baseball Writers Association of America announced that Baltimore Orioles shortstop Cal Ripken Jr. was voted the Most Valuable Player in the American League for the 1991 season.

Ripken received 15 of the 28 votes, while Cecil Fielder of the Detroit Tigers had nine votes and was runner-up for the second year in a row. Ripken is the first player to receive the MVP award while being on a losing team.

Fielder called the vote a 'joke.' Nothing personal against Rip, but the voters have been inconsistent. Last year Fielder was not selected because he was on a losing team, and this year the Tigers were a contender most of the season.

No matter how disappointing the Orioles' last season at Memorial Stadium was there is no reason to deny the obvious. Ripken had not only the offensive stats, but the glove to back it up.

The "nonstop shortstop" had the best season of his career this year. Ripken batted .323 with 34 home runs and 114 RBI, while leading the league in fielding percentage, putouts, assists, and extra base hits. He is the only AL player this year to finish in the top ten in batting, hits, home runs, and RBI. Meanwhile, Ripken's consecutive games streak of 1,573 is closing in on Lou Gehrig's record 2,130.

With the MVP and the realistic possibility of a Golden Glove, Rip's market value has soared.

Ripken had already been named AP Player of the Year as well as *Sporting News* Player of the Year for the second time in his career. The last time Ripken won the MVP award was in 1983 when the Orioles won the World Series against the Phil. Phillies.

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Women Drop A Pair

press release

Despite suffering two more setbacks to Ursinus and Swarthnore, the women swimmers are continuing to improve. Senior captain Kasey Carroll led the group with two firsts and a second in both meets. She is undefeated this season in her two specialty events, the 500 and 1000 free. Leslie Newcomb and Stina Sturges have been placing behind her every meet with terrific swims in both distances races.

Sophomore Jen Green broke a WC school record in the 200 backstroke while Karen Prendergrast placed behind her with a personal best time. Sophomores Nancy Whiteman, Magdalena Fuchs, Mimi Devlin and Ramsey Bigham continue to add important points and they have all qualified for the MAC championships in February. The 200 free relay team of Devlin, Fuchs, Whiteman and Green won the last event of the Swarthmore meet to close the margin to 3 points. The medley relay team of Green, Newcomb, and freshmen Dede Swinden and Amy Draper placed second while Prendergrast, Beverly Diaz, Joan Colton and Ramsey Bigham placed third.

Coach Lessard says "this is the best group of women swimmers we have ever had at Washington College. We are swimming tough MAC teams. I'm very pleased with the time improvement and the team support for each other. They will continue to get faster." Next:Bryn Mawr, 1:00 at Casey. Be there. Chris Vaughn will.

Blood, Sweat, and Fears in Finale

2nd Rugby Season is Great Success, Future Bright

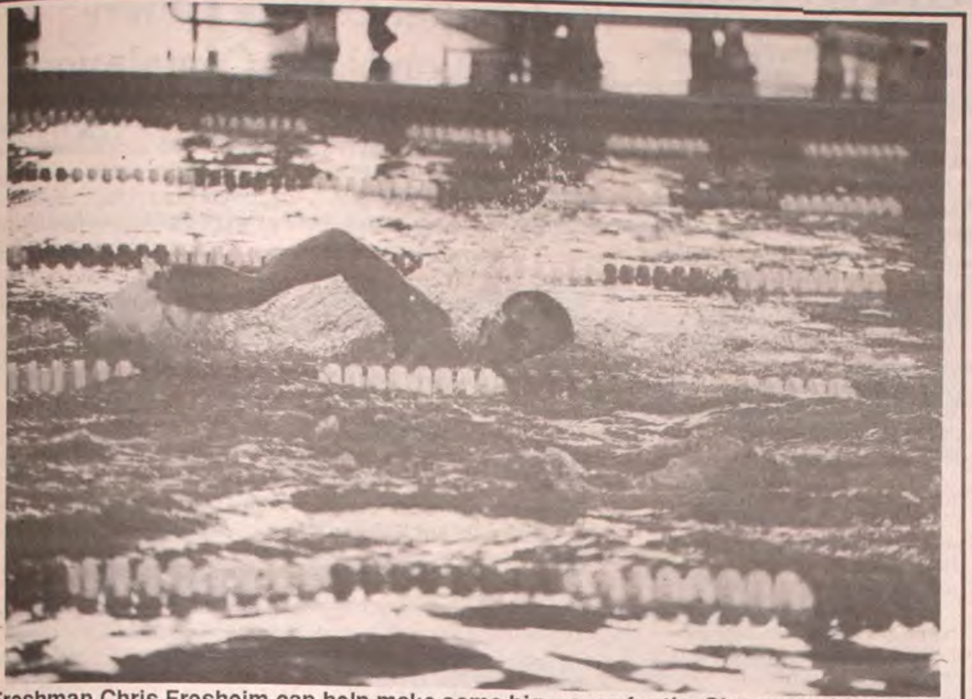
by Mad Dog O'Keefe

On Saturday, November 16, the Washington College Rugby Football Club finished their semester by playing York College at Worton Park. The line-up for the team was somewhat motley with people playing positions they were unaccustomed to. In the scrum there was Billy Bloom, (playing an admirable role in the place of a powerful TH) Dumper, and Dave Snyder all playing front row. In the second row, Pat and Stein lending their usually impressive support. Eight-man was Jamie, who took the place of Shawn Hamill, who was recovering from a basketball injury. Steve Dadzie and Christopher R. played the breakaway positions, supplying surprising force and aggression to the pack. ICE played scrum-half with Renzi and then the backs lined out; Anthony Black, Sam Gessner, Myself (replaced by Nate at half-time), Seth Engel and Dave Morrison (playing the full-back position that Drew usually plays).

In the game, Washington College dominated with two tries being scored by Dave (the "Scorer") Snyder. Both tries were immaculately executed, as were the opponents he cut down on his way to the try-line. Christopher R. was unlucky in the second-half when he was brutally brought down (with a hand in the face) just one yard from the try-line. Drop kicks seemed to be the team's weakness throughout the season and hearts leapt as a near-miss was hit by Black. The final score was in no-way reflective of the actual game, as the home-crowd can testify. Injury medals of the season go out to Drew, George, Chris, Trout, Dan, and Shawn (whether the injuries were rugby or otherwise). There were no MVP awards this semester (Congrats Cal) as every player deserves one, but close runner-ups go to Scorer Snyder, ICE and Bomber Black. Special thanx go to Alan "Masher" Maddes, our coach who has shown us a season of blood and sweat, and the fears are the fears of those teams next semester who will face the onslaught we have trained so hard for.

Thanks

Ciaran, the editor really appreciates all the help you have given him this semester. You probably think that I'm just saying this thank you because I'm trying to fill up space. But this is sincere; if it's not then you've got a shorter haircut than I do. But seriously , thanks to a wonderful guy with a fabulous hairstyle and great tastes in movies, like "Blood Suckers."



Freshman Chris Fresheim can help make some big waves for the Shoremen this year to become a big part of WC Swimming.

photo courtesy of Gary Brown

Men Continue Torrid Pace, Break Records

Team improves week to week, ready to strike

edited press release

The Shoremen swimmers dropped a 105-92 loss to Ursinus, but were able to break five more swim records, bringing the season total to 17 in only two meets. Freshman standout Dave Cola led the group with two firsts in the 200 free and the 100 fly, setting two new Washington College records. Jason Campbell won the 100 breaststroke and broke the 200 IM record. Chris Freisheim lowered the 500 free record while Tyler McCarthy swam a quick 50 free for a new record.

Captain Brian Basso became the 6th man to qualify for the MAC Championship with a personal best in the 100 fly by 2 seconds. Andy McKim, Mike Bowman, Troy Petenbrink, Mike Frey, and David Czekaj are all having great swims, adding valuable points and dropping their times weekly.

The men continued to improve in the loss to MAC power Swarthmore, 130-71. Cola and Campbell continued to lead the men, both with a first and second place. Campbell lowered his 200 IM record again and set a new 200 breaststroke record while Cola set a new 400 IM record.

Freisheim again lowered the 500 freestyle another seven seconds while Tim Whittier set a new 200 backstroke record and Brian Basso set a new 200 fly record. Jarrod Wunderlich had personal best swims in the 1000 freestyle and 200 butterfly while the men's 200 medley relay of Whittier, Campbell, Cola, and McCarthy set another school record.

Coach Lessard feels that "the men are doing a great job. It's a young team and they are all really working hard. This was the first time they had swum 200 strokes ever, so it's been a learning experience." Next: December 4 against Widener.

On Wednesday night, the women won their first meet of the season in defeating Salisbury State. Full details of the meet cannot be given because the meet took place after the Elm deadline. The Shorewomen's big win over Salisbury and the results of the Widener meet will be given in the next issue. Until then, remember to support Washington College Swimming, even if you think speedos are nasty looking on guys.

Coss fumbles and Ms. Greene recovers with style

by Ms. Greene

This is the real Ms. Greene. After hitting Mr. Coss over the head with a fire extinguisher, then putting him under scolding hot water from the showerhead for 15 minutes, and forcing him to eat 14 raw eggs with peanut butter, I decided to decorate the new cement walkway near Gibson with his head. Obviously, the Cossman's mind has been put through the ringer with RecHoops lately, so I'm taking over the picks this week.

WASHINGTON -11 1/2 over Dallas. After last week's disappointing loss to the Giants the Cowboys are looking for Aikman and Smith to shoot the Skins in the back, but the Skins want another scalping to add to their collection.

The matchup between the 11-0 Redskins and the (harumph) 6-5 Dallas Cowboys is tempting enough for your fearless editor (and incidentally, enthusiastic Redskin fan) to indulge in a Pro Pick of her own. It may be an exaggeration that the Skins can do no wrong this season, but any team that racks up a triple digit score in just two games can certainly take the team that hasn't been truly great since ex-coach Landry had hair. This has been a year for jinx-breaking; even if the spread were 21 1/2, bet on the Skins to beat the Cowboys for the second time this season.

CHICAGO -7 over Miami. Bears and dolphins? This one's on land folks and no matter how impressive Marino looked in the second half last week, the dolphins are doomed.

L.A. Raiders -6 1/2 over CINCINNATI. Jay Schroeder is trying out for the Harlem Globetrotters, but that's strange since he's as white as a baby's ass. Jay don't know colors.

Houston -6 1/2 over PITTSBURGH. The Steelers will have to suffer another week because the Oilers are going to slip right through their defense.

MINNESOTA -6 over Detroit. With the tragic injury to offensive lineman Mike Utley Detroit will be hurting emotionally and without the support of the home field crowd. Our prayers and hopes go out to the Utley family.

N.Y. Giants -9 1/2 over TAMPA BAY. An early Christmas present for the Giants for which they should give thanks. The Bucs would have better luck in the Pee Wee Conference.

Buffalo -8 over NEW ENGLAND. Get real. I could be dyslexic and still win with the points on this one. Coss agrees, adding that the Bills could have their jockstraps on backwards and still take the Patriots.

Kansas City -4 over CLEVELAND. It's a Native American sports year and there are more cat lovers in the U.S. than dog aficionados. Why ask why?

Indianapolis +7 over GREEN BAY. I may regret it, but my gut tells me the Colts could go 2-14 this season.

Denver +3 over SEATTLE. This one hurts because I really dislike Elway.

Philadelphia -6 1/2 over PHOENIX. I like the Eagles defense and McMahon's spunky quarterback comeback. Besides that, Eagles are bigger than Cardinals.

San Diego +5 over N.Y. JETS. I know it's at New York, but the Chargers' John Carney has kicked winning field goals in the last two weeks.

NEW ORLEANS -6 1/2 over Atlanta. Now that the Falcons have all those touchdowns out of their system, the Saints should get a much needed adrenaline surge, especially after last week's loss to the Chargers.

L.A. RAMS +3 over San Francisco. With Young out and Rice on the side L.A. has a chance to ram this game down the 49ers shaft.

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NEWS

HARASS from pg. 1

Alcoholics Anonymous. Like AA, MMUST's ten members meet twice a week to discuss issues of gender in order to promote their own sensitivity.

"Sexism is obviously threatening to women, but it is also stifling to men," says MMUST founder Eric Beck, a history and peace studies major. Beck organized the group last spring because few men were attending sexual awareness workshops on campus. Through the group he hopes to further the notion that men need to take responsiblitiy for their own behavior.

"We are not pointing any fingers at anyone on campus," Beck says. "Rather we are a process-oriented group that wants to come to terms with its own sexism through honest introspection."

Tufts junior Gina Polumbo, an anthropology major who attends MMUST meetings regularly, supports men's groups but warns of the dangers of paternalism. "I think it's great that men are finally getting together and opening their eyes instead of denying what is going on," she says. "But it's also important for men's groups to stay in active dialogue with women."

However, not all students on campus have been supportive. According to MMUST members, conservative students on campus have criticized the group as being too focused on raising awareness, arguing that they should spend more energy on a concrete issue shuch as equality for women in the workplace.

Actions organized by MMUST include a protest outside of a Tufts fraternity house whose members allegedly spray painted a rape scene on a car, and the distribution on campus of a petition that is an apologetic letter on behalf of all men to Anita Hill, the Oklahoma law professor who alleges she was sexually harassed by Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. MMUST also plans to raise money for shelters for battered women.

By educating their fellow students and acting as an advocate for women in court, a group of Cornell men seek to correct the fallacy that rape is a women's issue.

Action Against Rape and Misogyny (AARM) was established by three male African-American students at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. The group, which has grown to include both men and women, hold workshops on campus on sexual assault, plans a Sexual Assault Awareness Week, and acts as a support group for rape victims who bring their cases to court.

"When rape victims step forward to testify in court they have to relive the entire thing," says AARM founder Eric Acree. "Most people don't want to go through it alone. We advocate on behalf of the victim."

Nina Cummings, Sexual Assault Education Coordinator and faculty advisor to AARM, believes the group is effective not only at helping rape victims but also at confronting sexism at Cornell. "I think they are a very unique and unusual group," says Cummings. "They confront sexism on a deeper level as it is institutionalized in society."

Acree says that the public is still largely ignorant when it comes to sexual harassment. "We try to raise their consciousness levels by engaging our audiences with questions," says Acree. "Rape and misogyny affect every part of society, and they will not be changed unless they're actively challenged by a collective group of people."

CONCERT from pg. 1

This season, Ciesinski sings the title role in Donizetti's *La favorite* at the Opera Comique in Paris and at the Vichy Festival. She also will appear as Brangaene in a new production of *Tristan and Isolde* by Elijah Moshinsky for the Scottish Opera. With the Boston Symphony and Seiji Ozawa, she will sing Pauline in Tchaikovsky's *Pique Dame* in Boston and at Carnegie Hall (with a recording by BMG).

Last season she made a triumphant British debut as Cassandre in *Les Troyens* with Scottish Opera, with performances at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden. For Decca Records, she recorded the title role in Marc Blitzstein's opera *Regina*.

A champion of contemporary music, Katherine Ciesinski has had song cycles written for her by such distinguished composers as Lee Hoiby, Ned Rorem, Libby Larsen, and Jacques Lenot.

Katherine Ciesinski earned bachelor's and master's degrees with highest honors from Temple University, and continued her studies at Curtis Institute. She won First Prize in the Geneva International Competition and Grand Prix in the Paris International Competition by unanimous decision.

Single admission tickets for the Ciesinski concert are $10 for adults; children under 18 are admitted free. Other performers appearing on the 40th Anniversary Washington College Concert Series are the Billy Taylor Trio (March 17), and the New York Woodwind Quintet with Gilbert Kalish, pianist (April 13). For more information, please call 778-2800, ext. 209.

Washington College Library Automation Nears Completion

Washington College's automated library catalog system is expected to be operational by the end of January, William J. Tubbs, the head librarian at the Chestertown campus, announced recently.

During the past three years, library personnel have been converting the card catalog to a computerized version that will allow access to an index of Miller Library's 150,000 books and periodicals via eight public terminals directly linked to the central processing system or through any computer linked to the campus computing network. As many as 32 users will be able to search the catalog simultaneously.

Tubbs terms the system designed by Innovative Interfaces of California a "super catalog" because users can search for titles by conventional means – author, title, subject, or call number – as well as by key words that might appear in a title. The system also will search contents notes on volumes to provide titles from collections or anthologies that might not otherwise be readily apparent to the card catalog browser. "Students will be able to find anything they could find with the traditional card catalog, and more," says Tubbs.

Other features of the automated system include periodicals and acquisitions modules that keep abreast of new arrivals and track orders for new books (both expected to be operational by spring) and a circulation system (expected to be operational next fall) that keeps track of inventory and informs users whether the books they are seeking are on the shelf or checked out.

Innovative Interfaces supplies computer systems to libraries for the automation of a wide range of library automation functions. The automated library system selected by Washington College is also used by the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore, the New York Public Research Library, the tri-college system of Swarthmore, Haverford, and Bryn Mawr, and many college and university libraries around the country. Innovative's products are characterized by ease of use, a high degree of integration, flexibility, and outstanding management information.

Several benefactors have contributed to the $450,000 cost of the conversion process and automation system. Donors include Henry Beck, The Bingham Foundation, the Charles E. Culpeper Foundation, The Frueauff Foundation, and The Surdna Foundation.

Classifieds

The mastermind says 'hello'!

Happy Birthday Jason Imber! You have a package waiting in Central Services!

As for the rest of you lazy, apathetic, bleary-eyed Washington College students, there has been such a lack of interest, involvement, and participation in the classified section that the *Elm* began as a service to you ungrateful louts, that as of the next issue this feature will be discontinued. We would have done away with it this issue, but of course we needed to fill a lot of space. And just so we don't get offended, enraged, or otherwise reactionary letters to the editor, this is all meant as a *friendly*, not antagonistic, slap on the wrist with a wet noodle. So there. If you don't want to participate in the *Elm* the least you can do is send birthday messages and club notices to WAC Happenings, so the incredibly vital and earthshattering information you have to relay will find a home in some form of print media. Is the column over yet?!?

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fom the foto file of forever ago

This snow covered scene is an unfamiliar one to most Washington College Students, not only because the shubberies are replanted monthly, but because the drown-you-the-instant-you-step-out-the-door rains and the chill-you-so-badly-that-appendages-are-in-danger-of-falling-off winds can't seem to get together to produce any flakes.

Police to Monitor Crosswalk

by Karyn Iacangelo

Chestertown Police will now be directing traffic at the crosswalk during peak evening hours to ensure pedestrian and motorist safety. This comes in response to an incident that occurred on November 21, according to a press release from the Motor Vehicle Administration.

Amy Bortmes, a Washington College student from Waldorf, Maryland, was struck by the car of Nelson Frank Stammer from Bowie.

Mr. Strammer was driving northbound on Washington Avenue approaching the crosswalk. He failed to see Miss Bortmes in the crosswalk and struck her, thus causing her to strike and break his windshield before being thrown free.

Miss Bortmes was flown by Med-Evac to Shock Trauma in Baltimore, Maryland. Mr. Strammer was charged with driver failure to exercise due care to avoid a pedestrian collision.

Activities Fee May be Increased

The SGA has drafted a proposal and submitted it to President Trout concerning the issue of raising the student activities fee for the '92-'93 academic year. There should be a decision on the increase early next semester.

The student activities fee is used for funding The Elm and The Pegasus. The SGA gets the money for allocating funding for campus organizations.

The CIA requested $500 to fund the Comedy Club performance for Wednesday, December 4th. Senator Whitney Myrus moved for the allocation, and the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

SGA President Kevin Kelly announced that the SGA Christmas Party will be held Friday, December 6th in the CAC from 4:40-6:00PM and dress is semi-formal.

Students Protest Redskin Football

by Jim Haug

(NSNS) It was the Washington Redskins versus the Dallas Cowboys on Nov. 24, but outside the stadium it was Native Americans and local college students versus the alleged racism of the National Football League.

Charging that the nickname "Redskins" promotes the stereotype of Native Americans as a wild and barbaric people, students from Georgetown University, Howard University, and the University of Maryland picketed outside Robert F. Kennedy Stadium with the Native American Students for Progress, a group dedicated to making Indian mascots culturally unacceptable.

"You don't have a team named the 'Niggers,' and it is the same thing," says Collette Becker, a Native American who belongs to the Piscataway Nation. "The Indian people are sick and tired of being used as comical sports team mascots.

"I think we have to watch out for oversensitivity. If something as harmless as a Redskins mascot is changed because of a perceived racial slur, pretty soon we'd have Norwegian-descended people up in Minnesota complaining about the cultural slur of the Vikings as a mascot," avers *Elm* sports editor and Redskin fan Greg Coss.

"The name was never intended to offend anyone," says a statement released by the Washington Redskins' public relations office. "Over the long history of the Washington Redskins, the name had reflected positive attributes of the American Indian such as dedication, courage and pride."

Mike Bishop, a junior who is studying sociology at Georgetown University, disagrees with the Redskins' statement. "What if the team was named the Washington Popes, and the mascot imitated taking communion at half time?"

Native American Students for Progress was originally formed by graduate student Charlene Teeters at the University of Illinois to protest the schools Chief Illiniwek mascot. Teeters says she had to leave the university over harassment she received from students for her activism.

Teeters and other students hope that if the Redskins make it to the Super Bowl, their cause will once again have the same national attention it received when the Atlanta Braves and the "Tomahawk Chop" were in the World Series.

Maryland Students Protest State Budget Cuts

by Jim Haug

(NSWS) A rally at the University of Maryland armory Nov. 25 was the latest action taken by students and faculty who in recent weeks have blocked a highway, demonstrated outside of the state Capitol, and held teach-ins to protest state budget cuts to their university.

The rally, which began with hundreds of students, faculty members, alumni and parents marching from six different areas of the campus to the university armory, was part of "Maryland at Risk Day." The rally included speakers decrying the tuition increases and budget cuts to the University of Maryland that have resulted in a loss of $40 million over the last two years.

"Teachers are being laid off, classes are being closed, and they are raising tuition," says economics major Marc Solomon, one of the coordinators of Maryland at Risk Day. "We're paying more for less."

Maryland Gov. William Donald Schaefer does not blame any of the students or the faculty for their frustration, according to his Assistant Press Secretary Ray Feldman. But according to Feldman, the state has had to tighten its belt due to the recession. "They have to take their share of the cutbacks as well," he says.

A petition was passed and signed at the rally supporting proposed legislation by state Representative James Rosapepe to restore funding to the university.

In the latest round of cuts, due to take effect this spring, 15 English instructors will lose their jobs and 38 sections of English will be canceled.

"We realize that the enemy is not the governor or the Legislature, since everybody is hurting right now," says English Professor Hank Dobin. "We just want the state to realize the consequences of these cuts, because if they are not stopped, permanent damage will be done to the university."

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Women's swim team captures two straight. See pg. 7

OPINION/EDITORIAL

What Reading Day for Exams?

If you are a student reading this at the lunch table, having just come from your 11:30 class, or a professor reading this in the faculty lounge while you wait for your next class to start, you are in the wrong place at the wrong time. Today is the Friday before exam week, and since time out of mind no classes are held on this day, which is reserved as a reading day for examinations.

If you are that apocryphal student or professor, you have probably done more work in this one week than you did in the whole first month of school. There are students, and not just a few of them, who have had two 10-15 page term papers due this week, plus a 5 page paper, and perhaps an exam or two as well. And students who are doing all this work are creating work for the professors, who then have to grade everything.

To be sure, some of this week's crunch is our own fault - we knew that the papers/projects/exams were due, and didn't plan in advance to stagger our work. Plus, some things were due this week because they had been postponed to now from original due dates of before Thanksgiving. Being magnanimous about extensions is wonderful of professors who pushed back due dates for that reason, but students should not be punished by having to miss out on an extra day of preparation for finals. It is hugely unfair to students to not allow us the accustomed length of time to study.

You might be inclined to say that nobody really studies before Sunday, anyhow. Perhaps that is true for some students, but those who need the three days should have that option. It is not just final exam studying that is affected by this change in policy, either. Some seniors who have enough credits to graduate this semester are taking comprehensive examinations this weekend, and it is tantamount to sticking bamboo shoots up their nails and tarantulas in their beds to not give these unfortunates a full day to brush up on their four-year accumulation of knowledge.

We realize that this year's schedule has been thrown a loop by the lateness of Thanksgiving, and that next semester's Thursday (Jan 16) return to classes is also mandated by the calendar (so that we can get the required number of credit hours to make our classes for the semester valid). According to the calendar that was distributed at the beginning of the year, however, today was allocated as a reading day for exams. That allocation was revoked because most classes need at least one more day to get through material that had fallen by the wayside.

In the upcoming semester, everyone – students, professors, and administrative-calendar-makers alike – should set workable schedules for themselves and stick to them. Perhaps then professors wouldn't have to grade 100 term papers in a week, nor would students have to finish writing a multitude of term papers in a week. It's a good thing that this is the season when miracles might really be possible.

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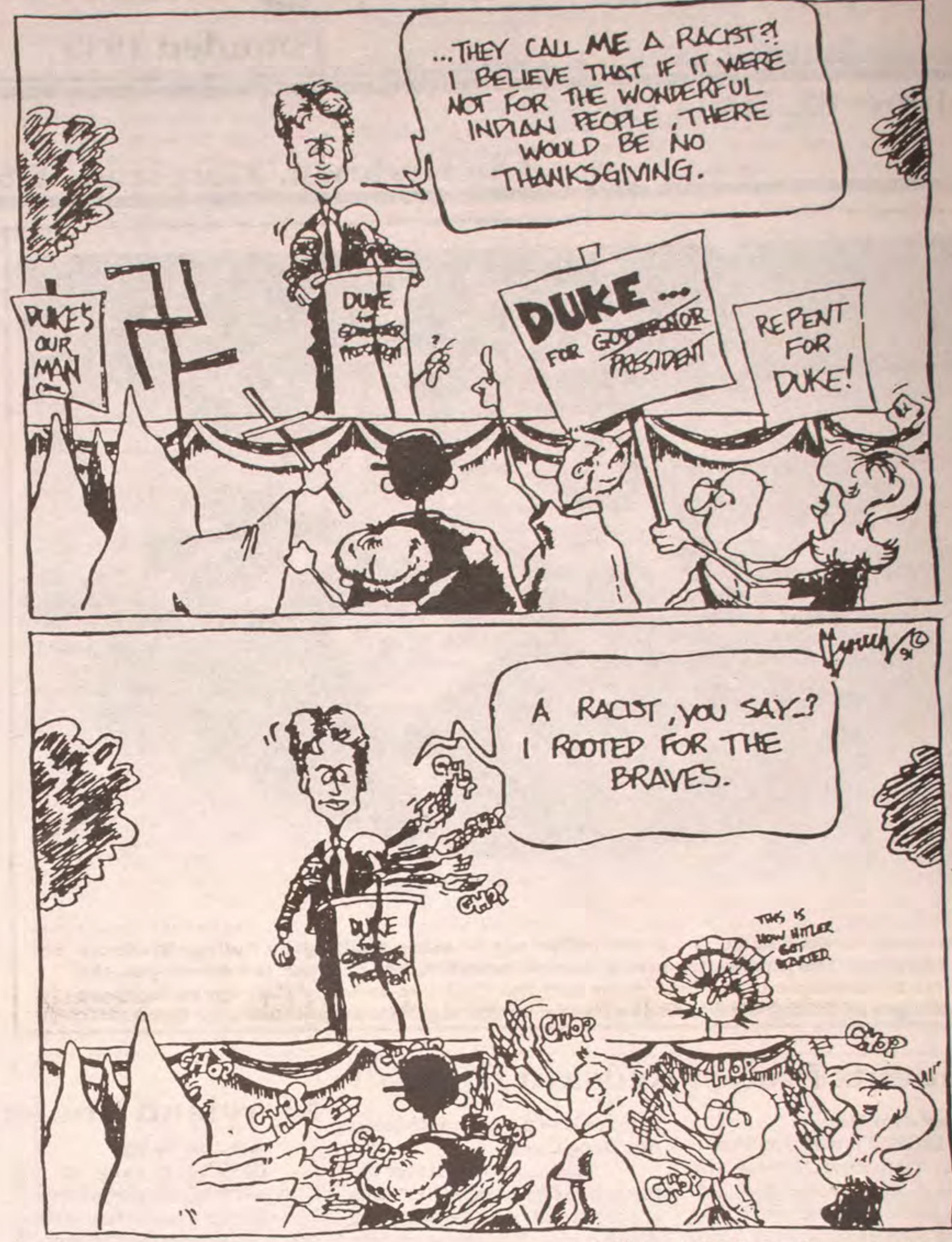
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CHOP
THIS IS HOW HITLER GOT ROASTED

National Student News Service

24 HOUR QUIET begins Saturday. Please respect the rights of the people around you.

The *Elm* staff is pleased to announce that this semester's paper has been 100% free of Clip Art.

Weekly Absurdity

Isn't it absurd the way WC goes nuts over Christmas? No, I'm not referring to personal mental problems, though that may sometimes occur. And I do not mean to exclude any members of faiths other than the Christian one; Christmas is now so commercialized and secularized that it ought to count as a general, all-purpose holiday. What I mean about people going nuts are the numerous manifestations of holiday spirit that struck campus just after Thanksgiving.

Christmas trees have appeared in some dorm rooms in cheerful disregard of the overcrowding they cause, and strings of lights have appeared in many more. Yours truly moved furniture around for a few hours so a tree could be put right smack in the middle of my room, for everyone who drops by to admire (and then trip over). Another student of my acquaintance strung garlands and lights in his room, as well as having an almost full-sized tree.

The Dining Hall presented a spectacular Christmas dinner on Wednesday night, and just that once the Honor Code enforcers didn't seem to mind if an extra gingerbread man went home with us. Sorority-sponsored care packages, though intended as final exam stress-relievers, add to the gift-giving atmosphere, and for the first time all semester people's mailboxes are filled, overflowing with cards and candy canes from friends.

Okay, perhaps this is a slightly sappy representation of our last weeks of school - after all, thoughts of getting those papers done are more common than teary reminisces about Bing Crosby's carols. But it is an escape from class obligations and thoughts of ...professoricide, I suppose the word would be... that Christmas vacation offers. No wonder, then that the holiday spirit has infected so many of us !

Isn't it charming the way WC goes nuts over Christmas?

CAMPUS VOICES

QUESTION - Do you think that town-gown relations are bad, and if so, who is to blame?

Curtina Arnold
Edgewood, Md.
Freshman

I would call the relationship bad, but I believe their could be improvements, which is one of the goals of the Dale Adams Heritage Club. The club is just a starting point to improve the relationship and it' going to take time.

Curtia Arnold
Edgewood, Md.
Freshman

Yes. For the last few years I don't think the school or the town has made a step to improve the relationship. I think if the relationship was improved we could gain a lot from the community, and the community could gain a lot from us. I feel we have to be the one to initiate the first step.

Amy Bortmes
Waldorf, Md.
Freshman

I would say that the relationship between the college and the town has gotten progressively worse. Both the college and the town are to blame because both groups fail to try to find some common ground on which they can relate to each other.

Ned Robinson
Chestertown, Md.
Flowers By Libby

Flowers By Libby has a great relationship with the college.

Carroll Thompson
Rock Hall, Md.
College Heights Barber Shop

College Heights Barber Shop has an excellent relationship with Washington College.

John White
Chestertown, Md.
Asst. Director of Audio-Visual

I don't think so. I've lived in the town as a student and as an employee of the college for almost four years and never had any problems.

compiled by Emily Daignault

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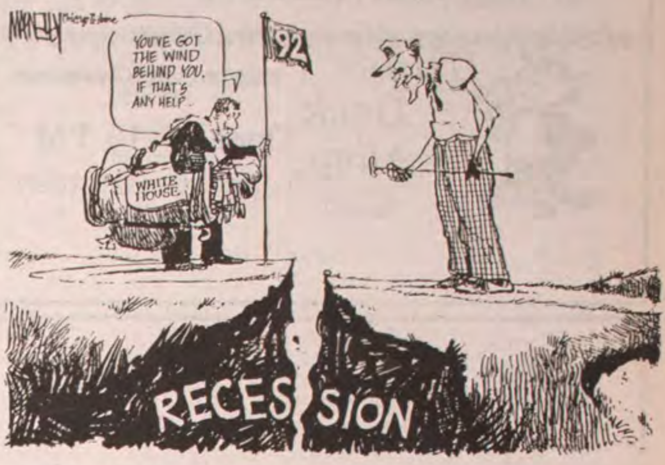
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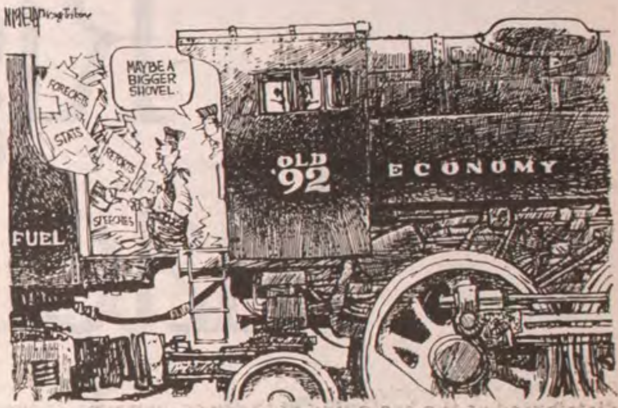
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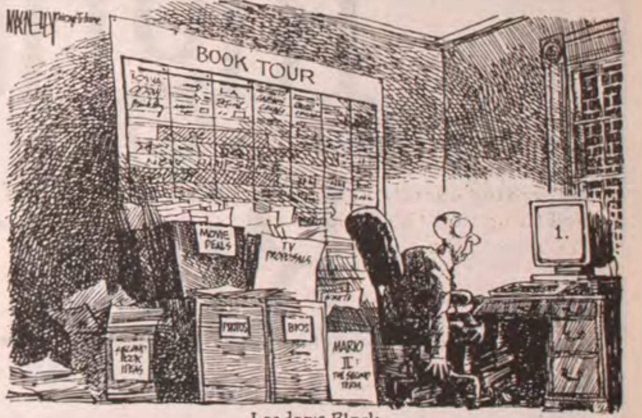
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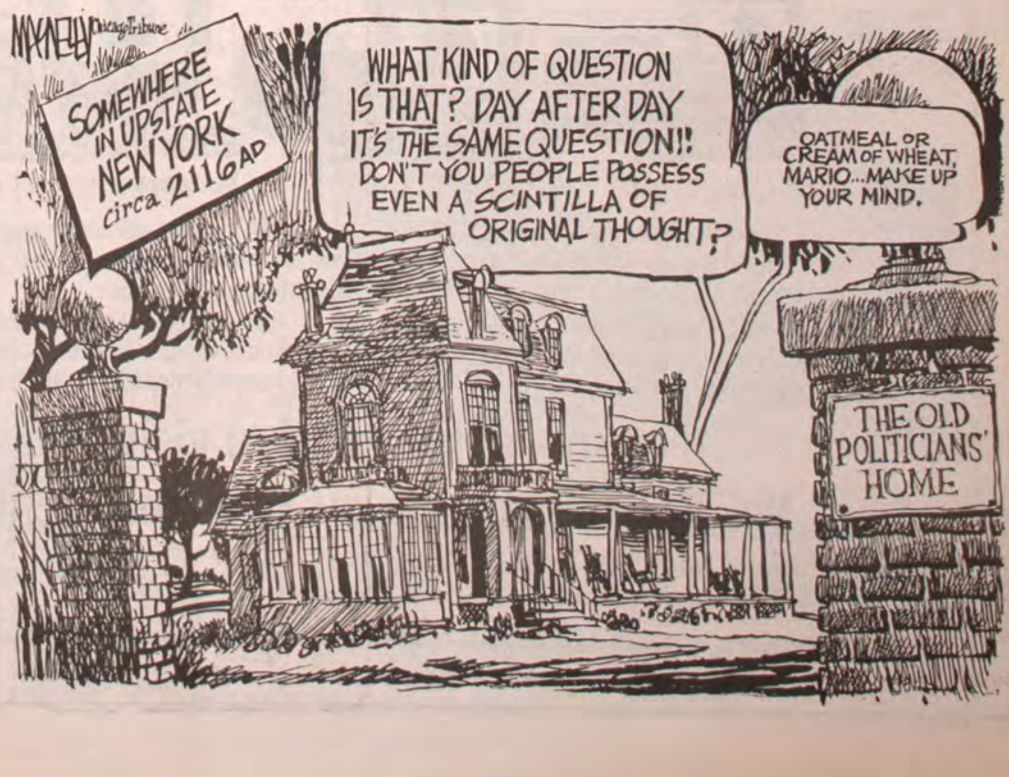
Leader's Block

This is the final issue of the *Elm* for this semester. Publication will resume soon after our return to classes on January 16.

As the *Elm* undergoes reorganization, your comments and suggestions will be heard with interest.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS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LEBANON

All American hostages have been freed from Lebanon! Hostages Alann Steen and Joseph Cicippio were freed this week within 24 hours of each other. Terry Anderson, who has been the longest held hostage at 7 years, was the last to be released. All appear to be in fairly good health and are glad to be able to spend the holidays back among family.

WORLD

The latest statistics of the World Health Organization report that five thousand people a day are infected with AIDS. It is estimated that 10 million people worldwide may already be infected with the virus, and by the end of the decade the number is expected to climb to 40 million. Brazil is predicted to be the hardest hit of all countries, and Asia is expected to surpass Africa in annual infections by 1997.

FLORIDA

The trial of William Kennedy Smith is underway, with Smith's lawyer arguing that Smith's accuser willingly had sex with him, then cried rape because he was aloof afterward. Circuit Judge Mary Lupo has refused to let three other women testify that Smith attacked them in the 1980's. This ruling deflated prosecution efforts to show that Smith has a history of abusing women.

WASHINGTON, DC

White House Chief of Staff John Sununu on Tuesday issued a statement of resignation. Sununu has been a controversial figure for over a year now, due to his alleged habit of taking vacations on taxpayers' money, coupled with his genius for inserting both feet in his mouth simultaneously. No replacement has been announced yet.

According to an administration source, the Bush administration is going to propose that colleges be prohibited from awarding scholarships based solely on race. Colleges would be able to issue scholarships to achieve "diversity"—meaning geographic origin, cultural or economic disadvantage or exceptional personal talents; only if both white and minority students were eligible to compete for them.

U.S.A.

The flu-season, which began in November, has started remarkably early this year. It usually starts in December, peaks in early February, and is gone by March. In healthy young people, like us, the disease typically runs its course in five to seven days; and is spread when infected persons cough or sneeze. Warning: no one in the room with a sick person is safe, as the microscopic spray from a cough can be propelled as far as 25 feet. A person with influenza is infectious from the day before symptoms occur to a couple of days afterward. It takes anywhere from a few days to a week to come down with symptoms after being exposed. To avoid coming down with the dreaded virus, either get a vaccine during the upcoming vacation; or try to avoid being around people who cough or sneeze. Good luck.

compiled by Tanya Allen

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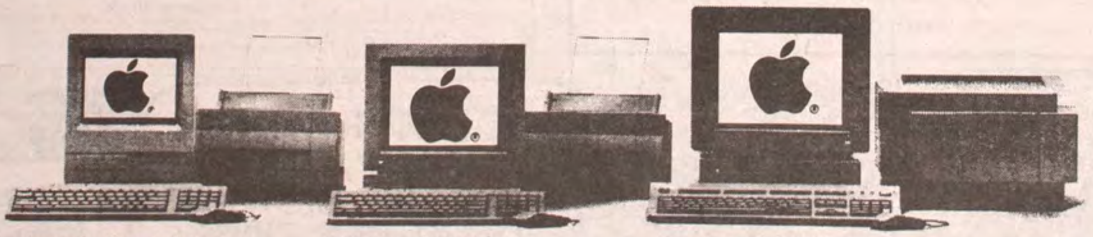

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Josephine the Fly

josephine, (said Big Fly) *i have a mission for you.*

a mission? (josephine said.)

yes, (said Big Fly) *your mission is to save the WAC from napoleon and his evil group of bugs.*

but how....? (josephine said.)

next semester, you are going to be reborn into the body of a new bug.... (said Big Fly) *and in your new body you will be stronger than a locomotive, and faster than a speeding bullet, and you will be able to leap....*

ok, ok, i get the picture (josephine said)

you will even, (said Big Fly,) *have the powers to go underground, if need be....*

Meanwhile, back at WAC, Brenda-the-butterfly felt life stir inside of her. "Oh no...." she moaned, "I'm pregnant!"

And Napoleon and his band of merry, annoying bugs, gathered into a group and went around campus, singing WAC carols.

(to the tune of "Deck the Halls")
Tis the season to have pimples
(Wac wac wac wac wac, wac wac, wac, wac)
The semester's over and nothing's simple
(Wac wac wac wac wac, wac wac, wac, wac)
I've got 5 papers and 4 tests
(Wac wac wac, wac wac wac, wac, wac, wac)
I'm gonna throw up cuz my life's a mess
(Wac wac wac wac wac, wac wac, wac, wac)

(Jingle Bells)
Reading books, reading books,
Readings' such a pain
Oh how I wish I'd kept up with
My reading— now I'm insane

(Silent Night)
Silent night, exam night
All's not calm, we're not bright
See the students in Miller Lib'ry
Studying, studying furiously
Cramming for exams...
Cramming for exams.

(Winter Wonderland)
In the meadow we can build a statue
And pretend that he's George Washington
He'll say "Are you studying?"
We'll say "No, Man!
Cuz we're too busy drinking and having fun...."

Later on, we'll perspire
As we sit in class, wired
On 10 cups of caffeine
God, that professor looks mean
Hope we remember all the gunk that we just crammed....

(It Came Upon a Midnight Clear)
It came upon a midnight clear
That order from Subway
It saved me from my stressing
About that Poetry test from Day

(Oh Little Town of Bethlehem)
Oh little tiny Chestertown
How still we see thee lie
Before thy deep and dreamless sleep
The deadly cars go by.

In the dark street shineth
"Pedestrians Cross Here"
We run real fast and hope we'll last
To see another year.

(Chestnuts roasting on an open fire)
Kent House roasting as an open fire
Someone in Caroline has a megaphone
East Hall is really tall
And drunkenness is somewhere in the Middle....

Everybody knows that Queen Anne's is really co-ed
And so is Reed and Minta Martin....
Where is the Quiet Hall— is it in Wicomico?
Or is it situated in Worster....

Does anyone ever visit the Cullen dorms?
Does anyone even know where they are?
What is Dorchester— is it part of Cullen?
And why do they have a big "Ox" sign?

And why did someone steal a rug-cleaning machine from Cardinal?
If you ask me there's better things to steal....
And why are the stupid doors to West always locked?
The guys in Somerset have great appeal....

And so I'm offering this simple phrase
To students both off campus and on:
May you all pass your finals with big, fat A's
And then spend all vacation...having fun.

(Other songs not printed here:

To the tune of "I Saw Mama Kissing Santa Claus": "I saw a naked Sig in Minta Martin/Running through the hallways last night"

And to the tune of "Frosty": "Chuckie the Trout-Man.")

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Annual Renaissance Dinner Brings Holiday Cheer To Washington College

by Cindy Young

The 10th Annual Renaissance Dinner is being held on Friday, December 6 and Saturday, December 7 in Hynson Lounge. For those of you who don't yet have tickets to this long-awaited event, there may still be time. Admission is $17 a person, $10 for students. Saturday night is already sold-out, but if you want to try for reservations for Friday, call 778-2800, ext. 286.

The Renaissance Dinner features an Old English Christmas Feast with plenty of wassail (yes, just like in the song) and even a real boar's head. Utensils are available, however, as the lords and ladies of this feast think very highly of proper table manners. Entertainment is provided by the Washington College Early Music Consort with singers, recorders, strings, and brass, and the Dance Club will demonstrate several popular dances of the time. All will be in Renaissance attire and mood for the occasion. But if your gown is at the cleaners or your stockings need mending, don't worry—audience participation is not required.

It promises to be a night of fun and frolic, and for those of you who are unable to attend, perhaps you will catch a glimpse of the Renaissance revelers and know what you missed. Soon it will be time to start preparing next year's event!

Campus Calendar

Dec. 6-7 - The Music Department presents RENAISSANCE CHRISTMAS DINNER 10TH ANNIVERSARY, An Old English Christmas Feast with entertainment provided by the Washington College Early Music Consort and the Dance Club, General admission $17 per person, for reservations call 778-2800, ext. 286. Hynson Lounge, 7pm.

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Review of Disney's New Smash Hit *Beauty and the Beast*

by Sara Hunt and Sherry Menton

Well, it is the holidays again, thank god. And that means the major studios release a multitude of movies, hoping for a money making hit or Academy Award nominations. Some of the movies are good, some bad, and most indifferent. But before you see the Addam's Family or My Girl, be sure to catch Disney's new animated feature Beauty and the Beast. An almost instant classic; it contains all the traditional Disney touches with slightly adult and often ironic modernizations.

The basic plot line to Beauty and the Beast should be very familiar. A spell is cast upon a proud, arrogant prince, turning him into a beast forever unless he can learn to love and be loved before an enchanted rose drops its last petal. Belle becomes a permanent guest in Beast's castle in order to save her father, who had intruded on the Beast's lands. Gradually she comes to see the man within the Beast, and love him as he loves her.

The heart of the story takes place in Beast's phenomenal palace, exploring the relationship between Belle and the Beast. The Beast is a masterpiece. Enormous and awesome, he is frightening, yet strangely charismatic. More than a few people will recognize him from their nightmares. His eyes, however, are completely human, which makes his condition all the more horrible. Every tortured emotion, each pang of love registers in his blue eyes. Beast is hardly the confident, charming prince found in fairy tales. He is all the more endearing for it.

Belle, however, is the quintessential heroine. She is beautiful, innocent and pure (just like every other Disney female protagonist), but clever and somewhat noble. And when Beast is again a prince, Belle (as well as the audience) can only stare in astonishment and partly wish for the return of the Beast.

Disney adds a new plot twist in the form of Gaston, the village heartthrob, who has determined to marry Belle. Gaston typifies a new outlook in Disney's portrayal of relationships, updating their characters for the nineties. He appears to be the tall, dark hero every girl yearns for, down to the "swell cleft in his chin." His shallowness in wanting Belle, not because he loves her, but because she's "the most beautiful girl in town; that makes her the best," is the antithesis of the movie's theme, that inner beauty triumphs over all.

A new attitude in this traditional story is coupled with editing pyrotechnics that give the animation a depth and voluptuousness never before achieved. Music by Alan Menken and the late Howard

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SPORTS

Women Swimmers Beat Salisbury and Bryn Mawr

The women swimmers also had a big night on November 20th when they beat Salisbury State 115-98. Once again the Shorewomen pulled ahead after a strong finish in the 1000 free with Kasey Carroll, Leslie Newcomb and Stina Sturges placing first, second, and fourth.

Mimi Devlin and Nancy Whiteman then increased the lead with first and third place finishes respectively and the 50 meter freestyle event started to wrap things up for the Shorewomen with Magdelena Fuchs, Amy Draper, and Ramsey Bigham coming in first, second, and third.

Kasey Carroll then won the 200 IM and 500 freestyle with Devlin winning the 100 butterfly and Draper second behind her. Fuchs won the 100 free and Whiteman finished second behind her. Whiteman joined Fuchs, Green, and Swinden for first in the 200 free relay.

Three days later the Shorewomen struck gold again with an impressive 143-117 victory over a talented Bryn Mawr team. WC and Bryn Mawr split the first places with seven each so WC had to rely on their second and third place finishes to win the meet.

Captains Kasey Carroll and Leslie Newcomb led the group, with Carroll winning her specialty in the 1000 free and added the 200 fly and IM. Newcomb, WC's #1 breaststroker for four years, won both the 100 and 200 meter breaststroke events. Mimi Devlin took over for Carroll in the 500 freestyle with a super 1-2 finish with Nancy Whiteman. Whiteman also placed a strong second behind Carroll in the 1000, swimming it for the first time and meeting MAC qualifying times.

The backstroke events proved to be the deciding events with WC placing 1-2-3 with Jen Green, Karen Prendergrast, and Dede Swinden. The three women moved to 2nd, 3rd, and 5th on the all-time WC backstroke list. They repeated their team depth and best swims in the 200 backstroke to finish 2-3-4.

Amy Draper and Joan Colton swam their fastest 200 fly swims while Magdelena Fuchs and Ramsey Bigham added important points in the 50 and 100 meter freestyle events. Beverly Diaz and Eleanor Shriver had fine swims in both the 100 and 200 breast events. Both squads had meets against Widener on December 4, to be covered in January.

Men Swimmers Win

The Washington College men's swim team did the inevitable on November 20th at the Casey Swim Center. They put everything together and crushed Salisbury State, 121-73. Freshman Dave Cola won the 100 and 200 freestyle events, and in the process raised his 200 free record to 4-0. He then teamed with Chris Fresheim, Dave Czekaj, and Jarrod Wunderlich for first in the 200 free relay. Tyler McCarthy broke the school 50 meter freestyle record and placed first and also won the 100 backstroke. Later he joined Tim Whittier, Jason Campbell, and Brian Basso to win the 200 medley relay.

Fresheim won the 1000 meter freestyle in a new school record beating teammate Wunderlich by 4/100th's of a second (Wunderlich becomes 7th man to qualify for MAC championships) and also won the 500 freestyle. Jason Campbell added first in the 200 IM while Basso won the 100 fly.

Personal best swims were turned in by Mike Bowman in the 50 and 100 meter freestyle events, Mike Frey in the 200 free and Tim Whittier in the 200 IM.

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Ashman complete the film, adding subtleties to the story that transcends mere accompaniment. Robbie Benson as Beast and Paige O'Hara as Belle ignite the screen and bring life to their characters. Look for several Academy Award nominations for technical and musical achievements. Disney has again achieved what most studios can only dream about.

The NFL Playoff s

Although the playoffs picture is very muddled right now, particularly in the NFC, everything will be settled and the creme will rise to the top. Here is an attempt to be serious about picks since I haven't tried that all year plus I don't have room to tell you the one about McMahon, the four nuns and the midget that stood in the corner. Anyway, here goes nothing, and if you lose money following my advice, tough. I'm graduating so you can't catch me.

Philadelphia defeats Detoit in one wild card game at the Silverdome 23-17, and in the other Dallas suprises New Orleans at the Superdome 34-20. Washington gets revenge on Dallas 37-17 and Chicago beats Philly 17-10. Washington beats Chicago 24-7 to advance to Super Bowl XXVI. There they will face Buffalo and defeat them 33-17. The Jets lose to the Raiders 24-13 in one playoff while Denver beats KC 24-21 in the other. Houston beats LA 34-14 while Buffalo whallops Denver 44-10, Buff.27,Hous.23.

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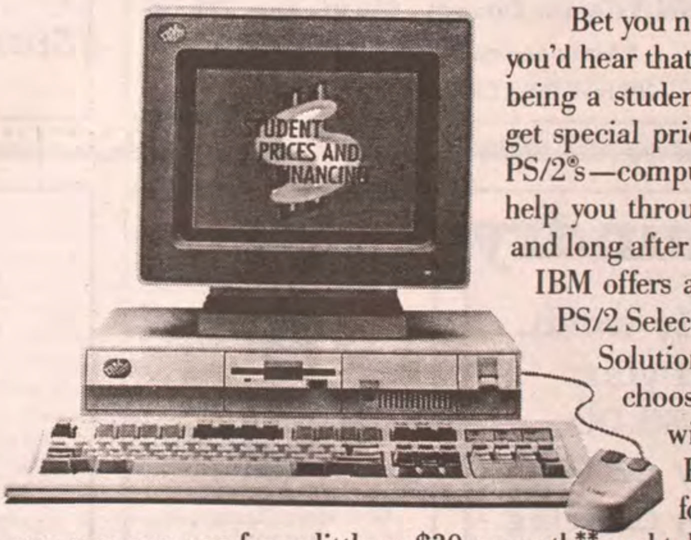

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Powershift in Student Center

Coffeehouse Will No Longer Serve Beer

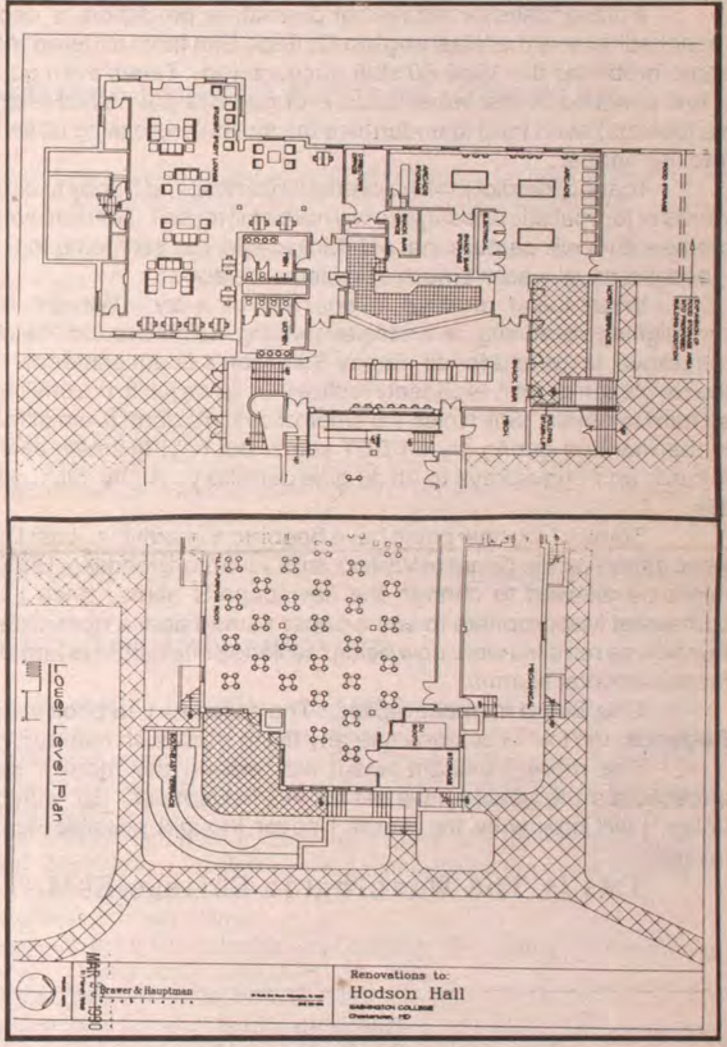
By **Doug Smith**
Staff Writer

With the opening of the new Student Center tentatively scheduled for the end of this month, focus on the renovation of the basement of Hodson Hall into a united Student Union has shifted towards the Coffeehouse. While no steps have been taken as yet to revamp the layout of the Coffeehouse, there has been a departmental switch. The Coffeehouse is no longer under the jurisdiction of the Dining Services; it now falls under the control of Student Activities, a new organization created recently and headed by Terry Turmel. The final goal of the Student Union plan is to combine the Coffeehouse with the Snack Bar, and split the duties and responsibilities between the Dining Services and Student Activities, the latter taking charge of everything except the sale of food and drink.

The most noticeable change in the Coffeehouse is the fact that you can no longer buy food or beverages there. The Snack Bar has expanded its hours until midnight to take up the slack, and also offers beer for anyone who misses going into the Coffeehouse for a drink. The Snack Bar will also be covering the alcohol concession during events staged in the C-House; students will be allowed to bring their drinks from the Snack Bar in to the Coffeehouse, however. This guarantees students an opportunity to purchase food at a show or dance. It also provides a better chance to cut down on under-age drinking, while making it easier for those of age to get their drinks without a hassle.

This set-up might seem to be more trouble than it's worth: after all, who wants to leave an event just to get a beer? Kim Coburn, former manager of the Coffeehouse, expressed her opinion. "I do have some serious reservations about it [the switch]. I understand the philosophy behind uniting [the Student Union] or reducing the alcohol intake during dance nights, but I'm hesitant to say that the new system will work any better than the old one."

The changes, however, are justified by Jeff DeMoss, Associate Director of the Dining Services. Placing the alcohol concession in the Snack Bar concentrates all of the employees of the Student Union in one area. "This will cut costs and create monies," Demoss remarked, adding, "The important thing is for people to use the space." The cost of keeping the radically underused Coffeehouse open was beginning to be too much, and the concessions would have eventually been shifted to the Snack Bar. Students working in the Coffeehouse have been guaranteed jobs on campus, and are being interviewed for positions under Student Activities. The transition has begun and it remains to be seen whether or not it will go smoothly.



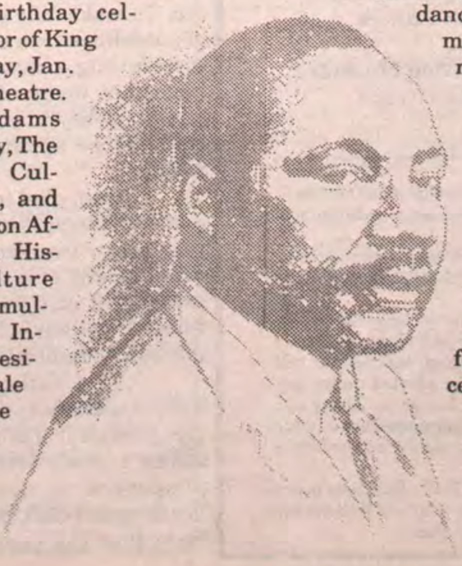
Plans for the new Student Center in Hodson Hall

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.: A CELEBRATION OF HIS LIFE

By **J. Tarin Towers**
A&E Editor

Martin Luther King, Jr. was born in 1929, received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, and was assassinated in 1968. Before his death, he was the recognized leader, physically and spiritually, of the civil rights movement during its 1950's heydey . His memorable career includes the Montgomery bus boycott, his Birmingham jailing that followed a peaceful desegregation demonstration, and the March on Washington, which contributed to his recognition as *Time*'s Man of the Year for 1963.

In a community where issues of diversity and equality are visibly evident, a celebration of King's life and achievements has sparked enthusiasm in the college and the surrounding community. The second annual birthday celebration in honor of King was held Monday, Jan. 20, in Tawes Theatre. The Dale Adams Heritage Society, The Committee on Cultural Diversity, and the Committee on African-American History and Culture sponsored the multimedia event. India Henson, president of the Dale Adams Heritage Society, worked with Ruth Shoge, Marshall Williams, and Kathy Way to put together a program of music, dance, and words of remembrance. "We needed to do something . . . to promote equality, diversity, and education amongst cultures," says Henson. "We worked with a team of volunteers to celebrate this holiday, and I feel it was a success."



King's "I have a dream" speech was playing as the audience was seated, and it set the tone for the evening's entertainment. The keynote speaker was the Reverend Cordell Hunter, whose theme of "Keep the dream alive" struck a chord with the audience; the tone was that of a Methodist sermon. Rev. Hunter was emphatic, during and afterwards, about encouraging "the social, economical, even spiritual growth of *all* men. If any man is enslaved, all men are enslaved. We are all in the same boat, and it's sink or swim." As Dr. Shoge said after the address, he made his point.

The entertainment aspect of the celebration was gospel-oriented and energetic. The AJC United dancers, a group of 9-12-year olds from three area churches, danced to "In this House" and "Mine Eyes

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Editorial

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Flying Horses Over Chestertown

"...At this point in the **Elm's** long history, it is obvious that if the school and students are in a transitional stage - so is the paper. Which way either will go is up to the student body - both future and present.

The **Elm** cannot be a regular publication without reliable writers. When the writers disappear - so does the **Elm**. The Editor of the **Elm** can see no reason for producing an inferior paper stuffed with filler just in order to put out a product doomed to the snack bar floor....I'm quite sure that the **Elm** should die...and die now."

I came across the above quote while rummaging through old **Elm** files last week. They are the words of one of my predecessors, Sandy Sandison, Editor of the **Elm**, 1959-60. His *final* editorial blasting the "apathetic masses existent at Washington College" appeared in the same issue announcing Senator John F. Kennedy's arrival at WC for a campaign speech in the old Russell Gym. Several hundred **Elms** and an Oliver Stone movie later I offer this reply to Sandy, wherever he may be:

Sandy, your hex might have killed the tree, but the newspaper, hopefully, is still very much alive.

Putting Sandy's somewhat premature prediction of doom aside, recent editions of the **Washington College Elm** have suffered many of the same problems the 1959-60 staff encountered. Times even got so tough a few years back that rebel factions of guerrilla journalists (disguised as cartoonists) even tried to undermine the institution, tossing all its credibility into the hopper.

I cannot predict that the events which inspired Sandy to compose his words of journalistic apocalypse will not befall myself. I will not even say that the new **Elm** will capture that old '**Elm** magic' for, according to Sandy, the 'good ole days' weren't much to write home about.

What I can promise is one hell of a try. We are reworking, redesigning, re-editing, re-writing everything in a mad round-the-clock dash to remove, once and for all, Sandy Sandison's death sentence. Now that the revolution is over, I suddenly realize we have a job to do, one that I fought so hard to obtain. Still I miss the smell of Justin's dorm room at four o'clock in the morning during my **OffSET** years, but hey, this new chair is comfortable and I have keys to an all-girls dormitory. A guy could get used to this.

Some of my new plans have been slow in arriving. Last December, while attending the Board of Visitors and Governors meeting, I inquired if we might be allowed to change the newspaper's name, since I thought it somewhat inappropriate to edit a paper named after a nonexistent tree, a tree whose remains were now being fashioned into ashtrays and shoehorns for sentimental alumni.

One Board member replied, "The college's yearbook is named the **Pegasus**, isn't it? You don't see any flying horses on campus, do you?"

The more I thought about his remark, the more it seemed to encapsulate the goals I have set for this newspaper. So, without further delay, I will now write the words I never thought possible coming from myself:

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An Open Letter to the Faculty

Dear Faculty Members:

Toward the end of the December faculty meeting I made a statement concerning plagiarism. Subsequent to that meeting President Trout asked me if I would be willing to reconstruct my remarks and make them available to the faculty in written form. The issue seems so important to me that I have agreed to do that.

A number of students were suspended on account of plagiarism this past semester. If those had been the only instances of it, I would not be as concerned as I am. But I know full well that in all probability there were many more cases of plagiarism this past semester that went undetected, unchallenged, or both.

My own concern about plagiarism at Washington College goes back to my first year here. In one of my courses that year I detected some papers that were clear plagiarisms - ones that I could prove to be such. In the same course there were also some other papers that seemed plagiarized, but I had no proof. I confronted the class and informed them that I had discovered some plagiarized papers. I gave the students involved two days to come see me privately; and, in order to get to the bottom of things, I gave them partial immunity if they did so. To my dismay nearly half the class showed up, and eventually admitted to one form (or degree) of plagiarism or another.

The situation was a distressing and depressing one for me. In the aftermath I even contemplated resigning because I just cannot go on teaching (not then and not now) in a context where so much plagiarism is going on in my courses. I asked myself if perhaps I had done something or, better, had failed to do something that contributed to such a high incidence of dishonest work. Among other things I had to admit that I did not directly inform my students about my personal attitude toward academic honesty. Thus, for this and other reasons, it seemed to me that in a way I shared complicity in what had happened. A kind of complicity by default.

I resolved that as I went on teaching I would make every effort to make clear to students just what my own personal attitude toward academic honesty is. To that end, ever since that first year I have distributed written guidelines to every student, in every class, in every semester, for every single paper assignment that I give them—guidelines that include details about proper documentation, etc. To make fully clear just what sort of guidelines I am talking about, I am distributing a sample. And I deeply hope that many of you will adopt a similar policy in your courses - especially those among you who assign papers.

I am glad to say that the incidence of plagiarism (at least obvious plagiarism) in my courses has dropped dramatically ever since I adopted the practice of distributing these guidelines. But I am sad to say that it has not been eliminated entirely.

In addition to my own first hand experience, I believe that there is a great deal of other evidence which taken cumulatively indicates that plagiarism is widespread here at Washington College. Moreover, I believe that the faculty has a kind of collective complicity in this phenomenon.

In saying this I do not mean to suggest that there is anything like intentional complicity on the part of the faculty—but rather that there is a kind of complicity by default. To make clear what I mean let me briefly indicate what I take some of these modes of complicity to be.

First, I suggest that there is a kind of psychological denial on the part of many faculty concerning the full scope and reality of the problem of plagiarism here on campus.

Second, I think that there is a tendency on the part of some faculty to minimize the detrimental impact of actual occurrences of plagiarism on the well being of our institution.

Third, I believe that there is sometimes an unwillingness or reluctance on the part of some faculty to confront instances of plagiarism personally (perhaps because of apprehensions concerning student evaluations), together with a correlative tendency to "look away" from any but the most glaring forms of plagiarism.

Fourth, it seems to me that there is a lot of wishful thinking on the part of some faculty that the honor code by itself can take care of the problem. (To believe this, in my view, is a delusion of the first order.)

Fifth, it also seems to me that there is widespread neglect on the part of faculty members to make crystal clear to individual students taking courses with them their own personal position on the importance of academic honesty, and their own personal commitment to hold students to the rules of proper documentation.

In my view honest academic work is the *sine qua non* of a good life and a good society. And I for one do not believe that we really have a flourishing academic environment here at Washington College. There are too many "pass throughs" and too much coddling of "pass throughs." And there is far too much plagiarism!

However, we faculty can collectively do much to remedy the situation. I surmise that most of you would really like to be in a flourishing academic environment. And is this not what our students really need, even if many of them are not aware of it? Is it not what we really need? Is it not what our culture and our world really need? In the great ebb and flow of the world order we in our era are caught in the midst of a seething crisis of the human person and of the human environment that grows from decade to decade. Education is truly the best hope for all of us. Real education! Not collective complicity in plagiarism, and not passive acquiescence to the ethos and cult of the "pass throughs."

Let us take measure of ourselves as we begin a new semester. And as long as we continue to don the mantle of the noble profession of teacher let us make a commitment to give our best to our students, and to ask their best from them. Let us make a commitment to demand of ourselves and to demand of them a scrupulous academic honesty. And let us commit ourselves to the attempt to generate a renaissance of the human spirit and of learning here at Washington College—and to the attempt to inspire even the "pass throughs" to transcend themselves and their usual ways.

Sincerely,
Kevin M. Brien
Department of Philosophy

In Brief

Neighborhood Association Plans Meeting

The Old Chestertown Neighborhood Association is an organization formed to improve the town by identifying areas of trouble, and correcting those areas. One of these problem areas is the relationship between the townspeople and the college students, in particular, off-campus students. This relationship is not as cordial as one would believe. The organization has sought to improve this relationship by setting up a College Relations Committee. The next meeting of the Old Chestertown Neighborhood Association is Saturday, February 1st at 10:00 a.m., in the Kent County Public Library, 410 High Street. Anyone is welcome to attend.

– Martha Kimura

Sheriff's Office Appoints Public Information Officers

David W. Bright, A Senior at Washington College and former radio personality with radio stations WCTR, WKHS, and WBEY has been appointed along with David H. Taylor, owner of radio station WCTR in Chestertown as Public Information Officers for the Kent County Sheriff's Office. They will serve in this volunteer capacity as the Kent County Sheriff's Office Spokesperson with the media on all major incidents and unusual events involving the Kent County Sheriff's Office.

Their experience in reporting should serve as a valuable asset to this office for maintaining liaison with representatives of the mass media by keeping them informed of major events occurring in Kent County.

– Press Release

New Radio Opportunities for WC Students

Florida State University owns and operates WFSU 84.9 on the FM band. Michigan State University has multiple stations on and off campus and numerous other colleges and universities broadcast daily on radio stations across the nation. Here at WC we haven't been able to secure an FM license and really don't have the manpower to fulfill the FCC air time regulations. But with a little juggling of schedules and some help from the Kent County High School station, the voices of Washington College could be broadcast from here to Annapolis, Delaware, and even Baltimore.

90.5 WKHS, with its 17,500 Watt transmitter, is operated by the high school from 8 am until 10 pm, Monday through Friday. KCHS is currently looking for a partner to take over transmission responsibilities for the late evening hours and weekends. A radio broadcasting course will be offered one night a week for six weeks beginning March 4. The Director of WKHS, Karen O'Brien, is willing to teach WC students the skills needed to operate and run a radio station. (A minimum of fifteen people are needed to sign up for the course, which will cost $25.)

In addition to giving talkative WC students an outlet, the joint venture could lead to some interesting developments. At some point, a remote studio might be set up here on campus enabling access to more students. In addition, home athletic events could be broadcast so that alumni and parents as far away as southern New Jersey could hear the Sho'men perform. Perhaps as soon as April, a new late night sound, fueled by Washington College talent, will be hitting the airways.

*Students interested in this planned joint effort between KCHS and WC should contact Thomas O'Handley, ext. 389.

– Rachael Fink

WC Employees Honored for Service to the School

Several Washington College employees were recognized for 20, 25, and 35 years of service on December 13 during the college's annual faculty/staff holiday dinner. College President Charles H. Trout presented awards and congratulatory remarks.

Honored for 20 years of service were French professor **Colin C. Dickson** and **Rita May Phillips** of the housekeeping staff.

Recognized for 25 years of service were **Diane Larrimore**, administrative assistant in the Student Affairs Office; **Timothy Maloney**, professor of drama; **Betty Jane Schauber**, college nurse; **Lavinia B. Slagle**, circulation librarian at Miller Library; and **Joanne Clothier**, administrative assistant for the buildings and grounds department.

Nathan Smith, who served as chair of the History department for 28 years and served three terms as acting dean of the college, began teaching at Washington College in 1956. **Betty Ann Connolley** has worked in the Central Services Office for 35 years.

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Jan. 8, 1992

Terra Firma on the Water

On November 23rd members of Terra Firma, Washington College's environmental organization, took a trip to the Baltimore Harbor. Students spent a day on the Bay with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation examining the effects of industrialization and the overuse of the fragile port of Baltimore. It became evident while examining the fishing samples that the Harbor was virtually dead. The Osprey, one of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's educational vessels, also took the WC students to Jones Falls, a freshwater tributary to the Chesapeake Bay where refuse is caught before entering the harbor. The sludge and garbage collected is possibly thick enough to walk on despite persistant clean-up crews.

This semester, Terra Firma plans to organize another Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trip. This field trip would emphasize the problems of pollution and overharvesting that plague the Bay. Students would have an opportunity to spend a day working on one of the few remaining skipjacks. TerraFirma is also planning a weekend trip to an environmentally safe farm, a stream clean-up project in conjunction with Save Our Streams Program and Kent County Conservation, and a campus wide environmental day.

– Andrea Nolan

WC Mourns Loss of Retired Librarian

Robert Gano Bailey, a librarian at Washington College from 1954 to 1976, passed away December 5, 1991 at the Wilmington Methodist Country House.

Born April 27, 1911 in Bound Brook, New Jersey, Mr. Bailey attended Mount Holly High School, NJ from 1924 to 1928. He then went on to study at Wesleyan University where he received a BA in 1932 and an MA major in French in 1933. After college, Mr. Bailey taught French, Spanish, and Latin at Massaanutten Academy, Woodstock, Virginia, and was also an Associate Professor of French at Davidson College, North Carolina. Before his position at WC, Mr. Bailey attended Columbia University's School of Library Science where he received his MS in 1953.

Bailey is described by those who knew him as a man devoted to his job and Washington College. Besides his love for museums and operas, Mr. Bailey donated numerous books to the library. He is survived by one brother, Richard S. Bailey of Rehobeth Beach, Delaware.

– Compiled by Editors

Financial Aid Information

Need money for school? 1992-93 Financial Aid Forms are now available in the Office of Student Financial Aid. Priority filing deadline is February 15, 1992. Need help in completing your FAF? The office of student Financial Aid will hold a workshop on FAF completion January 30, 1992 at 4:30 PM in the Casey Academic Center Forum.

Did you know that you can reduce your student loan debt by receiving outside scholarships? Applications for the following scholarships are now available in the Office of Student Financial Aid.

MENSA Scholarship Essay Contest

The only requirement is the submission of an essay describing your career or academic goals. DEADLINE: JANUARY 31, 1992.

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Candidates should be female, resident of Maryland, with GPA of at least a 3.0, and be a financial aid recipient. DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 1992.

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Candidates should be aspiring teachers attending Washington College full time with a GPA of 3.0 or better. Must be a resident of Maryland and agree to teach one year in Maryland public schools for each scholarship grant received. Should be a financial aid recipient.

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Candidates must be of Scottish descent, Junior or Senior, financial aid recipient and possess a good academic record. DEADLINE: MARCH 15, 1992.

Mid-Atlantic Treasury Management Association

Candidates should have a GPA of 3.0 or better, Junior or Senior, Business related major. Submission of a 1,000 word essay entitled "How the Unification of Europe will impact International Treasury Management in 1992 and beyond." DEADLINE: MARCH 16, 1992.

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Candidates should be of German Ancestry, resident of Maryland, with a GPA of 3.0 or better. DEADLINE: APRIL 15, 1992.

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The Right to Die

By **Dr. J. David Newell**
Chair of the Philosophy Dept.

In the first decade of this century no one worried much about whether or not there was a right to die. In fact, the expression, "a right to die," would have sounded very peculiar to people back then. When a physician announced that nothing more could be done, there was no choice but to await the end. It was a time in which health care providers did everything they could to save lives, but there were serious limitations on what could be done. The old saying was that pneumonia was an old person's friend because it often brought a relatively quick and merciful end to those for whom there was no hope.

In this, the closing decade of the century, the right to die issue has become a serious national and international concern. Several key cases, from Karen Ann Quinlan in the early '70s to Nancy Kruzan in the early '90s, made local and national headlines. A spate of talk shows, newspaper articles, cover stories in national magazines, movies and television shows, college and high school classes, and significant legislative proposals brought this issue to the attention of almost every American. After numerous local and regional court cases, the issue of the right to die finally reached the Supreme Court earlier this year. In June, the nation was shocked by the news that a Michigan physician had invented a suicide machine and was present while the patient used it. Last November the whole nation had its eyes on the state of Washington when voters went to the polls to vote in Initiative 119. This legislative initiative was described as "the nation's first euthanasia bill." More than 222,000 citizens signed a petition to get this bill on the November ballot—73,000 more signatures than it needed. Even though the bill was defeated, the movement to initiate it is still very much alive.

The truth is that, given the current state of things, it is highly likely that most Americans will find themselves wrestling with the right to die issue at some time or other in their lifetimes. Unfortunately, many of us will face such tragic choices uninformed and ill-equipped to make them. In addition to a range of feelings people have when facing near-death situations, there are a number of legal provisions and ethical issues with which one should be familiar. Programs, like the one currently offered by the League of Women Voters, are designed to help us understand the issues and prepare ourselves to make the best decisions.

Even though the Right to Die Movement is only a few decades old, the issue of euthanasia has been around for a very long time. The term itself comes from the ancient Greek and can be translated as "a good death" or "an easy death." It is reasonable to assume that through the centuries many people were quietly afforded the option of a relatively quick and painless death. But with the 20th century came a whole new meaning to the medical mandate: "Do Everything Possible." Dramatic advances in medicine, surgery and technology gave us the ability to extend life far beyond anything previously conceivable. Early in the century, the discovery of penicillin rendered pneumonia no longer life-threatening. Sophisticated techniques for blood transfusions and intervenous feeding enabled us to sustain persons who would not have survived without them. Then came extraordinary success with the transplantation of hearts, lungs, kidneys and bone-marrow. Even the most dreaded of all diseases, cancer, began to give way to advances in chemotherapy and new surgical devices and techniques. In a nutshell, modern medical science had made additional years of meaningful living possible for those who would have otherwise died. A new medical age had indeed dawned.

No sooner were these important and valuable medical advances announced, however, when some unanticipated and difficult problems emerged. Who would get these life saving measures if the supply were limited? Who would decide when to use and when to withhold them in a particular case? When, if at all, is it right to remove a person from such life sustaining devices? Who would pay for such treatments? Is there, in fact a right to die that can be infringed by an inappropriate use of these advances?

These are just a few of the questions that began to emerge as we moved into the new era of highly sophisticated medical care. State and local courts found themselves facing strange new cases with insufficient legislative material with which to work. So legislators had to get into the act. State after state throughout the '60s, '70s and '80s adopted some form of Natural Death Act in which a legal definition of death and provision concerning advanced directives, e.g., the Living Will, was introduced. All but a few states now have Living Will statutes providing an individual with the right to declare formally his or her wishes about treatment options at the end of life. These state provisions are not exactly alike, but there is sufficient similarity among them to provide a more or less uniform option to most Americans. Unfortunately, studies show that for a variety of reasons living wills and other advanced directives are honored in fewer than 25 percent of the cases. Perhaps a quarter of a loaf is better than none, but more needs to be done to improve this situation.

A great many people do not even know that a legal option, such as a Living Will, is available to them. This problem will be addressed somewhat when new Medicare and Medicaid regulations go into effect in November requiring that every hospital, hospice, nursing home and HMO inform patients of the right to accept or refuse treatment, to file an advanced directive, secure a durable power of attorney, etc. These new regulations fall under the Patient Self-Determination Act and constitute a kind of "Miranda Rule" for the terminally ill.

Withholding and withdrawing life support systems upon request is said to be committing euthanasia in the passive and voluntary sense. Some actions to be genuine cases of euthanasia. As opposed to letting someone die (passive euthanasia), active euthanasia is sometimes understood as "mercy killing" in which active measures are taken to bring about death. At this time, those states with laws honoring advanced directives, etc., provide only for passive rather than active measures to be taken. In such states there is, in effect, a right to die if death results from refusing, withholding or withdrawing treatment at the request of the patient. In the Washington Initiative 119, however, the issue was active voluntary euthanasia. For example, the initiative provided for a right to assistance in committing suicide. While suicide itself has been officially decriminalized in our society, it is still unlawful in almost every state to advise, encourage or in any way assist someone in committing suicide. Had the Initiative 119 been passed in November, Washington would have been the only place in the nation in which the right to die was legally guaranteed.

What are the boundaries and limitations of such legislative proposals? Are we putting ourselves on a slippery slope from which we may never recover? Upon what ethical principles and values are we to decide whether to oppose or support such legislative initiatives? In view of the likelihood that such legislation will be proposed in other states and nations, it behooves us all to become as informed and sensitive as we can be to the legal, ethical and practical issues surrounding the right to die.

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Have Seen the Glory." The United Methodist Men's Choir of Charles Wesley UMC, Centreville sang "King Jesus is Listening," "Footprints of Jesus," "Over My Head," and "Sit Down," which served as a recessional, all á capella.

Following the keynote speech, the Dale Adams Heritage Society of Washington College sang "Amazing Grace," with Ciaran O'Keeffe on piano. The local gospel performers The Sensational Stars of Kent County are a band featuring guitar, bass, keyboards, and five vocalists. They performed five gospel numbers, including "People Get Ready" and "Lift Every Voice and Sing," which served as the closing.

All in all, the celebration was successful in that it was both well-attended and carried out with enthusiasm. Dr. Shoge adds that she is "pleased that the college is moving in this direction." Hopefully, this current of multiculturalism and equality without prejudice will keep the community moving forward.

Celebrating the Rest of his Dream:

An Interview with Dr. Ruth Shoge

By **Patrick Attenasio**
Editor-in-Chief

On Monday night, January 20, 1992, the Washington College Community presented its second annual Martin Luther King Day Celebration. The event, titled MARTIN LUTHER KING: *A Celebration of His Life,* was founded by Dr. Ruth Shoge, the reference librarian in Miller Library, and this year's emcee of the celebration.

Dr. Shoge has been a reference librarian for over fifteen years, starting her career at Barnard College and later at Upsala in East Orange, New Jersey before coming to Washington College in August 1990. Originally from Jamaica, Mrs. Shoge moved to the United States in 1970. She received a Bachelor's degree from Howard University in 1973, and her Master's (1974) and Doctorate (1982) degrees in Library Science from Columbia University.

On Wednesday, January 22nd, the ELM interviewed Dr. Shoge concerning her involvement in the King Celebration, its origins, and goals for its continued success in the US and here at WC.

Dr. Ruth Shoge

Photo by John Goebel

Pat Attenasio: Monday night was my first exposure to a Martin Luther King celebration, and was probably the first exposure for many of the students here at WC, especially the white students.

Ruth Shoge: It probably was the first time for many, and of course, most of the students were not born during King's era....so it was history for them, while for us, it has been a big part of our lives.

PA: You were the host of Monday's celebration. How did you get involved in that? Was it your first year?

RS: No, last year was my first year, but I'm used to there being a Martin Luther King celebration. I'm from New Jersey, New York, the DC area, so the King celebration and the whole holiday has always meant something to me. I moved here [to Chestertown] and I didn't even think about the college and the context of where I was. I called the Activities Director and asked him what was the plan for Martin Luther King's birthday, then I realized that they had never really celebrated it here. He asked if I would like to do something for the celebration, so myself, Jackie Jefferson, Kathy Waye, and Marshall Williams got the first one off the ground last year.

PA: Was last year's celebration different from this year's?

RS: The spirit was very much the same as this year's...it was quite touching. We had it in Norman James and it was just filled, so this year we moved it to Tawes Theatre.

PA: And that was almost filled too. Next year you'll have to move it to the gymnasium!

RS: Yes!

PA: Your opinions on Monday's night program.

RS: As emcee I had a job to do...keep the program moving, have my cue-cards ready and listen to the speeches. The spirit of the event was great, and I could pick that up after at the reception where I had more of an opportunity to talk with the people who came. People seemed very happy about the celebration. The community is really making a big effort to support this celebration here at the college. They are just so thrilled that the college is finally opening its doors and being receptive to the community. This is a wonderful group of people.

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PA: People often see the community and the college as two very separate entities.

RS: Yes, as separate. But, going back to the celebration, the churches announced it, encouraging the members that since the college is making this effort now, we have to respond. The churches don't schedule any programs over that time, so it's become a tradition even though it's only the second year.

PA: Does the community approach the college's celebration differently, since it is the college, and many of the participants, like myself, have never been exposed to something like this before?

RS: Yes. You have different groups here. You have the older people who marched along with Martin Luther King, who were on the Freedom Rides. Their reaction is going to be more emotional since they can sit down and relive this experience. You cannot sit down and give them any scholarly analysis of King. Then we have the other group who were too young to march but were very much aware of what was going on. These people grew up with the memory and saw the flashes of the events as they happened on television. And then there's this new generation who did not experience the life and death of Martin Luther King.

PA: Most of the students at WC were born after King's death.

RS: Yes, most of them do not have that personal experience. I am one of those who lived the experience in Jamaica during most of that time. I did not come to this country until after his death.

I remember once when he came to Jamaica, not for anything political, but as a tourist. People just came out to watch him walk on the street. His memory is very much alive there. We did not experience that kind of segregation as here. We did not experience that, but we knew what was going on and what Martin Luther King stood for.

PA: How do you feel King's message will carry over into the generation of people who were not around...

RS: The message is somewhat different. And they will see and understand and participate differently. Much of what MLK fought for were obvious freedoms, which could be legislated. This generation will need to understand the historical foundations of the legislations such as Affirmative Action so that some of what Martin Luther King fought for can be saved. Besides, King's message includes economic freedom, the right to quality education, freedom to live in a safe neighborhood. This generation has a major role to play in keeping King's dream alive.

PA: What are your feelings on the MLK holiday's treatment as a sort of optional holiday for many Americans? Many of the schools, stores, even banks have the option to stay open. And then there's Arizona's decision to ignore the holiday completely.

RS: I disagree with the governor of Arizona's decision. He is not representing the feelings of many of the state's people. The blacks who live there, even the whites deserve the celebration. I would like to see the Martin Luther King holiday become more a day of awareness and education, especially for the younger generation we mentioned before, so that they may understand King's message, and so that we may now realize the rest of his dream.

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"My Father Swims his Horse at Last", into the Top 100

By **Amanda Burt**
Staff Writer

Professor Robert Day never stops writing. Anyone who enters his office is likely to see him engaged at his typewriter, creating critically acclaimed stories and articles. He rarely has time to pause and note some of his finer accomplishments, the most recent of which includes being named in The Best American Short Stories 1991. "My Father Swims his Horse at Last" is listed as one of 100 distinguished stories in the anthology and appears in its entirety in The Best of the West 4.

Day's mention in The Best American Short Stories 1991 surprised him. Even though his story is recognized in the company of other writers including John Updike, Joyce Carol Oates, and Alice Munro, Day's students had to inform him that he was honored in the anthology. He responded by observing that "the list of distinguished other stories is more distinguished than the winners who had their stories published."

If Day fails to notice some of his own accomplishments, it is because he is too busy writing. "I'm always writing," he says, "even when I'm teaching I'm writing. If I didn't, then my students wouldn't pay attention to me." He is grateful to the college for giving him the opportunity to explore and realize his artistic endeavors.

"I wrote 'My Father Swims his Horse at Last' because I had time to write it. I had a sabbatical, and I appreciate that. The college was extremely generous, and it is nice to know that someone believes in the leave program. It's a commitment to scholarship."

Although Day agrees that the college benefits whenever a member of the faculty is published, he says that no one writes only to advertise. And he is quick to acknowledge the work of others such as Dr. Shivers who have had their work published.

In addition to being listed as a distinguished story, "My Father Swims his Horse at Last" is published in The Best of the West 4 anthology. While the collection is limited to stories about the West, Day hesitates to say that stories about the West are any more honest than other stories. "There is a certain self-congratulatory tone about all anthologies that specialize," he says. "The stories in The Best of the West are no more honest than a John Updike story about living on the East coast. Any good writer strives to write about his own territory with integrity."

"What I'd read in the shag of Verbena's head as I snapped a lead to her halter was that the old mare had no intention of bolting any breaks on her way to Nebraska and the blizzards lurking in the depth of her coat", from "My Father Swims His Horse at Last", by Robert Day

The geographical setting for Day's story is Kansas, an area that he knows well. While he was in college at the University of Kansas, Day lived and worked on a farm. It was there that he learned about ranching, and so he also knows the people about whom he writes. In fact the story is an elegy for one of his friends who always wanted to swim a horse but never did before he died. Day himself swam a horse across the pond in the story on a dare. The boy character is modeled after one of his friends who grew up on a farm named "Half Vast Farm."

Populism is the story's intellectual territory, and Day criticizes himself on the subject. "I think I wrote about populism with more passion than intelligence," he notes, "although no one has questioned my treatment of it."
However, he says that he committed "E.M. Forster's sin" when he researched populism for the story. Forster said that it is unfair for a writer to do research for his or her own fiction.

Day is modest about his current recognition and admits that he admires Vladimir Nabokov. While Nabokov was teaching at Cornell University, none of his students knew that he wrote. Because of the explicit nature of Nabokov's stories, the Cornell library did not keep copies of his work. "If I could," Day says, " I would trade in not having my work at the library for the ability to write like Nabokov."

Currently, Day is working on a story titled "Pan Kansas Swimming Champion." Several of his articles will also appear in upcoming issues of The Washington Post, Smithsonian, and Modern Maturity.

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Professor Day: Famous Writer or Santa Claus?!?

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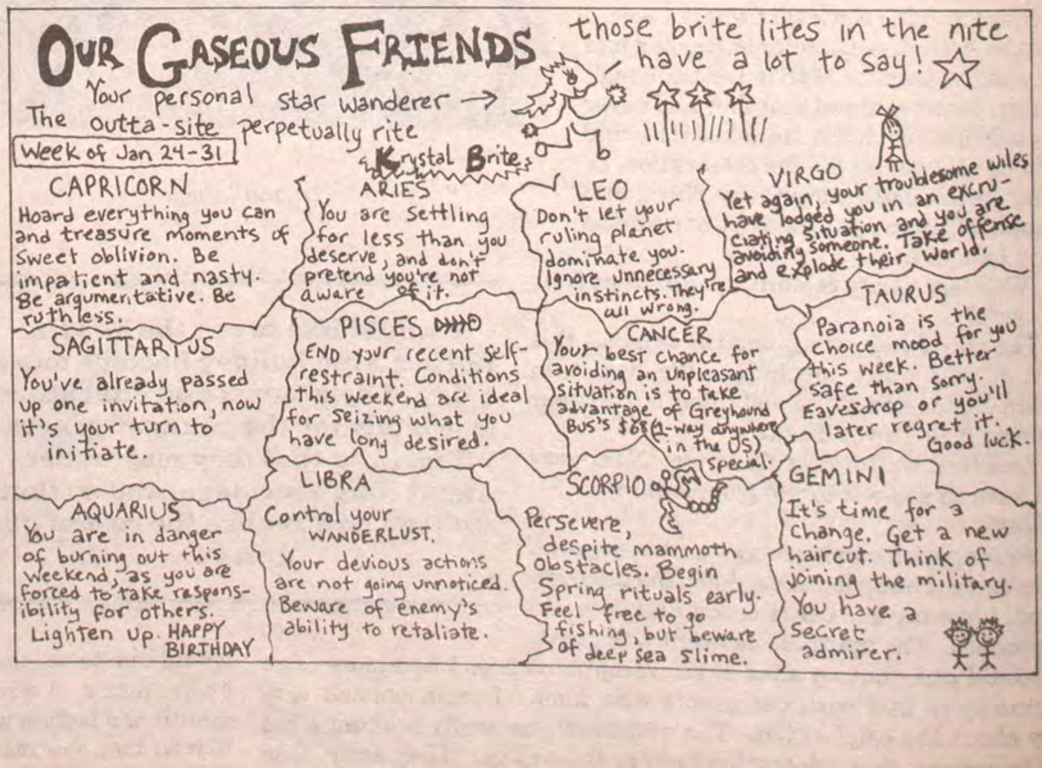
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Hoard everything you can and treasure moments of sweet oblivion. Be impatient and nasty. Be argumentative. Be ruthless.

ARIES
You are settling for less than you deserve, and don't pretend you're not aware of it.

LEO
Don't let your ruling planet dominate you. Ignore unnecessary instincts. They're all wrong.

VIRGO
Yet again, your troublesome wiles have lodged you in an excruciating situation and you are avoiding someone. Take offense and explode their world.

SAGITTARIUS
You've already passed up one invitation, now it's your turn to initiate.

PISCES
END your recent self-restraint. Conditions this weekend are ideal for seizing what you have long desired.

CANCER
Your best chance for avoiding an unpleasant situation is to take advantage of Greyhound Bus's $68 (1-way anywhere in the US) Special.

TAURUS
Paranoia is the choice mood for you this week. Better safe than sorry. Eavesdrop or you'll later regret it. Good luck.

AQUARIUS
You are in danger of burning out this weekend, as you are forced to take responsibility for others. Lighten up. HAPPY BIRTHDAY

LIBRA
Control your WANDERLUST. Your devious actions are not going unnoticed. Beware of enemy's ability to retaliate.

SCORPIO
Persevere, despite mammoth obstacles. Begin Spring rituals early. Feel free to go fishing, but beware of deep sea slime.

GEMINI
It's time for a change. Get a new haircut. Think of joining the military. You have a secret admirer.

Who's that French Guy?

Interview by **Chris Spezio**
Staff Writer

ELM: Where in France are you from?

ES: I was born in Paris, in the14th District, on August 25, 1968.

ELM: What university/college do you attend at home?

ES: I attend the University of Paris XII Creteil and am a senior in American Studies.

ELM: How many years have you spoken English?

ES: 8 years of serious study, since the age of 14.

ELM: Is this your first time in the United States?

ES: Yes!

ELM: What made you decide to come to school here in the U.S.?

ES: I have to do a thesis on American intervention in the Middle East since the Yom Kippur War.

ELM: What made you decide on Washington College as a place for this study?

ES: I noticed a paper on the wall at school in November looking for a French assistant for Washington College.

ELM: What are your impressions of Chestertown, MD?

ES: Well, so far, it's a nice little town.

ELM: Too little perhaps?

ES: No. In fact, there are many campus activities to keep me busy.

ELM: What are your favorite activities so far?

ES: Well, I enjoy mostly everything, but mostly the parties where I can meet people.

ELM: What is your goal as WC's French foreign language assistant this semester?

ES: To improve my weak English and help the students improve their equally weak French.

ELM: What classes are you taking at WC?

ES: Introduction to Computer Science, Introduction to Music Theory, The American Journalist, and the Politics of the Middle East.

ELM: How do you like living in East Hall, the International House?

ES: I'm glad to be a part of the elite of East Hall.

ELM: Have you made friends at WC?

ES: Lots.

ELM: How do you like your RA, Brian Gimelson?

ES: He really takes care of you. He's also very friendly, very nice, and has a really loud laugh.

ELM: Are there any stereotypes that the French have about the United States?

ES: Everything is huge (cars, houses, doorknobs, etc.). But I never really listen to stereotypical talk. I only trust what I see. I have no opinions prior to seeing it.

ELM: What do you say to the idea that Frenchmen hate Americans and that you are very opinionated?

ES: It's true that most, not all, Frenchmen dislike Americans. I think it's really superficial however. Yes, Frenchmen are opinionated.

ELM: Why do you think that this feeling exists?

ES: We're quite an old civilization and you're like savages. That's not my personal opinion, but how it is perceived in France. You're like children.

ELM: How is America perceived by the younger generation in France?

ES: The younger ones like to come here because there is so much to see.

ELM: What do you think of President Bush?

ES: I think he's been interested in foreign affairs too much. He didn't care enough about domestic issues.

ELM: Do you think the fall of Eastern Europe and Russia was caused by NATO's military strength over the last twenty-thirty years or was it caused by economics?

ES: The people, I think, were fed up with communism and wanted change; thanks to Gorbachev, not George Bush or Ronald Reagan.

ELM: What do you think about Francois Mitterand?

ES: He's getting a bit old.

ELM: Any final thoughts . . .?

ES: I hope to be on the front page. Ha, ha.

ELM: Thank you, Eric.

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Say "Bonjour" to Eric Schaefer, an exchange student from France, and our new French Lab Assistant

Omelet- Mike Sapp

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One day in July a drunken group of junior scientists hooked an electrode to an ordinary household fern and were surprised to discover that the plant registered thought patterns much like that of a human. The plant displayed signs of shock when the scientists ate corn and, furthermore, the needles went crazy when they began tossing a tomato around the room. Spurred on by this, the scientists continued research on the plants until they had constructed a synthesizer through which the plants were given speech.

It turns out that plants were revolutionaries. There had been many plant uprisings but no one had ever noticed. Plants were tired of staying in one place all the time and wanted to drive cars. "We demand we be given jobs as taxi drivers!" they screamed. However, Congress turned down the notion. "We demand we be given jobs as bus drivers!" they shouted. Again, Congress intervened. "We demand that we be given jobs as Dominos Pizza Deliver men!" It be became clear that the plants were envious of man for the sole reason that men drove cars. Congress outlined a list of reasons in which it was explained to the plants why they could not drive: 1) They had no arms, 2) They had no legs, and 3) They had no eyes and so could not pass the vision test. The plants shrieked prejudice. They organized huge rallies that were a dismal failure. Finally Congress decided to dismantle all the voice synthesizers. "Hell," said Congressman McArtle from Virginia, "We liked it better back before we knew they hated us."

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Music by Black Composers

By **John Blakelock**
Staff Writer

The "Music by Black Composers," concert was performed by pianist Sheila McDonald, Sunday afternoon, January 19, 1992, in conjunction with the celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The concert was sparsely attended and it seemed just chance that people happened to be in Tawes Theatre and that Ms. McDonald was playing the piano. It was as though no performance took place at all, and this was partly because Ms. McDonald presented her music that way. She did not seem to be trying to please the audience; she was merely playing and it was by sheer coincidence that the audience was even there, much less enjoying it very much. In fact the audience's applause appeared to surprise her, as if she was humble enough to think, "Who could be applauding for me?"

As for the music of the Black Composer ... Is he a different breed of composer? Some foreign entity to Western Music? Indeed not. He, as was the case for this concert, is entrenched in the traditions and thoughts of Western Music. He is a product of Western Music, but he brings to Western Music something different in and of himself. His musical traditions may be similar, but his own traditions and his own history help to formulate his music within the set tradition. The sense of the music was that there was a seriousness at work, but at the same time it maintained a sense of humor. It was almost as if someone had brought back Beethoven and graced him with a different perspective, a certain lightness of spirit that Beethoven himself never had. The best link between Western Music and this concert may be the Negro Spiritual, which, while it realizes the troubles and hardships of life, has the ability to look beyond them to something greater, to something more significant.

As usual, it is a shame that more people did not attend the concert, but perhaps a larger audience would have taken away some of the comfort of the performer. Ms. McDonald is surely a gifted performer and a wonderful interpreter of the Black Composer. However, it seems somewhat tragic that it takes a concert of "Music by Black Composers" to hear from them at all.

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Friday 24

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On exhibit Thursday - Sunday, 1 - 5 p.m., through February 23

Saturday 25

ZTA New Year's Party
Coffeehouse, 9 - 1

Monday 27 (Drop/Add ends)

Jewelry Vendor
Casey Academic Center, 10 a.m.

McLain Environmental Lecture:
"'Omitakuye Oyasin:' We are All Related"
David L. Archambault, Executive Director,
American Indian College Fund
Dunning Lecture Hall, 7:30 p.m.

The Washington College Young Democrats will be holding a meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the CoffeeHouse.

Game Show: *Blizzard of Bucks*
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Tuesday 28

Native American Film Series:
Little Big Man
CAC Forum, 7:30 p.m.

Literary House Film Series:
Wings of Desire and *Paris, Texas*
O'Neill Literary House, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday 29

Washington College Billiards Tournament
Louie's Side Pocket, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday 30

Open Workshop on Financial Aid
CAC Forum, 4:30 - 9:00

Senior Dinner
Hynson Lounge, 6:00 p.m.

TheYoung Democrats discussion, *The Supreme Court and the Nomination Process*, scheduled for tonight at 7:00 p.m. has been postponed until further notice.

AMERICAN INDIAN COLLEGE FUND DIRECTOR TO SPEAK ON ECOLOGY

David L. Archambault, Executive Director of the American Indian College Fund and President of Standing Rock College in North Dakota, will lecture on ecology and the American Indian's unique relationship with nature, at Washington College on Monday, January 27 at 7:30 p.m. The lecture, free and open to the public, is sponsored by the college's Joseph McLain Program in Environmental Studies, and will be given in the Dunning Lecture Hall.

The title of Archambault's talk is "'Omitakuye Oyasin:' We are All Related," and Archambault will focus on the American Indian belief that humanity and nature are interdependent and vitally connected. This belief is now being widely adopted by ecologists and preservationists working to achieve a more balanced relationship with the natural world.

The American Indian College Fund is a non-profit organization that raises money from the private sector to support 26 tribal colleges located on and near reservations across the United States. The Joseph McLain Program in Environmental Studies was established at Washington College to foster academic and special programs at the college related to environmental and Chesapeake Bay studies.

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David L. Archambault, Executive Director of the American Indian College Fund

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PARADISE

A Reading by Elana Castedo

By J. Tarin Towers
A & E Editor

The last in a series of readings and lectures by bilingual, bicultural writers was held on Tuesday, January 21 in the Sophie Kerr Room. Elena Castedo, who was born in Spain and grew up in Chilé, is the author of *Paradise*, a novel which she wrote in both English and Spanish.

Paradise, or *El Paraíso*, was nominated for both the National Book award and Spain's prestigious Cervantes prize. Castedo, who holds a Ph.D. in Romance Languages from Harvard, describes herself as a "language bigamist." She first completed the novel in her second language, English, and after its publication, wrote *El Paraíso*, the Spanish version. Most authors, with such notable exceptions as Beckett and Nabokov, do not translate their own works. She says the translation was a difficult process, but that she could not imagine anyone else writing her book in her native language of Spanish.

Castedo has published two short stories in English, and numerous articles and poems in Spanish, but *Paradise* was her first novel. When asked to characterize the book, she says that she does not know what to call it, but that the critics have dubbed it "Essentialism," because it distills the essence of many literary genres. The narrator is a ten-year-old expatriate girl who, like Castedo herself, moved about from place to place all through childhood. The novel attempts to convey several points-of-view, for children see much more than they understand. Castedo's talk was humorous and entertaining, and her novel is more evidence that the bookstore needs to order fewer coffeetable books and more quality works by visiting authors, regardless of their fame.

VIM VENDERS FILM FESTIVAL

Vim Venders' new film, *Until the End of the World*, has met with favorable reviews from critics at the *Washington Post* and *Rolling Stone*. The all-original score includes tracks from groups such as U2, Talking Heads, Lou Reed, R.E.M., Elvis Costello, Depeche Mode, and Julee Cruise. Washington College students will have the chance to see the new movie and also sample some past Venders movies, which can be hard to locate on video.

On Tuesday, January 28, the Literary House Film Series will open with two Venders flicks—*Paris, Texas* at 7:00 p.m., and *Wings of Desire* at 9:00 p.m. This showing is sponsored by the Writers' Union and is free and open to the public.

On Friday, January 31, the Writers' Union will sponsor a culture van trip to the Washington, D.C. area to see *Until the End of the World*, and the group will adjourn after the movie to a coffeeshop to discuss what they have seen. The culture van costs $3.00 per head, and students must cover ticket costs themselves. To sign up, contact Tom O'Handley in the Development Office on the second floor of Bunting, or call him at ext. 389.

– Compiled by J. Tarin Towers

LITERARY HOUSE PRESS POSTCARD CONTEST

The Spring edition of the Literary House Press Postcard Contest opens this week. Winners will have their poem hand-printed on a limited-edition postcard. There will be three winners, and any current Washington College student is eligible to enter (except the Fall '91 winners). The deadline is March 1; anyone wishing to enter should send two copies of each poem to be considered to Tarin Towers through campus mail.

Fall Contest winners are: Raphael R. Koster, for "Eulogy for Alberto;" Jennifer Gray Reddish for "On Dyin';" and J. Tarin Towers for "Change." The Fall contest was judged by William Bowie, a Washington College graduate and poet from Baltimore.

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Basketball Loses Key Player

By **Charlie Linehan**
& Chris Vaughn
Sports Editors

Due to academic reasons, Sophomore guard Greg Rogers will not be returning to Washington College this semester. Having spent the Fall semester on Academic Probation, it seems that he was unable to attain the necessary GPA for removal from AP. When asked whether Rogers will return next semester, Athletic Director Geoff Miller responded, "I believe he's eligible to return . . . .I have not heard anything to the contrary."

Avid Washington College basketball fans will recall Rogers' aggressive style of play which often sparked the team defensively while stimulating crowd spirit as well. Offensively, Rogers was not a tremendous threat but his superior defensive skills had earned him a starting position on the squad.

In response to questions regarding Rogers' role on the team, Geoff Miller remarked, "He's a real competitor and really brings the defensive level up a notch." Head Coach Tom Finnegan commented on Rogers' constant hustle and Assistant Coach Steve Johnson added, "[Greg] was without question the hardest worker on the team . . . he's a real good person and he provided a lot of leadership to the team."

Considering Greg Rogers' defensive contribution, it would seem that the squad must re-evaluate its defensive strategy for the remainder of the 1992 season. Questioned as to the effect of Rogers' absence, Junior Guard Peter Basel remarked, "At first it was kind of a shock . . . but we stepped up and took the challenge . . . and we'll go from there." Asked about specific changes in the line-up to compensate for the loss of Rogers, Coach Finnegan said,"we are starting Charles Cummings and continuing to bring Peter Basel off the bench." Coach Finnegan also indicated that Freshmen Jason Ronstadt and Adam Poe would probably be seeing increased playing time.

In response to questions about possible revisions in his pre-season expectations for the team, in light of the loss of Rogers, Coach Finnegan remarked, "Well, anytime you lose a player who hustles and gives you a hundred percent and who really understood the game like Greg, there's a certain amount of loss and things that you have to compensate for but . . . I don't see any reason why we can't make the necessary adjustments to hopefully continue to improve." Finnegan went on to say that, in light of the team's very competitive schedule and current eight and seven record, " . . . we have a pretty decent team and a team that I think could become a good team by the end of the season." Added Coach Johnson, "Basically we just have to go on with business as usual."

SUPER BOWL XXVI

By **Julie Greene**
Staff Writer

This Sunday the Buffalo Bills return to the Super Bowl to face the powerful Washington Redskins.

Buffalo is coming back from a period of preparation during which they had to analyze what went wrong in their narrow victory over Denver in the AFC championship game. The Bills' offense was unable to score and were lucky the Denver Broncos' kicker David Treadwell had an unsavory three field goal misses, two of which bounced off an upright.

The Bills' only touchdown was the result of nose tackle Jeff Wright reading the screen and tipping the ball into teammate Carlton Bailey's hands, so Bailey only had to run by quarterback John Elway to score.

Quarterback Jim Kelly was neutralized and has to regain his confidence if Buffalo expects to even compete Sunday.

Meanwhile, in the NFC championship game the Redskins scored their first touchdown in the first two minutes of the game, after a turnover. They continued to dominate offensively as well as defensively, intimidating rookie quarterback Erik Kramer throughout the game.

The Skins and the Bills have been on a course to clash in the Minneapolis Metrodome for Super Bowl XXVI all season. The Bills are hoping to erase the bad memories of last year's disheartening loss to the New York Giants, but they are the underdog in this match-up. The Redskins return to the Super Bowl for the fourth time in ten years, all under Coach Joe Gibbs. Since their only season losses to the Dallas Cowboys and the Philadelphia Eagles, Gibbs has kept his team prepared mentally as well as physically. They no longer expect easy wins and give their opposition the respect they deserve; they will not feed the Bills' drive with any negative remarks or showy shenanigans.

The Bills will be bringing their no-huddle offense up against a top notch defense led by Charles Mann and Wilbur Marshall, with Darrel Green in the secondary. Kelly may be the man to find the right holes in the midfield against the Skins' defense, if he can regain his confidence. If the Skins keep Kelly from making the big play, then Bills Coach Marv Levy better have some dandy surprise plays in store for Washington. They should include his wide-outs Andre Reed, James Lofton, and Don Beebe.

While the Bills have Thurman Thomas, the Skins have Gerald Riggs, Ernest Byner, and Ricky Ervins for their running game. In addition, the Hogs, the largest offensive linemen in the NFL, give Rypien complete protection, allowing him to pass the ball effectively. Thanks to the Hogs, Rypien was sacked only eight times in regular season action. The Hogs will be tested by Bailey, Shane Conlan, and Bruce Smith, who is still a threat, even though his knee is injured.

The line says the Redskins are favored by seven points and I say that if Rypien and the Skins' stay healthy, the line is an understatement. Last year when the Bills were headed to the Super Bowl and the Skins were, to be generous, okay, the Skins destroyed the Bills at RFK. However, the Super Bowl will be on neutral territory, and inside on artificial turf. Buffalo has the advantage on that point. Lastly, if it comes down to a kick, who would you pick—Chip Lohmiller, the man who scored more points with his foot than the Indianapolis Colts this season, or Scott Norwood, the kid who felt the loss of Super Bowl XXV on his shoulders as well as on his foot?

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Player of the Week

That's right Ladies & Gentlemen, we have a new addition to the Sports Page, Athlete of the Week, compliments of yours truly, Charlie Linehan & Chris Vaughn. This week's pick. . . premier 5'9" point guard, Allen Lester, hailing from Brookhaven, PA., who leads the basketball team with an unheard of 237 points and an impressive 15.8 points per game. He exudes confidence and leadership on and off the court and consistently comes through when called upon. Says Lester, "I'd never be able to play B-Ball again without knowing I was chosen as ELM Player of the Week." Congratulations Lester! And don't ever lie to us again!!

REC Sports: Spring '92

By **Kristy Hilgartner**

In response to the increased numbers of student participants in the REC Sports program, the spring calendar is filled with a variety of recreational and competitive activities. January intramural events include: the indoor soccer league on the 26th; the inner-tube water basketball tournament on the 27th; a snowball 5k run on the 29th; and on the 30th, a 3-point shot hoop shoot. Also in January is the Drop-in Basketball League on Sundays.

On March 2, WC will host the 2nd Annual Certs/ Trident Volleyball Tournament. Teams must consist of two males and two females, and the winners will advance to a regional tournament to be held in the spring. Prizes will be awarded to the winners and all participants.

Club Sports is offering several new programs this semester. The Aerobics Club under the direction of Tracy Greenwalt, offers aerobic dance on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and newly introduced Step-Aerobics on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Outdoor Skills Club is planning several activities ranging from ice skating to a bicycle tour.

A full schedule of REC Sports and Club Sports activities can be obtained at the REC Sports office located in the Casey Swim Center. Please watch for sign-ups at lunch in the cafeteria or contact the REC Sports office. For any additional information, contact Dennis Berry or Kristy Hilgartner.

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Women's Swimming Drowns E'Town

By **Kim Lessard**
Swim Coach

It's been a tough season for the aqua-women of WAC this year as they are missing a possible 6-1 record by only 5 points from three losses. Instead they face a current frustrating standing of 3-4.

However, this past week, swimming stars Kasey Carroll and Freshman Amy Draper led the Women's Swim team to a 117-59 win over Elizabethtown as the team placed first in 10 of 11 events. Carroll continued winning her specialty events of 500 free, 1000 free, & 200 Individual Medley while Draper won the 50 free, 100 fly, and joined Nancy Whiteman, Ramsey Bingham, and Magdalena Fuchs for first in the 400 free relay.

Magdalena also added first in the 100 free and helped achieve first in the 200 medley relay with valiant efforts given by Karen Pendergast, Leslie Newcomb, & Mimi Devlin. The other relay squad composed of Eleanor Shriver, Beverly Diaz, Joan Colton, & Ramsey Bingham placed third.

Yet another first place finish came in the 200 free from Mimi Devlin with her personal best time of the season. Leslie Newcomb continued the rout, by taking first in her specialty, the 100 breast with Nancy Whiteman achieving 2 important third place finishes in the 100 & 200 free.

Let's not forget Karen Pendergast who gave the team second in the 11th event, the 100 back.

Says coach Kim Lessard, "E'town beat us at the MAC's last year so this year we are hoping to go ahead of them with this victory."

Their next match is away as they face the Red Devils of Dickinson on January 25th. This one should be a real test!

Men's Swimming Continue Record Pace

By **Kim Lessard**
Swim Coach

The Men's swim team may have dropped one to a good Elizabethtown team (108-92), but they continued their record setting pace, adding 6 new team records in this last competition. "This was a super meet for the men. They showed they are going to keep getting tougher with the times turned in today," said Coach Lessard. "They hung in right to the end."

Washington placed either first or second in all events with only one third place finish in the 100 Breast.

The day started with a first place in the 200 Medley Relay by the strong combination of Tim Whittier, Jason Campbell, Brian Basso, & Tyler McCarthy. WAC then took first in the 200 Free, which was also a record time set by David Cola, and in the 500 Free by Chris Freisheim. A possible first in the 100 Free by David Cola was taken away by the judge's decision when the times came up exact at 51.00.

Second place finishes, which were also record setting paces for the team, came in the 1000 Free by Freisheim, the 200 Individual Medley by Campbell, & the 100 Back by McCarthy. Mr. McCarthy also placed second in the 50 Free which was a personal best and qualified him for the MAC Championship. David Czekaj joined him in this honor as the 8th WC man to qualify for the MAC's.

Second was also achieved in the 100 Fly by Brian Basso with records being broken in the 100 Breast by Campbell and 400 Free Relay by Mike Bowman, Basso, Andrew McKim, & Freisheim.

Keep an eye on this youthful team of which 7 of the 13 are freshmen. Records are being shattered at an unbelievable pace as this team's future is getting brighter all the time!

Photo courtesy of Gary Brown

Freshman Jason Campbell makes a quick turn as Tim Whittier shouts encouragement from the side.

B-Ball Hangs Tough

By **Melissa Harmeyer**
Staff Writer

After two consecutive losses, the Washington College Basketball Team regained their confidence and demonstrated their true talent and ability Tuesday night, defeating Gettysburg 75-63.

A week ago, the Sho'men travelled to Elizabethtown and lost a heartbreaking match. An E'town guard sunk the winner with 1.8 seconds left, giving them the win, 83-82. Says Coach Finnegan, "We lost a tough one at the buzzer, a game I feel we should have won, on a last-second three-point shot by E'Town that beat us."

The following Thursday, 12th ranked Salisbury State visited the Cain Dome, defeating Washington 93-82. The Sho'men led early, 9-2, but with the help of All-American Andre Forman, the SSU Gulls went ahead 20-13 with 12:19 left in the half. However, by halftime, the Sho'men led again 41-39 thanks to Darren Vican and Allen Lester's combined 21 points.

Battle for control of the game was evident early in the second half, before SSU stole the lead permanently. Lester and Vican both compiled 22 points, which put them at the top of the charts. Cummings, Liddy, and Dutton each had 8 points.

Junior guard Peter Basel led the Sho'men with 21 points in Tuesday's victory over Gettysburg. With 6:13 left in the second half, Basel stung a clutch free throw to break the 54-54 tie and put Washington ahead for the remainder of the game. Darren Vican, Junior All-MAC center, contributed 18 points and 12 rebounds while Liddy and Lester each had 14.

Although the game was tied 32-32 at halftime, the Bullets led only 6 times in the second period. Liddy had 2 points while Ruppert and Lester each added 3 points to Basel's 16 tallies in the second half alone, clinching the game against Gettysburg.

Wednesday night should prove a big one as the Sho'men challenge 13th ranked Johns Hopkins and remain busy facing Swarthmore on Saturday night. Tip-off for Saturday night's home game will be at 7:30pm. Be there!!!

Women's Hoops

By **Margaret Doyle**
Staff Writer

The Washington College Women's Basketball Team has proven to be a competitive team in its first season of play with even greater potential for the future. The team holds a 2-2 record against local community colleges. Stellar coaches Judy Berry and Sue Brown have used their past playing experience to help make this program successful. Despite the limited resources and lack of gym time, the Shorewomen have pulled together to earn the respect of opponents as well as the college community.

The team is led in scoring by Marge "The Clincher" Doyle and Pam "The Terminator" Hendrickson. With the combination of power forwards "Air" Kristy Hilgartner, Tina "Bombs Away" Lennon, and center Eleanor "The Tree" Shriver, the team has a strong transition from defense to offense. Megan "The Mop" McCurdy and Miriam "The Terror" Dittman have frustrated many of their opponents with their outstanding defensive skills. Jen "Dr. J" Sloan and Claudia "Jumpshot" Baldwin have combined their excellent ball handling skills with their sharp passing to improve the Shorewomen's offensive game.

The team faces Chesapeake College this Saturday at 5:00pm in the Cain Gymnasium. Come and experience the thrills and chills of Women's Basketball at Washington College.

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Photo courtesy of Gary Brown

Peter Basel, Washington College offensive powerhouse, prepares to dust a bewildered defender. In the past three games, Basel tallied a remarkable scoring average of over 20 points per game. Says Assistant Coach Steve Johnson, "Peter's probably as much of a starter as anyone else, coming off the bench. He prefers coming off the bench, and he's really picked up his game, playing a lot more minutes, and is playing a lot better." (See, "B-Ball Hangs Tough", pg. 11)

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LAMBDAS LOSE FRAT STATUS

By **Patrick Attenasio**
Editor-in-Chief

In their final meeting on Tuesday evening, January 28, the brothers of Lambda Pi Delta, a locally recognized Washington College fraternity since the late 1960s, mutually decided against pursuing a national charter. Without this charter, a requirement for all Greek organizations at WC since 1988, the fraternity will no longer be officially recognized by the college. This decision was delivered to Edward Maxcy, Associate Dean of Students, on Wednesday morning by both Rusty Brink, representing Delta Chi, the national association the Lambdas were pursuing, and Dave Lipinski, current President of the fraternity.

Without official recognition from the college, Lambda Pi Delta will no longer be eligible for group housing or participate in the official rush period. They will also no longer have any involvement on the Greek Council.

This outcome, according to Lipinski, "has taken a great deal of time to reach," adding, "there was not one hundred percent commitment amongst all the members to pursue the national charter. It was a mutual decision for the better of the group not to pursue the charter with Delta Chi."

Reasons for this decision date back to Spring 1990 when the Lambdas began an active search for a national charter. By Spring 1991, according to Lipinski, members of the fraternity were sworn in by Delta Kappa Epsilon, a nationally recognized charter. However, Washington College administrators, chiefly President Trout, expressed their concern regarding the organization's reputation amongst other institutions on the east coast. After further investigation by Maxcy, the college, concerned whether DKE would best provide adequate structure and leadership the fraternity needed to function properly, consulted with Lambda officers. After plans with DKE fell through, Washington College granted the Lambdas a one year extension to pursue another national charter.

"As a group," Maxcy stated, "they did not move quickly enough [to locate a new charter], although many individual members of the fraternity were very active in this pursuit."

According to Lipinski, the Lambdas were limited to a small group of national organizations to choose from before settling on Delta Chi last semester. "There was an overwhelming amount of work put into this by members of the fraternity...the amount of time involved was and would continue to be tremendous," Lipinski stated. "We have no hard feelings towards Delta Chi." Lipinski added that fraternity members would now focus their commitment to academic and lacrosse concerns, while remaining an unofficial social organization.

"I have enjoyed working with Lambda leaders over my twenty years at Washington College," Dean Maxcy stated. "They accepted graciously and honorably that their organization ceases to exist."

Blizzard of Bucks Storms Coffeehouse

By **Pat Attenasio**
Editor-in-Chief

Despite recent warm weather, Washington College found itself in the midst of a storm last Monday night, January 27, when the *Blizzard of Bucks*, a unique collegiate gameshow offering students the opportunity of winning up to $500, visited the CoffeeHouse. This event, sponsored by the Student Activities Committee and substituting this week for the Wednesday Comedy Night, attracted a near capacity crowd of hopeful contestants and enthusiastic onlookers.

Although making its first appearance at WC, the gameshow, hosted by James Jason and his 'lovely assistant' Jennifer Dungan, travels across the country, last semester visiting eighty-five college campuses. Twelve contestants, organized into three separate heats, compete in alternatively humiliating and hilarious physical challenges, the winner of each heat going on to the final play-off round. The winner of this last round then faces the ultimate challenge: thirty seconds in the money booth, an eight-foot tall glass cage. An electric fan, located on the floor of the booth, sends money (hundreds of one-dollar bills) swirling around the contestant, who is allowed to keep as much money as he/she can stuff into a canvas pouch

Photo by Greg Hickman

Rick Ivey, Big Winner in Blizzard of Bucks

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Beneficial-Hodson Trust Grants College $800,000

By **Amanda Burt**
Staff Writer

A grant of $800,000 was awarded to Washington College by the Beneficial-Hodson Trust at its annual luncheon in December. WC President Charles H. Trout accepted the gift from Finn W. Caspersen, chairman and chief executive officer of Beneficial Corporation and chairman of the Beneficial-Hodson Trust.

One-half of the grant will benefit the merit scholarship program, which recognizes the academic and personal achievements of incoming freshmen. The merit program is also sponsored by the Beneficial-Hodson Trust. Another $300,000 will help renovate Hodson Hall, and the remaining $100,000 will be allocated to financial aid for students.

In 1914, Colonel Clarence Hodson founded what is now Beneficial Corporation under the name of the Beneficial Loan Society. It began as a company committed to giving the consumer an opportunity to borrow money, and it has evolved into a large Corporation that continues to expand. Currently, Beneficial is involved in banking, income tax preparation, merchandising, consumer finance services, and insurance programs. It has affiliated offices in eight countries.

Colonel Hodson first became interested in Washington College when his car suffered a flat tire on Washington Avenue one morning before work. After several WC students helped him, Hodson investigated the college out of gratitude and found it to be an institution worthy of financial aid.

The Hodson family has a long history of dedication to the advancement of education. Colonel Hodson's father founded the Hodson Trust in 1920, and the Beneficial-Hodson Trust has given over $16.1 million since 1936. The Trust also endows three other colleges in Maryland, including St. John's, Johns Hopkins, and Hood College.

Editorial

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This is not an Editorial

Jake's this guy I worked for over the summer whose father survived the Titanic crash in 1912 only to drown sixty years later in his granddaughter's inflatable backyard pool. He tells me this on one of those August afternoons when even your eyebrows sweat, and you'd rather roll a Pepsi can across your forehead than drink from it, lips parched and cracked like old blacktop. The two of us take care of this old church in town - vacuuming, windows, yardwork, etc. - but today, beneath the steamy shade of an old maple, Jake wants to talk. He talks and I listen; it's too hot to do anything else.

He starts talking about Lou Gehrig, the disease not the baseball player. -I've got Lou Gehrig in my legs, he says, patting his dead legs like he's about to jump out of his wheelchair. He keeps talking. Turns out Jake was a mechanic in the War (he says it like that - "The War"), and even tuned up the bomber that flew over Nagasaki. Once he even walked three hundred miles across a desert to marry his wife in Las Vegas.

-Imagine that, he says, after all that distance and now I can't even tie my own shoes.

Now he wants me to talk. Tell me a story, he says, tell me something.

I go on about this cross-country race I had in high school. Me and this other guy were even the whole way, and with only fifty yards left, he suddenly pulls ahead of me. I could see him and I could see the finish line; but my legs do not respond, they become anchors. So that's it, I tell him, like I'm making some monumental statement. I lost the race (I say it like that - "The Race").

-That's tough, Jake says.

Four months later, it's snowing and I'm in Chestertown trying to write an editorial. Some guy came to my house and pissed in my ice-trays over the weekend. It's been one of those weeks. Believe me, I've got other things on my mind. Before they come and take me away, I better say something of importance, so here it is:

SEND US MORE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I keep getting these anonymous letters (Rod Stewart?) in my mailbox. If I don't receive anything for next week, I will start printing more of these stories. I'm doing a Senior Writing Portfolio, so I warn you folks, we're talking lots of material here.

The Titanic rests on the floor of the Atlantic. An old man lies face down in a swimming pool. Jake reaches for his untied laces. I am close to finishing this (whatever it is), but there's this weight, an anchor driven into my head. Drink some Pepsi and don't worry about the ice-cubes. Try to put words to it and all I come up with is...distance. (I say it like that - "Distance").

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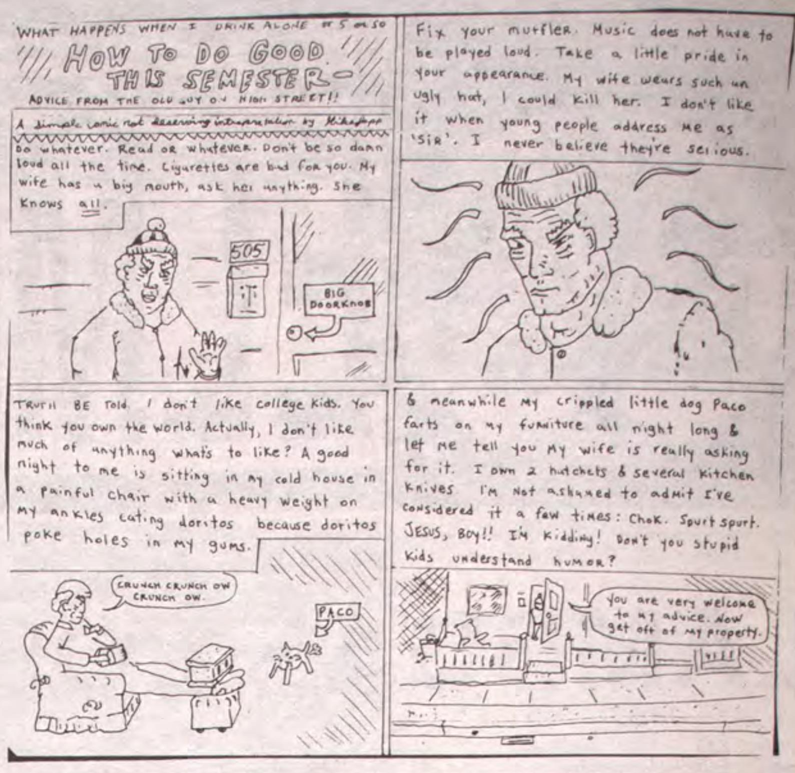
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& meanwhile my crippled little dog Paco farts on my furniture all night long & let me tell you my wife is really asking for it. I own 2 hatchets & several kitchen knives. I'm not ashamed to admit I've considered it a few times: Chok. Spurt spurt. JESUS, BOY!! I'M Kidding! Don't you stupid kids understand humor?
You are very welcome to my advice. Now get off of my property.

Letter to the Editor

Diversity and the Handicapped

Minorities. What was the first thing you thought? If you're like most people, you probably thought of Blacks, Jews, or Hispanics. In typical American Society, the perception of minorities is frequently limited to ethnic and religious groups.

With regard to Blacks and Jews, the College has appropriately responded to "mainstream" minorities through student and administrative efforts, with groups such as The Dale Adams Heritage Club and Hillel. As well, there have been successful responses to women's and gay issues through the Women's Issues Discussion Group, and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance (GALA). These organizations exemplify and support President Trout's commendable year and a half long campaign to promote diversity within the Washington College Community.

We applaud these efforts and their contribution to raising the consciousness of our campus. Yet, there are other valid minority populations that Washington College has been slow to acknowledge adequately. Foremost on this list is the disabled.

Ask friends who have been on crutches how easy, or difficult, it was to navigate their way around campus. They would be quick to recount their frustration in attempting the climb to a third floor class in Bill Smith or their annoyance in having to leave a half hour early to reach most any destination on campus.

Fortunately, for these students, the campus is only inaccessible for a few days. For the disabled, today's campus is inaccessible every day.

Consider the tour guide introducing Washington College to a prospective student, but unable to enter even the main classroom building. Consider the visiting parents who cannot climb the steps to their son or daughter's dorm. Consider the renowned speaker unable to present a lecture because of the inaccessibility of the Norman James Theater. Every time a situation like this occurs Washington College loses. Are these losses acceptable?

Washington College's present move towards diversity should encompass a far wider scope that includes a campus accessible for the disabled.

Jen Del Nero
Troy Petenbrink
John Phoebus

Correction:

In last week's "Open Letter to the Faculty," the **ELM** inadvertently left out a line in Professor Brien's letter. The statement "In my view honest academic work is the *sine qua non* of a good life and a good society" should have read "In my view honest academic work is the *sine qua non* of a flourishing academic environment, just as honest work in general is the *sine qua non* of a good life and a good society." The **ELM** apologizes for the error.

In Brief

Starr Foundation Awards Grants To Washington College For Faculty Enrichment and Student Scholarships

The Starr Foundation has awarded Washington College two grants totalling $350,000.

A grant of $250,000 will support senior faculty sabbatical research over the next five years. This grant will allow the College to strengthen the intellectual life of the institution by providing for at least two additional leaves per year, says College President Charles H. Trout.

An additional Starr Foundation grant of $100,000 will further augment the C.V. Starr Scholarship Fund established in 1986 as a permanent scholarship endowment. Annual awards are made on the basis of academic merit and financial need.

Cafritz Foundation Finances Full-Year Scholarship At Washington College For Minority Student

The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation has awarded a $15,000 grant to Washington College through the Project Excellence scholarship program, financing the first year college expenses for a black student from the Washington, D.C. area.

Project Excellence scholarships are awarded to "the best and brightest" black high school seniors from the Washington, D.C. area. Founded in 1987 by syndicated columnist Carl T. Rowan, Project Excellence rewards black students who excel academically.

Washington College's association with the Project Excellence program will continue throughout the next four years, furthering the College's efforts to attract minority students.

Christian A. Johnson Endeavor Foundation Awards Grant To Washington College For Faculty Leave Program

The Christian A. Johnson Endeavor Foundation has awarded Washington College a $125,000 challenge grant to help establish a junior faculty leave program.

The Christian A. Johnson Fellows program will help the College remain competitive in the bid for new faculty, says College President Charles H. Trout. Under the program, non-tenured faculty will compete for the opportunity to pursue productive scholarship off-campus.

The Johnson Foundation grant, payable over two years, is to be matched dollar for dollar by Washington College.

Neighborhood Association Meeting Tomorrow

The Old Chestertown Neighborhood Association will hold its monthly meeting tomorrow, February 1, at 10 am in the Kent County Library on High Street. All off-campus students are encouraged to attend since the association is greatly concerned with WC students' conduct within the community. Student involvement in this meeting will help remove recent negative publicity off-campus students have received from the Chestertown community.

Next Week:
The Return of
CAMPUS VOICES

MYSTERY MAN IN MINTA MARTIN

By Doug Smith
Staff Writer

Creepy Mystery Man in Action? (Exclusive photo)

Photo by John Goebel

An unidentified man was reported to be prowling the second floor of Minta Martin about 2 o'clock the morning of Thursday, January 23rd. He entered several rooms, all of which were unlocked and occupied by sleeping students. In each case, the students were undisturbed, but awoke and asked the prowler to leave. One student reported waking up to find the perpetrator watching television in her room. Nothing was reported stolen, and the man left after being asked.

A bulletin issued by Security earlier this week describes the suspect as an unknown white male thought to be in his early twenties. He is not believed to be a student. "As a result of the flyer," Jerry Roderick told the **ELM**, "we feel that our investigation is close to finding him." He cited the incident as an example of students disregarding simple security measures, such as keeping doors locked at all times. Sandra McLelland, RA of second floor Minta Martin, agreed with Roderick and added, "We think he got in because the doors were left propped open. I just hope people will take this more seriously and lock their doors."

Hamilton Gets Haircut

Before

After

Photo By John Goebel Mellencamp

Late Wednesday night three pounds of long blond hair fell from Kent House R.A. Joe Hamilton's head onto the bathroom floor. "Well, I decided it was time for a change. With the end of the Cold War and the Berlin Wall I figured a new world haircut was in order," said the freshly shorn Hamilton. He insists that he is not selling out to right wing ideals but has become more fashion conscious as of late.

"It's a new thing, it's sexy, it's very Manchester," says Joe's stylist, Matthew Cougar Shields "Look at all the latest music videos: EMF, The Happy Mondays, Blur, The Stone Roses. It's the style. You'll be seeing this haircut on the runways in Paris and New York this spring. The salon's are being swamped. This is what everyone is asking me for."

Mr. Matthew insists he is not a licensed hair dresser, "I just want every one to look their best," he says. "I wouldn't dare charge for my services, but donations are appreciated."

Blizzard of Bucks Hits C'Town

Blizzard from pg. 1

within the allotted time period.

Round One of the game included contestants Ben Simmons, Brian Heubeck, Glenn Warner, and Salwa Amer. Warner would walk away victorious from this gruelling round, narrowly defeating Simmons by bouncing "Mexican bouncing balls" into a sombrero on his head from the kneeling position.

Round Two's participants were Rick Ivey, John Winchester, Jr., John Thomas, and Wendy Kraus. In the evening's closest event, Ivey defeated Winchester as the heat's winner, mastering a come-from-behind victory by transporting six ping-pong balls from one basket to another using a spoon, wearing flippers to boot.

Finally, Round Three's enthusiastic contestants included Eric Jewett, Ed McGill, Matt Monacelli, and Chris "Fatman" Goldenberg. After a controversial marshmallow stuffing contest titled "Chubby Bunny" (handled smoothly by judges Kevin Kelly, Jen Del Nero, and Tammie Michener), Monacelli would go on to win the round with his impressive disco routine, defeating Jewett in another controversial photo finish.

Warner, Ivey, and Monacelli proceeded to the first of two playoff rounds, involving the placement of fifteen wooden blocks into a vertical tower. Following Monacelli's elimination from this round, Warner and Ivey went head to head in a fierce bubble gum chewing contest. Ivey won this final challenge after Warner forgot to remove the gum's wrapper, a prerequisite for any successful bubble attempt.

An hour-and-a-half after the opening bell, Ivey entered the final challenge...the Blizzard of Bucks! A hush fell over the crowd as The Lovely Jennifer flipped the switch, sending a storm of bills swirling around Ivey's anxious hands. Combining an impressive mix of strategy and physical dexterity, Ivey emerged from the tank with an impressive $110 dollars, plus the $25 he received as the second heat's winner. To top all this off, Ivey, along with all of the contestants, received an official *Blizzard of Bucks* t-shirt, worth $8.95, for a grand total of $143.95. When asked of his plans for this new-found wealth, Ivey thought he might make one of his car payments. Ivey's girlfriend, however, Nicole Falanga, has other plans for the prize winnings.

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Possible Chesapeake Regional Studies Program At WC

By **Kris Wallenburg**
News Editor

On October 6, 1990, President Trout stated that he saw "the entire Eastern Shore, indeed the whole of the Delmarva Peninsula, as a gigantic laboratory alive with possibilities for a contemporary liberal arts institutión." President Trout's vision may become a reality as early as the fall of 1992 with the possible formation of a Chesapeake Regional Studies Program.

On January 9 through 11, members of the Washington College community attended a Jessie Ball duPont Fund-supported retreat at the Wye Woods Conference Center to "discuss ways in which the Chesapeake region can serve our mission as a liberal arts institution." Those in attendance at this retreat were President Trout, Dean Taylor, Joe Holt, the Honorable Louis L. Goldstein, Dr. Janson-La Palme, Dr. Munson, Dr. Creegan, Dr. Locker, Dr. McCall, Dr. Cumberland, Dr. Wolff, Dr. Striner, Dr. Fallaw, Dr. Newell, Dr. Tapke, Dr. Kerchner, Dr. Horne, and Dr. Sherbondy.

During the two and a half day retreat, the members of the WC community met with consultants in the fields of Architecture and Preservation, Biology, Cultural Traditions and Literature, Economics, History, and Sociology to design a program that would encompass the many disciplines represented at Washington College.

"The Wye Retreat, in addition to opening up dialogue among representatives from many of the departments, offered both the opportunity to create a program that might make for increased connections between certain disciplines and a way of integrating the Chestertown community and its heritage into the Washington College community. Both of these seem to me to be very good things," said Dr. Beverly Wolff, Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of English.

President Trout stated that "the bits and pieces of what one would call a Chesapeake Regional Studies program are already here. The fourteen faculty members who came to Wye, almost each and every one of them either teaches a course or parts of courses that bare on this area, be it a course in Early American History, be it a Forms of Literature course, creative writing class, be it a sociology class. We are doing some of these things."

"Going to the Wye retreat, I thought it was a Chesapeake program with the emphasis on water but I left realizing that it is much more than that. There are many ways that exercises could be integrated in current courses. Already I am thinking about ways to use the region, location, in Comparative Psychology," said Dr. Michael Kerchner, Assistant Professor of Psychology.

According to Dr. Donald Munson, Joseph H. McLain Professor and Chair of the Biology Department, the retreat was very worthwhile. He described it as one of the better workshops. There was a "good group of people" that attended the retreat. "I learned a lot and I am happy with the outcome of the situation."

"I found the retreat extremely worthwhile, enjoyable, and I learned a great deal about the Chesapeake Bay watershed," said Dr. David Newell, Professor and Chair of the Philosophy and Religion Department. Dr. Newell also stated that "the problem with creating any interdisciplinary program is keeping it particular enough to take advantage of the expertise and making it general enough to form into a coherent program. A problem that can be solved."

The members of the Washington College community that attended the retreat "aim to establish an academic minor consisting of a required team-taught, interdisciplinary, introductory course, four electives, and a problem-oriented, "tough questions" capstone seminar." President Trout stated that such a program would be a rigorous program and that in know way would the establishment of this program jeopardize any courses at WC. Before this program can be established at WC, "a steering group, under the leadership of Dean Taylor, will draft a proposal that will work its way through the college's governance system—to the Divisions, to Academic Council, and on to the Faculty for formal consideration."

The Sun Never Sets on WC's Interns

By **Adria Nesberg**
& Chris Spezio
Staff Writers

Last October, representatives from the State Department visited Washington College concerning internship possibilities in Washington D.C. and abroad. Dr. Shad, Professor of Political Science, sponsored the program, which was accessible to all students. Ten students applied for volunteer, unpaid internships, and seven have been accepted as of this date. Of those accepted, one will travel to a country as far away as Bangladesh, and one will stay close to home working with the State Department in D.C. What interest do these places hold? The **ELM** sought out four of these students to find out.

Karen Reck, a Senior whose major is International Studies, will be going to Washington D.C. to work for the Bureau of Refugee Affairs. Karen has a great interest in this summer's internship because after graduation she would like to work for the State Department as a Civil Service member. Karen is by no means taking this internship without experience. Last summer she worked for the Organization of American States (OAS), an organization involved with the anniversary celebration of Columbus' discovery of America, writing for their newsletter. This semester Karen is working for U.S. AID, an organization for international development.

Next we talked to Maria Jerardi , a sophomore majoring in International Studies. Maria was accepted to Dacca, Bangladesh, where she will be working in the American Embassy as a Junior Foreign Service Officer doing research for the Political Section. This internship is a base for what Maria plans to study in graduate school. Afterwards she would like to work for relief agencies like U.S. AID, CARE and Catholic Relief. Maria looks forward to the research that will put her in contact with places she has only studied.

The **ELM** then talked with Lionel A. Dyson, who applied to four bureaus, the Asian, European, Asian\African, and the East Asian\Pacific Bureau. Lionel will be going with the latter bureau, where he will travel to Manila, in the Philippines to work as a Junior Foreign Service Officer. After studying East Africa last semester at WC, and traveling through Europe, the attraction to the Philippines is new and exciting for him, plus he will be able to "observe the ways people adapt to modernization."

The fourth person we talked to was Senior Stephanie Tennyson, who after being accepted to Santiago, Chile and Quito, Equador, decided to go to Quito. Stephanie decided on Quito because her job there will be to " explain the political atmosphere due to elections taking place in May '92." Stephanie will also conduct research in many other areas, including the colonial history, which, she stated, Santiago lacked. The benefits to this program, Stephanie said, is the "direct fieldwork, the opportunity to see how our embassies work, and the ability to see the duties of a Foreign Service Officer(FSO)." She adds, " it's a chance of a lifetime to work with high-level workers in the State Department." New cultures await these seven students from WC and we at the **ELM** wish them all a great summer of new experiences.

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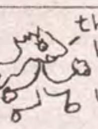
Your personal star wanderer Krystal Brite



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Dale Adams Heritage Society Plans Semester

By **Zylia N. L. Knowlin**
Secretary, Dale Adams
Heritage Exchange

The Dale Adams Heritage Exchange was named after the first African American to graduate from Washington College in the year of 1965. She is currently serving on the Board of Governors and Visitors. This organization was established in order to provide for the exchange of thoughts for all students throughout the Washington College Community. This exchange plans to alleviate the ignorance that exists between people of different racial, economic and social differences.

Our focus is communication and our aim is peace for all. We have set many goals for this organization including parties, lectures, and field trips. Although we are planning all these things, there are other things that are more important for this organization to accomplish. We are offering mentoring for the local community children, that will help to provide better opportunity to all the ones who hold the future in their hands. We are organizing at the moment, starting African-American sororities and fraternities that are in an absence presently on the Washington College campus. These Greek chapters would offer support for the growing number of minority population without offending some; since these chapters have not been founded by haters of minorities or other such people. Not only will these things provide support and encouragement to the Washington College community, but it will also entice others to want to be a part of the action.

Some ways that the Dale Adams Heritage Exchange has exposed their interest in expanding their dreams are by calling and hosting perspective students. We have also sponsored cultural events such as the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King Junior's Birthday Celebration. These such events will be held to provide for education and awareness of the African American Experience throughout the community. We are also planning an Africanfest during this spring semester, that would include music, food, and dancing.

There are a lot of ideas that will be fulfilled with the cooperation and support from everyone, that is why we invite everyone to be a part of our organization. Through discussions, and continued help by our members with admissions activities, we will reach the percentage on campus that should already be in existence now.

On Running Away From Bias

-..."Everywhere you go, you will find those who take keen delight in calling names. Some individuals must have the courage and moral strength to remain in their communities no matter how bad they are and seek to lift them, to new levels of creative living..."

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SGA Report
With John Griep

The Washington College Student Government Association discussed a number of controversial issues this past Tuesday when the full Senate met for the first time in 1992.

Student Activity Fee Increase Proposed

A proposal to ask the Board of Visitors and Governors to increase the student activity fee over a three-year period from $50 to $140 was submitted by Treasurer Brian Gimelson. This proposal will be voted on at next week's Senate meeting in order to be sent to the Board of Visitors and Governors before their next meeting. According to the research of the SGA Executive Board, Washington College currently has an activity fee which is substantially less than that of comparable institutions. WC's activity fee is currently $50.90 per year. Schools which are considered comparable to WC have yearly activity fees ranging from $90 to $300. Gimelson remarked that the "only reason for the requested increase is so that Washington College will be on par with other schools." He further stated that "increases are almost a necessity" in order to adequately meet the extracurricular needs of the Washington College community. If approved, the Executive Board would like to see a significant portion of the increased funds to be given to the Student Activities Director in order for that office to schedule more campus activities.

CoffeeHouse Controversy

The CoffeeHouse controversy was another major issue which the SGA discussed at their first full meeting of 1992. SGA President Kevin "Sparky" Kelly raised the issue at the meeting, expressing his personal doubts about whether the new system would be feasible for events in the CoffeeHouse which draw large crowds. Kelly asked all senators to speak with their constituents to determine their views on the change. The **ELM is a**lso interested in any comments or letters on this issue.

Escort Service to Begin Soon

Sophomore Class President Lionel Dyson and Senator John Phoebus presented plans for a campus escort service which they are coordinating. An extension will be provided in Security for people to call if they would like an escort to their dorm or car. Calls to this extension will be forwarded to a student dispatcher, who will then contact the escorts. The service plans to start small, with escorts available on Friday and Saturday nights from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The coordinators hope to increase the coverage in the future if enough interest is shown. The service should be available by mid-February at the latest. At this point, 15 people have expressed interest in being escorts. Currently, escorts will be limited to male students, due to the fact that only one person will be sent out at a time. Anyone interested in being an escort or dispatcher should contact John Phoebus (x. 313) or Lionel Dyson.

The Sophomore Class is also sponsoring a Blood Drive on Tuesday, February 4 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the CoffeeHouse. They are looking for at least 150 volunteers to come out and give the gift of life. Today is the last day to sign up.

EMS Petition Presented to MD Legislators

Secretary Jen Del Nero reported that she journeyed to Annapolis last Friday to present Washington College's petition to state legislators asking them to reinstate the previously cut funding to Emergency Medical Services. Over 20,000 signatures were collected from students in colleges and universities across the state and presented to the Maryland legislature on the final day of Higher Education Awareness Week. President Kelly reported that just under 500 signatures were collected from Washington College. Next week, the SGA will present checks to the Kent County Rescue Squad and the Chestertown Fire Department to demonstrate their support for local volunteer rescue organizations.

Handicapped Access at WC

The problem of handicapped access at the school was also discussed by the Senate on Tuesday night. Senator Troy Petenbrink brought up the issue as the result of a tour he conducted recently with a prospective student with spinal bifida. Petenbrink remarked that a tour which normally only takes about 30 minutes stretched to three times that length due to the lack, or poor placement of, handicapped access in many areas around campus. (For more information, see "Letters to the Editor," p. 2)

Off-Campus Theft

Off-Campus Senator Will Phipps reported that theft has become a major concern of off-campus students since the return from Winter Break. He suggests that all thefts should be reported to the Chestertown Police Department.

Other SGA News

According to Social Chairs John Buckey and Glenn Warner, at least five Comedy Club dates have been planned for this semester. $1 will be charged at the door, due to the scheduling of higher-priced acts. They are also looking at the possibility of renting a small yacht in order to have a cruise.

The SGA approved $1750 for Monday's "Blizzard of Bucks" game show in the CoffeeHouse. $100 was also allocated for an ad to be placed in this year's lacrosse program.

*Club funding forms are due by today in the Student Affairs Office. The Organizations Committee will meet Tuesday, February 4 from noon - 7 pm in the Sophie Kerr Room, located in Miller Library.

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Kathy Mills: The Exclusive ELM Interview

By **John Blakelock**
Staff Writer

Kathy Mills is a music professor at Washington College and is giving a concert of piano music entitled "A Celebration of American Women Composers" tonight January 31, at 8:00 P.M. in Tawes Theatre.

Kathy Mills: The first thing I want to say is "WHY AM I DOING THIS!"

John Blakelock: Are you really that nervous about doing this concert?

KM: You're always nervous. There's always an edge, but I've been nervous about it a long time. The hardest stage was getting everything memorized. That was really very difficult. I was really very busy last semester with the combination of my teaching, the celebration of coeducation, and some other committees that I'm on and that made it hard to get two hours of practicing in. Once classes stopped then I started practicing more and things started to move along a lot faster.

JB: When would you say you memorized everything?

KM: Oh, Yesterday. No, I always try to have the program memorized four weeks ahead so I can practice playing it, but I didn't quite manage that. I've still been having some memory slips. I don't want to talk about this any more; it's bad luck.

JB: When was the last time you performed by yourself for the college?

KM: Well, I gave a recital here . . . it's been a long time . . . that was in 1985. But I gave a recital in Illinois in 1988. I played two of the same pieces when I gave a lecture-recital on Women Composers for a Women's Music Organization which has been a flourishing organization for a good hundred years.

JB: Do you think that you would have performed a concert of Women Composers regardless of the celebration of coeducation?

KM: Yes, I do. This was my idea for my contribution to the celebration, but it's just a matter of what really inspires you to work to practice. I tried some other literature, but I kept gravitating toward this literature because I didn't know it and had been a matter of digging it out. It took me a long time to put this program together learning it, but before that it took me a long time to pull the music together. It certainly wasn't a matter of going to a music store. It's so frustrating. I can go to Dale Music, which is the biggest music store around that I can think of that I go to, and I can still can pull out the drawer for Mrs. Beach and there isn't anything there, and she's the best known female composer at least in this country, I think. Somehow I feel more passionate about this literature right now and curious about it, and that motivates me to do a program of it, and I'm pretty confident that most people haven't heard any of these pieces.

Professor Kathy Mills at her piano.

We are only now just beginning, in the past twenty years, to dig out this music and look at it, scrutinize it, begin publishing it, and begin performing it. That's exciting to me. I want to be a part of that.

JB: Do you get the feeling that if you didn't do this program, no one would?

KM: Yes! Absolutely. I know that's a disturbing thought. There aren't that many people who are specializing in this repertoire. That's the first thing, and the second thing is that this isn't music that sits on every pianist's shelf.

JB: Why would you say that women composers have been forgotten? Is it because they were women, or because there weren't as many of them, or maybe because they weren't taken as seriously as their male counterparts. I know more and more today the distinction is becoming less obvious and the woman composer is being encouraged.

KM: Everything you say is true. The woman composer is being encouraged, but there are still people who are my age who think back to graduate school with dismay, because they saw their compositions' male counterparts getting the nice word from the department chairmen or commissions and so forth, and the women bypassed in that respect. So there are more subtle things that have been happening in the recent future, but the situation is of course much better today. There probably weren't as many women composers in the nineteenth century as men and there were so many avenues that weren't available to them. So in the nineteenth century what we find women composing is piano pieces and songs; things that were acceptable for women to perform. There have been so many obstacles, and the obstacles aren't only the obvious problems like sexism, but other kinds of obstacles that are more subtle.

JB: Do you have a certain resentment towards the way women composers have been treated?

KM: What I feel is not resentment or anger as much as sadness. In a way its just sad every time I think about Fanny Mendelssohn and Felix Mendelssohn. I think its a tragedy. I don't know that there was any difference at all in their compositional ability, and yet because of the status of her family and the opinion of her father and brother, it wasn't the place of the woman to do anything else but to nurture a family. She wasn't given the opportunities to travel and to compose larger works; who knows what she would have been able to do. We are only now just beginning, in the past twenty years, to dig out this music and look at it, scrutinize it, begin publishing it, and begin performing it. That's exciting to me. I want to be a part of that.

JB: Do you get a different feeling when you're playing music by women composers than when you're playing something like Beehtoven or Chopin?

KM: I'm very glad you asked me that, because at the beginning I didn't have any comment about that and in the process of working on this music I actually haven't thought that, "Gee this is really a lyrical section here, it sounds just like a woman wrote it." Nothing like that has ever occurred to me. I sense there isn't any difference in the music. I just don't get any different feeling at all.

JB: But you said earlier you get more passion from playing this music?

KM: Yes, I do feel more passionate, but I don't feel that there is a different message or that the composer has a different way of expressing herself because she is a women.

JB: You wouldn't say that there maybe a different sensibility at work?

KM: I think that's a pretty involved question and I would actually have to play more music before I could answer that question. I would say that that was a careful choice of words when you used the word sensibility, because that may be a factor and probably is a factor, it simply was one that the music didn't call to my attention as I was working on it. My husband always teases me about playing music by women and suggests that it's frilly, but that really isn't the case. There's never a point when I start out a piece and I think about the mood I want to convey and think, "this is feminine."

JB: Do you feel more pressure, in that you better perform this music well or people might not take it as seriously as they might more standard music?

KM: I think there's no doubt as to the quality of this music. I don't think I have to work harder to sell this music at all, because I think it's really viable and fine music.

CAMPUS CALENDAR JAN. 31 – FEB. 6

January 31 - February 6

Friday January 31 - Monday February 3
Film Series: Cyrano de Bergerac
Norman James Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

Friday January 31
Vendor: Greek clothes & paraphernalia
CAC Lobby, 9 a.m. - 12 noon

SGA CLUB FUNDING FORMS DUE
Student Affairs Office, 4:00 p.m.

Piano Concert: Professor Kathy Mills
"A Century of Music by American Women Composers"
Tawes Theatre, 8:00 p.m.

Saturday February 1
Dance Concert: International folk dance
The Penn State International Dancers and Mor'Yana
Tawes Theatre, 8:00 p.m.
Admission: $5.00/adult, $3.00/students & seniors

Monday 3
Environmental Forum: Chesapeake Bay Foundation presents
A forum on environmental issues & the State Legislature
Hynson Lounge, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday 4
SGA CLUB FUNDING MEETINGS
Sophie Kerr Room, Miller Library

Literary House Film: Wings of Desire
Rescheduled from last Tuedsay
O'Neill Literary House, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday 5
WAC Radio Meeting
CAC Commons Room, 7:30 p.m.

Writers' Union presents:
The Annual Fresman Reading
O'Neill Literary House, 8:00 p.m.

Thursday 6
LAST DAY TO CHANGE TO PASS/FAIL

The Art Exhibit Stephanie Sove-Ney: Recent Works *will be open Thursday - Sunday from 1 - 5 p.m. in Tawes Theatre.*

Reminder: this week is Rush week for Greek organizations on campus.

"Gaia and God"

By **Tanya L. Cunic**
Staff Writer

Last Thursday, Rosemary Ruether informed ecologists and feminists that their seemingly individual causes were actually intertwined. Rosemary Radford Ruether, author of Sexism and God-Talk , spoke to the Washington College Community on "Gaia and God," a feminist perspective on the earth.

For those who have not read *Sexism and God-Talk,* Ruether's historical account of the origins of male domination over women was a compelling argument. She explained that women were identified with nature and men were associated with culture. Due to the biological function of reproduction, women became the primary maintenance workers. They were associated with daily routine and the chores needed to survive on a daily basis. Men, on the other hand, situated themselves in work situations that required spurts of energy, such as hunting. Therefore, men had more leisure time than women to establish and define cultural prestige.

This leisure time also allowed men to establish themselves as powerful and elite not only regarding women but also in relation to animals and the land. The creation of the plow shifted male power from hunting and gardening to wanting ownership of the land. Men felt that it was their right to enslave animals such as the ox to aid in this process. Eventually, owning animals to help farm the land led to owning other humans as slaves. Domination and destruction was rapidly becoming the norm.

Ruether then suggested that this dominance was also reflected in religion. The Judeo-Christian religions established a male God/female Nature hierarchy. God was directly related to men and to elite culture, therefore females and nature had to submit to men to have any chance of being associated with the Divine.

It is this dream of conquest and elite association that has turned into a nightmare. Ruether stated that through ignoring the concept that the food chain can and will survive without human intervention, humans have been their own worst enemies. Technological advancements may have helped solve problems initially, but more problems arose. For the sake of affluence and control, State budgets have given to defense and weapons the lion's share of tax funding. This is horrendous, considering there are now more people on the planet than the food supply can support.

Ruether suggested that there must be a radical change in thinking and action. Society must first reshape their dualistic concept of reality. Humans are the great dependents of the food chain; animals will survive without human interference. Also, humans must revisualize their part in the ecological system. It is our society's duty to harmonize with the natural world around us. Finally, if humans re-examine their relationship with God as that of a life-sustaining matrix, rather than one to be equated with dominance, it can create a social mutuality that will benefit nature and human relationships.

Rosemary Ruether challenged the audience to re-examine their thoughts on chauvinism, dualism, and ecology. At the same time, she encouraged us to change our lifestyles to safeguard the earth's ecological health, and thus insure our own survival.

Romance Abounds in *Cyrano de Bergerac*

Production Set for Valentine's Weekend

By **Rachael Fink**
Staff Writer

The first snow is slowly melting from the ground. The crew team is slowly getting ready for their first race. And the first show of this semester is progressing "slow and sure as rehearsals should," says director Carey Smith.

Her sights set on the Valentine's weekend opening, Smith is becoming more and more excited about her production of *Cyrano de Bergerac*, the perfect play for a holiday weekend full of Cupids and lace hearts. The play, about two men who together make the perfect lover and the woman they romance together, is not only about love but has been loved by Smith, who "fell in love with Cyrano as a senior in high school." The play is her "favorite in the whole wide world," and even after long rehearsals and the reality of production she is sill more excited about it than ever.

Carey Smith admits that many people are helping her to put up the production. Debbie Johnson is Smith's stage manager with Melanie Green assisting her. Deidre Riegel has designed the set and Jason West, as Technical Director, will supervise the construction of it. Smith has a cast of about twenty-one, including Bruce Hamilton as Cyrano, Stephanie Hess as Roxanne and Ryder Daniels making a special appearance.

There is nothing as romantic as a special night at the theater and there is not a more romantic show to see with your Valentine than *Cyrano de Bergerac*. The show opens on Thursday the 13th of February and plays until that Saturday. The curtain goes up at eight and no reservations are needed.

Editor's note: the Film Series will show the movie Cyrano de Bergerac *Friday, Jan. 31 - Monday, Feb. 3; the Drama Department production by Edmond Rostand will play onstage Feb. 13 - 15. Both events are free and open to the public.*

Labour M.P. Speaks

By **S. Ross Koon**
Staff Writer

Last Wednesday, the Society of Junior Fellows sponsored a presentation by Mrs. Gwyneth Dunwoody, M.P. (Labour). Although the announced topic of Mrs. Dunwoody’s talk was the nature of politics in Britain after Thatcher’s ouster, she chose not to emphasize the effects of Mrs. Thatcher’s departure from Downing Street. She explained this by averring that the British political system is “. . . not a system which relies on a strong leader, as amongst 15 Cabinet Ministers there are many people capable of running the government—even in Conservative governments.” Mrs. Dunwoody expounded upon the nasty side effects of the Conservative’s long superiority in Parliament and emphasized the Labour Party’s new vision for Britain’s future.

When Mrs. Dunwoody did speak of ex-Prime Minister Thatcher she did so in terms which were somewhat unflattering, saying that when Mrs. Thatcher appears in public she now looks “. . . rather like one of those vultures you see sitting on the ground.” She then noted that some might misinterpret her previous statement as being malevolent and defamatory in intent and amended herself by stating Thatcher did not in fact resemble a vulture, but rather a fish eagle. Mrs. Dunwoody then proceeded to enumerate all the unsavory qualities of that particular raptor.

These humorous interludes belied the seriousness of Mrs. Dunwoody’s message and intent. When she described the severity of the problems plaguing Britain under the Conservative regime, she did so passionately and persuasively. She noted that unemployment had increased by 47% during a one year period amongst her constituency and that the so-called “educational reforms” of the Tory government had left many schools starved for funds. She also blamed the Conservatives for Britain’s rising dropout rate. She then described the decline in the standard of living in Britain and attributed this to the Tory’s relentless slashing of social programs and regressive tax policy.

Mrs. Dunwoody was at her most compelling when speaking of the Labour Party’s platform in the upcoming elections. The platform as Mrs. Dunwoody presented it is a simple one which stresses that the Labour Party seeks to improve the quality of life in Great Britain through investment in productivity, education and the National Health Service.

Although it was evident that she could be quite specific when discussing issues and statistical data, it appears that this is not the approach that Mrs. Dunwoody or the Labour Party will use in the upcoming elections: “I would like to speak to people in more emotional terms and ask them: ‘Do you want a fair society, or do you want one where people are sleeping in shop doorways and our streets become as filthy as those of the Third World?”

If Mrs. Dunwoody is typical of the Labour Party, then it is apparent that they have learnt not only how to successfully provide economic stability in today’s international climate, but also how to effectively address the issues facing their constituencies. Mrs. Dunwoody emphasized that the primary reason for the dominance of the Conservative Party has not been a rightward swing amongst the electorate but rather the failure of the Labour Party to show that social benefits on the quality of life is no less than the impact of wages on the quality of life.

It is clear that the Labour Party will not make the same mistake in the upcoming elections. Mrs. Dunwoody proposed lowering the taxes of most of the people of Great Britain, and this plank in Labour’s platform will not only win votes but may also provide great stimulus to consumer spending. This comes at a time when the Tory’s overwhelmingly unpopular poll tax is still in effect, and some Conservatives are suggesting a value added tax of *21%!* If the Labour Party is successful in conveying to the electorate the message that their policies will end the current economic malaise and raise the British standard of living, then Labour will doubtlessly score an overwhelming victory in the upcoming Parliamentary elections.

Penn State Dances for Cultural Diversity

Penn State International Dancers perform Philippine Binasuan.

By **J. Tarin Towers**
A&E Editor

The Washington College Department of Dance is doing its part to continue the trend of promoting multiculturalism on campus. This Saturday, February first, the Penn State International Dancers and Mor’yana will perform a concert of international folk dance and music, representing seven nations from around the world.

The PSID will ensemble will include Slovakia, China, Yugoslavia, the Philippines, India, and Bulgaria. The Slovakian harvest festival leads to the “flaskovsky,” or bottle dance, involving intricate footwork to keep from knocking over the array of bottles left as the aftermath of the revelry. Perhaps even better is the Filipino “Binasuan,” in which three girls dance with full glasses of wine balanced on their heads. The rest of the repertoire includes fairy tales, prayer dances, and love songs.

Mor’yana, a Baltimore dance company, is comprised of PSID alumni. Their specialty is Ukrainian dance, and they will perform eight traditional dances from that region. This collection of ritual dances and physical challenges should shed some light on this unique Soviet nation.

The entire dance concert should prove to be both entertaining and educational, as the dress will represent each individual nation, and the dance numbers will illustrate not just the music, but the spirit of the countries portrayed.

Deidre Riegel is the lighting designer, assisted by Jason West. The concert is scheduled for Saturday night at 8:00 p.m. in Tawes Theatre. Admission is $5.00 for adults; $3.00 for students and seniors.

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scene of Washington College Lacrosse this year.

TC: Well, I give them a lot of credit. Obviously, we all make some mistakes. Some people turn and run from them and some people turn and make amends and take them head on. I think they're real excited to be back here and we're certainly real excited to have them back. I think it says a lot about their character.

ELM: How have the many transfer lacrosse players this season adapted to your game and to Washington College's style of play? Are you having any problems breaking down old habits that don't fit into your gameplan?

TC: Well, in general this is a whole new group. Even the kids that played last year, the majority of them were moved up from the B-Team a week before we played Hopkins—they had no Fall Ball, they had no pre-season, I mean, they were really lambs led to the slaughter. They were young but they didn't have the benefits of a preseason that everybody that we played had. I think the kids that have come in are excited to be here. I think they're happy to have the opportunity to play. I think they're excited about the tradition here. The coachability of this group, of the kids that have come in and the group as a whole has just been outstanding. As coaches we've been just looking at each other and grinning—it's going to be a lot of fun. This is going to be a fun group to work with this year.

NEWT'S

Player of the Week

NEWT's Player of the Week

Welcome back to another Earth Shattering issue of WC ELM SPORTS. As you can see, there has been a change in this part of the sports section. Out of the kindness of their hearts (and in the interest of getting some *great* publicity) NEWT's has agreed to sponsor the Player of the Week. So . . . keep up the hard work and one Friday you may open the paper and find yourself the winner of this prestigious award, compliments of NEWT's, Spider-Man, and The Vaughnster!! And this week's pick . . . Two-Time All-American, senior swimmer, Kasey Carroll. She has won 21 events in her past 7 meets, keeping her undefeated in her specialty events. In addition, she currently holds 8 individual WC swimming records and shares 3 records in 3 relay events. This gives her a total of 11 records out of 23 events.

Says Coach Kim Lessard, "She is an incredibly dedicated student athlete and a super team leader." Congratulations Kasey and keep up the good work!!!

Mulvaney and Aylesworth Place First in 5K Snowball Run

By Charlie Linehan
Co-Sports Editor

On Wednesday, January 29th at 3:30 pm, the second 5k run this year was conducted at Washington College. Following the same course as the Turkey Trot last semester, the Snowball run was a great success.

Placing first in the men's division, John Mulvaney completed the run in 14:25 with Darryl Calloway and Ray Herndon close behind at 14:43 and 14:52 respectively. In the women's division, Elizabeth Aylesworth placed first, finishing in 19:09. Jennifer Bornfriend captured a close second place at 19:11 and Amy McCleary came in third at 20:18.

Said Assistant Event Organizer Margaret Doyle, "Overall, I thought the Snowball Run went well. We had great student participation, including both the Women's Lacrosse team and the Men's Crew team. Dennis Berry has done an outstanding job with the REC Sports program by offering a variety of activities to encourage all students to participate."

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CORCORAN: '92 LAX Preview

By **Charlie Linehan**
& Chris Vaughn
Sports Editors

On Tuesday, January 28th we met with Head Lacrosse Coach Terry Corcoran to discuss the upcoming Lacrosse season. One year after the disheartening van incident, which had such a detrimental effect on the remainder of the season, Washington College Lacrosse is back in action. With a promising group of young recruits joining the players from last year's squad, Washington will certainly be a force to reckon with as they enter the ever more competitive Middle Atlantic Conference for the first time. Here is what Coach Corcoran had to say:

ELM: Considering the press which Washington College Lacrosse received last season regarding the van incident, how do you think the program's ego has been affected and how will it bounce back from that publicity.

Terry Corcoran: I think it's going to be an exciting year. I think everybody in the world of lacrosse has kind of got their eye turned down to Chestertown to see what's going to happen . . . you know, it was a tough year last year and I thought the kids did a great job . . . there were certainly adverse circumstances and everybody here threw their shoulders back and we went out and played the schedule—we didn't make any excuses, we didn't whine, we didn't complain, and I think we got a lot of respect in the lacrosse world because of that. Again, I think there's a lot of anticipation to see what kind of team is going to come out of Chestertown this year.

ELM: Is this Washington College's first year in the Middle Atlantic Conference?

TC: Yes it is.

ELM: Will we still be facing teams like Hobart, Salisbury, and Johns Hopkins? How will the schedule change? Who will we be dropping and who will we be picking up?

TC: Well actually, we've always played a number of MAC teams—we've played Franklin and Marshall, we've played Gettysburg, we've played Western Maryland over the years. What's happened is, the last two or three years we've really had trouble scheduling teams. We only had eleven games the last two years which really aren't enough games for a season. We've played some pretty tough schedules but we haven't been able to play the Wednesday games—nobody's played us. The schedule this year will be fifteen games with a possible sixteenth game if we make the MAC championship . . . and for a young team, like we are going to be, we need to play games. We needed to play games last year but we only had eleven. The schedule this year will still include Hopkins, Navy, Hobart . . . four of the top ranked teams in Division III—the top eight teams we'll be playing . . . so it's still going to be a pretty competitive schedule. You go back to the '85 schedule—that's the year we beat Hobart and Navy—you see Gettysburg, Western Maryland, Franklin and Marshall, Saint Mary's . . . we had those Wednesday games and that gave the younger kids a chance to play and participate. The last two years, teams have been refusing to play us. By going back in the league, we're forcing some teams to play us.

ELM: Why were the other teams refusing to play us? Because we were so talented?

TC: Yes, we were having trouble getting games. . . . The schedule is still going to be one of the top two or three schedules in Division III. The last couple of years it's been the top and it's still going to be probably ourselves and Hobart that are going to play any type of schedule like this.

ELM: How do think the competition is going to be in the MAC?

TC: Well, we used to play more teams from Virginia, like Roanoke and Hampden Sydney, and right now, the MAC teams are tougher—Franklin and Marshall and Gettysburg have been in the top 8. So, I think we've elected to go into the MAC for a couple of reasons—one, more games, two, the league's tougher now than the Virginia league was, and three, economically. We can go over and play Gettysburg, that's a top-ranked team, for a lot less money than going down to Virginia to play somebody that's not ranked.

As Coaches we've been just looking at each other and grinning --- it's going to be a lot of fun. This is going to be a fun group to work with this year.

Photo courtesy of Gary Brown

Dave Lipinski in action.

ELM: With the understanding that you haven't selected the final squad yet, are there any key players that Washington College fans should be paying special attention to?

TC: Well, in general, we've got about forty-five kids out and they're just doing an excellent job . . . attitude-wise, this is one of the best attitudes we've gone into a pre-season with in a number of years—we're really pleased with all the kids. There won't be many upperclassmen. We've got one returning All-American, Kevin Doyle. He'll be a Senior. John Kelly will be a Senior. Scott Overend, who was out of school last year because of financial difficulties, is a Junior this year and should be one of the better defensemen around. Doyle will certainly be one of the best defensemen around. There's been a number of transfers . . . attack-wise, Jason Paige came in from Syracuse as a Sophomore, Chris Cote from Loyola is a Sophomore, Harris Murphy is a transfer from Villa Julie in Baltimore, he'll be a Junior. Greg Lawler's a Freshman attackman doing a real nice job, from the Salisbury School. In the midfield, we've got a lot of the midfielders back, a lot of the young kids that played last year. We're moving some attackmen—we've moved Stu Warner to midfield, Brian Flynn's a transfer, Jamie Carver from last year, John Hernandez is back in midfield, Peter Greene, David Lipinski, of course, who played an awful lot last year. There are some nice Freshmen, Greg Miller, Chris Boone. . . . It's hard to single out any kids because right now I think that we've got a wave of kids that are in great shape and doing a good job. Defensively, we've had some nice Freshmen come in. We've picked up a couple transfers, Pat Lebowitz from Towson, Jon Clayton, who was from Maryland, is back playing this year. Tim Riggins, from Towson State, has come in, as well as some of the younger kids that played last year—the Ratta brothers are doing a great job. It's hard to mention one or two names without starting to roll through about forty of them—it's going to be a fun group to coach this year.

ELM: Offensively, it seems that the team is very strong but after last year it seems like you have had to recover defensively—how well do you think you've accomplished that?

TC: Well, at this point we haven't beaten anybody. We've got a number of more athletes this year on defense—we've got a number of more athletes in general. Again, it's going to be a young team—we're probably going to start off slow. It's going to be a team I think that's got the potential to improve through the year. It's certainly a team that's going to be a great team in two or three years but, obviously we're looking for this season. I would anticipate that we are going to have to depend on our defense early and it's probably going to take awhile to score some goals because we're young. Most of the kids who have blossomed here into All-Americans have done it in their Junior and Senior years . . . we're going to be playing a lot of Freshmen and Sophomores. . . . We've got a little depth that we haven't had in the past. We certainly had no depth last year and it will be nice to have a little bit this year.

ELM: Obviously the loss of Dave Slomkowski in goal is big, not to mention the absence of last year's back-up goalie Justin Wiest. In light of the return of John Kelly and the addition of Simmons, Forti, and Manos, how does the situation in goal stack up this season.

TC: At this time, none of them have been under fire—they've all done a nice job in practice. Three of the last four goalies here have been first team All-Americans and that's because of one fella . . . Clint Evans is our goalie coach. He played goalie for Washington in '76 when we beat Johns Hopkins and fortunately he runs a business in town. He'll start with the goalies next week—he's the guy in charge of them. The goalies that we've had here didn't come in here with accolades a mile long—David [Slomkowski] certainly didn't. He was out of DeMatha High School. The goalie before that, Larry Boehm, wasn't even recruited—he ended up being MVP of a Division III championship game. The goalie before that, Greg Baker, was player of the year so . . . Again, these are young kids, with the exception of John Kelly but, whoever's in there it's going to be their first year, and it's going to be a learning experience. We certainly have got enough depth in the goal to play more than one goalie but, . . . I think the strength and advantage we've got in the goal is the fact that we've got Clint Evans working with these kids.

ELM: How well have Kevin Doyle and Greg Mouracade come back into the

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Men's Swimming Keeps Shattering Records

By **Chris Vaughn**
Co-Sports Editor

The WC Aqua-Men travelled north this past Saturday to face the Red Devils of Dickinson and although they may have dropped this one, 126-76, the men continued their unbelievable pace, breaking five more WC records.

David Cola may have been the star this week as he won the 50 free and swam the 500 free for the first time, setting a new record of 5:05.79. Says Coach Kim Lessard, "Dave's times give him an excellent chance to make the top 10 at the MAC's."

Jason Campbell also won WC a first place in the 200 breast and set a new team record, while Tim Whittier rewrote both backstroke records. He set the new record at 2:17.2 in the 200 back and was the first WC man to break 1:00 in the 100 back at 59.3.

These three then joined forces with the added efforts of Tyler McCarthy for the "freshman" relay and achieved a new record in the 400 medley relay.

Super performances were also turned in by Dave Czekaj and Troy Petenbrink in the 500 and 1000 free.

Mike Bowman and Mike Frey gave what they could, scoring important points in the 50 and 100 frees while Brian Basso and Andy McKim also scored in the 50 free, 100 fly, and 100 breast.

The final performance of the day was turned in by the combined efforts of Tim Whittier, Brian Basso, Mike Bowman, and Chris Freisheim who won the last event, the 400 Free Relay.

In recognition of the team's accomplishments, Coach Lessard said, "The team has been working very hard and it has really paid off."

Their next meet is away against Lebanon Valley on February 8th.

WC Aquawomen Fall to Dickinson

By **Chris Vaughn**
Co- Sports Editor

The Aqua-women suffered a loss this week at the hands of the Dickinson Red Devils, 117-81, but, says Coach Lessard, "Many of the girls were sick this week, so I give them a lot of credit just for their dedication to the team."

NEWT's Player of the Week and captain Kasey Carroll stole the show and remained undefeated in her specialty events of 500 free, 1000 free, and 200 fly.

Mimi Devlin also had a fairly good day placing second in the 200 IM with third place and a personal best time in the 500 free. In addition, she accompanied Magdalena Fuchs, Nancy Whiteman, and Jen Green for first in the 400 free relay.

Amy Draper's intensity was exemplified with her two personal best times in the 100 and 200 fly which puts her fourth on the All-Time Washington fly swims list.

Important point scoring came from other members of the team, including Leslie Newcomb, Nancy Whiteman, Eleanor Shriver, and Beverly Diaz. Joan Colton, Ramsey Bigham, and Dede Swinden also swam competitively for WC while Karen Pendergast and Jen Green aided in the effort.

Looking at the final stretch of the season Coach Lessard stated, "We are now in the countdown for the MAC Championship. If everyone stays focused and healthy then we will have an exciting meet."

Considering how close the WC Aqua-women are to a 6-2 record, they should place well and prove quite capable in the MAC's. Thanks to Coach Lessard and the swimmer's strong desire, the team may end up in pretty good shape after all. Good luck to the Aqua-women against Lebanon Valley!

Joan Colton, competing in the breast stroke, comes up for a quick breath of air.

Photo courtesy of Gary Brown

Women's B-Ball For Real

By **Margaret Doyle**
Staff Writer

The Washington College Women's Basketball team trounced Chesapeake College this past Saturday here at the Cain Dome, 65-9, which boosted their record to 3-2.

Kristy Hilgartner and Margaret Doyle led the team in scoring with a combined total of 32 points while Pam Hendrickson lead the team in assists and contributed 9 points of her own.

With balanced scoring, superb coaching, and fantastic fans, the Shorewomen have proved to be a competitive team in the league. REC Sports Director, Dennis Berry, commended the team on their first successful season. "The progress of the women's club program is an excellent example of what club sports are all about. These women have worked as hard on organizing their sport as they have on refining their basketball skills," said Berry.

The team travels to Chesapeake College next Tuesday, February 4th, at 5:00pm, which is also their last game of the season.

Thanks to all who came out to support the team and witnessed Washington College Women's Basketball at its finest. A special thanks to President and Mrs. Trout for cheering the team on to victory. Come and experience the thrills & chills of Washington College Women's Basketball!

Washington Men's B-Ball Struggles

By **Melissa Harmeyer**
Staff Writer

This past week proved unsuccessful for the men's basketball team as they lost two tough games to Hopkins and Swarthmore respectively.

The Sho'men may have been down, but not out, as they demonstrated superb effort.

The trio of Tim Liddy, Darren Vican, and Allen Lester topped the scoring charts of both games. Versus Hopkins, Liddy had 12, Vican 18, and Lester 11 points.

The #1 Blue Jays brought their best to Chestertown last Wednesday, January 22nd for their first showdown with the #2 Sho'men. Entering the match against Washington, whose record stood at 8-7, Hopkins had an 11-0 record in overall MAC standings. As halftime rolled around neither team was leading, an indication of the closely matched skills of both teams.

The Sho'men had trouble getting started in the second half and Hopkins took full advantage, leaving the WC boys with a devastating 73-59 loss.

Junior guard, Allen Lester, and senior forward, Tim Liddy, topped the scoring charts once again on Saturday night's game against visiting Swarthmore. With 8:32 left in the first half, Swarthmore lead by 8 points, the highest lead of the game, but within the next four minutes the Shoremen had taken the lead only to lose it again at halftime, down 31-30.

The second half seemed to be all Swarthmore's as WC lead only twice in the first fifteen minutes. Yet WC persisted and with 2:13 left, Vican dropped a bucket to put Washington ahead by one. Sophomore guard, Charles Cummings, added to the lead by hitting two free throws with 1:31 remaining to put the Sho'men up by three.

WC stayed on top until the final four seconds of the game when Swarthmore's Matt Douglass was fouled while sinking a three pointer. The four point play put Swarthmore up for good as the Sho'men walked away from a truly hard fought loss, 83-82.

Next week's Elm will cover the Sho'men's busy schedule as they faced Ursinus Tuesday and traveled for revenge, revisiting Swarthmore on Swarthmore's turf, Thursday night. The B-Ball squad remains busy, going up against MAC competitor, Haverford, tomorrow night at Haverford.

The Big Man, forward Darren Vican, towers over three defenders to get his shot off.

Photo courtesy of Gary Brown

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Photo courtesy of Gary Brown

"Clyde the Glide" Rupert drives hard to the hoop, penetrating deep into the lane, as defenders look on in amazement. Rupert Jr. has the best total field goal percentage at 44.34% and the second best shooting percentage of the team at 45.63%. Says Assistant Coach Steve Johnson," Goeff's experience is really starting to show. He's played well up to this point and I think he's only going to get better."

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Neighborhood Association Discusses Off-Campus Students

By **Martha Kimura**
Staff Writer

The Old Chestertown Neighborhood Association discussed relations between the community and the college, as well as the introduction of block captains as part of a developing Neighborhood Watch program, when they held their monthly meeting on February 1 at the Kent County Library.

A major area of concern for many local residents is the relationship between the town and the college. The Kent County Police Department has a book containing the names, addresses, and phone numbers of every off-campus student, as well as the telephone numbers of their parents. This book was compiled by Jerry Roderick of the Washington College Security Department in order to insure the safety of off-campus students. "The one's (college students) he knows are trouble people, he lets me know... The college has been very, very cooperative." said Police Chief Bradley of the Kent County Police Department.

The police department has only had to resort to this book once. After a particularly boisterous off-campus student party that took place January 25 on Queen Street, a guest drove off the street, ran over some protective pilings, and destroyed a small tree. This tree had been planted as a memorial to a departed neighbor for their distinguished service to the community. However, despite isolated incidents such as this, the majority of town residents feel that the relationship between the town and the college is greatly improved from previous years. This may be due in part to the efforts made by many students to get to know their neighbors. This effort is greatly appreciated by fellow members of the community. One resident of High Street said that relations between him and his college neighbors were "a 1000 fold better than they were last year".

The Association also discussed the introduction of block captains as the next step in the development of a Neighborhood Watch program. The block captains will act as a liaison between town residents and the police force. When implemented, a resident could call his or her block captain if any suspicious incidents occur; in turn, the block captain will phone the police. This will prevent personal involvement of residents in potentially dangerous situations and will consolidate phone calls to the dispatcher. However, block captains should not be used in emergencies, such as burglary or assault. In these instances, the police should be notified directly.

Other topics mentioned at the meeting were the penalties of underage drinking and problem of parking, especially during off-campus parties. As the result of changing laws about the legal drinking age, the penalty for under-aged drinking has been divided into two categories. People under 18 who are caught drinking will have their parents notified and can be sentenced to community service. People between the ages of 18 and 21 are charged as adults, and can be fined or sentenced to community service, depending on the judge's decision. Another penalty for under-age drinking is the issuance of a civil citation. A civil citation can result in a fine of one hundred dollars.

In response to increased parking shortages amongst Chestertown residents, students were encouraged to utilize public parking areas such as schools and other parking locations when visiting friends off-campus for brief periods of time. Some members suggested that hosts should contact the public areas to inform officials before using parking at public facilities.

The next meeting of the Old Chestertown Neighborhood Association is scheduled for Saturday, March 7 at 10:00 a.m. at the Kent County Library. All members of the Chestertown community are welcome to attend.

SGA Presents Checks to Local Rescue Organizations

The Student Government Association of Washington College, in representing the student body, would like to take this opportunity to recognize the outstanding service of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Department and the Kent and Queen Anne's Rescue Squad. These two volunteer services have helped the college community so much this past year and in years past. In order to help continue this valuable service, which is unfortunately in jeopardy due to the proposed state budget cuts to EMS funding, the Student Government Association would like to show the students' appreciation for a job well done. To further this success, the student body has donated to Chief Alex Dolgus and Chief Richard White two checks of $650 each. We feel that the Fire Department and the Rescue Squad provide a vital public service not only to the Chestertown community but also to the Washington College community as well. We applaud your efforts and thank you again for your dedication to safety.

Proclamation of the Washington College Student Government Association

SGA President Kevin "Sparky" Kelly presents $650 checks to Chiefs Alex Dolgus and Richard White.

Dean McIntire Clarifies WC's Handling of Off-Campus Students

By **Pat Attenasio**
Editor-in-Chief

Many Washington College students have always lived off-campus in the greater Chestertown community, enjoying the serenity and freedom not afforded by a dormitory lifestyle. However, in the past five years, off-campus student living patterns have altered drastically, from rural, isolated areas to the tight, heterogeneous neighborhoods of Chestertown. These neighborhoods, like High and Queen Streets, include older residents, newlyweds, and numerous young children. Along with this migration of WC students into the community comes typical, college student related problems; noise, parking, disregard for neighbors. In short, all the problems associated with a nine-month (two semester) transient lifestyle. Many Chestertown residents are concerned about their new neighbors, and Washington College's

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Editorial

Editorial (An Impression of Last Monday's Faculty Meeting)

Before I accomplish anything with this editorial, are there any questions or problems that need to be addressed?

(*Speaker #1*-Chairman for the Committee of Faculty Members with Nothing Better to Do): -Yes, I have a problem with the phrase "editorial." It's too vague, too unassuming. Is there some way we could rephrase it so that its meaning is better understood?

(*Speaker #2*-Committee Representative for Professors in Love with the Sound of Their Own Voices) -Yes, I agree. Of course, it's written by the editor, so obviously the typesetter didn't write it. So, then, doesn't the phrase "editorial" seem redundant?

(*Speaker #3*-Sub-committee Representative for Loquacious Channelers of the Unknown to Everyone but Themselves) -If I might say something here, the committee purposely chose the term "editorial" for its redundant qualities. We are of course the faculty, we like things that are redundant...monotonous...tedious. In short, we favor anything that brings about ear-splitting, nail-biting boredom amongst the student body.

(*Speaker #4*-Professor with Nothing to Say, But is Pissed He/She Got Stuck With a Lousy Office in Ferguson) -I don't really have anything to add on this topic. I have no opinion whatsoever in fact. But I would like to add that the temperature level in the Ferguson drinking fountain is just not acceptable. Some of us have PhD.'s for crying out loud! We won't stand for lukewarm water!

Getting back to the issue on the table, how would you like to re-phrase the term "editorial" to better suit the interests of this institution?

(#1) -We might call it, "A Brief Segment of Exposition Concerning a Particular Aspect of Campus Life That Does Not Necessarily Reflect the Opinions of the Washington College ELM, but that of its Editor."

Do we have a second on this motion?

(#3) -Yes, I agree with it. But I would like to change the word "Aspect" to the phrase "Area of Interest."

Does everyone agree to the proposal of this addition. First to the rewording of the phrase "editorial" and then secondly, the altering of "Aspect" to "Area of Interest."

The faculty nods (off).

(#4) -Before we vote, I would also like to add that I find the toilet-seats in Ferguson to also be quite offensive. They are made of cold, gold-plated porcelain (Casey style), and whenever I sit on them, the shock is so tremendous, I often lose my train of thought....

All in favor of rewording the phrase "Editorial" to "A Brief Segment of Exposition Concerning a Particular Aspect of Campus Life That Does Not Necessarily Reflect the Opinions of the Washington College ELM, but that of its Editor," including the rewording of "Aspect" to "Area of Interest" please respond by saying, "Yeah."

Anyone? Ah, four votes. The nays have it. From now on, the official title of this column will be called "Editorial," allowing, of course, further debate on the subject at the next Faculty Meeting. Now, for the next order of business....

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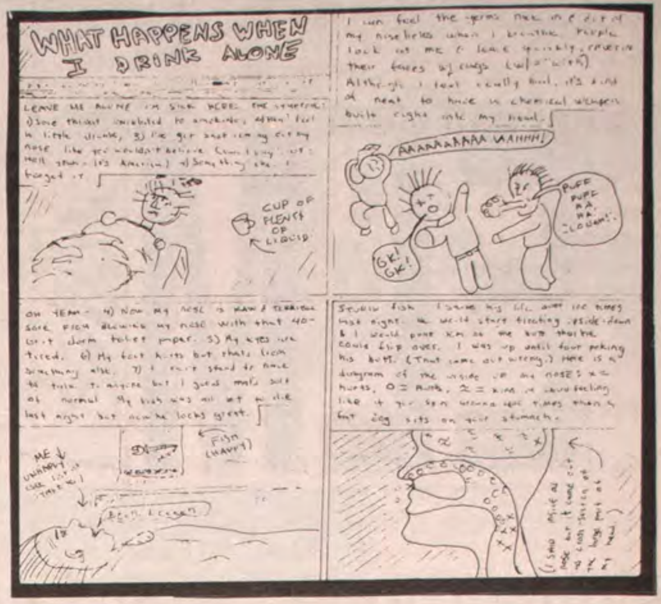
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Library Thanks Community's Patience

Dear Editor:

Last fall THE ELM ran a series of articles on the library's automation project. I requested the coverage so that the campus community could have a sense of the schedule we were on, of the enormity of the project, and of the contributions so many people made to achieve its success. We told you about administrative and donor support, the hard work of Judith Hymes and her corps of retrospective conversion students, and the faculty, administrators, students, Board Members, and staff involved in the evaluation and selection process.

There is a final group that I would like to note and thank publicly. These are the people who drilled the holes, installed the cables, provided the electricity, and otherwise prepared the building to receive the system. They did their work flawlessly so that, when all connections were finally made and we turned on the switch, everything ran as it was supposed to from the first moment. They also saw to it that the work was done on schedule.

All of us thank the following for making this phase of the installation go smoothly: Reid Raudenbush, Joe Cathers, Bob Homan, Jimmy Maitland, Neal Metzbower, Tim Moore, Rita Philips, Ginny Pyle, Dave Reihl, Louis Saunders, and Donald Starkey. There are probably a few more who were in and out before we could catch their names. We thank them, too.

Finally to the longsuffering students, faculty, and library staff who lived through the drilling, I hope we will all agree that it was worth it.

Sincerely,
William J. Tubbs
Librarian

Broadcast Misuse Condemned

To the Editor:

I would like to say a few things about the WC Macintosh network program called "Broadcast", both for students who have never encountered it, and particularly for the benefit of the students who do use, and possibly misuse it. Broadcast provides a unique opportunity for the students of Washington College to interact with one another. The apparent – no, make that the all too real – separatism and cliquishness practiced by our student body has been a source of chagrin for the administration, and hopefully for students as well. They ask, how can a multicultural curriculum be introduced if a more or less homogeneous group of students doesn't even talk to each other outside of narrowly defined social groups?

Through the use of pseudonyms Broadcast is providing students with a way to communicate with others not in their social sphere. Unlike the network access name, which has to be your own, the Broadcast name can be changed to anything. I have spoken to many people on Broadcast at some length, and when we finally get around to exchanging identities I discover that I have been conversing with a KA, or a rugby player, or someone else whom I, a non-partying, non-sports playing bookish sort, would not ordinarily strike up a conversation with. Often this realization marks the end of the conversation, perhaps because of those social stigmas, but if the students of Washington College are ever to burst their bud of isolation and blossom forth into acceptance of each other, it just might be Broadcast that provides the opening ray of sunlight.

Unfortunately, budding hormones seem to be all that interest some Broadcast participants, and it is of those people that I wish to speak. There has always been an element of raunchiness in Broadcast messages, aided and abetted by the reassurance of anonymity. Recently, however, the

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In Brief

Giant Baseball Coming to Town

The giant baseball is comming to Chestertown on Sunday, February 9, from 12 to 5. People are encouraged to come to the Chestertown Volunteer Fire House to sign his or her name. This baseball will be on display during the opening week of the session at the new stadium, Oriole Park at Camden Yards.

Requirements for Phi Alpha Theta, History Honor Society

The Washington College Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the national history honorary society, will be inducting new members this term. We don't want to overlook anyone who is eligible.

Membership requirements include a minimum of four history courses with a B+ average, a B average in two-thirds of the remaining course work, and a standing in the upper 35% of their class.

If you have not been notified that you are eligible and believe you are, please contact Professor Fallaw in Ferguson Hall, Room #24, or call extension 272.

Society of Junior Fellows Now Accepting Applications

The Society of Junior Fellows is now accepting applications for membership for the spring of 1992. Students must be at least in the second semester of their sophomore year to apply to the Society, which is "a collegium of scholars dedicated to the exchange of ideas."

Students interested in obtaining applications should contact their advisors, and must receive a recommendation from the Department Chair of the student's major field to be considered for membership.

Membership of the Society is limited to 40 students who have the best records and promise of those applying. Currently, the Society consists of 18 students from the classes of 1992 and 1993. There is an abundance of openings for this term.

Members are encouraged to engage in outside research projects as well as internships. They may apply for funding from the Society, to support these endeavors. Curator Davy McCall hopes to have the members' research papers published on campus.

Eastern Shore Crime Index

The crime index for the Eastern Shore during the last six months show that crime has gone down 11% in Kent County. This is the second highest drop in crime in Maryland. Dorchester County had the largest drop in Maryland, with a decrease of 22%. Somerset County, however, experienced an increase of 33%.

Archive Internships Available

The Maryland State Archives has four internships available this summer for its ten-week 1992 summer internship program. The internships are available to Maryland college students (graduate or advanced undergraduate) or Maryland residents attending an out-of-state school.

The purpose of this nationally recognized program is to expose interns to archival procedures. This includes establishing archival control over permanently valuable historical records and assisting researchers by answering mail and working in the public search room.

Qualifications for candidates include demonstrated academic excellence, preferably with an interest in archival science, history, library science or related fields. The salary is $2,100 each (before taxes). For information and application materials write to Archival Internship Program, Maryland State Archives, 350 Rowe Boulevard, Annapolis, MD 21401. Application deadline is April 1, 1992.

CAC Computer Classroom Once Again Closed to Public

By **Julie Greene**
Senior Office Manager

This past Monday, February 3, at the faculty meeting, Dean Taylor reported for the Committee on Academic Technology that the Casey Academic Center's computer classroom is once again closed to the public this semester.

Tim Kirk, the Assistant Director of the Computing Center, explained the two reasons the computer classroom has been closed. First, "the primary goal of the space is as a teaching facility. Having it open at night makes it difficult to guarantee the integrity of the classroom as a teaching facility," because students are moving files around and changing them. Kirk added, "The teacher's focus should not be on getting bugs out of the machine," before starting class.

Second, "there is an increasing academic pressure for that space to be available," as a classroom for laboratories. Presently the computer classroom is being used at night for Language and Psychology Labs.

Dean Taylor added to his announcement that although those fourteen computers will not be available to the students, the Computering Center has compensated by providing additional Macintoshes in the dorms and the Library.

Kirk confirmed this, stating that there are now dormitory clusters of computers in Somerset, Worchester, and all three floors of Minta Martin. Hard drives have been added to the Macs in Queen Anne and West Hall. The hard drives will improve the computers' speed, for they will no longer have to boot across the network. The Computing Center also anticipates upgrading the clusters in Kent House and Wicomico. There are also four new Macintosh LCs in the Library and four in the Computing Center.

If any professors wish to make the Computer Classroom available to their students for a lab, they can schedule a session to be supervised by the requesting professor. Also, the faculty may request certain software programs to be made accessible by the newly distributed computers on campus, so students will still be able to work on their projects outside of class time.

Kirk commented that the computers in the dormitories may be older, but that the only function they are not capable of doing, compared to the ones in the CAC, are high grade colorgraphics. Since 80 percent of computer use on campus is word processing, colorgraphics are not a necessity, especially with the current budgetary restraints. However, higher end functions are available for students on the departmental level.

"The computers in the dormitories are an experiment," stated Kirk. While the models are older, they are also sturdier, so they may withstand a greater risk of breakage. The computers in the dorms, "are better machines than what the **Elm** and college relations are currently using."

Kirk concluded that, "There will never be enough computers in the CAC classroom, so the long term goal is to put enough machines in the dormitories, where students traditionally do their work."

Campus Voices

Compiled by Dude Smith, *Photos by John Goebel*

Q: Would you treat your best friend differently if they told you they were gay or lesbian?

-"I'd support him, but I'd definitely feel weird."
Brad Harris
Freshman
Annapolis, MD

-"I don't know... I'd have to be put in the situation."
Shelley Brown
Freshman
Baltimore, MD

-"So long as I'm not the object of his desires I wouldn't mind. I might not get as drunk as I used to around him though."
Matthew Shields
Senior
Sterling, VA

-"It'd probably be a shock but I could handle it. Everyone has their own preference."
Bridgette Avant
Freshman
Gaithersberg, MD

-"I would never leave them on the wayside. I would talk through it with them even though I might not totally agree with them."
Kathy Mullan
Sophomore
Elkton, MD

- "I'd be really surprised but I wouldn't stop being good friends with them. If her lesbianism didn't get in the way before then why should it now?"
Marcie Duffy
Sophomore
Chesterfield, VA

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Student Lounge Opens

By **John Griep**
Staff Writer

The Washington College Student Activities Board celebrated the grand opening of the recently completed Student Study Lounge, in the old Bookstore location, with a reception in the basement of Hodson Hall on Wednesday night.

The **ELM** spoke with Teri Turmel, the Director of Student Activities and the Student Union, about her plans for the new Study Lounge. Turmel remarked that she envisions the lounge as ". . . a giant living room for the campus. It should be a center for the campus and when all the renovations are done to the building, it should be the congregating place for the campus."

The basement of Hodson Hall will now be termed the Washington College Student Union. This consists of the Snack Bar, CoffeeHouse, Arcade, and Study Lounge. Future renovations to the CoffeeHouse and Snack Bar areas will result in those two locations being transformed into one larger area. This will provide more room for events.

The Student Union will be open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. until 12 midnight. On Saturday and Sunday, it will be open from noon until midnight. However, if a function is being held in the CoffeeHouse, the Student Union will remain open until the end of the event. The Study Lounge will be a non-smoking area, however, the CoffeeHouse will be open for smoking. Alcoholic beverages purchased from the Snack Bar may be consumed throughout the Student Union during operating hours. Any inquiries regarding the use of the WC Student Union should be directed toward Teri Turmel, Student Union Director.

Conservation in America

By **Racheal Fink**
Staff Writer

BIO 489 90 HONORS Conservation in America. It's a rather daunting title for a course. Images of large texts are invoked by HONORS and long hours in the lab by BIO. As a result, only five brave souls are currently enrolled in Dr. Donald Munson's class. Dr. Munson stated that in reality the course is not filled with highly technical terms and theories but is rather "a study of the history of conservation in America."

The course starts with the "classical" conservationists, Henry David Thoreau and his contemporaries, and finishes up by examining the future of the eco-movement. The course touches on issues such as the effect of the sportsman on the push for animal preservation and species diversity in the 21st century. Dr. Munson explained that the texts would not be read with the usual philosophical emphasis but with a biological/ecological slant instead. Dr. Munson admits that conservation is not his area of expertise but he is learning along with the class as they study the works of conservationists. By offering these materials, Dr. Munson hopes to help students to "better appreciate how humans fit into nature rather than above it." He spoke of the need to understand the effect we have on the environment and that we are "a part of nature not separate."

In spite of the daunting title Dr. Munson says that it is not strictly a biology course and there are no prerequisites other than a GPA of 3.0 or higher. It has not yet been decided if the Conservation in America course will be offered again. Students should contact Dr. Munson if they are interested in taking the course in a future semester.

McIntire

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ment of these off-campus students.

In a telephone interview conducted on February 3, Maureen McIntire, Dean of Student Affairs at Washington College, classified the college's treatment of its off-campus students as a "two-pronged policy."

"Washington College is in the business of being good neighbors with the Chestertown community," McIntire stated. "Firstly, we do a fair amount of work with the off-campus students. In the beginning of the year, we write to all off-campus students with suggestions, practical knowledge for living within the community. We all remain in touch with the SGA throughout the year concerning student problems, including off-campus ones."

"However, secondly," McIntire added, "off-campus students are under the jurisdiction of the town, and they |the students| must be respectful of Chestertown's ordinances. Student Affairs can not intervene in those

SGA Report

With John Griep

The Washington College Student Government Association met this past Tuesday to vote on club funding and to discuss a number of important topics.

Vote On Student Activity Fee Increase

The Senate voted to request the Board of Visitors and Governors of Washington College to increase the student activity fee over a three-year period from $50 a year to $140. The biggest increase would occur in the first year with a jump from $50 to $100 annually. The fee would then increase $20 a year the next two years. Subsequent increases would be tied to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and would result in approximately 6% raises each year. This proposal must now be approved by the Board in order to be implemented.

Club Funding

The Senate approved club funding for this semester in the following amounts:

Amnesty International	$600
Anthro Society	$200
Beyond the Shadow Of a Trout	$100
Big Brother/Big Sister	$500
Campus Christian Fellowship	$350
Dance Club	$500
Debate Society	$300
GALA	$450
Gender Studies Group	$50
German Club	$700
Golf Club	$400
Hands Out	$200
Hillel	$500
Historical Society	$600
Inter Fraternity Council	$500
International House	$600
Investment Club	$350
International Relation Club	$800
Lit House Cafe	$200
Margaret Horsley Society	$400
Men's Volleyball	$300
Newman Club	$250
ODK	$250
Otherworlds/Open Minds	$500
Outdoor Skills	$250
Philosophy Honor	$600
Psi Chi	$150
Psychology Club	$400
Radio Station	$300
Riding Club	$350
Rugby	$500
Sane/Freeze	$500
Spanish Club	$350
Terra Firma	$400
Visual Artists Union	$500
WacHappenings	$500
WC Republicans	$300
William James Forum	$1000

Faculty Votes on New Evaluation Forms

A faculty meeting this past Monday resulted in substantial changes to the teacher evaluation forms that students are asked to fill out at the end of each semester. Currently, evaluation forms consist of statements calling for responses in the form of approval or disapproval on a one to five scale with one extremely open-ended question at the end. Responses to this question have been typewritten by staff in order to ensure the anonymity of the student. The faculty apparently determined that the current evaluation forms did not provide effective student criticism.

The new format would ask students to list their year and their major at the top of the form. It would also have a limited number of approve-disapprove questions and an increased number of open-ended questions in order to obtain more constructive criticism. However, these responses would not be typewritten by staff.

A number of senators and Executive Board members were concerned that student anonymity might be compromised due to these changes. SGA President Kevin "Sparky" Kelly was particularly concerned that these changes were made without any input from the Student Academic Council, which is comprised of both students and faculty. The Senate voted to have the Academic Council investigate the matter to determine if there was any student input into the revised form.

Student Reaction: The State of the Union Address

Julie Greene

President Bush's State of the Union Address has failed to bolster the enthusiasm of many Washington College students and faculty, especially concerning the issue of the economy.

Reminding the country of our armed forces' success in the Gulf War, President Bush used a similar strategy in his speech to attack the recession, claiming "This will not stand."

Professor Bailey of the Economics Department, remarked that it seems to him that "the economy is in a pretty difficult mood right now... a pretty pessimistic mood and the administration was counting on consumer spending to bring the economy out of the recession and lower interest rates to stimulate investment. So far, we haven't gotten the impetus to get out of the recession. Are Bush's policy changes going to do that?"

Bailey went on to say that the problems of our domestic economy will not be solved by "quick fixes," but that stability needs to be sought in the long run. The problems with our country's infrastructure are in the long term, not cyclical. "Deep changes need to be made in our educational system, industrial system...we have to do something about health care. We need a series of changes to make the majority of the public feel optimistic about the economy."

While Bush mentioned long run solutions in his address, whether or not they are enacted is in serious doubt. Senior Steve Boucher stated that "they are good proposals, but he said the same things before, and they won't be enacted. He may get a capital gains cut, but not what he wants and he won't get big defense cuts either."

Senior Brett McCrea commented, "Finally, our president is addressing domestic policy. It took four years and a recession."

Boucher added that there was nothing wrong with Bush's foreign policy, "he's done a great job and could win on that alone if not for the recession."

Both Bailey and Boucher mentioned the continuing importance keeping free trade alive. Boucher indicated that our government's administrators are beginning to acknowledge the fact that the automobile industry's problems are not necessarily Tokyo's fault; that perhaps the problem is in Detroit.

Currently, American auto manufacturers are laying off workers, meaning they will now lose their pensions and health benefits. Professor Bailey stated that the Japanese have a policy of making their workers feel secure in the long run, improving morale and productivity. He added that "bashing the Japanese may make some Americans feel good now, but it won't solve our economy's problems in the long run."

Politically speaking, both Boucher and McCrea found Bush's request for the line item veto bold. While McCrea agreed "it would stop a lot of the pork barreling going on and the wasting of funds," Boucher remarked that it would "take all the fun out of being a congressman."

Business Professor J. Wright was more concerned with Bush's views of the family structure. "What offends me most was the President's social commentary. Less than ten percent of people live in the sort of 'traditional family' the President wants to empower. As a former Goldwater Republican, I am concerned about Bush's efforts to discriminate against the majority for the sake of this small minority. The African-American, gay and lesbian, working women, Hispanic, Jewish, Muslim groups - all of whom may choose to live within the traditional family setting- are all growing at faster rates than is the 'traditional family' group. These are the people we need to empower."

Wright also expressed concern for the future stability of the banking system. Bush's proposal to allow people to withdraw from their IRAs will remove long term funding from the country's banks.

The question remains, will Bush's policies be passed or remain empty promises? It was what the majority of the public wanted to hear. As Senior Stephanie Tennyson put it, "you can definitely tell it's campaign time."

Bush's State of the Union Address: Same Old Line

S. Ross Koon

In 1980 Ronald Reagan promised America that he would eliminate the Federal budget deficit. Reagan posited that if taxes were cut increased investment would cause the economy to grow, thereby increasing revenue. Elimination of waste in "Big Government" would wipe out the deficit while simultaneously allowing for ever increasing defence expenditures. At the time George Bush was skeptical-he even coined the phrase "Voodoo economics" to lampoon Reagan's fiscal irresponsibility .

It's now twelve years later, and Bush has long since been co-opted into Reagan's borrow and spend school of budgetary tomfoolery. In last Tuesday's State of the Union address Bush said "I know we're in hard times, but I know something else-this will not stand." I don't know what "we" Bush is talking about, but he doesn't look like he's been missing any meals lately. And as for these hard times not standing-it reminds me of Reagan's promise to eliminate the Deficit. Now, after Reagan, I get a little cynical whenever a presidential candidate starts to make grandiose promises about the economy. Bush's fiscal 1993 budget calls for a $352 billion deficit which is likely to wind up being a $400 billion deficit after Congressional approval. Why on Earth is that deficit so astronomically large? The answer lies in the $214 billion in interest that must be paid in fiscal 1993. The more you borrow, the more interest you must pay. I know that sounds simple, yet if we as a nation do not learn that lesson quickly we are in for an embarrassment far larger than the one which would be created by having Bush regurgitate on the entire UN General Assembly.

Doesn't Bush care that this money must be paid back? Evidently not. Congress doesn't care either. The fact is that Bush and his Republocratic and Demublican cronies in Congress don't give a damn about the deficit because when the repo man comes to cart the Statue of Liberty off to Japan they'll all be too dead to care. We do not have a government of the people, for the people or by the people but rather a government of the old, for the old and by the old. Is it a coincidence that the largest entitlement program is Social Security, a program which chiefly benefits the aged? Is it a co-incidence that Social Security is the only entitlement program Bush explicitly excluded from any budget cuts? I think not. I recommend slashing Social Security to the bone.

Bush said on Tuesday that "Welfare was never meant to be a lifestyle. . . ." The same could be said of Social Security. It was never meant to be the primary retirement income, only a supplementary pension. Social Security is a program which directly siphons money off from the productive wage earner and places it in the well-lined pockets of the infirm, the unbalanced and the senile. It is America's sacred cow. During the past ten years the number of senior citizens living in poverty has declined by 1.4%-while the number of children living in poverty has increased by 2%. We as a nation are investing not in the future, but in the past. It is time to get Big Government out of the business of subsidizing the aged and to let American families take care of their own.

And as for Bush's proposal to withhold something like a dollar less a day from wage earner's taxes, it is nothing more than a hoax. It won't stimulate the American economy-it simply means that every week Americans will buy an extra can of Colombian Coffee rather than one new Japanese VCR when they get their refund check. This measure is nothing more than a band-aid which is remarkable only in that it enlarges the deficit and yet fails to lessen our tax burden by one penny. This proposal is more like a pinprick in the ass than a shot in the arm. And what the hell was Bush doing congratulating himself for the low annual rate of inflation? People aren't saving money because banks aren't paying savers high enough interest to warrant increased savings. The only people who give a damn about inflation are the rich who have large amounts of money tied up in long term investments and pensioners who rely on income from revenues from similar investments.

But what really incited my ire in Bush's speech was the following statement: "When Barbara holds an AIDS baby in her arms, and reads to children, she's saying to every person in the country 'Family matters.'" Aside from the fact that this is a meaningless statement of sentiment which says nothing about the concrete effects of Bush's policies on AIDS patients and families, I find it appalling that Bush not only denies AIDS babies the right to guaranteed national health insurance while simultaneously denying it's mother the right to abort the fetus rather than subject it to a life of slow death. If Bush had allowed the Federal Government to fund abortions for women with AIDS the nation would save money-but more importantly thousands of children would be saved from being born into a body damned by cruel fate.

Bush's position on this issue is representative of his stance on all others. He'll sympathize with people with AIDS while underfunding research to lessen their suffering. As the nation's economic leader he'll stand on the sidelines and cheerlead but he won't put on his pads and helmet. As the environmental leader in 1988 he blasted Dukakis on television for the state of Boston Harbor, yet he failed to even mention the nation's state of the environment in this year's State of the Union Address. As the education President he visits schools while continuing to spend more on subsidizing America's elderly than educating its children. At this point in his Presidency George Bush is looking less and less like Ronald Reagan and more and more like Herbert Hoover. Let's all see to it that his term in office ends just as Hoover's did.

Kaplan Makes Math Fun

By **Amanda Burt**
Staff Writer

Professor Gail Kaplan finds creative ways to make math fun for her students. She uses games to stimulate the learning process and encourage an active atmosphere in the classroom. Kaplan's unique teaching methods have been recognized both locally and nationally through her participation in math workshops. In December, she was appointed to the Committee on the Teaching of Undergraduate Mathematics of the Mathematical Association of America (MAA).

"Students must take most of the responsibility for learning," Kaplan says, "and my job is to find where their problem spots are and help them learn to learn. I am more like a resource person than an instructor."

WC's own Gail Kaplan.

Although she limits the amount of lecture time in her introductory courses, Kaplan finds that most students are willing to take the responsibility for learning. Because she works with students who often have low esteem and high anxiety, she emphasizes an active atmosphere where there is a give and take between the professor and student and students individually.

Kaplan wants her students to understand that there are lots of answers to different types of mathematical questions. She says that most instructors believe that there is only one way to do certain problems, but learning to creatively search for answers can counterract the pigeon-hole mentality. Kaplan also finds that it is often easier for younger students to be creative, as they have not yet learned *not* to be creative. Most others must train themselves to be creative.

Even the art student feels comfortable in one of Kaplan's classes. In order to demonstrate the relationship between math and art, she utilizes tess*elations*, a mosaic-like geometrical pattern which fills a plane surface without any gaps. Through trial and error, students must figure out what geometrical shapes will tesselate.

Writing is also used by Kaplan as a technique for learning, and she argues that it is an integral part of math. Mathematical research must be explained, and there is also a strong need to be able to understand math in layman's terms. Kaplan points to several recent best-sellers, such as *The Mathematical Tourist*, which make math accessible to the general public.

One game that Kaplan uses for Logic and Mathematical Investigations is called the Wiff' N Proof, a collection of about twenty games which forces students to think well. While speed is not important, she says, the first few games go quickly and the students are then willing to be more patient.

"In my Statistics class, I plan to illustrate the relation between predictions and reality by handing out packs of M & M's. Before they open them, I will have the students predict how many are in the package, and how many of each color there will be. Then I will put the collective results on the board and examine the accuracy of the predictions."

Students in Kaplan's Statistics class frequently work in small groups. "The ability to work in groups alleviates some of the tension that is present when the entire class works a problem together, and it stimulates the learning process, " she says. "It is very valuable if you can explain something because you must really know the material." Students in the groups compare their answers and share their reasoning. If there is an error in a student's approach, other members in the group discuss the problem and usually find a solution. Kaplan is used as a resource when the group cannot determine its mistake.

Response to her methods in the professional community is mixed. "Some people are incredibly enthusiastic and realize there need to be changes made in order to spark national interest for those who are less than highly able," Kaplan notes, "and there are significant numbers who believe that the way they were taught was good enough for them, and so it is also good enough for their students."

As a child, she grew up in the generation of "new math." While attending the smallest elementary school in Baltimore City, Kaplan learned advanced concepts in a different manner. Since then, she has dedicated herself to finding fun ways to stimulate interest in math. Kaplan regularly gives workshops at Georgetown East and Montessori International in Annapolis. In addition, she tries to visit one or two other schools each year. "I look at it as my contribution to the community," she says.

The MAA is also committed to improving Math instruction in the United States, and it recently chose Kaplan to be a member of the Committee on the Teaching of Undergraduate Mathematics. There are between twelve and fifteen other instructors from around the nation who are on the Committee. Kaplan's appointment is for three years. "Since we haven't had our first meeting yet, I'm not sure what we are planning to do. In the past, the Committee has sponsored some panel discussions and published a book about college teaching," she notes.

Kaplan came to WC four years ago after taking off one year. Before that, she worked at the Naval Academy for eight years. When she began, the first women students were graduating, and the Academy was not accustomed to having women around. She enjoys the more relaxed atmosphere at WC and the warmth of the students.

"I am glad to have the opportunity to teach innovative techniques here," Kaplan admits. "It's a real risk, both in the class and professionally. But I guess I'm a risk-taker, and I think that's what makes life exciting."

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Town Council Meeting

By **Martha Kimura**
Staff Writer

The Town Council met on February 3 for their monthly meeting. Some issues discussed were the lighting of the crosswalk, the parking situation, and the conditions of the houses rented out by absentee landlords.

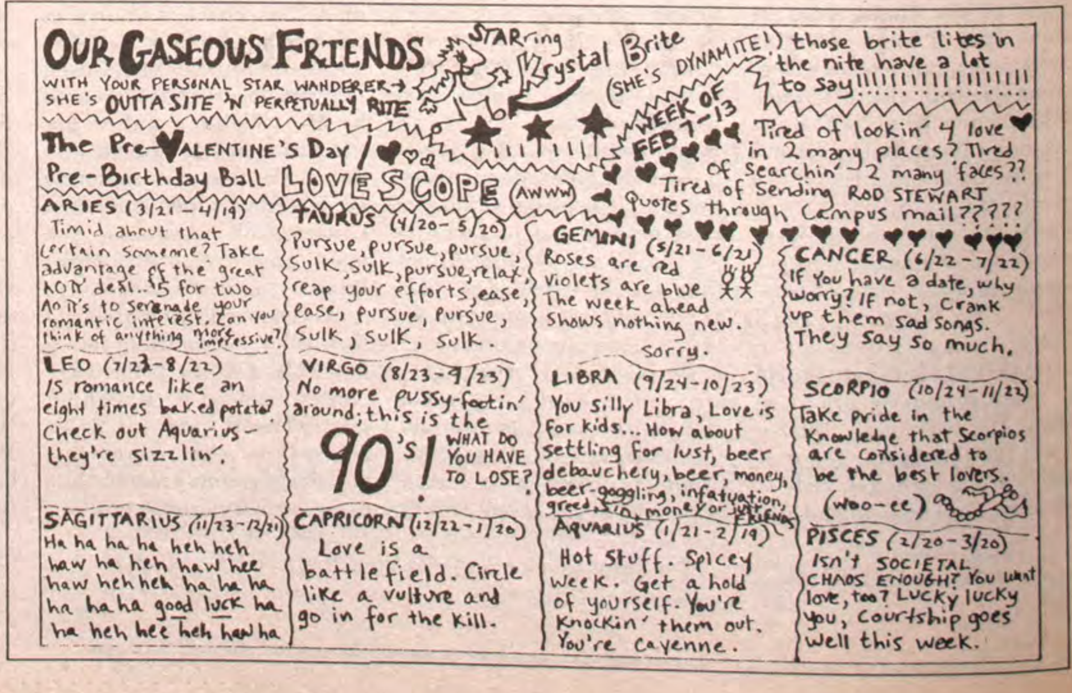
The crosswalk on 213 has proven to be a hazard to both pedestrians and motorists. The present lighting causes a glare that interferes with the vision of drivers. Mayor Horsey mentioned the three lights removed by the college for aesthetic beauty. The lights were atop poles, 27 to 30 feet in height, to help alleviate the glare encountered by drivers at night. Town Manager, William S. Ingersoll, resolved to meet with college officials to search for a solution.

The parking situation was another problem which the Council discussed. Since houses were built so close together, there is seldom enough parking. The problem is especially evident on Queen Street and the 100 and 500 blocks of High Street. Council Member Margo G. Bailey inquired about repainting the parking lines. According to other members, more cars can park on the streets without the lines. The council will continue to look for answers to this problem.

In reference to the conditions of the houses rented out by absentee landlords, a series of ordinances from other towns was being examined by the Town Council's lawyer. The Town Council had met with the members of the SGA to insure the safety and the rights of the off-campus students. Peter S. Ingersoll offered to help write the leases with the off-campus students.

Town Council meetings are held on the first Monday of every month. All members of the Chestertown community are welcome to attend.

Horoscope



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WITH YOUR PERSONAL STAR WANDERER →
SHE'S OUTTA SITE 'N PERPETUALLY RITE

those brite lites in the nite have a lot to say!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

WEEK OF FEB 7-13

The Pre-♥ALENTINE'S Day / Pre-Birthday Ball LOVESCOPE (AWW)

Tired of lookin' 4 love ♥ in 2 many places? Tired of Searchin' 2 many 'faces?? Tired of Sending ROD STEWART Quotes through Campus mail?????

ARIES (3/21-4/19)
Timid about that certain someone? Take advantage of the great AOΠ deal..$5 for two AOΠ's to serenade your romantic interest. Can you think of anything more impressive?

TAURUS (4/20-5/20)
Pursue, pursue, pursue, Sulk, sulk, pursue, relax, reap your efforts, ease, ease, pursue, pursue, Sulk, sulk, sulk.

GEMINI (5/21-6/21)
Roses are red
Violets are blue
The week ahead
Shows nothing new.
Sorry.

CANCER (6/22-7/22)
If you have a date, why worry? If not, crank up them sad songs. They say so much.

LEO (7/23-8/22)
Is romance like an eight times baked potato? Check out Aquarius – they're sizzlin'.

VIRGO (8/23-9/23)
No more pussy-footin' around; this is the 90's! WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO LOSE?

LIBRA (9/24-10/23)
You silly Libra, Love is for kids... How about settling for lust, beer debauchery, beer, money, beer-goggling, infatuation, greed, sin, money or just friends

SCORPIO (10/24-11/22)
Take pride in the knowledge that Scorpios are considered to be the best lovers. (woo-ee)

SAGITTARIUS (11/23-12/21)
Ha ha ha ha heh heh haw ha heh haw hee haw heh heh ha ha ha ha ha ha good luck ha ha heh hee heh haw ha

CAPRICORN (12/22-1/20)
Love is a battlefield. Circle like a vulture and go in for the kill.

AQUARIUS (1/21-2/19)
Hot stuff. Spicey week. Get a hold of yourself. You're knockin' them out. You're cayenne.

PISCES (2/20-3/20)
Isn't SOCIETAL CHAOS ENOUGH? You want love, too? LUCKY lucky you, courtship goes well this week.

Fall '91 Poetry Postcard Winners

The following three poems by Raph Koster, Jennifer Reddish, and our very own A&E Editor J. Tarin Towers were selected by William Bowie, a Washington College alumni and poet, to be the winners of Fall '91's Postcard Poetry Contest. Watch for news of the Spring '92 Contest.

EULOGY FOR ALBERTO

I heard someone I knew who died some months ago.
He dove from a car window, taken by the wind, and flew
Across the city streets, over the people standing gaping.
And nobody knew what to say to him as he stroked the sky.

I hope he never hits the ground. Let him shoot on, burn out,
Cross the clouds, bend around the Sun, winged and shouting
As he reaches the shattered fiery stars and bursts onward from
The person I had known. He was not my friend, but it matters to me

to know he saw the wings swell from his back,
to know he saw the light I cannot see.

-Raphael Koster

CHANGE

It was as if I was just spare change
between sofa cushions in your living room,
a pleasant extra surprise once in a while,
but not something to count on regularly.

"So you want to fall in love?" you asked me.
You were looking at my hair and caressing
the glass mug of iced tea on my card table.
I couldn't concentrate on my word search:

Villanelle, sestina, sonnet, rondel, rondeau.
The last word was *audabe*. I'd been
circling poems all afternoon and couldn't
find that single word to save my life.

I don't like wallpaper or pretzels
or picture windows. Dogs make me sleepy,
like the Buddah or the *Blues for Allah* poster.
You like burning things, too. You like seeing

silver jewelry and black stockings on me.
You said it took all week to track me down
a black bouquet, a black vase, a black gift tag.
You smothered candlelight, you looked

like you'd just gotten a new comic book.
I liked making you happy. You brought up your
M*A*S*H*
episode, the one where B.J. gets to wear red. "Of course,"
we both said, "I don't want a commitment either."

-J. Tarin Towers

On Dyin'

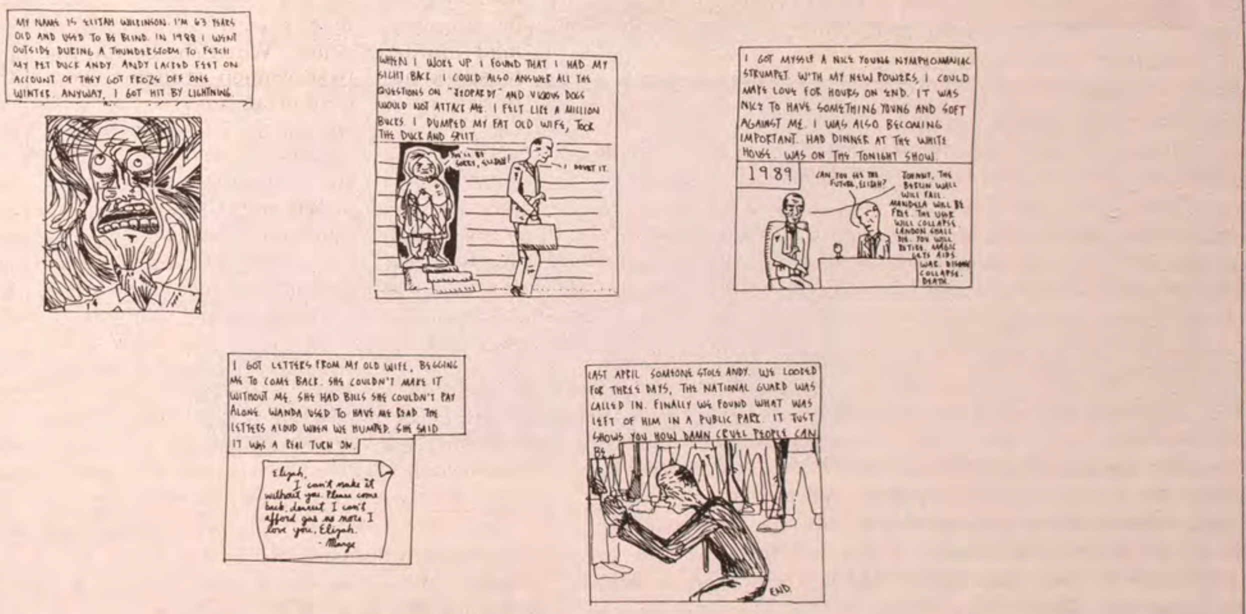
I tells the lawyer - I'm leavin'
My land to me.
I wanna be buried in grass that grows
Quiet, worms and birds eating my body.
I wanna be alone and smell my bones
Crack into dust as a tree bursts
Through my stomach.

The young lawyer grins too wide,
As a dingy gold reflects off his rings.
He mentions my children . . .
What children? - the people who visit
When the sky turns gray in winter.
Pat my hand and purse - and leave
Quickly.

The lawyer man just smiles his smile
Returns his notebook to his cracked briefcase,
And leaves me be in my sun.

-Jennifer Gray Reddish

Humor, by Adam Brown


MY NAME IS ELIJAH WILKINSON. I'M 63 YEARS OLD AND USED TO BE BLIND. IN 1988 I WENT OUTSIDE DURING A THUNDERSTORM TO FETCH MY PET DUCK ANDY. ANDY LACKED FEET ON ACCOUNT OF THEY GOT FROZE OFF ONE WINTER. ANYWAY, I GOT HIT BY LIGHTNING.
WHEN I WOKE UP I FOUND THAT I HAD MY SIGHT BACK. I COULD ALSO ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS ON "JEOPARDY" AND VICIOUS DOGS WOULD NOT ATTACK ME. I FELT LIKE A MILLION BUCKS. I DUMPED MY FAT OLD WIFE, TOOK THE DUCK AND SPLIT.
YOU'LL BE SORRY, ELIJAH!
I DOUBT IT.
I GOT MYSELF A NICE YOUNG NYMPHOMANIAC STRUMPET. WITH MY NEW POWERS, I COULD MAKE LOVE FOR HOURS ON END. IT WAS NICE TO HAVE SOMETHING YOUNG AND SOFT AGAINST ME. I WAS ALSO BECOMING IMPORTANT. HAD DINNER AT THE WHITE HOUSE. WAS ON THE TONIGHT SHOW.
1989
CAN YOU SEE THE FUTURE, ELIJAH?
JOHNNY, THE BERLIN WALL WILL FALL. MANDELA WILL BE FREE. THE USSR WILL COLLAPSE. LANDON SHALL DIE. YOU WILL RETIRE. MAGIC GETS AIDS. WAR. ECONOMIC COLLAPSE. DEATH.
I GOT LETTERS FROM MY OLD WIFE, BEGGING ME TO COME BACK. SHE COULDN'T MAKE IT WITHOUT ME. SHE HAD BILLS SHE COULDN'T PAY ALONE. WANDA USED TO HAVE ME READ THE LETTERS ALOUD WHEN WE HUMPED. SHE SAID IT WAS A REAL TURN ON.
Elijah, I can't make it without you. Please come back. dearest I can't afford gas no more. I love you, Elijah. - Marge
LAST APRIL SOMEONE STOLE ANDY. WE LOOKED FOR THREE DAYS, THE NATIONAL GUARD WAS CALLED IN. FINALLY WE FOUND WHAT WAS LEFT OF HIM IN A PUBLIC PARK. IT JUST SHOWS YOU HOW DAMN CRUEL PEOPLE CAN BE.
END

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Is Looking for Models

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Weissman on Task Force:

Answers Questions
Outlines Goals for Future at WC

Dr. Edward Weissman, professor of Political Science, is currently the chairman of the Task Force on the Status of Lesbians and Gay Men at Washington College. Dr. Weissman proposed the formation of this Task Force at the September, 1991 faculty meeting and has chaired the group throughout the academic year.

The **ELM** spoke with Dr. Weissman in his office on Wednesday in order to learn more about this Task Force and to ask him about the progress it has made in its investigations.

ELM: What is the Task Force?

Ed Weissman: The Task Force was created unanimously by the faculty, at my motion, to investigate the status of gay men and lesbians on campus. It's broader than just students; it includes faculty and staff. It is concerned not just with the academic program, but with all aspects of life on campus. . . . One of the things the task force is doing is investigating means by which benefits which the college ordinarily extends to the heterosexual partners of faculty and staff can be extended to the gay partners of faculty and staff. Now basically, as you probably know, the college has a general non-discrimination policy, which also extends to the issue of sexual orientation. And basically, the failure of the college in not providing these benefits is a direct violation of its non-discrimination policy. Historically . . . we know of one case . . . in which the college did, on an informal basis, extend these benefits to the life partner of a gay member of the faculty. That was some time ago.

. . . One of the great questions which interests me is why, not just this college in particular, but this country in particular, is basically behind virtually the rest of Western civilization on this issue. It really is like the sewer of Western civilization . . . as it is on other social issues.

There are a number of issues involved in this . . . . One is |that| contrary to the rest of the whole college policy of non-discrimination, which basically is a mirror of society's policies of non-discrimination, both federal and state, in regard to sexual orientation, both levels of government explicitly do not include sexual orientation in their civil rights and human rights codes. And in fact, in this state, as in many other states, technically, in law, because of sodomy statutes, gay sexual relations are illegal. As a result of that, and because this state in particular explicitly bans marriage amongst two men or two women, the problem with extending benefits relates to the issue of insurance. . . . The insurance companies say they can't do it because it's against the law, so there are real problems here. . . .

In my case, this particular battle is a battle I fought almost 15 years ago, when my lover and I, at the time, were able to win the inclusion of spousal benefits for gay couples in Ontario, which set the precedent there. So, that's one concern of the task force.

A second concern of the task force is education, both in and outside of the classroom. Specifically, issues of attitudes and things like that. Another concern of the task force is the provision of other services for students, such as counseling and the provision of gay and lesbian counselors. . . . Concern as well for issues involving AIDS education. I think, ironically, we're in a situation on this campus here . . . probably gay men are the least at risk because they take this all very seriously. Most students on this campus don't know the risks they're all taking. They engage in unprotected sex. And that's another concern of ours. We want to . . . and we will be in the next ten days . . . we will be undertaking a study of attitudes and practices on campus in a systematic and a scientific way to find out a number of answers to a number of questions we have.

We are going to be making recommendations on issues such as additions to the curriculum, . . . hiring on campus, and issues of a more general concern of a minority in this community which is at least 10% of this community. That's what the task force is all about.

Now, I think I should go into why it is necesssary now. It's necessary now because so much of what we are doing now is stuff which should have been done a long, long, long, long time ago. I think one of the questions we are addressing . . . is why was it not undertaken some time ago. I have some fairly conclusive evidence that an earlier attempt to start something of this kind was . . . repressed by the administration. . . . The faculty member who was trying to start such an organization was told not to. I should clarify that by saying none of the administrators currently in place in Bunting were in office at the time that happened. . . .

ELM: It's taken the University of Delaware twenty years to establish a task force. It seems somewhat ironic that the same year GALA comes into existence at Washington College, the Task Force is initiated. Do you see a connection there or, like you said before, has it been a long time in coming? Did GALA have a part in having the task force formed?

EW: I think they basically occurred all at the same time. . . . I think, frankly, GALA and the task force happened because I pushed them . . . I would not take no for an answer. I think that the crucial thing is the absence of leadership, which has been woefully lacking in the past.

ELM: Leadership . . .

EW: I think that in this regard, faculty have, and had, a crucial responsibility . . . in that the creation of these sorts of organizations require faculty prepared to come out of the closet. And with one exception in the past at this institution, that has not been present. I think that everyone has to pay an enormous debt to Richard Brown, who was . . . a professor of mathematics here, retired in 1986, and tragically died just this past fall . . . who was the only one to really stand up a very, very, very long time ago. Basically, I think that's what leadership is most important for, to provide an example of courage, and I think that that's been very lacking.

I think if one looks at this institution . . . and I'm starting to draw conclusions at this stage of the process . . . although it appears to be a tolerant institution, it is very definitely not. It has been enormously insensitive, it's been enormously bigoted, and those are the things which must, and will, change.

ELM: And you see that happening with the task force?

EW: Yeah. What the task force will do . . . when it makes its report . . . will be to make a number of specific recommendations. Some of which are fairly predictable . . . I think it's clear that all benefits must be extended to all members of this community, no matter what their sexual orientation might be. And that decision was already taken when the college passed its non-discrimination code and now it's a question of implementation.

I think the second recommendation deals with students. I think students are particularly significant here because they're what the institution is all about to begin with and . . . I think the ages of 18 to 22 are not just a time of intellectual growth, but a time of growth of one's self-realization as well. And I think that for many students, for many people of that age, which for many is a time when they begin to come to terms with who they are . . . the absence of organized structures to help them deal with that very difficult and, in a sense, life-long process, is . . . well, the provision of services necessary to help with that process is absolutely necessary . . . .

ELM: When do you expect all the results of the task force to be completed?

EW: By the middle of next month . . . I hope.

ELM: When they are done . . .?

EW: We will present them to the president of the college because, technically, this is a task force which he created . . . . The faculty passed a motion creating a presidential task force . . . . He was called upon to create the task force by appointing people to it and there was a charge to the task force as to what they were to investigate. . . . In doing so, we were given the job of doing our studies and preparing the report. We are this late because it's just been a sheer herculean bit of work. . . .

I think I should add that this campus is really behind the world on these issues.

ELM: On many things.

EW: Yeah, on many things and I think that this acts as a metaphor. I think this campus in many respects thinks of itself as Cleopatra, and remember, Cleopatra was Queen of 'De Nile. I think one of the most startling things has been the enormous support we've gotten from students. I think that here is an issue where, unambiguously, most students are 10,000 years ahead of their elders. I believe it is a real generational thing. I think there are pockets of hopelessness and pockets of homophobia, but they will be ruthlessly done away with. I think one of the most interesting things is the enormous growth of GALA and I think . . ., in a way, it's the first concrete result of the task force.

See Task Force, on pg. 10

Gay and Lesbian Alliance (GALA): The 'Invisible Minority' Speaks Out

By **Patrick Attenasio**
Editor-in-Chief

Since its formation at the beginning of last semester, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance (GALA), an organization dedicated to providing support and education for gay / lesbian / bisexual concerns within the Washington College Community, has remained relatively unknown / ignored by most of the campus.

On Tuesday, February 4, the **ELM** spoke with the co-presidents of GALA, Amy Caddle and Gehrett Ellis, about the group's origins, its involvement in the college's Gay and Lesbian Task Force, and their goals for the group's future. The meeting was more a conversation than interview, the three of us relaxing on bean-bag chairs, pre-arranged questions scrapped in favor of a more open, shared discussion.

Pat Attenasio: First off, what is GALA?
Gehrett Ellis: Literally it means Gay and Lesbian Alliance.
Amy Caddle: It's an organization of gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and heterosexuals people too, who support gay and lesbian rights. That's what our membership consists of.
PA: How many members are in the group?
GE: Thirty.
PA: Do they include members of the community as well as the college?
AC: Yes, we have townspeople, faculty members, and students.
PA: Did GALA exist at all at Washington College before this year?
AC: One of the reasons I started it was because I can remember back in my freshman year, there was an organization...I don't think they were funded by the SGA or anything. They would meet, but off-campus. It wasn't really an active organization. As far as I can remember, nothing like GALA has ever existed at WC before, not in my four years here.
GE: Despite the fact it's been listed in the catalogue for years.
PA: Let's go back to the beginning of last semester. What steps did you take in the forming of GALA?
AC: I approached Ed Weissman | Professor of Political Science at WC | in the very beginning of the year, even before classes started, and proposed the idea to him. He told me about his plans for the task force | see task force article |, so it was really coincidental. The two are not related, but they feed off of each other. I think they have stirred up a lot of interest here this year. We did a lot of thinking and planning over the summer about how we were going to present this to the campus, because we know that sometimes people are hesitant to new ideas. It was radical for Washington College, because it hadn't really been prominent on campus before.
GE: A week before classes started, I talked to Amy and she told me she had talked to Ed Weissman about the group. The next week we were in his office making plans.
PA: Describe one of your meetings. How do they go, what do you talk about?
AC: The first half-hour, from 9 to 9:30, we have business. And then fro 9:30 on we have discussion groups on different topics. This lasts until 10:30 or until everyone has had a chance to participate in the conversation.
PA: What are some of the topics you discuss?
GE: Last week we discussed bisexuality. We've done, "What is Sexuality?"...
AC: That was our first topic because we felt that was the most important topic to be addressed. Is it just a sex act? Is it emotional attachment? Is it how you perceive yourself or how others perceive you?
PA: Within the actual group, do you see a division between gay members and straight members?
AC: We don't even see it as a division. They're there to support gay and lesbian rights and to participate in discussion, to open their minds, and that's the most important thing. I give them a lot of credit for coming.

One thing that we've started, that we will incorporate into the next meeting, is that we realize it is sometimes difficult to discuss really personal issues. So, at the next meeting, we are going to break down into smaller groups. We are going to have a men's discussion group and a women's discussion group every other meeting.
GE: Even though you're gay or lesbian, there are personal differences within the group.
PA: Everyone does not fit into the same mold.

Photo by Pat Attenasio

Gehrett Ellis and Amy Caddle,
Co-Presidents of GALA

AC: Exactly. We have really eccentric people and really reserved people from all areas of the campus.
PA: How has GALA's acceptance been so far on-campus?
GE: You could take it in two ways. One, because there hasn't been that much negative feedback, that the reaction has been pretty good. But, two, we have posted signs on campus that say "Gay people are...with a huge blank space, and people could fill in whatever they felt. We got things back like, "HIV positive," and "close-minded people." Yet, many of the reactions were really positive.
PA: Thirty members for any new group is a pretty strong start.
GE: Yes. But one of the strange things about that is there aren't that many actual gay or lesbian members. We don't expect people, just because this organization is here, to all of a sudden jump out of the closet and say, "I'm here!"
AC: People should know it's not a threatening situation. We're really laid back. Our whole idea is education and positive role-modelling. We're not a militant group or anything.
GE: One of our main concerns is to present gay and lesbian people in a positive light.
PA: Do you consult with or are you aware of GALA groups at other schools?
GE: Yes. We have travelled to the University of Delaware, and they have been very supportive. They are always encouraging us to attend their meetings, get a feel for how they are. We are going back to Delaware in March for an east coast conference of gay and lesbian organizations. That should give us many good ideas for next year.
PA: So there is an active network of schools, not just isolated groups?
AC: Yes. We're looking to start consulting with other schools...places like University of Maryland.
PA: How has support from the administration been so far? Do they recognize GALA?
GE: The faculty and Student Affairs have been very supportive.
AC: And the fact that the SGA has been responsive is very positive.
GE: We've never actually heard anything from President Trout, except for when we signed up for the task force? It upset me due to the fact that GALA is an important group on campus. We're tackling issues on this campus which are, until now, untouchable.
AC: I think the fact that President Trout recognized the task force is great. The Gay and Lesbian Student Union at University of Delaware has been trying for twenty years to get a task force to investigate the statues of gays and lesbians on campus. It's remarkable at Washington College since the same year we organized GALA, we also get a task force.
PA: So, so far the group has been a success?
AC: Definitely. Of all the groups on campus, GALA has grown so much in just a semester. We started out with six people at our first meeting, and now we're up to about twenty people a meeting.
PA: What are your plans for the coming semester?
GE: We want to get speakers because we are still a little bit isolated at WC. We need, as a campus to recognize it as a whole, more so than just a single group. So I think bringing speakers in will help.
AC: We're also co-sponsoring Black Hearts Ball with the Writer's Union. We're taking part in Awareness Week (tentatively scheduled for early April) with Sane-Freeze, Amnesty International, Terra-Firma, Hands OUT, and GALA. We hope to kick that week off with a band, followed all week with guest speakers for each organization. We also plan on another poetry reading and a group dinner.
PA: This is a small, cliquish school in a largely conservative town. There must be concern amongst students to get involved or to 'come out' here. What advice do you have for them?
GE: That's really hard. In our situations, we didn't really 'come out.' We came out to limited groups of people outside of here. This campus is a hard place to 'come out.' The only thing there is as far as a support system is GALA. I feel GALA is a strong enough support system within itself. But, I'm not going to tell anyone they have to 'come out' on this campus.
PA: And it's not like you're officially one thing or another by 'coming out.' A public announcement is not necessary.
AC: Yes. One day you don't just wake up and announce, "I'm out!" It's a continuous process, not just a one day event.
GE: With the task force one of the goals we have is to help people in the 'coming out' process by getting them counselling.
PA: Doesn't the school already provide counselling?
GE: There are counsellors, but in my situation, it was really hard to talk to someone who was not trained in that area. Every situation is different....some

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people have it easy, others find it to be real hard.

AC: Especially with the people who matter to you, your close friends and family...

GE: If they're not going to accept you....they knew you before you said you were gay, and they liked you before. That's like me going up to someone and saying, "Oh my God, I didn't know you were naturally a brunette!"

AC: It's just such a little part of you.

GE: It's natural. I'm sure people on this campus, when they heard about the formation of GALA, thought we were going to recruit.

AC: We're not out on a witch hunt. We're not going to go knocking on any doors. Our meetings our confidential.

PA: Have you considered the idea of having an all-campus symposium to educate and discuss gay awareness on campus?

GE: I would like to have something where a large portion of the campus can come and state how they feel.

AC: An intelligent dialogue, not a ping-pong letter writing effect as happened in last semester's ELM.

GE: We haven't gotten any legitimate input and reaction. The group's been here for one semester, and no one's really said anything. Whether the feedback is good or bad, we would like to know...we can handle it.

AC: The group is strong enough now to handle any positive or negative reaction.

GE: We're not a group out to cause trouble.

AC: The idea is to portray the image of gays and lesbians as an integral part of the community, not as people who want to go off and live in Greenwich Village the rest of their lives, or get an apartment in Dupont Circle. Gays and lesbians are everywhere. Ten percent, and that's a rough estimate, of the population is gay, so you figure out of the 800 students on this campus, at least, at the very least, there's about 90 people on this campus who are gay or lesbian. They could be your roommate, the guy who plays next to you on a sports team, your sorority sister. Everywhere, they're everywhere. It's easy to discriminate against some minority groups because of visible characteristics, but gays and lesbians are sort of the invisible minority.

The thing that people have to realize is that we don't want to be a separatist group. We come from all areas of the college population.

GE: That would be the worst thing to do. If we became a separatist group we would be doing something that actually happens to us, and that's discriminating against other people, and that's not the way it works.

AC: We're not going to cause trouble, but we're not going to be quiet. We are not going to shut up, and we are not going away. But, we don't want special treatment.

GE: We just want to be recognized as a group, just like every other group.

PA: Do you think people at WC are afraid of you and what you stand for?

AC: People really have to lose their fear. Fear is the biggest obstacle that prevents people from opening their minds, and learning, and accepting people. People have to let go of that fear and realize that gays and lesbians exist, and our lifestyle is just as valid as theirs is. We are not out to recruit, we're out to educate.

GE: We don't want to be the invisible minority.

AC: The way society is structured now, gays and lesbians are at a disadvantage. We just want equal pairing. Equal pairing, not better. People think, homosexuals are going to take over the world. We just want to be treated equally with fairness...

GE: And respect...

AC: The same constitutional rights everyone else is entitled to.

PA: How do you feel about acceptance?

AC: You don't have to accept us. I'd like it if people would say, "I'm not gay, but I understand their lives are just as viable as my life is." Acceptance is a weird word. You don't have to come to our meetings and say, I accept you. A lot of people aren't ready for that.

GE: Accept yourself for who you are, and accept others for what they are.

AC: That's all we ask. Just think about it....

Task Force

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GALA is about an ongoing organization; the task force's job, in a nutshell, is really to try to take a snapshot in time . . . to say, here's where we are and here's where we want to be; how do we get from here to there?

. . . One of the great questions which interests me is why, not just this college in particular, but this country in particular, is basically behind virtually the rest of Western civilization on this issue. It really is like the sewer of Western civilization . . . as it is on other social issues. You can look at the infant mortality rate in this country, the health care system in this country. One looks at the pandemic nature of poverty in this society, compared to Western European and Austral-Asian nations, compared to the one nation to the north of us. And I think that they're all tied in.

ELM: One year, or five years, from now; when does Washington College start seeing the results of the task force?

EW: I think we've already begun to see the results . . .

ELM: As far as awareness and hiring . . .

EW: I think that the results are going to happen very quickly . . . . This is an issue, to use the appropriate metaphor, which has come out of the closet . . . .

I want to conclude by saying one thing . . . this really is not about being politically correct. I'm probably one of the least politically correct people around this place. It's basically about letting people be who they are and that has been something which has been woefully lacking here. . . This college is interested in diversity. I think one of the crucial places to start is with minorities which are already here, but which are invisible.

Letters to the Editor (Cont.)

Broadcast

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number of sexually explicit messages has sharply increased, and these messages are not just raunchy, they are downright crude. I am not interested in offers of sexual favors, (in these days of AIDS and date rape who would accept a nameless, faceless offer, anyway... or *make* one, for that matter?) nor am I particularly interested to be informed by a person named "Two balls and a penis" that his balls fit in my mother's mouth, and she likes it. (Are you even allowed to print that, Pat?) Such juvenile messages make me wonder how the author ever elevated his thought processes high enough to get accepted into college in the first place.

Other people I've spoken casually to have been the recipients of similar messages, and it has been suggested to me that there may be some sort of profanity clause that could revoke the network privileges of the perpetrators. I would not advocate such drastic action against people who may think that they are just playing harmless pranks, but I do believe that some reproof is in order.

It could be argued that my chastisement of the perpetrator(s) of this computerized pornography is a curtailment of their right to freedom of expression. Were they to print broadsides of their, ahem... creative anatomical descriptions, and post them alongside WacHappenings in the Dining Hall for the entire student body to read or not read at their discretion, I would have no objection. Directionless obscenity may be viewed as freedom of speech; messages directed specifically at me (or at anyone else) through Broadcast, I would term harassment.

Lest the age-old argument of protectors of the first amendment be used against me (and it's an argument I've used often myself), I will concede that if I am offended by the material being bandied about, I could choose to just remove Broadcast from my computer and not have to receive such messages. In light of the many wonderful conversations I've had with people on Broadcast I choose not to take that step, but rather to issue this appeal to the student(s) who abuse Broadcast.

See, behind all my genuine but high-minded arguments about campus unity lies the real reason that just about everybody with a network connection also has Broadcast - it's just plain fun to call people we don't know and say hi, or ask them why they picked such an interesting name, or why they're still at the computer at two in the morning. Those students who do have a network connection and don't run Broadcast often have been deterred by the same unwelcome attentions that I am objecting to. That a fun and potentially valuable campus resource is having mud tossed all over it is a real shame.

To sum up, then, my message to the (for lack of a better term) renegade Broadcasters is this: Call Dr. Ruth with your personal problems. That's not what Broadcast is about.

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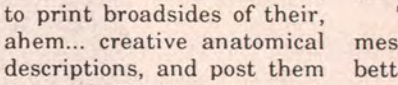

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Women Composers Concert Review

By **Franklin Quincy Adams**
Staff Writer

Kathleen Mills' concert last Friday night entitled *A Century of American Composers,* and honoring the centennial year of co-education at Washington College, was unfortunately only sparsely attended by the public. The fortunate ones who attended the concert got the pleasure of witnessing a true "showwoman" at her best. Kathy Mills captivated the audience in such a dramatic fashion that the comparison to a mid-70's Elvis concert would not be an exaggeration.

When she walked on the stage wearing a full length, jade gown custom tailored by her mother, the crowd was thrown back in their seats with amazement. Dr. Bennett Lamond, English Department Chairman, was quoted as saying, "Her mother made that dress! It's a great dress. I wish her mother would make something for me sometime."

Kathy Mills' evidenced misgivings as to whether, during her performance, she would be able to block out the vision of a dead cat seen that morning along the side of the road. On the contrary, she seemed perfectly at ease from the beginning of the concert. Indeed, Mills was more disturbed by the lack of patronage than by the recurring visions of roadside gore, but fortunately, she stated, the small "cult following" was an enthusiastic audience.

The second piece, "Variations on Balkan Themes, Op. 60" by Amy Cheney Beach was an especially difficult piece that seemed to be well conceived and well played. She said that she was especially proud of having performed "Variations," considering the difficulty in the ultra-chromatic piece, containing many variations — not to mention the epic twenty-three minute length.

After entertaining the crowd with a couple of ragtime pieces, she once again challenged the listeners with two relatively short but sophisticated pieces by Ruth Crawford Seeger entitled "Prelude No. 2" and "Piano Study in Mixed Accents." These pieces were the highlight of the evening. They were both well written and well performed pieces that would seem to contradict Arron Copland's infamous statement that women cannot compose good serious music because they cannot think analytically. Obviously, Copland had not researched the music of female composers adequately before commenting. Seeger's pieces were definitely on an equal level with the other experimental composers of the first half of the 20th-century, such as Henry Cowell, Carl Ruggles, and Charles Ives.

"Solitaire," the piece by Barbara Kolb was written for piano and a prerecorded tape accompaniment. However, it was unfortunately sabotaged by the notorious sound system in Tawes Theatre. The tape was playing fragments of a prelude by Chopin, which Ms. Mills was to accompany, but since the volume was set on 11, Ms. Mills' section was lost in the din. This mostly 20th-century concert was truly a rare format for not only our school, but for that matter, anywhere. Kathleen Mills' concert demonstrated that, in some cases, female composers have not received the respect that they deserve, especially in light of the fact that the majority of the compositions, each of them a professional and skilled piece, were never published.

LOVE/HATE

poetry reading

By **J. Tarin Towers**
A&E Editor

The second annual Love/Hate poetry reading, in preparation for St. Valentine's Day, will take place this Saturday night at 7:30 in the O'Neill Literary House. This will be an open reading, with plenty of traditional Lit House refreshments. Come with your friends, your loved ones, and a poem or story to read (it can be your own, or published, or both if you're flashy). Get in the mood for romance or revenge next week the old fashioned way (this is, after all, a writing school).

Until the End of the World: Why See It?

By Alexander Rowlett
Connoisseur and Bon Vivant

Why would you go? There are so many reasons: the title, the soundtrack, Solveig Dommartin, William Hurt. . . If you saw any of his other works, for example, "Paris, Texas" or "Wings of Desire," you would certainly go because of director/writer Wim Wenders. In a flash.

You might go because it's 1999 and there's a beautiful woman running wild through Europe. Some will go because there's a rogue nuclear satellite orbiting the earth. Others will go because they've never been to Australia.

Yet, many are going for one reason in particular: U2, R.E.M., Lou Reed, Talking Heads, Neneh Cherry. . . We went last Friday, in a culture van sponsored by the Writers' Union, partly for that reason, the music. In fact, some of us pretended we were about to see MTV's Top 20 Countdown, sans V-Jay and commercial interruptions. It was a subtle game of low expectations that proved unnecessary. We were blown away.

Wim Wenders rocks even without the music. His movies are visually arresting and compelling. They breath and pulsate. Through his eyes the world shakes and twists, often taking unexpected turns. Unlike many American films, with their formulaic storylines, his tend to throw you off balance. "Why did he do that?" you wonder. To imagine he is trying to take you anywhere in particular is a mistake.

Not that he isn't saying anything, but it is never any one thing and it is often beneath the surface. It is the art of storytelling that he possesses, rather than the craft of following form. His is a subjective vision of the art form, art as an end in itself. Wenders' method of compiling the music might serve to illustrate.

Rather than asking one artist to compose a work specifically for his film, or flipping through his record/CD collection and picking out his favorite suitable tracks, he wrote a few letters. He gave a brief outline of the film, but was careful to avoid specifics. He feared that the songs, in coinciding with the film too much, would serve as "commentary."

He is utterly successful in this. Lou Reed responded first with "What's Good," which is also on Lou's latest album. The moment the song enters the film, it fits. Yet, it doesn't seem to refer at all to what is taking place. It just *feels* right. And this is not just because it's a nice song and you're watching pretty pictures.

The movie begins and we are introduced to the main character, Claire, played by Solveig Dommartin. She's been waking up in some strange places, and the music she wakes up to, Talking Heads' "Sax and Violins," is a strange and silly song. What is Mr. Byrne trying to say about the year 1999?

Claire meets William Hurt's Trevor character, and we hear "The Adversary," by Crime and the City Solution. Again, the words and even the sound doesn't fit, but something feels right. It makes you dig what's going on even more.

It's a credit to his artistry that so many of the musicians Wenders wrote to responded to his request. They think he's special, too. U2 wrote, "Until the End of the World." Patti Smith came out of hiding and wrote, "It Takes Time." Elvis Costello performed Ray Davies' "Days." And CAN wrote their primeval "Last Night Sleep."

All the songs fit, but don't fit. We left the theater like catatonic pods, wondering what Wenders was really getting at. No wonder we ended up at "Chick and Ruth's" in Annapolis among a lot of drunks. "Why try to make sense out of art and life?" some of us even wondered as we drank 3 a.m. cups of coffee.

If it feels right, does it really need a name? *Until the End of the World* is certainly important and is still having its effect on us. It rocks from beginning to end, but don't expect it to be one long boring MTV Top 20 Countdown. If you do, the movie could really do some damage. It's that subtle and brilliant. Go early, stay late. And don't forget to stop at "Chick and Ruth's."

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Former Ambassador to Speak

Sir Oliver Wright, a British career diplomat who has served as Ambassador to the United States, West Germany and Denmark as well as in the British Government's domestic and foreign offices, will visit Washington College for several days in February. Three public events are included in his schedule of class visits and lectures.

On Monday, February 10 at 7:30 p.m. the William James Forum presents Sir Oliver Wright discussing "The Soviet Union: Will the Revolution Go Backwards?" The lecture, which will be in the college's Hynson Lounge, will cover the movements of glasnost and perestroika leading to the recent breakup of the Soviet states, and will include a discussion of probable consequences of these changes regarding East-West relations, NATO and the new unified European community. Wright will bring to this discussion his extensive diplomatic experiences in Bonn, Copenhagen and Bucharest as well as his service as Deputy Under-Secretary for European Affairs for the British Foreign Office.

On Tuesday evening, February 11, Sir Oliver Wright will lecture on the European Community under the sponsorship of the Goldstein Program in Pubic Affairs. This lecture, scheduled for 8 p.m. in the Hynson Lounge, will focus on the European and British political and economic scene following the establishment of a single European market, an economic and monetary union and relaxed commercial flow between the European countries.

Also Tuesday, February 11, Sir Oliver will join his wife Marjory Wright, an actress who has performed with the Folger Shakespeare Theatre in Washington, D.C., for a reading of "Theatre Verse." This informal exploration of British theatrical verse will be held in the O'Neill Literary House at Washington College at 4:30 p.m. Lady Wright has performed in theatres in Horley, England, as well as in Bonn, Washington, D.C., Berlin and South Africa. She serves on the boards of the Folger Theatre and Arena Stage in Washington, and was the first recipient of the Folger's Distinguished Service Award in 1988.

All three events with Sir Oliver and Lady Wright are free of charge and open to the public. For more information about the schedule call Washington College at (410) 778-2800, ext. 402.

—press release

Annual Freshman Reading

By **J. Tarin Towers**
A&E Editor

Next Thursday, February 13, top students from the Freshman Creative Writing classes of Professors Day and Wagner will be reading selections from their work. The annual reading is a counterpart to the Senior Reading held in April, which highlights the leading graduating writers. Readers of poetry and fiction from the freshman writing class include Paul Briggs, Amy Brodie, Rebecca Bryant, Rachael Fink, Andrea Nolan, and Deirdre Swinden. After the Freshman Colloquy's success last semester, we should be in for an interesting reading. The public is welcome to attend; come to the O'Neill Literary House for the reading at 7:30; a reception will follow in the Lit House kitchen.

Washington College Billiards Contest Winners

By **J. Tarin Towers**
A&E Editor

On Tuesday, January 28, the new pool hall, Louie's Side Pocket, located next to Superfresh, held a billiards tournament. Although the competition was stiff and some games were close, three WAC students made it to the winners' circle. First place went to junior Biology major Brian Heubeck. The second place winner was Eric Markey, sophomore. and sophomore Ciaran O'Keeffe, also a sophomore, pulled a close third.

O'Keeffe has qualified to try his shot at the next level of competition, the ACY Regionals, to be held at College Park this weekend. Wish him luck!

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Film Series: *A Rage in Harlem*
Norman James Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday 8

Writers' Union presents:
Love/Hate Poetry Reading
O'Neill Literary House, 7:30 p.m.

Monday 10

Dance on Film: *Les Girls*, with Gene Kelly
CAC Forum, 6:30 p.m.

William James Forum: Sir Oliver Wright
Changes in the Soviet Union:
Will the Revolution Go Backwards?
Hynson Lounge, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday 11

O'Neill Literary House presents:
Theatre Verse
Readings by Sir Oliver and Lady Wright, et. al.
O'Neill Literary House, 4:30 p.m.

Native American Film Series:
The Spirit of Crazy Horse and
A Matter of Promises
CAC Forum, 7:30 p.m.

Goldstein Program in Public Affairs: Sir Oliver Wright
The European Community: Partner or Rival of the United States?
Hynson Lounge, 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday 12

Women's Issues Discussion Group: panel discussion
Women in the 90's — How Many Sacrifices?
Sophie Kerr Room, 7:30 p.m.

Snickers Comedy Club ($1.00)
Student Center, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday 13

The Democratic Club: discussion
Social Justice
Jen Hannum, President
CAC Common Room, 7:00 p.m.

Writers' Union presents:
The Annual Freshman Reading
(postponed from last week)
O'Neill Literary House, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday 13 - Saturday 15

The Drama Department presents:
Edmond Rostand's *Cyrano de Bergerac*
Directed by Carey Smith
Tawes Theatre, 8:00 p.m.
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Reminder: Financial Aid Forms are due February 15. Contact Office of Financial Aid, ext. 206, for details.

The Art Exhibit Stephanie Sove-Ney: Recent Works *will be open Thursday - Sunday from 1 - 5 p.m. in Tawes Theatre.*

Scott Read: Wimbledon Bound?

By **Charlie Linehan and Chris Vaughn**
Sports Editors

Prior to embarking on a trip to Australia on the twentieth of this month, Scott Read, former Washington College tennis star returned to his Alma Mater for a short visit.

On February 4, 1992, Scott granted us an interview in which he expounded on his plans to play in the Australian tournament, as well as on his career plans and his time at Washington College. Here is what Scott had to say:

ELM: What have you been doing since you graduated last Spring?

Scott Read: Well, first I went home and got a teaching job at an indoor club nearby. From the beginning of the summer until early January, I taught tennis about sixty-five hours a week—basically put the money in the bank, to save it, so I can go on the tour. I did a lot of teaching in the afternoons and nights and then, most of the early mornings I would go and play with the different touring pros around Houston and the surrounding areas and work out with my coach down there—

ELM: What's your coach's name?

SR: My coach's name is Adrian Bey. He's from April Sound. He actually was a professional level player. He made the semi-finals of the U.S. Open and Wimbledon when he was a player. He was ranked about eighth in the world in the late sixties—so he was a real good player. Anyway, I'm down here talking to Fred Wyman—everyone's favorite here at Washington College—about sponsoring me . . . I have one small advertising sponsor in Houston that's going to help me out also with some money, some finances over there, because it is an expensive thing to travel and play the circuit but, we'll see what happens.

ELM: As far as financing then, do you have to get your own equipment? You're not being sponsored by anyone in that regard right now, are you?

SR: Well actually, the Wilson representative and the Nike representative down in Houston are sending me rackets, shoes, clothes, strings and stuff—so actually, equipment-wise, I'm taken care of, basically, for awhile. I met a real nice guy down in Houston. When I was teaching there, I signed a contract with him . . . he was going to sponsor me and help me out with the equipment and stuff, so that's worked out pretty good.

Scott Read delivers a powerful forehand return

Photo by Gary Brown

ELM: For those of us who are unfamiliar with the world of tennis—could you fill us in on the details of the tour?

SR: Basically, when you start out on the tour, everyone starts out at the lowest level even if you're the top collegiate player or—if John McEnroe quit for a year, he would have to start out again at the lowest level. You have to accumulate a certain amount of points, ATP points and, based on the number of points you have is how high a tournament you can get into. They break it into three income brackets—100,000 dollars and over, 25,000 dollars to 100,000, 25,000 dollars and under. Everyone starts at the 25,000 dollars and under and you're there not to make money really, you're there to get points so you can move up into the next bracket. If you're in the top 200 in the world, you're making a good living—you're probably making close to six figures. If you're top 300, you're getting by and you're making money. If you're outside the top 300 you're in the red. You're making money yet you're putting out more for expenses. So, the whole object is, when I go to Australia I'll play a series of four tournaments in four different cities. What you try to do, you try to qualify just to get into the main draw. So you've got to get to the semis of one tournament just to get into the main draw of another tournament—and that's the one where you get points. Once you get in that tournament though, and win one round, you automatically get one ATP point. For instance, the number 150 guy in the world is a friend of mine, he played at University of Texas, his name is Steve Bryan—he's got about 300 points. The number 250 guy in the world has probably got about 30 or 40 points—so it drops off heavily after about 200. So basically, I'm going to Australia just to get points. It's my first satellite and people say it takes at least a year to get used to it and get on the circuit. It took this Steve Bryan, who won Division I National, a year of doing terrible before he even got a point. So, if I could come out of there with two or three points I would be really happy.

ELM: How many points do you need to move up?

SR: It depends on the tournament. If you play in a 50,000 dollar challenger, you'd probably have to have 4 ATP's just to get into the qualifier. If you play in a 25,000 dollar challenger, you could probably get in with one or two points. . . . The hardest thing to do is get your foot in the door because there's about 5,000 players out there all trying to get that first point. . . . once you get that point then you're automatically put in the main draw of all the rest of the satellites—then you just have to win one round and you get another point.

ELM: Were you selected for this tour or did you just decide that you wanted to enter the tour and try to get onto the big circuit?

SR: Basically, anybody can do the tour if they want to . . . they've paid their money and they can go on the tour. The reason I did it—two reasons. One is, I think it's a great opportunity to see the world, travel. The other reason is, I've got some guys that I know and have beaten—in fact, I was just looking at a magazine down there, one of the guys that got on the team, a guy named Tom Burrwell from U.C. Davis who I beat a year ago at Rolex Nationals. He's got 3 singles ATP points and 9 doubles ATP points, so he's making money—and I beat this guy in straight sets so, that gives me confidence . . . if this guy's doing well, I should be able to do pretty good too. That's the kind of stuff that gives you hope. But then again, there's a friend of mine who's playing, and he's a good player, and he's ranked 1130 in the world and he's got one ATP point so, it's tough. But, I chose on my own accord to go ahead and do it and I'm still working on trying to get a sponsor—a big sponsor, I've got one small one. Fred [Wyman] may help me out. . . . The killer costs are hotel and airfare. Food—the tournament helps you out. And a lot of tournaments you can get housed. Each tournament you go to there's a host family that you get to stay with—they feed you and take care of you—so that cuts down on great expense. Not all tournaments offer housing—Australia does, luckily . . . .

ELM: How would you describe your tennis experience at Washington College? Did it prepare you for what you might face on the tour?

SR: In high school tennis and in junior tennis I wasn't the player that I was in college. I got to college and I really developed as a player. A lot of that was due to a number of things. . . . The schedule we played at Washington College was very strong—we played a lot of Division I schools, a lot of Division II schools. We didn't play a lot of Division III schools . . . We always played Maryland and Richmond and—all the big Division I's—Villanova, all the local Division I schools. . . . You go to any school in the nation and they've got a good number one player . . . I never had an easy match hardly, except for the inner-conference matches. And that's one of the reasons I was considering transferring to a Division I school after my Sophomore year. But, because of the strong schedule and because of the exposure I got . . . I travelled the whole nation because I did so well in Division III—I think that I stayed there for that reason. . . . Another thing that was good about Washington College was the coaching atmosphere. He [Fred Wyman] let us practice as much as we wanted to. . . . A lot of schools don't let you do that—the big schools. He was a very good influence for us. He put a lot of extra money into the program, too, that got us a lot of extra things that we normally wouldn't have gotten. So, it [tennis at WC] definitely prepared me for it [the tour].

ELM: How far are you planning to go with tennis? Are you looking at tennis as a possible career?

SR: Basically, what I'm going to do is I'm going to play the circuit as long as I have money. . . . Peter Maller got the graduate assistant job at Florida State—he's the assistant coach and he's going to graduate school. And that's full tuition waiver, room and board paid for, plus a stipend of about five to six hundred a month. I put out 125 letters two weeks ago to all the different MBA schools . . . and I've gotten about thirty-five responses and some numbers so I'm going to go contact those coaches. . . . Depending on how those go and what kind of deal I can get—like there's one at the University of South Carolina. It's one of the best graduate business schools in the nation—excellent Division I team, they're ranked in the top 20 in Division I. If that comes through, I'll have to seriously weigh how I'm doing on the tour and make a decision based upon that because that's kind of a deal you can't really pass up. So, I'm definitely not going to teach tennis for the rest of my life—I taught and it's fun but I'm definitely going to go to graduate school as soon as the tennis is over.

ELM: Can you tell us about the effect that you think the absence of Coach Wyman will have on the Washington College tennis program?

SR: Well, this is a very touchy subject and I know that in about three days they're going to decide who the new coach is. The schedule—I've seen the schedule for this year and it's extremely weak compared to what we've played

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in the past. The team's not ranked—they have no national ranking. I'm good friends with all the guys—Alberto |Diaz|, Trevor |Hurd|, those guys. They're going to have a pretty good team. This year, they're going to suffer a great deal. Depending on who the coach turns out to be will determine how much they suffer in the future. I don't know a lot about the situation . . . I know that Tim Gray |former Washington College tennis player| is up for the job and I know he's a strong candidate. . . . There's another gentleman that used to coach at Cornell and he seems to be a pretty strong candidate. But, I think that Washington College Tennis—I don't think it will ever be as strong as it was, I really don't. Depending on how strong a recruiter—that's the most important thing, the recruiting—and Fred was such a strong recruiter. I think if Tim Gray gets the job, I think Fred will help him because Fred has a lot of ties. Then maybe we can get some recruiting back into here. I just don't see the program being nearly as strong as it was before—-and I'm not saying it just because I'm gone, I'm just saying it because I don't know what kind of commitment the Athletic Department wants to make to tennis. . . . What they've got to do this year is they've got to basically go undefeated. If they go undefeated—I'm talking about the men's team—if the men's team goes undefeated they will probably make nationals because they play Emory, who's ranked number 7 and they play Skidmore, who's ranked number 12. But if they lose to either one of those teams, they're not going to make it for the first time in I don't know how long. . . . They're good enough to make it—if they had a strong enough schedule, I think they could prove themselves. Now the women are also on the borderline of making nationals too, . . . I don't think their schedule is very strong either. I think that the '92/'93 season is definitely going to suffer because of what's happened here—obviously, it couldn't *not* suffer. I mean, they don't have a coach and we're already into the Spring of the season. They didn't play at Rolex. They missed out on all the Fall workouts. People were sitting out. . . . I just think it's unfortunate for the school itself as well as the tennis program and the people that play tennis because it's really tough on the team. . . . If I had to make a bet on it, I would say that Washington College tennis will never be the same.

ELM: Okay—the big question: Do you think we might one day hear the name Scott Read in the same sentence as Wimbledon or French Open?

SR: Well, realistically . . . you never know. I was talking to my coach and he said he got out of college and he had 200 dollars to his name and he said, "Well, I'm going to go try the tour and see what happens." He got in his first tournament and he rolled over one, was ranked in the top 100 after about six months and then he was up to number eight in the world. It all depends on how strong mentally I am when I get out there. I know in college, one of my assets was that I was really tough mentally. I think I have the physical requirements—not necessarily to be number one in the world but I think I could break the top 100 or top 50 if . . . *if* . . . I put in the work that I need to and I get it together in my head. I think it's all mental. What more could I ask for than to play tennis for a living—that would be the greatest thing ever. I have dreams about it. . . . You know, I've got a certain amount of money that's sitting right here and it just gets smaller and smaller and smaller and once it gets too small, that'll do it. So, I'd like to do it, it would be great and I'm going to give it my best shot, but . . . . I think maybe in doubles there's a chance. I really feel strongly about my doubles play. . . .I've always been a good doubles player. The guys like Flach and Seguso—they're not any good in singles but they're tops in the world in doubles every year. Maybe I could do something like that. So, you never know. You never know what the future holds—it would be nice though.

Lordy, Lordy Look Who's Forty!!!

Who would have thought this young boy would grow up to be the wonderful director of REC sports at WC (On the Left, in the picture above)

Happy 40th Birthday to Dennis Berry!

The Team Nobody Wanted, But Now, Everybody Loves

By **Margaret Doyle**
Staff Writer

The Washington College Women's Basketball team romped over Chesapeake College with a score of 72-12. This was the Shorewomen's last game of the season which boosted their record to 4-2 for the year. Although short in numbers, as only 6 team members played, the Shorewomen had no problem proving themselves. The team dominated in rebounds, allowing for several fast breaks. With their offensive power, there was just no stopping these Shorewomen.

The team certainly did shock most people. They started as 10 women wanting the chance to play intercollegiate basketball. Their wish was granted as they devised a 6 game schedule. Who would have thought these 10 women would end their season with a 4-2 record?

Leaving the team this year are seniors Kristy Hilgartner, Margaret Doyle, Miriam Dittman, and Claudia Baldwin. Although the team is losing several key players, there are many talented underclassmen to form a strong backbone for next year's team.

Sophomore point guard Pam Hendrickson and junior center Tina Lennon will lead the team in continuing it's winning tradition. Juniors Jen Sloan and Eleanor Shriver along with freshman Megan McCurdy will also contribute to next year's powerhouse.

A special thanks to coaches Judy Berry and Sue Brown for their constant support and encouragement throughout the season.

Way to go Shorewomen!!!

NEWT'S Player of the Week

Margaret "The Clincher" Doyle

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Meanwhile, back at the ranch... Spiderman and The Vaughnster have chosen a new member to join the select few that hold the honorable title of NEWT's Player of the Week. But first we must give credit where credit is due. You may know him affectionately as EMU or -ashburger but we just call him Doug. That's right, Doug Hoffberger was gracious enough to bless us with his creativity and allow us to use his idea of having Player of the Week Sponsered by Newt's. Thanks Doug, you're the kind of guy every girl wants to take home to meet mom... and you still can't play caps. Anyway, this week's selection is... The STAR of the women's B-Ball team, forward **Margaret Doyle**. Not only was she one of the leaders getting this program off the ground, but she led the squad in scoring with almost 18 points per game. Combined with her powerful inside game, Margaret was also proficient from the three point mark. An outstanding athlete all around, Margaret leaves the basketball court and walks right out onto the lacrosse field to start the Spring season. Congratulations Margaret and thanks for the killer articles!!!

Crew Rises Early

By **Laura Green**
Staff Writer

Day after day, as the temperature hovers around 30 degrees, the WC rowing team is hard at work preparing for the spring racing season. Hidden away in the boathouse, the athletes complete the grueling winter workouts with their hearts set on victory; each erg piece and weight circuit bringing them one step closer to the goals they have set for themselves.

The men's varsity team has maintained a solid number of rowers. Losing only one member, they have gained three strong stallions: Glenn Warner, Lance Mercereau, and Tim Stoltzfus. With captains Will Brandenburg and Matt Conaty leading them, the men's team is working to develop the strength that will be needed to dominate in the upcoming races.

Coach Davenport has changed the men's practice to afternoons and is training the rowers mentally as well as physically for racing. The men are working to intensify team unity and will be ready to hit the water in two weeks at the most.

Glenn Merry, the coach of the men's novice team, is enthusiastic about his team's progress. With dedicated members, the novice team exudes spirit. They are in a frenzy of excitement for the upcoming competitions. Doug Peterson was elected captain for the novice group and will represent his team in the Rowing Rules Committee.

The women's varsity find themselves in quite a different predicament. They have lost six rowers this semester and are now only comprised of seven rowers. However, they are very determined to overcome this setback. The remaining rowers have bonded together in order to make it through the intense winter training.

With senior Lisa Blume as captain, the women's team has set their goals on winning and winning big. The strength and desire of the rowers on the team has helped to pull them through the early morning practices. The team is concentrating on mental imaging as well as strength work and endurance.

Coach Peter Martin is looking forward to racing a 4 man and a 2 man during the spring season. With the addition of rowers Theresa Lurch and Conci Pope, the women's team will be ready to hit the water in roughly two weeks as well.

The women's novice team, also coached by Peter Martin, is off to a strong start. Down to 10 women from the initial 26, these dedicated racers are working to put together an 8 man or 4 man for the spring races. Mary Clay Thomas was elected as the women's novice team representative at the Rowing Rules Committee.

The Crew crew will be facing competitors such as Johns Hopkins, Lasalle, Skidmore, Georgetown, George Mason, and George Washington. Besides the regular season, the team has raised money to send the top boats to the SIRA's in Orland, Tennessee in mid April and they will also face some of the best rowing teams in the country at the Dad Vail Regatta following exams.

The men and women of Washington College Crew are ready to walk all over their competitors and take the season by storm!

B-Ball Hits Streak

By **Melissa Harmeyer**
Staff Writer

Congratulations are in order for men's basketball this week as they showed they are truly a team to be reckoned with. They pulled off 3 strong wins over Swarthmore, Haverford, and Ursinus to become contenders for the MAC playoffs and to gain second place in the MAC standings.

Their winning streak began in Collegeville, PA. last Tuesday with a 74-62 victory over Ursinus. With 14:18 left in the first half, Adam Poe sank 2 big free throws to give Washington the lead. At halftime the Shoremen were ahead by 7 and by the conclusion this lead almost doubled as WC went ahead to win by 12.

Tim Liddy was top scorer with 19 points followed closely by Lester with 14 and Basel with 12. Darren Vican emerged as the leading rebounder with 13.

The Shoremen then travelled to Swarthmore, PA. on Thursday, January 30 to lay waste to a scrappy Swarthmore team, 87-58. After a heart-breaking 78-77 loss to Swarthmore just five days previous to this re-match, the Shoremen really could taste the sweetness of this one. They took the lead minutes into the game with a 3 pointer by sophomore guard, Charles Cummings. Swarthmore lead only once throughout the trouncing as WC pulled ahead by 28 at the half. The Garnet's leading scorer, Scott Gibbons, was held to only 12 points, nine of which were in the second half. Washington held a lead of 26 points throughout the second half with the biggest lead at 80-47 with 6:46 left from a 3 point shot by freshman Jay Devlin.

The win also gave Coach Finnegan his 278th career game win to put him ahead of J. Thomas Kibler, who tallied 277 wins over his 26 coaching years from 1913-1939, as the winningest B-Ball coach ever at Washington College. He will be honored following the home match-up against Ursinus on February 15 so don't miss it!!

Two days later the streak was kept alive as the boys, excuse me, MEN, of WC travelled up to Haverford for a slightly tougher match then Swarthmore. Darren Vican had an incredible game with a season high of 26 points and 14 rebounds to contribute in the 75-69 win. With 14 minutes left in the first half, Allen Lester hammered a two pointer to put WC up for the remainder of the half. They held the lead thanks to Vican's 8 points in the first 5 minutes of the second half. However, the game stayed unnecessarily close as the Shoremen missed 10 free throws in the last 2:30 of the game. Yet WAC prevailed thanks to great games from Geoff Rupert, who had 16, and Allen Lester, who contributed 18.

Thursday the Shoremen began a streak of 3 home games facing Western Maryland, a non-conference match-up, and then confronting Haverford Wednesday and Ursinus next Saturday. Don't miss 'em!!!

***NOTE:** The game versus York, scheduled for February 8th, has been postponed, which will be announced at a later date.*

Photo Courtesy of Trish McGee

Will Brandenburg and teammates practice on the Chester River

Lacrosse As The State Game?

By **Chris Vaughn**
Co-Sports Editor

That's right. Lacrosse could very well become the Maryland state GAME. Take note. I said game and not sport because, in the political world, there is a very big difference.

Just ask Janviere Thuman, the WC student working to push this bill into law. Interning under Delegate John Bishop from Baltimore County District nine, Janviere says, "Unsuccessfully, we have been trying to put Lacrosse in as the State Sport since 1967. However, Jousting is the State Sport and we don't want to end that. We just want Lacrosse to co-exist with Jousting, allowing them both the recognition they deserve."

She also stated, "Almost every major college and university in Maryland has a Lacrosse team and considering almost 1 million Marylanders have been involved with Lacrosse in one form or another it seems the only right thing to do."

Looking at the sport's financial aspect, it has offered quite a few things to the state. Baltimore's MILL team, The Thunder, and stores like STX, Bacharach Rasin, Ulman, and Lax World, which are Lacrosse specialty stores, are just a few things that stimulate our economy. And the 1989 NCAA Division I Championship, which was held at the University of Maryland, brought in close to three quarters of a million dollars. In addition, Lacrosse contributes to the monetary funds and activities of secondary schools and institutions of higher learning. Just look at Washington College.

Yet, for any of this to happen, the bill must pass through the Constitutional and Administrative Committee, a 21 member committee, which may not be an easy task.

If you would like to see this bill pass and want to aid Ms. Thuman in successfully completing her project, she can be reached at 778-9870 or by visiting Caroline 304. Any support would be greatly appreciated.

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Upcoming Events:

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Haverford Feb 12 H
8:00

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Lebanon Valley Feb 8 A

Photo courtesy of Gary Brown

Jason Ronstadt wisks by a defender in the open court. Jason is a freshman from Dover, MA. who shines in the point guard position. He leads the team's free throw average with an astounding 87.5% and has an unheard of 50% average from the three point line. Says Coach Finnegan, " We're really pleased that Jason is developing into a college guard that will be able to play at either the point or the two-guard position. Like most Freshmen, he's had some ups and downs but I think in the long run he's going to be a very valuable asset to our program in the next four years."

Tom Finnegan: Winningest B-Ball Coach in WC's Illustrious History!

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Clint Baer Explains Reasons Behind Mail Delays

By **Patrick Attenasio**
Editor-in-Chief

WC students, accustomed to receiving their mail at 11:30 a.m., anxiously pace outside the locked mailroom, located in the Casey Academic Center. However, with recent changes in mail service at Washington College, students, as well as faculty, staff, and administrative offices, must now wait at least an additional hour for their mail, usually sometime between 12:30 and 1 p.m. This delay is a direct result of a reevaluation of the Maintenance Department by the Office of Planning and Special Projects, as well as the appointment of a new postmaster in Chestertown. Since the mid-1970's, WC Maintenance has picked up the college's mail at the town post office and delivered it to Central Services by 9:30 a.m. After the construction of the Casey Center, maintenance workers have delivered student mail directly to the new mailroom. Under the new system, in place since February 3, the post office now delivers the mail to Central Services on their route, usually around 11 a.m.

In an **ELM** interview on Feb. 12, Clint Baer, Director of Planning and Special Projects, stated the old system was "reasonable, but tied up one maintenance employee for most of the day." For the past few years, Baer's department has been in the process of evaluating every position in Maintenance to "achieve the greatest amount of efficiency and to control costs." According to Baer, the recent adjustment in the mail system reflect both those goals.

For the past several months, Baer has actively worked with Bill Kimble, new Postmaster of the Chestertown Post Office. A main topic of concern at these meetings was the handling of the college's mail.

"Basically, one of our staff members was doing a job the post office is paid to do," said Baer. "The new postmaster agreed with this, and has worked with us in initiating the new system. This allows us to reassign the maintenance worker from mail pickup to groundskeeping, an area requiring increased workers with all the improvements we've made in the past few years" he added. "It seems logical the Post Office should be involved in the college's mailing, not maintenance."

Baer also stated there has been a conscious down-sizing of Maintenance over the past few years. "We were once as high as 56 workers, and now we are down to 48," Baer said. "The department has been made more efficient and effective," he added. "They are doing a better job now then a few years back."

Other plans for the new mailing system include the relocation of the mailbox by the Reid and Caroline dormitories to behind Smith Hall. The Chestertown Post Office will also install a stamp machine and a mail slot in the mailroom this Spring, allowing students to purchase stamps and mail them without leaving the mailroom.

"We're trying to make this transition [in the mail system] as smooth as possible. Things should smooth out in the next few weeks," Baer stated. "I encourage feedback from people who have problems with this new system," adding, "We are working directly with the post office to fix these problems."

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TUTORING PROGRAM BENEFITS WC AND KENT COUNTY STUDENTS

By **Doug Smith**
Staff Writer

For two hours a day, twice a week, the Casey Academic Center is overrun by hordes of elementary and intermediate school children. You might have seen them playing football on the firelane with the guy who lives across the hall, or wandering through the library with the girl in your philosophy class. Washington College students have started a tutoring program in conjunction with Garnett Elementary and Chestertown Middle Schools, and it is already taking off.

The project is the brainchild of Stephany Slaughter, a sophomore currently spending a semester abroad, and junior Jen Del Nero. "We volunteered to work with the students at the elementary and intermediate schools," said Del Nero, "but we decided that the students needed more than an hour a week." Slaughter set to work, soon coming up with an extracurricular program that provided more tutoring hours as well as using the college student body as a pool to draw more tutors from. She also recruited sophomore Maria Jerardi to help, and to manage the program with Del Nero in her ab-

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Jen Del Nero and Maria Jerardi, co-founders of the Washington College tutoring program

Photo by John Goebel

Tulip Poplar to Replace the Elm Tree

By **Sabrina Kenny**
Staff Writer

A tulip poplar and three to five Washington hollies will be planted in front of East Hall to replace the Elm, a victim of Dutch Elm disease this past summer. Donated as a gift from the Mount Vernon Ladies Association, the trees will be transported from George Washington's Virginia estate this weekend, February 14 or 15.

Last Thursday, February 6, Neil Horstman, the resident director, and Dean Norton, the horticulturalist at Mount Vernon met with a committee comprised of Dean McIntire, Gene Hessey, Professor Cades, SGA President Kevin Kelly, Dean Taylor, Reid Raudenbush, Karen Price and other college officials to discuss the possible acquisition and siting of the new trees. Rather than planting the trees in the same spot as the old elm, a new site was chosen allowing better visibility of the Hill dorms and George Washington's statue, while opening a clearer area near the flagpole. The tulip poplar, a fast growing tree which reaches great heights, will be placed in front of East Hall. The Washington hollies will be dispersed behind the brick border surrounding the kissing rock.

Both breeds of trees, unlike the red elm, are indigenous to the Mid-Atlantic region. They are not easily susceptible to disease, and have a greater storm resistance than elm trees. George Washington also had a preference for both the tulip poplar and the Washington holly. Having made notations in his journal, Washington removed two tulip poplars from the Washington College property and replanted them at Mount Vernon. The hollies are a special breed of American holly named after Washington.

The trees and transportation are a gift from the Mount Vernon Estate. Washington College made a small investment to prepare the ground. President Trout asked Jeannie Baliles (Class of '62), the former first lady of Virginia, and member of the Visiting Committee, which is an advisory capacity to the president, to intercede on behalf of the college. The gift was made possible as a direct result of her support.

The trees will be dedicated to the memory of Washington following Convocation on Saturday, February 22.

Editorial

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(A Brief Segment of Exposition Concerning a Particular Aspect [Area of Interest] of Campus Life That Does Not Necessarily Reflect the Opinions of the Washington College ELM, but that of its Editor)

Something about Valentine's Day brings out the worst in mail-related troubles here at Washington College. Last year at this time, the mailroom was moved from its more logical position adjacent to Central Services to its present location in the CAC (logic? Casey building? I don't think so). This year, delays in the mail service......inciting angered students to take-up arms and burn the CAC down to its hollow-columned foundation. What's in store next year? Betty Ann and Tommy shooting the mail down the firelane with a leafblower? Five years from now students won't even have access to their mail anymore. Just these little notes from the postmaster saying, "tell your grandmother she spelled encroachment wrong."

Which brings me to the key word of this editorial: **CONSPIRACY** (my apologies to Doug Smith). We here at the **ELM** are just getting used to to being named after a dead tree. I'm thinking thick, sturdy roots, trunk branching out, leaves offering shade and solice to all its visitors. The whole metaphor there involving a small liberal arts institution. The history. The ambiance. The tuition hikes. It's kind of romantic, you know? So what do they do to me? They go out and get another tree! A tulip poplar. Tulip poplar? What the hell am I supposed to do with that? *The Washington College Tulip Poplar*? I'd get laughed out of every college newspaper office this side of the *UC-Santa Cruz Banana Slug*. I'd get letters addressed to the paper with little notes tacked on saying things like, "this isn't the real name of your paper, is it?" It's hard enough creating a banner for a nonexistent tree (hence the neo-Naziesque Osprey and this issue's festive little cherub), but what are we supposed to do with the Tulip Poplar? Have Matt draw some really cool Dutch-guy holding a bouquet of tulips?

First I was going to leave the name as is. Figured I caused such a stink already, I might as well keep it. We'd be a throwback, in order with an established tradition. Then I read Sabrina's article and find old George never even liked elm trees! Had such a fixation for the tulip poplar that he "borrowed" two from WC for his Mount Vernon estate. Does anyone see a conflict of interest in there somewhere? We name our college after a guy who cut down a cherry tree and then stole some tulip poplars from our own campus? Father of our country - Tree thief. Was the Elm originally planted to thwart all earnest efforts at improved journalism on campus? And what's Sandy Sandison's role in this whole scheme? All these questions remain unanswered, including what we're going to call the newspaper next week.

Until then, I leave you with these parting words of Valentine's Day glee: Editors make the best lovers, just not on Wednesday nights.

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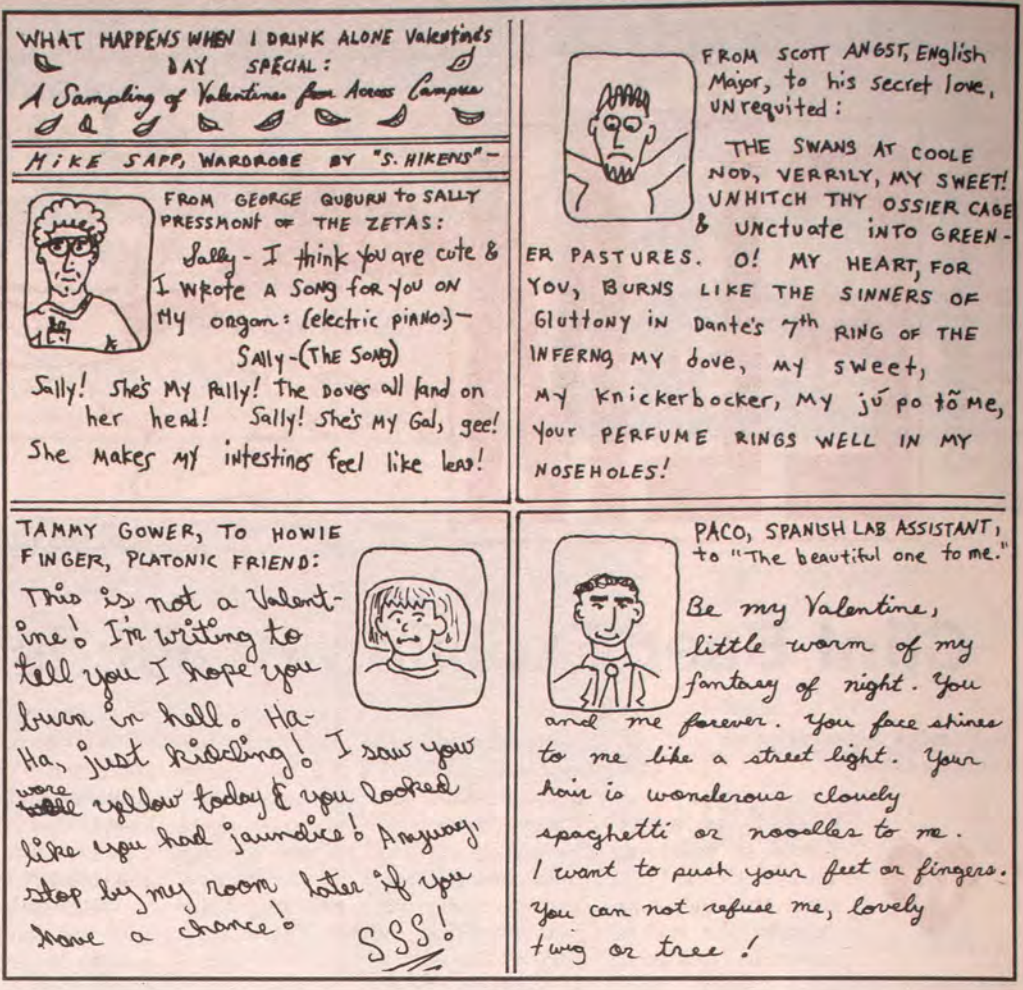
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TAMMY GOWER, TO HOWIE FINGER, PLATONIC FRIEND:
This is not a Valentine! I'm writing to tell you I hope you burn in hell. Ha-Ha, just kidding! I saw you wore yellow today & you looked like you had jaundice! Anyway, stop by my room later if you have a chance!
SSS!
PACO, SPANISH LAB ASSISTANT, to "The beautiful one to me."
Be my Valentine, little worm of my fantasy of night. You and me forever. You face shines to me like a street light. Your hair is wonderous cloudy spaghetti or noodles to me. I want to push your feet or fingers. You can not refuse me, lovely twig or tree!

Letters to the Editor

New Teacher Evaluation Form Criticized

Dear Editor:

Regarding the recently adopted changes to the teacher evaluation form, and the lack of student input into the process.

The evaluation form that each student fills out at the end of every semester's classes is the most important tool that the student body has for effecting any sort of change upon the faculty. When a teacher is considered for tenure or dean appointments, these forms are weighed very heavily by the selection committee. These forms also can influence changes in a professor's teaching style or in a course's curriculum. Thus the evaluation form is a vital facet of the student's ability to direct and shape his or her own education.

Recently, the faculty of Washington College adopted several changes to the old teacher evaluation form. These changes had been developed and considered over a period of six years. In that time no student had any input whatsoever in the process. It is imperative that the student representative body be provided the opportunity to review the new forms and make suggestions.

The major changes are:

1. Essay questions replace the short answer questions
2. The addition of questions asking the student's major, year and reason for taking the course
3. a copy of the original will be

See "Evaluation," pg. 9

Clint Baer Responds to Handicapped Access Letter

To the Editor:

The thoughtful letter from Jen Del Nero, Troy Petenbrink, and John Phoebus regarding handicapped access is well stated. However, Washington College is aware of its responsibility to the handicapped and has made considerable progress in making the campus accessible achieving compliance with the American Disabilities Act of 1991. Over the past few years, each building renovation has included handicapped access through ramps and/or elevators. Bathroom facilities, drinking fountains and doorways are modified for handicapped use. In addition, as part of the campus "masterplans" handicapped parking and curbcuts have been provided to eliminate obstacles.

Planning is now underway to renovate William Smith Hall. One of the primary focal points for that renovation is to

See "Access," pg. 6

Security Director Clarifies Neighborhood Article

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to clarify some of the information Martha Kimura reported on the front page article of the ELM titled "Neighborhood Association Discusses Off-campus Students." Martha stated in this article "the Kent County Police Department has a book containing the names, addresses and phone numbers of every off-campus student as well as the phone numbers of their parents. This book was compiled by Jerry Roderick of the Security Department in order to insure the safety of off-campus students." She then quotes Chief Bradley as saying "The ones (college students) he knows are trouble people, he lets me know... The college has been very, very cooperative."

I have spoken with Chief Bradley, who is the Chief of

See "Roderick," pg. 6

In Brief

Floating Boats Adrift in the "Sea" - House

The Boston-based band Floating Boats will be playing this Saturday night in the Coffee House from 9:30 -1:00. The party is sponsored by the CIA/SGA, and admission is free.

The Boats have been playing at colleges and clubs from New England to Nassau since 1988, and have even opened up for such big groups as the Del Fuegos, Katrina and the Waves, Flock of Seagulls, the Guess Who, and the Alarm. They've released one album, Shack with a Satellite, and are working on their second album right now.

The Caribbean sound of Floating Boats is mixed with a little ska, a little heavy rock, and even some calypso and 1940's swing. Even though some of their songs deal with the heavy topics of drugs, poverty, and racial harmony, all of their music is danceable and packed with high energy. It promises to be a wild and wacky night. Attendance is mandatory.

- Sally McGee

1,500 Books, Including Sophie Kerr Collection, Donated to Miller Library

Mary Elizabeth Taylor, of New York City, has donated to Washington College more than 1,500 books and albums from her collection of her late husband, Davidson Taylor, and that of the late fiction writer Sophie Kerr, an Eastern Shore native who lived most of her life in New York City.

Mrs. Taylor, 85, was a distinguished newspaperwoman with the Associated Press in New York and with the *Courier-Journal* in Louisville, Kentucky. She also wrote fiction with the encouragement of her long-time friend Sophie Kerr. Mrs. Taylor, co-executor of Ms. Kerr's estate along with New York attorney Ferdinand J. Wolf, inherited Ms. Kerr's personal property and her literary rights. Mrs. Taylor's late husband, Davidson Taylor, was a broadcasting executive and the first Dean of Columbia University's School of the Arts.

Washington College, the nation's tenth oldest chartered college, is renowned for the Sophie Kerr Prize, the largest undergraduate literary prize in the country. Worth approximately $25,000, it is awarded each year to one graduating senior who shows promise as a writer.

The College already owns a large collection from Sophie Kerr's library; this most recent gift consists of the last of her books and a collection of personal memorabilia.

"There are leatherette bound editions of the books she wrote, many books from her personal library, and five of her plays," says Washington College's Librarian William Tubbs. "Also of note is Sophie Kerr's scrapbook with notes in her hand and letters written to her."

Among the books donated to Washington College from the Taylor library are a set of books written under the Federal Writers' Project in the 1930s, a good collection of early editions of 20th century American authors, and several museum catalogs on 20th century art. Of particular historic value is a two-volume set on entymology, published in 1749, in which the illustrations are hand-colored, says Tubbs.

The Taylor gift also included more than 300 recordings, musical scores, antique children's books, and part of Sophie Kerr's collection of cookbooks and cat books.

Mrs. Taylor also provided Washington College with several items on indefinite loan, including her husband's radio broadcast of the Allied landings on the western coast of France during World War II. At the time he was chief of radio for William S. Paley's psychological warfare division of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's Allied command in Europe.

Proper Form for Student Mail

A recent memo by Clint Baer, Director of Planning and Special Projects, provides suggestions for students on the proper form for their address here at Washington College. The correct method is:

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You are asked to notify your friends, etc. of the proper address. The Postmaster guarantees that using the accurate address and the complete 9-digit zip code will speed up mail delivery.

Valuable Educational Equipment Stolen from Dunning

By **John Griep**
News Editor

A Pioneer Laser Disk Player and a Macintosh SE computer, worth a combined total of $2400, were stolen from Room 113 of Dunning Hall sometime between 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5 and 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 6. This equipment is used by the Biology, Chemistry, and Psychology Departments in academic presentations. The laser disk player was connected to the computer and a television set. Information from a laser disk can be displayed on the monitor of the computer and on the TV simultaneously in order for the class to observe the instructor's visuals.

Washington College Security Director Jerry Roderick remarked, "These are very valuable academic tools for those departments. They will be difficult to replace due to current budgetary restraints. Ultimately, the students in those classes will be the ones that will suffer the most as the result of someone's greed." Another laser disk on campus is being temporarily used in place of the one that was stolen.

Dr. Michael Kerchner of the Psychology Department was the last person to see the equipment in Dunning 113. Dr. Kerchner told Sergeant Lenny Thompson, the investigating officer in the case, that he observed the cart of equipment on Wednesday afternoon. Dr. Rosemary Ford of the Biology Department discovered the theft on Thursday when she went to obtain the equipment for a class. Sergeant Thompson also reported that the Chestertown Police Department has been notified of the theft and is assisting with the investigation.

Anyone who may have observed a person, or persons, in Dunning 113 between the hours mentioned above on the 5th and the 6th is asked to contact the Washington College Security Department at 778-2800 (ext. 310) or 778-2835. Anonymous phone calls will be accepted.

Mixed Reaction to 'Beyond the Shadow of a Trout' Debut

By **Sabrina Kenn y**
Staff Killer Writer

The premiere of the SGA funded "Beyond the Shadow of a Trout" received mixed reactions upon its release this week. The new student publication is a satirical/humor-oriented broadside which claims it will print "essays, cartoons, jokes, or anything humorous, satirical and/or controversial." On Monday, February 10, the first issue, a crossword puzzle focused on campus history and the Washington College community, appeared with a cover of a cut-out finger puppet of President Trout.

The first issue of "Beyond the Shadow of a Trout" met with both congratulatory praise and disapproval. President Trout responded, "As my friend Dr. Ed Weissman has put it, if 'Beyond the Shadow of a Trout' were a musical on its pre-Broadway run, it would have bombed in New Haven. On the other hand, there is no accounting for taste, and I know that students had great fun with the puzzle, some of which I, too, found amusing. So did my cocker spaniel: Barley wants Tanya Allen to know he was honored to be '98 DOWN.'"

President Trout then suggested, "I wish she would drop the cover. Fish jokes...I'm into it. It doesn't phase me in the least. I give out fish memorabilia, fish Christmas cards. It doesn't bother me in the least. On the other hand, the notion of a finger puppet. Come on. It doesn't bother me personally, but on behalf of the office of the president, that's another matter. I think that it diminishes all of us." He continued, "I'm all for people learning about the history of the college and its present. A small school encourages that. It produces a sense of community. But, the cover makes me wonder what is coming. And I think the SGA would wonder what is coming."

The SGA allocated $100 to the publication of "Beyond the Shadow of a Trout." Brian Gimelson, SGA Treasurer, said, "When Tanya applied for funding, she said she wanted to induce school spirit and by drawing on so many questions of school history and little tidbits of trivia, she's done that." Gimelson added, "She's not taking personal pokes and that is clever, because it shows how life shouldn't be taken seriously all of the time. I'm sure she'll handle her new gained stature responsibly." A recent SGA senatorial opinion poll almost unanimously approved the publication of the broadside.

After the features section of the **ELM**, which included "Josephine the Fly," was cut this semester, Tanya Allen decided to create another outlet based upon objectives similar to YAWP (the broadside of Young Aggressive Writers and Poets). These objectives are an outlet for humor, and to amuse and unify the campus through controversial and exciting topics which many would want to read.

When planning the introduction of the broadside Allen said, "I was making finger puppets for Christmas. I thought it was funny. I didn't mean to horribly offend. We want to do controversial things, but not to the point where we get sued. He just has an excellent name. Come on."

Upon hearing the reactions of the broadside's debut, Allen responded, "I was very happy, very amused at the amount of feedback. I just want to make sure that we can follow up with future issues that would be equally accepted, that we can keep up what we started. At this phase, it's a very day by day thing. We're not sure what direction it's going to take. We're trying out things and seeing the reaction. We've been getting a lot of really good suggestions. We need submissions. We guarantee anonymity and we would like the student body to help out, because it is their paper."

President Trout added, "I think tasteful humor and satire, if well done, can be an asset."

Central Services Questions Changes in Mail Service

By **Patrick Attenasio**
Editor-in-Chief

Although students have been moderately inconvenienced by the recent changes in the college mail system, perhaps even more affected by these changes are the employees of Washington College's Central Services. This department, located in the basement of Smith Hall, employs four full-time employees, and several part-time students, responsible for collecting, sorting, and delivering the college's mail.

"The Post Office brings the mail to us at their convenience," stated Tommy Shreck, Director of Central Services. "This is anywhere between 9:30 and 11 am," he added.

When asked how this new system affects his department's handling of the mail, Shreck replied, "It has changed the operations. We're used to students working at a certain time. We can't now depend on the mail being here at a certain time, so the student workers come, there's no mail for them, and then they leave for class."

"When I hired them [the student workers]," Shreck added, "I hired them for a certain time [9:30-11:00 am]. I don't want to hire all new students. I'll try to work around their schedules."

One such student worker is Senior Michelle Beattie, an employee in Central Services for the past two years. "Students are in an uproar about getting their mail so late," she stated. "They want to know why this is happening. Many of them are blaming Central Services."

Beattie said her schedule does not conflict with the new system, but other student worker's schedules do. When asked about the possibility of hiring new workers, Beattie replied, "It's a really bad time to get workers because it's lunchtime. Most people don't realize how big a job it would be to train new workers." She added that the addition of new workers "will only add to the length of time involved in getting the mail ready. They wouldn't be familiar with the routine."

One of the chief problems Beattie cites with the new mail system involves the location of the mail's delivery. "Maintenance used to deliver student mail right to the mailroom, where it was sorted," she said. "The Post Office drops the mail off in Central Services where it must be pre-sorted before reaching the mailroom."

When asked if she will leave her position in Central Services, Beattie replied, "It's hard to find a job on campus."

Clint Baer agrees the student worker situation is a problem, stating that once the new system has been implemented, Central Services may well have to hire new workers. "I am confident we can work with the students to find them gainful employment elsewhere if necessary," Baer said.

"It's a hardship which we are managing," Shreck stated. "We just have to work around what time the mail comes in, and the student's schedules," he added. "Hopefully things will improve."

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SGA Report

With John Griep

The Washington College Student Government Association met this past Tuesday evening, February 11th, in the Casey Academic Center Forum. Several important topics were discussed in the course of the one hour long meeting. They include:

Evaluation Forms Devised Without Student Input

The Student Academic Council discussed the revised teacher evaluation forms which were approved by the faculty at their last meeting. According to SGA Vice-President John Kelly, there wasn't any student input into the new form during the six-year period in which it has been worked on. The **ELM** obtained a copy of the form and has reprinted it below. Anyone with concerns about the revised form should discuss it with their dorm senator. After receiving input from their constituents, the Senate will discuss further action at the next meeting.

New Evaluation Form:

Student Reactions to Courses and Instructors

Your answers will be read by the instructor, the chair of the department, and the members of the Committee on Appointments and Tenure. The responses will assist the instructor in improving his or her performance and are also one of several factors weighed in decisions about tenure and promotion. You may take up to twenty minutes to complete the form.

1. Please provide the following information by circling responses:
   Your class: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Other
   Your reason for taking course: Elective Major/Minor
   Distribution Other requirement
   Your estimated final grade in this course:
   A A/B B B/C C C/D D D/F F Don't know
   Your initial attitude toward the course:
   Highly positive Positive Neutral Negative Highly negative

Please write a paragraph in answer to questions 2 and 3:

2. What is your overall assessment of this course?
3. What specific comments do you have about the teaching of the course? (For example, what aspects of the teaching of the course should be kept the same, and what aspects might benefit from a change of presentation?)

The back of the form will contain 11 characteristics to which a student is asked to circle a response from 5 (Excellent) to 1 (Poor) or NA (Not Applicable), as well as an area in which to amplify any of those responses.

Sparky, Gimbo to Speak to Board of Visitors & Governors

SGA President Kevin "Sparky" Kelly and Treasurer Brian Gimelson will present a report on the suggested student activity fee increase to the Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Visitors and Governors at their meeting on February 22nd. If approved by the Student Affairs Committee, the proposal will then go the Finance Committee for a final decision.

Additional Club Funding

Dale Adams Heritage Exchange	$300
French Club	$400
Comedy Club	$500

WC Students Tutor Local Kids

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sence.

The program targets second- to seventh- graders, especially those identified as "problem" kids, a term that runs from children from broken homes to recent immigrants struggling to learn English. Del Nero and Jerardi believe that by targeting these children as early as possible, they can instill a greater desire in the students towards education; hopefully, their interaction with WC students will spur many of them to pursue a post-secondary education.

Stephanie Sall is a sophomore tutor who is particularly enthusiastic about her work. "I like it. It gives me a chance to share my knowledge, and to apply my education productively." She also enjoys her relationship with her student. "She's like the little sister I never had." Her favorite thing about her work is "seeing her smiling face when she learns something."

Jerardi and Del Nero, in implementing their tutor program, have been careful to steer clear of the typical pitfalls that can besiege an endeavor of this nature. Tutors were carefully matched with the students according to their respective skills and needs, and a degree of consistency is maintained by the same groups of tutors and students meeting each week, in addition to creating an effect similar to that achieved by Big Brother/ Sister programs across the country."We've got a lot of freshmen involved, and we're hoping they will stay with it and provide the project with some kind of longevity," Del Nero remarked, adding, "This is the first program of its kind between the college and the community. We'd like to help promote better town-and-gown relations. And we're also making good use of the CAC building."

WASHINGTON POST OMBUDSMAN JOINS WC FACULTY:

EXPANDS CURRICULUM, OFFERS EXPERIENCE TO CAMPUS JOURNALISTS

By **Amanda Burt**
Staff Writer

Richard Harwood, Ombudsman, or internal critic, and columnist for *The Washington Post*, brings his journalistic expertise to Washington College this Spring in the form of a new American Studies course, aptly titled, "The American Journalist." The course, designed to follow the development of journalism as a vocation in the United States, will highlight the economic, social and political circumstances that contributed to the evolution of the American newspaper.

Throughout the past five years, Harwood has been involved with WC's own newspaper, the **ELM**. He was responsible for bringing distinguished editors and photographers from the *Post* to the college to participate in small journalism workshops with the students. "They were interesting bull sessions," he says, "but some felt as if they weren't useful in terms of putting out the **ELM**. Writing an article is an abstract subject to discuss, and in terms of meeting the practical needs of the **ELM**, the sessions didn't work."

Although there has been little interest in the workshops for the past two years, President Trout, Professor Robert Day and other administrative officials recognized that journalism and media, in the institutional sense, are significant forces in our society. Since Washington College has no specific curriculum involving journalism, they decided it would be beneficial to implement "The American Journalist", a course Harwood had taught before at the University of Maryland.

"I like teaching, although I have not done much of it," says Harwood, "and I have always enjoyed young people." He admits that he is unsure of how to teach and claims he is still inventing the course. "I am still putting materials together, and I like the research involved. But it's hard work," he says.

Harwood's introduction to journalism came about almost by accident in the 1940s. A member of the Marine Corps during World War II, Harwood discussed his future plans with a friend on their return home from Japan. They both agreed there was a large demand for electrical appliances, previously unavailable during the War, and determined there would be a corresponding need for people who were able to fix these appliances. Harwood arrived home in Nashville and began working as an apprentice electrician, but his friend started working at a sawmill.

When Harwood learned of the G.I. Bill of Rights, which entitled him to receive tuition for college from the government, he began taking night courses and was introduced by a classmate to the Managing Editor of a local newspaper, *The Nashville Tennesean*. "He told me that he would try me out for a week as a reporter, and I've been in journalism ever since," Harwood says.

His first assignment involved covering a "bacchanalian feast," which was actually a DuPont company picnic in Tennessee. He laughs about that article now and says that the humorous phrases he used then were a result of reading "too much flowery literature." Future stories would be more succinct. When General McArthur was fired after the Korean War and returned to Nashville to visit relatives, Harwood reported the story. He feels that his career as a journalist was fascinating and enabled him to be a privileged spectator to history. "I have covered every Presidential campaign since 1952. I used to walk with Truman. He would be able to walk through the middle of town without fifty secret service agents surrounding him."

Harwood cites the Sixties as an exciting time to be a reporter, a period when he covered the Vietnam War, Martin Luther King's assassination, urban riots and the huge anti-war demonstrations in the United States. He was also very close to Robert Kennedy and was with him when he was killed. "If Kennedy had been elected, I'm sure our friendship would have continued," he notes.

Harwood's involvement with editing began in 1969. He was the National Editor and Assistant Managing Editor for *The Washington Post* before moving to New Jersey in 1974 to be the Editor for *The Trenton Times*, a *Post* subsidiary. He returned to the *Post* as Deputy Managing Editor in 1976 and remained in the position for twelve years. During that time, he was able to travel and cover special assignments, which included civil wars in Nicaragua, Angola, Rhodesia, El Salvador and Lebanon. He also had general correspondence from areas in the Soviet Union, South Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

Harwood remains sensitive to third-world countries and admits that the creation of democratic institutions may not be appropriate for those societies. "It is difficult to impose or help create in different cultures a replica of the United States," he says. "It isn't as easy as putting up a McDonald's joint."

In 1988, Harwood became Ombudsman and columnist for the Post, and his articles are published every Sunday in the **Outlook** section. He has written for several national magazines and has co-authored and contributed to a number of books, including "Lyndon," a biographical essay on the late President Lyndon B. Johnson; "Of the Press, By the Press, For the Press (And Others, Too)," a collection of essays on journalism; and "Fall of a President," the story of the ill-fated Jonestown colony; "The Wounded Generation: America After Vietnam," "The Pursuit of the Presidency: 1980;" and "Unfinished Journey" and "That Shining Hour," essays on the life of Robert Kennedy. He also co-wrote (with Bob Woodward) "Under Siege," an original screen play for NBC.

Harwood was appointed a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University in 1955 and was the first Carnegie Fellow in Journalism at Columbia University in 1965. He has also won many journalistic awards, including two Sigma Delta Chi medals and the George Polk Award for national reporting, and a second Polk award criticism.

Besides his "American Journalist" course, Harwood also lends his experience to the current **ELM** staff, offering criticism and suggestions concerning the paper's content and layout on a weekly basis. We at the **ELM** welcome him to Washington College. His presence is a significant step in the college's new dedication to improved journalism on campus.

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Roderick Replies to Neighborhood Article

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the Chestertown Police Department, concerning these quotes. He informed me that the information reported does not reflect what he said. Chief Bradley did, indeed, speak of a book which has names and addresses of Washington College students during this meeting. However, I must assure you, I did not compile this information. The book he was referring to is more commonly known as the Washington College Campus Telephone Directory 1991-1992.

The other point noted in the article refers to my identifying "trouble" students for Chief Bradley. Chief Bradley said the quote was not accurate. He advised he was informing the Association that when problems arise with students at these off-campus locations, he and I will share information in an effort to resolve the complaints. Chief Bradley does forward all reports of student criminal activity to my office as required by the Federal Campus Security Act. I assure you, I do not single out students that may be potential troublemakers for the local police. You are citizens and, therefore, are entitled to the same rights that I live by and am sworn to protect.

Jerry Roderick
Director, WC Security

Ed itor'sNote: The editors of the ELM have reviewed Ms. Kimura's tape of the Neighborhood Association meeting and stand by the quote attributed to Chestertown Police Chief Bradley as it appeared in the February 7th issue of the newspaper.

Handicapped Access at WC

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make our major classroom building accessible on every floor. This issue had been a concern for a number of years and we continue to work toward that goal. The Hodson Hall Student Center renovation will also make the entire building accessible and will eliminate the temporary ramp that does not provide equal access. At the same time, it is unrealistic - and in some cases - impossible to make every building accessible. The College does provide dormitory facilities which are accessible to the handicapped. Finally, we will soon have a campus directory which identifies handicapped facilities on campus.

I am happy to answer any questions anyone might have regarding this issue.

Sincerely,
Clint Baer
Director of Planning
& Special Projects

Editor's Notice: The subject of handicapped access at Washington College will be addressed in next week's edition of the ELM.

ELM Interview: Neighborhood Association President, Betty Ann Connolley

By **Martha Kimura**
Staff Writer

The Old Chestertown Neighborhood Association is an organization dedicated to community improvement. The organization is particularly concerned with the relationship between local residents and off-campus students.

The **ELM** spoke with the founder and president of the Old Chestertown Neighborhood Association, Betty Ann Connolley, on Tuesday, February 4, 1992, to discuss the formation of the organization and its functions within the community. Connolley is employed as a clerk in the office of Central Services at the college.

ELM: How did the Old Neighborhood Association start?

BC: In the spring of '91, I had a lot of neighbors that were being awakened at night by a lot of noise and drug trafficking. The neighbors got together and discussed that every Friday and Saturday night, they would get no sleep because of the noise from the parties. Then we discussed the insecure feeling you get just walking down the street because of the open-air drug traffic. With that in mind, we organized and looked into the problems. Fortunately, there was a raid, a joint effort between the police department, the drug task force, and the SWAT team. Things have been getting better, though. Then the people across town said they had problems in their neighborhood with loud parties and they were afraid to do anything about it in case the college students would be mean and angry with the neighbors. Then we all organized ourselves to see what we could do to solve the problems.

ELM: The Old Chestertown Neighborhood Association is sponsoring a Neighborhood Watch program. Is there a lot of participation from the people of Chestertown?

BC: Yes, I was really pleased with the amount of people who are very interested in this Neighborhood Watch program. I'm looking to have a meeting soon of all the Block Captains and to try to get someone from out of Chestertown that has a watch program so that we can learn from others to help our watch program be more effective.

ELM: About the Block Captains, how would an off-campus student find out who his or her Block Captain is?

BC: The intention is that in each block, the Block Captain will find out who his neighbors are and will contact each and every one of them. He would then ask them to fill out a form with their phone number, address, and how many people live in their house. This way, the residents will get to know their Block Captains and if there is anything going on in the neighborhood that they feel is necessary to report, they can contact their Block Captains. The idea around the Block Captains is to protect the neighbors from crime and then also to free up some of the police lines. There is a certain communication that goes through the Block Captain. We are thinking that if we let them (the police) know who the Block Captains are, when their number shows up when they are calling, the police know that it is the Neighborhood Watch.

ELM: What made you personally get involved?

BC: I have two young daughters, a nineteen year old and a twenty year old, and I know that a lot of times, especially with my one daughter, part of living is partying and having a good time. I think that you have to get a well rounded idea of what is going on in the neighborhood and then try to solve problems and find answers that would suit everyone as nearly as possible. That is what we are all about. We are about solving problems that the neighborhood is having regardless of what the problem is. We are about knowing who to contact about for help, finding out what we can do about the problems, and then solving them.

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Elbow to Speak

Next Thursday, author and professor Peter Elbow will speak about writing and reacting to writing. His lecture, entitled "Ranking, Judging, and Liking: An Exploration of Three Responses to Student Work," follows a career of writing about writing.

Elbow is a professor of English at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. He has taught at M.I.T., Franconia College, Evergreen State College, and SUNY Stony Brook, where he directed the Writing Program for five years.

Elbow's new book, *What is English?*, explores the profession of English, and is put out by MLA and NCTE. He is also the author of such books as *Writing Without Teachers*; *Writing With Power: Techniques for Mastering the Writing Process*; *Embracing Contraries: Explorations of Learning and Teaching*; *A Community af Writers* (with Pat Belanoff); and a book on Chaucer, *Oppositions in Chaucer*.

The lecture, sponsored by the Writing Program and Writing Committee of Washington College, will take place February 20, at 7:30 p.m., in Hynson Lounge.

–Compiled by J. Tarin Towers

Cyrano de Bergerac

Photo by Justin Cann

Bruce Hamilton plays the quintessential poet, the soul of the lover, this weekend in Tawes Theatre. See Calendar, on pg. 8, for details.

Sir Oliver Wright Speaks

Theatre Verse: An American Premiere

By J. Tarin Towers
A&E Editor

Last Tuesday in the O'Neill Literary House, a premiere performanc was given by Sir Oliver and Lady Marjory Wright, as well as two of WC's own drama majors, Carey Smith and Jason West. *Theatre Verse* was a reading of poetry about or from the theatre, taken from *The Methuen Book of Theatre Verse.* Compiled and edited by Jonathan and Moira Field, friends of the Wrights, this 1991 volume will soon be a part of Miller Library's collection.

Sir Oliver Wright, as you have doubtless heard by now, was at one time the British Ambassador to the U.S. Lady Marjory has acted all over the world, including at D.C.'s Folger Theatre, where she is on the board of directors. Jonathan Field spent a large part of his life in the theatre, both literally and figuratively, and was in the process of compiling a book of verse on the subject when he passed away.

Field's wife, Moira, finished editing the collection and saw it through publication. Selections from the book have been performed twice in England (once by the Wrights and once by the Royal Theatre Company), and for the first time in America on Tuesday in the Lit House.

The selections chosen span from 1612 (Sir Walter Raleigh's "on the Life of Man") to 1990 ("Superstitions," by Field himself). The performance was divided into eight sections, such as "Audience," "Actors," "Backstage," etc. The prevailing idea involved the demonstration of the conduction of the "electricity across the footlights," or the interaction between audience and theatre company.

Two poems were on theatre cats, one by T.S. Eliot and "The Old Trooper" by Don Marquis. They were both examples of one prevailing theme, "it ain't what it used to be." One poem proclaimed that all the good actors were dead — and was written in 1615! The whole thing, while a bit maudlin in spots, was done more tongue-in-cheek than chip-on-shoulder.

Some highlights included two poems on "Chocolates." The piece by Guy Boas was a charming duet about a man watching *Hamlet*, and his wife obsessing over a box of chocolates. While the pieces done by the group as a whole were the weakest point in the repertoire, largely because of the lack of rehearsal time/space (the Wrights only got here on Monday), the piece called "Charge of the Late Brigade" used this choppiness cunningly to portray an audience and the people who come in late and step on them.

The acting itself was outstanding for the most part. Dramatic readings have their advantages in not having to memorize the work; the obvious drawback is that the actor is by definition tied to the book. This was not a distraction at all, but rather a self-referential quality that lent itself to reading from writing about plays, acting, and the theatre.

However, out of a moderately sizeable audience, only six students bothered to show up. Seeing great literature performed by great actors not only shouldn't be a bother, it should be a requirement, especially to those students who consider themselves playwrights (or writers at all). Excepting those students in classes on Tuesday afternoon, a general "shame on you" should go to both students and professors — not one of whom was present, excepting Lynn Doyle and Dr. Cousineau — the one who teaches at Delaware. Hopefully Mr. Elbow will get a better reception next week -- and a bigger audience.

Political View

By S. Ross Koon
Staff Writer

This past week has been a very busy one for Sir Oliver Wright, formerly of the British foreign service. He delivered two speeches here at Washington College on international politics. His speech on Monday, February 10th, sponsored by the William James Forum, detailed current conditions in the former Soviet Union. On Tuesday, February 11, Wright addressed the question of whether the European Economic Community will be a partner or a rival of the United States. This speech was sponsored by the Goldstein Program in Public Affairs. I attended both addresses with the interest and the hope that I would agree with Sir Oliver because I, like most Americans, hate to pan anyone with a title.

Sir Oliver's address on the future of the former Soviet Union began with a lengthy explication of the history of Russia. This background information, while interesting, was probably not new to most of his audience. He made a very intriguing remark when he dubbed the U.S. and the U.K. the "successors of Rome" but he did not choose to back up this statement or even to take note of the possibility that our societies may in fact suffer the same fate as Rome.

His speech included many sweeping generalizations. He intimated that it was primarily the cost of competing in the arms race with the U.S. which caused the collapse of the U.S.S.R., not the inevitability of the partition of a state which over the years had exacerbated nationalist sentiment within its republics through its excessively Russocentric policies. He said that his "guesstimate" of the probability of the success of democracy in the former So

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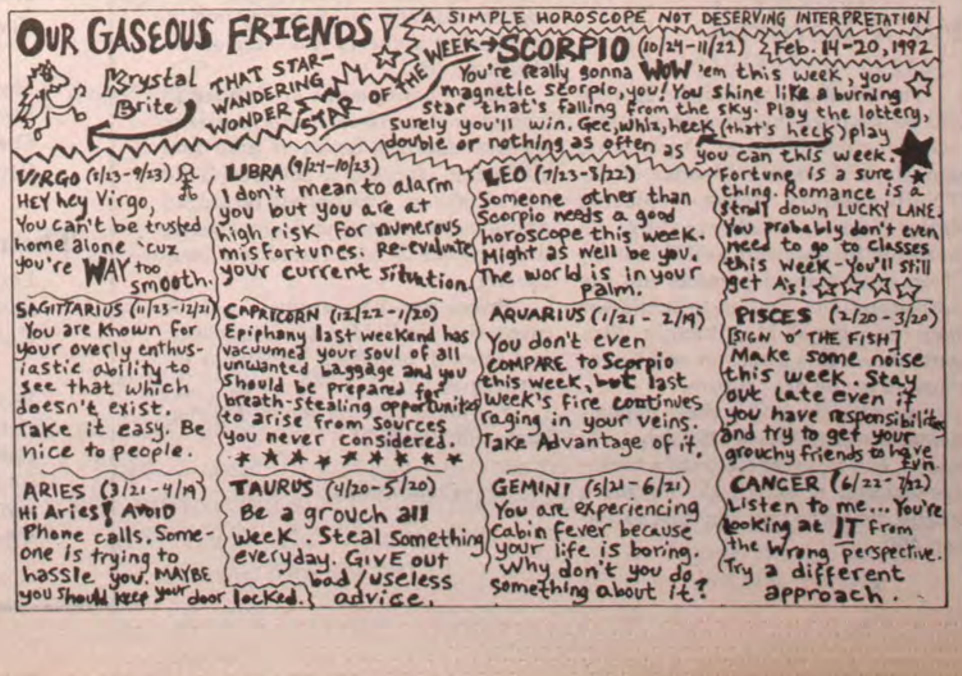

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VIRGO (8/23-9/23)
HEY hey Virgo, You can't be trusted home alone 'cuz you're WAY too smooth.

LIBRA (9/24-10/23)
I don't mean to alarm you but you are at high risk for numerous misfortunes. Re-evaluate your current situation.

LEO (7/23-8/22)
Someone other than Scorpio needs a good horoscope this week. Might as well be you. The world is in your palm.

SAGITTARIUS (11/23-12/21)
You are known for your overly enthusiastic ability to see that which doesn't exist. Take it easy. Be nice to people.

CAPRICORN (12/22-1/20)
Epiphany last weekend has vacuumed your soul of all unwanted baggage and you should be prepared for breath-stealing opportunities to arise from sources you never considered.
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AQUARIUS (1/21-2/19)
You don't even COMPARE to Scorpio this week, but last week's fire continues raging in your veins. Take Advantage of it.

PISCES (2/20-3/20)
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Make some noise this week. Stay out late even if you have responsibilities and try to get your grouchy friends to have fun.

ARIES (3/21-4/19)
Hi Aries! AVOID Phone calls. Someone is trying to hassle you. MAYBE you should keep your door locked.

TAURUS (4/20-5/20)
Be a grouch all week. Steal something everyday. GIVE OUT bad/useless advice.

GEMINI (5/21-6/21)
You are experiencing Cabin fever because your life is boring. Why don't you do something about it?

CANCER (6/22-7/22)
Listen to me... You're looking at IT from the Wrong perspective. Try a different approach.

ART BEAT

Crossword Winner

The infamous "Beyond the Shadow of a Trout" crossword puzzle, containing such trivia as the President's dog (Barley), and the most prescribed medicine on campus (erythromycin), has a winner. Our very industrious ELM Managing Editor, Julie Greene, has turned in her completed crossword for the $25.00 Grand Prize (SGA funded, of course). So instead of bugging Tanya Allen (the girl with the rainbow trout purse, not the one with the nosering), you could Just Say Julie to find out who's worked with The Incredible Hulk (Jay Meranchik), or what professor rhymes with bagel (Dale Daigle). By the way, is it a coincidence that Ms. Allen called the dorm she lived in "the biggest eyesore on campus" (Queen Anne)? Speaking as someone who was a few answers short of the big prize, I think congratulations are in order to both Allen and Greene.

Fellowship Rooms Assigned

The recipients of the O'Neill Literary House Fellowship Rooms for the Spring Semester are as follows: Jenifer Grindle, for work on her novel; Humanities Majors Amy Caddle and Cynthia Fields-Bélanger, to share the Douglass Wallop Room; and Bruce Hamilton and Tina McCuen, who will share the garret room for work on Creative Writing and Translations.

Auditions for *Pippin*

Shan Driscoll will be directing *Pippin*, the first musical at Washington College in two years. The last musical was *Sweeney Todd,* which Peter Johnson directed and Driscoll assistant directed. Mike Tyson was the musical director, and he will again serve in this capacity in Driscoll's drama thesis project. Auditions will be Monday the 17th from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., and Tuesday the 18th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. If you can sing, act, dance, play a musical instrument, or help with the technical aspects of the show, show up to one of the audition dates or leave a message at ext. 269. Preparation of a musical selection is encouraged, but not required.

WCR Returns

The Washington College Review will be revived this semester under the direction of Lynn Doyle, this semester's Associate Director of the O'Neill Literary House (replacing Kathy Wagner, on sabbatical this semester in Spain). Our own Editor-in-Chief, Pat Attenasio, was to edit the publication, but he had to withdraw upon receiving ELM editorship. Student editors this semester will be announced in the near future.

Submissions under these departments, as well as reviews and scholarly essays, will be accepted until a tentative deadline of March 15. For more details, contact Lynn Doyle at extension 460.

Learn how to Submit at the Lit House

Calling all writers! No money? No clue on how to submit to a magazine? Saturday, February 15 at 2:00 p.m., you'll get your chance to have the glory of being considered for publications from all over the country — absolutely free. The Writers' Union is sponsoring a "Submissions Workshop Party" in the O'Neill Literary House. Stamps and envelopes will be *gratis*, as well as refreshments, reference books, and advice from some students who've played the game before. Just bring your typed work to submit, and if you don't know how to write a cover letter, information and a typewriter will be provided. Contact Tanya Allen for more details.

Floating Boats Adrift in the "Sea" - House

By Sally McGee
CIA Concert Coordinator

The Boston-based band Floating Boats will be playing this Saturday night in the Coffee House from 9:30 - 1:00. The party is sponsored by the CIA/SGA, and admission is free.

The Boats have been playing at colleges and clubs from New England to Nassau since 1988, and have even opened up for such big groups as the Del Fuegos, Katrina and the Waves, Flock of Seagulls, the Guess Who, and the Alarm. They've released one album, Shack with a Satellite, and are working on their second album right now.

The Caribbean sound of Floating Boats is mixed with a little ska, a little heavy rock, and even some calypso and 1940's swing. Even though some of their songs deal with the heavy topics of drugs, poverty, and racial harmony, all of their music is danceable and packed with high energy. It promises to be a wild and wacky night. Be there.

WCDS to Host Cherry Pie Bake-Off

In celebration of George Washington's Birthday, the Washington College Dining Service is sponsoring a cherry pie bake-off on February 18.

Kent County cooks are invited to bring two 8- or 10-inch cherry pies to Hynson Lounge between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Judging is between 10:30 and 11:00 a.m. One pie will be judged on the merits of taste and appearance; the second will be donated to a local charity.

Prizes will be awarded in three categories: individuals; restaurants; and schools, hospitals, and other institutions.

For more information and to register, call 778-7250.

–Press Release

CAMPUS CALENDAR FEBRUARY 14 - 20

Friday 14 - Monday17

Film Series: *Boyz N the Hood*
Norman James Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

Friday 14 - Saturday 15

The Drama Department presents:
Edmond Rostand's *Cyrano de Bergerac*
Directed by Carey Smith
Tawes Theatre, 8:00 p.m.
Limited Seating; no reservations taken

Saturday 15

Submissions Workshop
O'Neill Literary House, 2:00 p.m.
see article for details

Band: Floating Boats
free
Coffeehouse, 9;30 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

Monday 17 - Tuesday 18

Auditions: *Pippin* (a musical)
seeking singers, dancers, musicians
Tawes Theatre
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Monday
6:00 -8:00 p.m. Tuesday

Monday 17

Sane/Freeze Meeting
Guest Speaker: Len Foxwell on Harkin Campaign
Place TBA; 7:45 p.m.

Tuesday 18

Wrestling Club Organizational Meeting
Room 14, Bill Smith, 6:00 p.m.
Call 778-1238 for information

Terra Firma Meeting
Place TBA; 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday 19

Visual Artists' Union Meeting
New Members Welcome
CSL Art House, 6:00 p.m.

WAC Radio Meeting
Common Room, CAC, 6:45 p.m.

Margaret Horsley Society:
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Sophie Kerr Room, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday 20

Fortune Teller
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CAC Lobby 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Writing Program and Writing Committee present
Peter Elbow
Ranking, Judging, and Liking:
An Exploration of Three Responses to Student Work.
Hynson Lounge, 7:30 p.m.
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Sir Wright

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viet Union was 20%.

He based this largely on what he perceives to be the essentially "chaotic" nature of the Russian national culture, the "fact" that Russia has never had any form of democracy, and his calculation of the amount of capital needed to refurbish Russian industry. All of his points can be argued against — but suffice it to say that he believes that a successful foreign policy is one which guards against a "worst case scenario." While it is true that this is an essential component of a valid foreign policy, I would hypothesize that it is also useful to construct a "best case scenario" — and then determine precisely what is needed to bring it into reality. History, after all, is largely the history of people overcoming history. Anyone who in this day and age still speaks of "containing" the "Soviet Union" (as Sir Oliver often mistakenly referred to that politically disconnected area once known as the Soviet Union) is an old cold warrior whose service should be recognized but whose worldview is out of date. To continue to fight a cold war which already has been won is to tilt uselessly at windmills.

After Sir Oliver's reactionary speech of the night before I attended his speech on the European Community (EC) with a sense of uneasiness, chiefly because it is easier to write a review of a speech which one agrees with than one which one disagrees with. I came fully prepared to again be disappointed. To my surprise, however, Sir Oliver's speech on Tuesday night was brilliant. Rather than the backward reactionary of the night before Sir Oliver appeared as a forward thinking visionary with sound ideas and argumentation. Sir Oliver is, in short, a good European.

He emphasized that the EC is assuredly not a homogeneous body, that each nation will continue to seek its own national interest, and that "Altruism is in pretty short supply in Brussels." He correctly pointed out that the EC protects America's national interest by promoting stability in Europe, and that Europe has always been a reliable partner when their interests coincide with ours. He spoke knowledgeably on the history of British intransigence in the European Community, which he aptly explained by describing the EC as a car in which Britain plays the role of the brakes.

Evaluation

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seen by the professor, untyped

The most disturbing aspect above is the lack of student anonymity. We realize the impossibility of asking that every form's essays be typed. We also recognize the teacher's right to confront their accuser. Thirdly, we believe the majority of professors at Washington College would be able to accept constructive criticism without hostility, but this is unrealistic. Imagine if a student were required to take the second semester of a course in which there were no other sections. If that student had criticized the professor in his first evaluation, it is conceivable that the professor might harbor subliminal animosity, and unknowingly retaliate.

In contrast to the basic right to confront one's accuser, we put forth the **right to anonymity**. The use of pen names to prevent retribution is a necessary part of free press. Political Science professors teach us this about Madison, Hamilton and Jay's Federalist papers, written under the name Publius. The practice of accusing those who hold power over you from behind the shield of anonymity has precedent in America. Anonymity is necessary unless one depends on the accused's goodwill.

To provide this opportunity, we propose: 1) the student be provided with the option of anonymity. If the student notes this on the form, then their form will be typed. and that: 2) the identifications asked for on the top of the form be made optional and that this be stated in the form.

We believe that the faculty should not be given the opportunity to accidently determine the identity of their critic nor develop unintended animosity towards that student. It is unfair to both the student and the professor to provide this trap in which both can become mired quite accidently.

In conclusion, we wish to note that the arbitrary actions taken by some of the faculty over a six year period are more important than the specific changes to the form. The student's basic method of redressing wrongs has been summarily toyed with by the faculty in an unrepresentative way. We cannot allow tyranny in the form of unrepresentative government to arise here. The faculty and students must share the responsibility for all decisions that effect the interests of both.

Resolved,
Douglas M. Peterson
Worcester SGA Senator,
Skip Gibson
Somerset SGA Senator

New Tennis Coach Chosen

By **Gary Brown**
Sports Information Director

Tim Gray, a former Washington College tennis star, has been named head coach of both the men's and women's tennis programs at WC. He will also be the director of the college's new Benjamin A. Johnson Lifetime Fitness Center.

Gray will act as assisstant to current coach Tom Finnegan for the remainder of the Spring Season, at which point, Gray will take over. Coach Finnegan was asked to run both programs after the college, in compliance with a commitment to hire full-time coaches for its 14 intercollegiate teams, did not renew the contracts of former part-time head coach Fred Wyman and Holly Bramble in June of 1991.

Gray is a 1986 graduate of Washington College and was a nationally-ranked tennis player for the Shoremen in 1985 and 1986. He returns to Washington College from the Greenwood Country Club in Greenwood, South Carolina, where his responsibilities as a tennis professional included organizing tournaments and United Tennis Association league play, teaching private and group lessons, and managing the facility and maintenance crew and Pro Shop staff. Gray's coaching experience includes a one year stint at Widener University as a head coach in 1987, and one season as an assistant at the University of Maryland in 1984.

Gray' responsibilities as Director of Washington College's Benjamin A. Johnson Lifetime Fitness Center will include scheduling, staffing and maintenance of the 48,000 square foot recreational facility for the Washington College students, faculty and staff.

"My days as a student at Washington were some of the best in my life,"Gray said of his appointment. "I'm thrilled and honored to be able to return in a different capacity, and I look forward to continuing the winning tennis tradition at a Washington College."

Tim's enthusiasm and experience is a perfect blend for this position," said Washington College Athletic Director Geoff Miller. "We feel that Tim has demonstrated the kinds of abilities necessary to run a nationally prominent tennis program and manage our beautiful new facility. His being an alumnus of the college will also be beneficial in this transition period. We gleaned Tim from a very impressive applicant pool, and we are excited to have him aboard."

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The Marseys: WC's Dynamic Duo

By **Charlie Linehan**
& Chris Vaughn
Sports Editors

Anyone who has played on a Varsity athletic team at Washington College in the last six years will smile instinctively at the mention of Bill and Nancy Marsey. Rain or shine, Bill and Nancy are always there, ready with your game bag or your uniform, or just to exchange some practice clothing. No matter how badly your day has been going or how much you might be dreading the upcoming practice, you can always count on the warm smiles of Nancy and Bill to lift you up a little when you go down to get your equipment. After a win, Nancy and Bill are the first to let you know how proud they are, and the first to console you after a tough loss. In short, Washington College athletes and coaches have a lot of love and respect for this dynamic duo who, over the past six years, have played such an important role in the success of athletics here at WC.

The Marseys

Both Delaware natives, Bill Marsey was born in Yorklyn in 1927 and Nancy Brittingham was born in Wilmington in 1928. They attended Conrad High School, where Bill played football and Nancy played field hockey and softball, and that is where they first met. Says Bill, flashing a romantic smile in Nancy's direction, "I used to stand at the top of the steps coming out of the cafeteria and just admire her walking up the steps . . . and I finally got enough nerve to ask her out." For their first date (according to Bill) they went to the movies ("I'm glad he remembers these things because I don't," Nancy teases.) A short time later, in October 1947, the high school sweethearts were married in Marshallton, Delaware.

Prior to their arrival at Washington College, the Marseys both pursued very different careers than they do today. Says Nancy, "I worked at a florist shop designing and assembling wedding bouquets, corsages, that sort of thing." Bill was employed as an electrician by the National Vulcanized Fiber Company in Wilmington for thirty-nine years.

Marking her time at Washington by the number of years old favorites Beth Matthews and Carol Reece were here and how long they have been gone, Nancy figures that she has spent six years at WC—going on seven. "I've been here nine years in April," Says Bill. "I started out collecting students' trash, on the trash truck. I worked my way into the athletic building as a janitor for approximately two years. I've been in this room the balance of the time (six years)." Bill took over the equipment room after the departure of the late Horace Needles.

While every Washington College athlete remembers the Marseys, there are many Sho'men who occupy a special place in the Marseys' memory. In addition to the aforementioned Matthews and Reece, Mrs. Marsey's favorites among the girls have included Donna White, Amy Tiehel, Lee Ann Ledwin . . . . When asked about the guys Nancy laughs, "Charlie Linehan!—Charlie's the only one that ever came up and asked me, 'Mrs. Marsey, I forgot to bring my practice clothes. Could I borrow your car keys to drive back over to the dorm?' He said, 'It'll only take me a minute.' And I said, 'Yes, that's what I'm afraid of!'" Nancy also has fond memories of Bobby Martino, 'Rup' [Greg Ruppert], Matt Petz, 'Squirrel' [Chris Brandt], Matty Wilson, 'Bull' [Chris Jamke] . . . . When asked about his favorite female athletes over the years, besides Amy Tiehel, Mr. Marsey responds, "Um, . . . Amy." Among the guys, Bill's favorites include Bobby Martino, Timmy Hormes, Matty Wilson, Charles Duckett, Buddha [Heath Bethune] (Nancy laughs, "I got so many bearhugs from him . . ."). Bill smiles, "As far as I'm concerned, all the boys were good to me, that's all I know." "Too many to single out" Nancy adds.

In addition to a few favorite athletes, the Marseys are particularly fond of some of the Washington College coaching staff. When asked about his favorite coach, Bill responded, "My favorite coach is Mr. Finnegan because he's on the ball and he gives us all the information we need—in plenty of time. He not only coaches basketball but he also thinks about the equipment room." Nancy identifies Diane Guinan as her favorite coach for the same reasons and adds, "She generally cares about what her people are wearing—if they're wearing the proper thing and that they get it at the proper time."

Given the Marseys' tenure at Washington College, they have some valuable impressions of the athletic program to share. When Nancy first arrived at the school, there were separate equipment rooms for men's and women's athletics. Eventually, they were combined into one room, a change which Nancy feels was for the better. In addition, Nancy feels that athletics at the college has come a long way. "I think that the college, as a whole, is becoming more aware of athletics . . . . The way I've read about it and heard about it from people who have been here a number of years, athletics was just something that was there, I think, for a long time. Moneywise, the college is giving more money out to sports. I think we have a president now, who is behind sports and that's a big plus for the athletic program. So, I think it's come a long way."

Washington College athletics certainly have come a long way, but it couldn't have happened without the the Marseys. In the words of Athletic Director Geoff Miller, "We're truly blessed to have people like this working for us. They are just marvellous people, they've got great personalities, they really care about young people. We've had an accountability and a control down there that is probably the envy of many an athletic department. We're just tickled pink to have people as genuinely kind, caring, and as efficient as Bill and Nancy Marsey."

NCAA Gives Ruling: Tennis Team Issue Resolved

Chestertown, MD—Washington College was notified today that the NCAA has completed its review of reported violations in the College's men's and women's tennis programs. A letter from NCAA Enforcement Representative Cynthia J. Gabel to Washington College Athletic Director Geoff Miller stated that the case has been classified as secondary, a designation used by the NCAA to describe violations which provide only a limited recruiting or competitive advantage and that are isolated or inadvertent in nature. The NCAA has asked Washington College to prepare a report, prior to the beginning of the 1992-93 school year, outlining steps taken by the college to monitor compliance and to avoid a recurrence of similar violations.

Ms. Gabel's letter also stated that "the institution's actions in this matter were meaningful and indicate appropriate efforts to operate the university's athletics department in compliance with NCAA legislation."

"I'm relieved that this issue is now behind us," said Miller. "This has been a painful process for all parties involved. We feel we have a great coaching staff in place now and we look forward to a terrific season for both teams."

-Athletic Department
Press Release

NEWT'S Player of the Week

Charles "The Hands" Cummings

NEWT'S CHESTERTOWN BAR
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It's the Bleacher Creatures—**IN YER FACE!!** That's right folks, Spiderman and the Vaughnster comin' at you once again. Before we get to the NEWT's Player of the Week, we have a special award to give out. **The Post-Party Faux Pas Award** goes out this week to Laurie McClellan and Jenny Golden in recognition of their criminal activities last Tuesday afternoon. It seems that these two girls, distressed about the full keg sitting in their kitchen on Tuesday, proceeded to pour the contents of the keg down the drain of the sink, pitcher by pitcher, until it was light enough to be removed. Far be it from us to criticize you girls but, what is ya, IGNORANT?!

Anyway, now for the big news—This week's NEWT's Player of the Week: The new kid — a 6'1 sophomore guard, hailing from the great city of Baltimore, MD, Charles Cummings. Charles has come on to fill the shoes of the late great Greg Rogers extremely well. He's been shooting an astounding 50% from the three point hash and currently has the third best total shooting average of 45.7%. Says coach Finnegan, "Charles has really come on during the second half of the season. He has stepped into the starting line-up and he has provided us with some good defense and some very good offensive outbursts. We're looking forward to having him with us for two more seasons." Good Job Charles!!!

WC B-BALL, 1/2 Game From First

By **Melissa Harmeyer**
Staff Writer

After an 87-69 victory over Western Maryland, the Men's Basketball record has improved to 12-9. The team is now in preparation for four important MAC Southeast matchups against Haverford, Ursinus, Widener, and Johns Hopkins. Victories in these upcoming games could earn the Shoremen an MAC championship and a chance at postseason play.

The team displayed extreme talent on both the offensive and defensive ends in last Thursday's win. Cummings' 3 pointer combined with a layup by Greg Rupert gave the Shoremen an 11-4 lead only 3 minutes into the game. And to round out the half, Mike "That's right I have PIPES" Swanson contributed the final four points to give WC a 44-28 lead at the break.

Western Maryland was able to come only as close as eleven as Pete Basel put the nail in the coffin and the game out of reach when he hit a three point clincher with 7:47 remaining.

Allen Lester's 17 points, along with Tim Liddy's 14, kept the Shoremen ahead for the remainder of the game. Starters Daren Vican and Charles Cummings also contributed greatly in the points column. In addition, Vican, the All-MAC junior, had 12 rebounds for a game high while Cummings sunk his 11 points all in the first half.

All in all, WAC dominated by outshooting, out rebounding, and hitting 50% of their three pointers. Who says this team isn't for real?! With Hopkins losing there last two games against Ursinus and Widener, WC is only a half game out of first place. These last four contests will be the key as WC goes up against Hopkins in their last battle of the season.

On another note, the annual alumni game is this Saturday before the WAC faces Ursinus. Returning players include a few you may remember from the Final Four team of1989-90: Jim Keehan, Charles Duckett, Chris Janke, and Chris Brandt. Many other players from previous years will be there as well.

The focus, however, will be the ceremony which will honor Washington's winningest basketball coach, Tom Finnegan, who has 280 wins in 22 seasons. So come out and cheer on this powerful coach and powerful team!

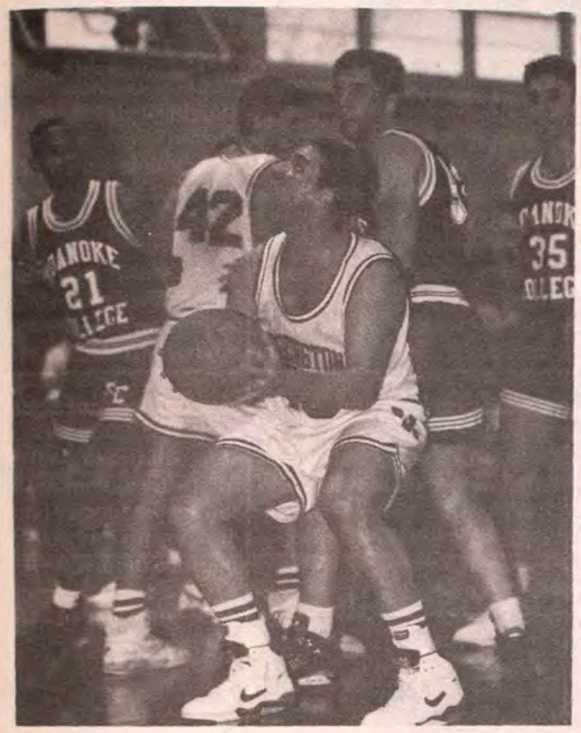

Photo by Gary Brown

Senior Forward Tim Liddy, eyes down the rim as he powers his way to the hoop.

REC Sports Update

By **Kristy Hilgartner**
Staff Writer

The REC Sports program is already in full swing for the spring semester with a plethora (nice wordage Kristy) of activities for both men and women. The program offers a wide variety of opportunities for the college community in the areas of recreation, intramurals, and education. Student participation has been its highest this year as compared to previous years.

Scuba classes will be offered at the Casey Swim Center beginning March 10th. The first session will consist of six classes held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-10pm. A second session of classes will begin April 7th. The cost will be $195 and equipment will be provided. Please sign up at the swim center as soon as possible as spaces are limited.

There are still a few openings left for both aerobics classes this semester. On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons, Tracy Greenawalt leads high and low impact aerobics with some incorporation of step aerobics. Maria Banashak and Judi Berry are now offering a complete Step Aerobic program on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday evening. Both classes provide both intense and enjoyable workouts, and they're a great way to get in shape for the spring. For new participants the fee is $15 for the semester. Returning members pay half-price.

Men's indoor soccer began last Sunday and consists of eight teams. In the first round of play Die Ubermenshen defeated Bad Brains 4-2 and the Sweathogs beat Pepe 1-0. Also, on Tuesday night, Farfegnugen and Lumpy Snacks went the distance and finally into overtime but remained tied 5-5. The schedule for the rest of the season has been modified, so all teams should contact Dennis Berry as soon as possible.

A silent auction is now underway for a pair of brand new Trak cross-country skis. Keep in mind how ideal these would be getting around Chestertown during these treacherous winter months!! If you would like to place a bid, drop off it off at the REC sports office in the Swim Center. The winner will be determined on February 21.

Openings for positions on the REC Sports Staff are available for next fall. Job opportunities include Student Director and various assistant positions. Anyone interested in any of these should contact Dennis Berry.

Thank you for your support.

Aqua-Men Paddle Past Lebanon Valley

By **Chris Vaughn**
Co-Sports Editor

The men came away with their second win of the season over Lebanon Valley with a drowning score of 126-38. "This was an entire team win with some terrific times turned in today. Every member scored important points to add to the victory," said Coach Lessard.

The medley relay teams started off big placing first and second early in the meet. The combined efforts of Tim Whittier, Brian Basso, Ty McCarthy, and Jason Campbell along with Dave Czekj, Andy McKim, Troy Petenbrink, and Mike Frey made this possible.

Freshman Dave Cola continued to look impressive by winning the 200 free, 500 free, and 100 fly. The 200 was a new school record and should get him in the top heat at the MAC's. Chris Freisheim swam a personal best in the 200 and 500 free which put him as WC's second fastest in those events behind Cola.

Tyler McCarthy also gave his contribution by winning the 100 free and placing second in the 50 free. Another freshman, Mike Bowman, was right on the heels of McCarthy with his placements of 2nd in the 100 free and 3rd in the 50 free.

Continual efforts to lower times were often exemplified. Mike Frey had a personal best time in the 100 and 200 free with Jason Campbell winning and decreasing his own time in the 100 breast. Andy McKim and Brian Basso came in 2nd and 3rd respectively behind Campbell. Added to this were Jarrod Wunderlich and Troy Petenbrink swimming their fastest times in the 200 IM and 100 back. Dave Czekj also lowered his time again placing third in the 100 back as Tim Whittier continued to add important points with his finishes of 2nd in the 100 back and third in the 200 IM.

The final event, the 200 free, was also taken by the Aquamen and it leads them into their next meet here, against Juniata, tomorrow at 1pm. Be there!!!

Kasey Carroll Dominating in Freestyle competition

Photo by Gary Brown

Aquawomen Splash Lebanon Valley

By **Chris Vaughn**
Co-Sports Editor

The women swam right past Lebanon Valley last weekend and never looked back as they walked away with a victory of 125-41. Sophomore Mimi Devlin led the group with 2 firsts in the 200 IM and 500 free. Coach Kim Lessard put it best when she said, "Mimi looked great today. She is so valuable to the team with the ability to swim so many different events. She successfully filled Kasey Carroll's void who is out with an injury."

Nancy Whittman also had a big day and became the 5th fastest 100 freestyler in WC history breaking a minute and winning the event. Behind her, Magdelena Fuchs scored an important 2nd in the event and 3rd in the 50 free with Ramsey Bigham trailing closely in 4th.

Meanwhile, Amy Draper continued to look impressive in the 100 fly, finishing first, as Joan Colton scored a strong second. And Jen Green was back to form in her 100 backstroke win after being out for two weeks while Karen Pendergast brought WC a second in the same event.

Senior captain, Leslie Newcomb, as usual, proved tough in her forte as she won in the 100 breast and placed second in the 200 IM. At the same time Beverly Diaz improved her times as she placed second behind Leslie in the 100 breast. Let's not forget old Eleanor Shriver who added key points from her 3rd place finish in the 500 free and 4th place finish in the 200 free.

The relays also had a terrific day. Two WC squads placed first and second in the 200 medley relay and the free relay teams iced the cake with their respective finishes of first and second as well.

The team is doing rather well and according to Coach Lessard, "If everyone would get healthy the MAC championships should be exciting."

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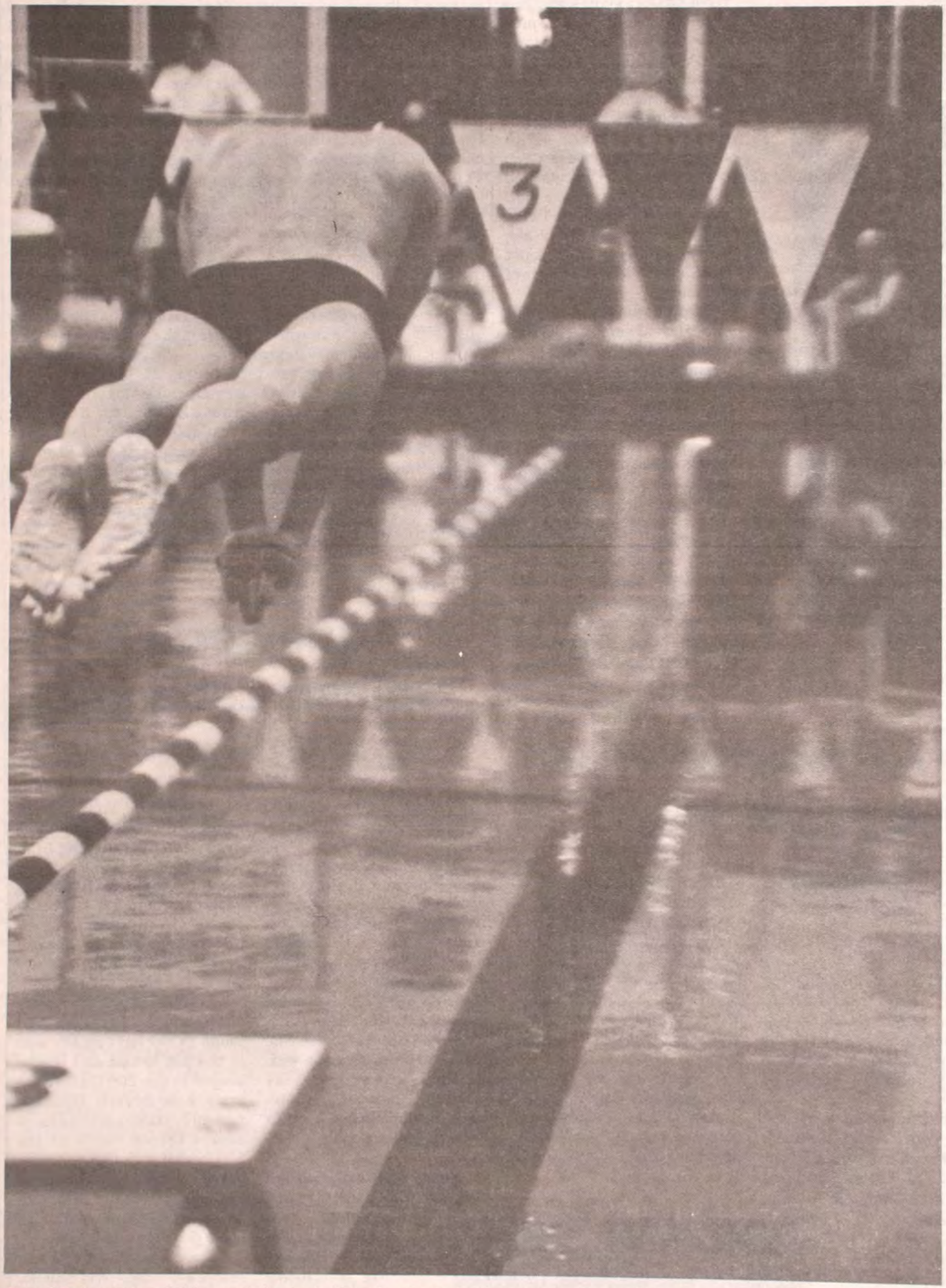

Photo courtesy of Gary Brown

David Cola gets a quick jump at the start. Dave is a freshman from nearby Dover, Delaware and could be the first WC male to place in the top eight at the MAC Championship this year. This past week against Lebanon Valley, Cola had three individual firsts. He also currently holds 7 school individual records and 3 school relay records.

Charles Cummings: NEWT's Player of the Week

WC Box Scores

Men's Basketball	
Washington	87
Western MD	69

Men's Swimming	
Washington	126
Lebanon Valley	38

Women's Swimming	
Washington	125
Lebanon Valley	41

Upcoming Events:

Men's Basketball
Ursinus Feb 15 7:30 H
Widener Feb. 19 7:30 A

Swimming
Juniata Feb. 15 1:00 H
Western MD Feb 19 7:00 A

Aqua-Men Obliterate Lebanon Valley's Best

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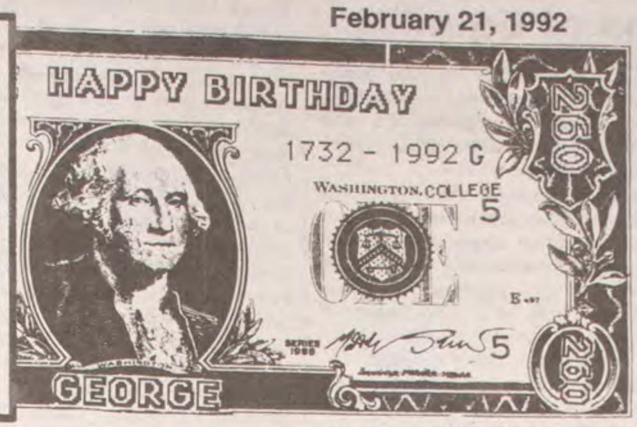

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Fitness Center Nears Completion

By **Patrick Attenasio**
Editor-in-Chief

The Benjamin A. Johnson Lifetime Fitness Center, under construction since September 1991, will be open for general use in mid-March. According to Clint Baer, Director of Planning and Special Projects at Washington College, the building's completion marks the end of a long, multi-department effort to upgrade the college's athletic facilities.

"We signed the contracts in June 1991, and construction is nearly done, so the actual work took less than a year," Baer stated. "But, this project took many years to develop...including several years of fundraising, and ten months of planning." The Fitness Center, designed by architect Bob Brasso, is being built by the Metropolitan Construction Company, under the management of Arena and Company. According to Baer, much of the site's quick completion can be attributed to the participants involved, often working seven days a week and nights to make the targeted March deadline.

The Fitness Center, named for Benjamin A. Johnson (WC Class of 1911),former Chief Justice of Maryland, whose family contributed greatly to the project's fundraising, cost roughly five million dollars (with one million of that figure to be placed in endowment to provide for maintenance and other future costs of the center) is adjacent to the Cain Gymnasium, covering some 55,000 square feet.

The *coup-de-grace* of this new facility is obviously the enormous multi-

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Photo by John Goebel

Exterior view of soon to be completed Fitness Center

Handicapped Access at WC:

College Officials Address Student Concerns

By **John C. Griep**
News Editor

"Public accommodations . . . may not discriminate on the basis of disability" is the primary message of The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1991, which became effective on January 26 of this year. The act also calls for the removal of "physical barriers in existing facilities . . ., if removal is readily achievable" and the provision of "auxiliary aids and services . . . to individuals with vision or hearing impairments or other individuals with disabilities, unless an undue burden would result." The **ELM** discussed the issue of handicapped access on campus, as well as the effect of The Americans with Disabilities Act, with a number of college officials. The interviews were conducted separately throughout the past two weeks.

Our first question was concerned with the past performance of Washington College on the issue of handicapped access.

Dean McIntire: "In the distant past, we [WC] did an abysmal job with handicapped access. I don't think we were any worse than any other institution. It just wasn't an issue, unfortunately, for lots of colleges up until the more recent past . . . . I think in the more recent past, we've made some efforts to make our buildings handicapped accessible. I think we've got a long way to go before they are really accessible."

Gene Hessey, Senior Vice President of Management and Finance: "We certainly weren't the leaders when the initial guidelines on accessibility were put in place, although we did take part in a number of statewide meetings to address the issues of handicapped access. . . . I would say that we have been actively involved in maintaining contact with the issue of handicapped access from the outset, when legislation was first implemented. As we have proceeded with a fairly substantial renovation and capital investment program on campus, we've obviously kept those requirements in mind. In recent years I think we've come a long way in making the campus facilities much more accessible than they originally were. We still have a way to go obviously."

President Trout: "I think that we have made every effort to conform with what the state and federal laws require and I believe, nevertheless, that there is still progress to be made."

The **ELM** next discussed the difference between accessibility and "equal" access for the handicapped.

McIntire was especially concerned about this distinction. She stated, "because we have so many old buildings that are difficult to make handicapped accessible, sometimes we have chosen ways of doing it that to the handicapped person must make them feel a bit like a second-class citizen . . . back-door access, rather than front door. . . . The ramp to the cafeteria is a good example of what I'm talking about. At the time that [the ramp] was put in . . . it was put in specifically for a handicapped student that we had . . . it was the best solution the college could come up with given the resources that we had, given our understandings of the issue, our expertise of the issue. We understand more about those things now . . . . The question is, as we have added to the campus, have we added *positively* to the handicapped access? And I think there are a couple of areas where we are missing the boat. . . . I think we've got a ways to go here in making equal access for handicapped people . . . ."

Hessey: "I guess [equal access] would certainly be the ideal, where accessibility is virtually the same for everyone, everywhere. I think most of us are a long way from reaching that ideal. . . . And I think in some ways that the guidelines for handicapped access, in and of themselves, indicate that differentiation . . . ."

Trout , when asked about McIntire's comments, responded, "I can understand that the present ramp could give that impression. On the other hand, thank God we have a ramp. In the new configuration . . . the handicapped access will be down those back stairs with a little elevator that will take them up and down. Is that second-class citizenship because they have to use an elevator? In other words, I don't find that a particularly useful distinction. . . . I think we first have to make sure that everything is accessible and then, over time, come to grips with the question of equal access, But it is very expensive. If equal access were provided, I suspect that the price tag for that would be astronomical. . . . I think we have to think about what's reasonable for the college, as well as what's reasonable for the handicapped, and come to some sort of balance that's fair. We want a barrier-free campus . . . within the bounds of reason."

The **ELM** then discussed the college's plans for handicapped access for the future and the effects of the American Disabilities Act on the college.

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George Washington's Birthday Celebration

Saturday, Feb. 22

Board of Visitors and Governors Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

Alumni Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

The McLain Program in Environmental Studies presents: Sylvia Earle, Chief Scientist, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Founder of Deep Sea Technology: The Chesapeake Bay, the Persian Gulf after the Gulf War, and her Work at NOAA.
Dunning Lecture Hall,
11:00 a.m.

The Goldstein Program in Public Affairs presents: Marian Wright Edelman, President, Children's Defense Fund
Sophie Kerr Room,
Miller Library, 11:00 a.m.

Birthday Convocation
Honored Guests: Sylvia Earle, Chief Scientist, NOAA; Marian Wright Edelman, President, Children's Defense Fund; Linda Koch Lorimer, President, Randolph-Macon Woman's College; Martine Van Hamel, Artistic Director, New Amsterdam Ballet
Tawes Theatre, 2:00 p.m.

President's Forum:
"Higher Education Today"
President Charles H. Trout and Linda Koch Lorimer, President, Randolph-Macon Woman's College
CAC Forum, 3:30 p.m.

The Birthday Ball
Music by the Zim Zemarel Orchestra
Cain Gymnasium, 9:00 p.m.

Gender Issues on Campus:

Panel Raises Questions of Equality

By J. Tarin Towers
A&E Editor

A panel discussion on coed life at Washington College, held last Monday and sponsored by the Margaret Horsley Society, provided some interesting insights into the way the College views itself. The crowd was rather sparse; in fact the audience and the panel had roughly the same number of members. And although the panel was unified in purpose, by no means were they cohesive in view.

The members included President Trout, Dean Sansing, S.G.A. Vice-President and R.A. John Kelly, S.G.A. Senator John Phoebus (also an R.A.), G.A.L.A. co-Presidents Amy Caddle and Gehrett Ellis, Dr. Beverley Wolff, senior biology major Karen Brady, and sophomore Ramsey Bigham, a member of the Women's Issues Discussion Group.

The discussion was described as a continuation of a similar panel held during the Alumni Weekend Coeducation festivities. The previous panel had women representatives spanning each decade from 1920 - 1990. The theme in both cases had to do with what it means to be a woman at Washington College, focusing mainly on campus life, both in and out of the classroom.

President Trout said he was interested in making this college "a coeducational institution, as opposed to an institution to which female students happen to go." He continued this train of thought by saying if he heard, via that discussion or others like it, that there were serious problems he would actually be encouraged. He said it would be a good thing to hear concern about women's issues, because only then could we begin to tackle the problems that prompt those complaints.

However, Phoebus characterized the campus as "apathetic," a word that Kelly used to describe his own position towards problems of sexism or harassment on campus. A misuse of the term "apathetic" was (hopefully) evident in Kelly's case, as he described himself as being more unaware of problems than unsympathetic towards them. In fact, when discussing the topic of campus activism, he asserted, "I guess there should be a women's group on campus — I don't know if we funded one this semester." He was not only a member on a panel coordinated by one of these groups, he also (via S.G.A.) funded two more such gender-oriented groups (Gender Studies Reading Group and G.A.L.A.).

Brady presented a similar stance. She claimed that she had never had any problems of sexism in any of her classes or, as she put it, "I don't know. It never happens to me."

So who does it happen to? Is the debate still male vs. female, or "us against them?" And if the women aren't even aware of what the problems are, how can we expect to fight them?

Awareness and education seemed to be the largest stand, as it apparently should be. What does go on is shocking. Is "sexclusion" from the literary canon by male professors acceptable? What about the denial given to one student from writing a scholarly paper on any women artists (the student was male)? In actuality the Backlash against contemporary feminism is more prevalent on campus than most people are aware of — or choose to be. "We're not oppressed — not seriously oppressed," was Bigham's statement, which served as a summary of women in the '90's.

What about date rape? While this touchy subject was discussed at length, no real solutions were proffered, other than showing more "mandatory" movies. Awareness is a necessity, and though it can't be expected of a rape survivor to go on the lecture circuit, there are steps to be taken.

Supporting the topic of awareness in men, Kelly suggested that a women's group approach fraternities or sports teams, and have a similar discussion with them on the same issues, so that ignorance would no longer be an excuse for foul treatment of women in social or sexual situations.

General safety is also a concern. Although the sophomore class' plans for an escort service are gradually getting under way, two further points should be addressed. First, no women will be permitted to serve as escorts, only as dispatchers. This is disregarding the physical and emotional strength of both the men and women who are potential escorts.

Second, safety within buildings is not guaranteed by escorts, or even by campus security, who can only do so much. The break-in in Queen Anne House last semester, involving a visiting sports team and theft of valuable personal property, is a perfect example. So are the thefts and defacement that run so rampant campus-wide. Ignorance of these events provides more evidence in the case for education.

The bulk of the latter part of the discussion was to make the case for the implementation of some sort of Women's Studies or Gender Studies Curriculum. The stress was on both equalizing the focus to appropriately reflect the contributions of women, and on the installation of specific courses that would focus on the works of women. An example would be Professor Kathy Mills' women's music course. There was enough fuel to spark not only discussion, but the interest of President Trout, who helped to introduce a Women's Studies program at Colgate University.

The topics were so diverse, and the conversation was so lively, that it was a shame so few people attended. At any rate, the content of the discussion is felt, or rather lived, on campus every day. Although not much time was taken to stress the positive aspects of coed life, the first steps are being taken to institute necessary changes in not just structures, but attitudes.

Handicapped

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Trout: "I haven't studied that act in much detail, but clearly we have to come to terms with that act. . . . Some of the provisions of that act are very, very tough. . . . Handicapped bathrooms, the dimensions have to be changed, in some instances that could mean knocking out walls . . . the door handles, as I understand it, on every door that is a handicapped accessible door have to be changed from a knob to a latch-type mechanism . . . there have to be signs and some of the signs have to have Braille. It's a very, very tough and potentially expensive . . . very expensive . . . piece of legislation. Obviously, we will do what we must to be in conformance with that law."

Clint Baer, Director of Planning and Special Projects: "Washington College is already developing the plans to renovate William Smith Hall and one of the chief reasons we are doing that is to make the entire central classroom building handicapped accessible. Furthermore, one of the reasons we're building the new academic center is to have a central classroom building . . . to make sure that as many classrooms as possible are handicapped accessible. We're working on plans to have hearing impaired telephones on campus. All of the campus master planning we have done has included pathways for physically disabled people. . . . You can, in fact, get from here to there. Not every facility has to be handicapped accessible. You do have to insure that a certain percentage of your facilities . . . are handicapped accessible. . . . Keep in mind that the requirement isn't to make this easy. Handicapped people recognize the difficulties implicit in their disability. Nobody every said that life was fair or easy."

McIntire concluded, "I think we all need to be more conscious of this issue. . . . Troy Petenbrink's comments to the SGA, echoed by others in their letter to the editor, and now echoed by the **ELM** . . . will probably do more to raise all our consciousness on this issue than all the legislation ever written. There's nothing quite as effective as a group of students concerned about an issue."

Fitness Center

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purpose fieldhouse, roughly 35,000 square feet in area, its walls stretching 55 feet high. Clint Baer describes the room's floor (a rough, green surface consisting of layered acrylic and urythene materials) as "the best money could buy." He added, "The Athletic Department did a lot of research concerning the floor. It's a pelletized surface, not smooth, so it has some give to it, which will prevent orthopedic problems." Last week, lines were painted on the floor providing for three basketball, volleyball, and tennis courts. A two-lane jogging track encloses these courts, separated by a movable, red vinyl curtain.

Also included in the Fitness Center is a 4000 square foot strength and conditioning room (featuring all new free-weight and machine equipment), a 2000 square foot dance studio (with new sound system, and Gerstung flooring - hardwood over a cushioned surface), two squash courts, 2 racquetball courts, the multi-purpose Wellness classroom, men's and women's locker rooms (equipped with saunas), lacrosse locker room, and a seminar/team room with audio-visual capability. Athletic Department offices in the center include ones for John Ferber, Head Athletic Trainer, Terry Corcoran, Head Lacrosse Coach, Karen Smith, Dance Instructor, Mike Davenport, Rowing Coach, and Tim Gray, Tennis Coach and Fitness Center Supervisor. According to Baer, the Fitness Center will be "100 percent handicapped accessible." Its connection to the Cain Gymnasium makes that facility completely handicapped accessible also.

"This facility turned out better than we ever dreamed," stated Geoff Miller, Director of Athletics at WC. "We looked at fieldhouses from other schools, and were very involved in discussions of this one's design, because we have to live in it." Although Miller feels the center will be an important recruiting tool, he stressed its multi-purpose nature, and wants it to be utilized by all factions of the campus community. Miller said the fieldhouse will chiefly be used as an inclement weather training facility for the college's athletic teams, working on a rotating schedule based on need, not priority.

The Benjamin A. Johnson Lifetime Fitness Center will be officially dedicated on April 25, at 11 a.m., coinciding with the Board of Visitor's and Governor's meeting and Parent's Day. After the ceremonial ribbon is cut, tours of the new facility will be given from 11:30 until 1:30. Other events for the celebration include lacrosse, rowing, and softball matches, and a squash/racquetball tournament. An all-campus Luau at the college's Truslow Boathouse that evening will cap the day's festive events.

The Imperial Hotel and Restaurant
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In Brief

ODK Inducts New Members

The Washington College chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society, has recently released the names of WC students selected for membership. The Society is dedicated to "exemplary character, scholarship and intelligence, service and leadership in campus and community life, good citizenship within the academic and larger community, and fellowship and consecration to democratic ideals."

The juniors and seniors the Alpha Psi Circle of Washington College has selected for membership in 1992 include: Patrick Attenasio, Michelle Beattie, Darryl Calloway, Jennifer Del Nero, Edna Diefenderfer, Julie Greene, Charles Linehan, Heather Scholtz, Rebecca Smith, Timothy Stoltzfus, Stephanie Tennyson, Monita Airen, Timothy Buckheit, Samantha Clements, Miriam Jecelin, Maria Jerardi, Marie Mohler, Kathryn Mullan, Erin Page, Jennifer Ruppert, Jennifer Sloan, Christopher Vaughn, and Nancy Whiteman.

Members selected in 1991 include: Andrew Bohutinsky, Steven Boucher, Kathy Brewster, Kathleen Carroll, Shannon Cupka, Brooke Frank, Jennifer Griffin, Gregory Hickman, Raphael Koster, Lauran McClellan, Sally McGee, Sandra McLelland, Rachael Rice, and Carey Smith.

The Alpha Psi Circle is advised by Linda Cades, Director of the Center for Career Development and their faculty secretary is Dean Edward E. Maxcy.

Landscape Open Forum

There will be an OPEN FORUM on the new Landscape Plan for the new Pedestrian Mall and South Entrance to the campus. John Gutting, Landscape Architect, and Clint Baer, Director of Planning, will present the plan at the Casey Academic Center Forum, 7:30 PM, on February 27, 1992.

MAINTENANCE HELPS ITS OWN

By **Doug Smith**
Staff Writer

Early in the morning of Saturday, February 15th, John Marcus' house caught fire and burned down. Marcus, a groundskeeper for the college, is probably better known to WC students as the wizened old man perpetually planting shrubs around the CAC and squinting through the constant blue smoke-cloud of a permanently attached cigarette, prompting some students to wonder, "Does he ever put that thing out?"

When Marcus returned to work this Monday, the Maintenance staff immediately responded to his predicament, giving him all the time off he needed and donating supplies from the college to help him get back on his feet. Although the house was destroyed, Marcus' garage had been spared and was serving as temporary, albeit Spartan, quarters. Reid Raudenbush, Director of the Physical Plant at WC, stated, "We gave him a bed, some blankets. We've got a petty cash fund and bought him a lantern and canned food. There was a combination refrigerator/stove somewhere someone brought out. Oh, and we got him a smoke detector."

It is unsure whether Marcus will be allowed to stay in his garage. A collection is being taken up for him by members of the staff. "It's unfortunate when anybody's house burns down," remarked Raudenbush, "and when it's somebody in your department you do whatever you can."

WC Debate Society Formed:

To Discuss Greek System on Campus at First Meeting

By **Adria Nesberg**
& John Griep
Staff Writers

"This house will ban the Greek system" is the topic to be addressed when the Washington College Debate Society meets for the first time. The first debate is tentatively scheduled two weeks from now,and will hopefully be in the Casey Academic Center Forum. Every member of the student body at WC is a member of the Debate Society.

Kate Absher, founder of the Debate Society at Washington College, is attempting to introduce a system of debate which is used at St. Andrews University, Scotland, where she studied last year. At St. Andrews, according to Kate, the voting for the Debate Society Committee takes place during the student government elections and the positions of student government president, debate society president and newspaper editor are equal to one another. The benefits for the student body is it provides a forum for everyone to discuss important issues.

Two people will debate on each side of the issue, for and against. The form of debate will be six minutes for the main debaters and one minute for anyone else when the floor is opened up by the Chairman. After the debating is finished, the issue is put to a vote. Kate is interested in getting people to argue against their own beliefs. Chris Kleberg, member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity at WC, for example, has agreed to debate against the Greek system. By asking people to debate against their own beliefs, Kate hopes it will help defuse the issue.

Kate believes the Debate Society will give everyone a chance to discuss their beliefs and stated that this is very healthy for the campus. She plans on holding debates every two weeks to discuss political and campus-related issues and encourages everyone to attend the debates.

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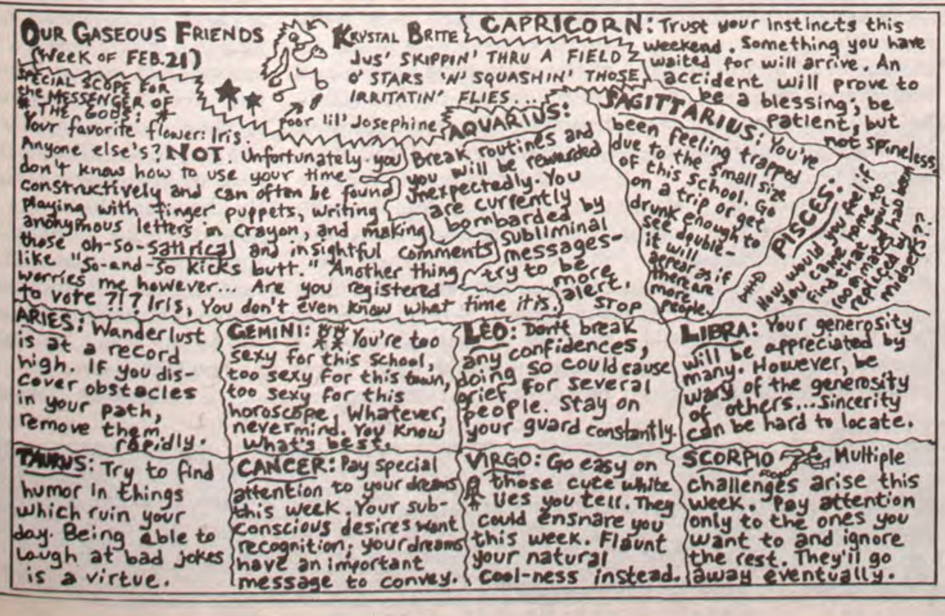

OUR GASEOUS FRIENDS
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SPECIAL SCOPE FOR the MESSENGER OF THE GODS:
poor lil' Josephine
Your favorite flower: Iris. Anyone else's? NOT. Unfortunately you don't know how to use your time constructively and can often be found playing with finger puppets, writing anonymous letters in crayon, and making those oh-so-satirical and insightful comments like "So-and-So kicks butt." Another thing worries me however... Are you registered to vote ?!? Iris, You don't even know what time it is.

CAPRICORN: Trust your instincts this weekend. Something you have waited for will arrive. An accident will prove to be a blessing; be patient, but not spineless.

AQUARIUS: Break routines and you will be rewarded unexpectedly. You are currently bombarded by subliminal messages- try to be more alert. STOP

SAGITTARIUS: You're been feeling trapped due to the small size of this school. Go on a trip or get drunk enough to see double- it will appear as if there are more people.

PISCES: How would you feel if you came home to find that your roommates had been replaced by midgets??

ARIES: Wanderlust is at a record high. If you discover obstacles in your path, remove them rapidly.

GEMINI: You're too sexy for this school, too sexy for this town, too sexy for this horoscope. Whatever, nevermind. You know what's best.

LEO: Don't break any confidences, doing so could cause grief for several people. Stay on your guard constantly.

LIBRA: Your generosity will be appreciated by many. However, be wary of the generosity of others... Sincerity can be hard to locate.

TAURUS: Try to find humor in things which ruin your day. Being able to laugh at bad jokes is a virtue.

CANCER: Pay special attention to your dreams this week. Your subconscious desires want recognition; your dreams have an important message to convey.

VIRGO: Go easy on those cute white lies you tell. They could ensnare you this week. Flaunt your natural cool-ness instead.

SCORPIO: Multiple challenges arise this week. Pay attention only to the ones you want to and ignore the rest. They'll go away eventually.

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Out with The Old, In with The Griep

(Genoa, Italy - 1794) – One-third his way through conquering Europe, Napoleon Boneparte was asked by a journalist how he felt. The French commander, who for twenty years dominated the Western world, virtually controlling Europe from 1809 to 1812, replied, "I'm tired."

198 years later, we're putting the fifth issue of the **ELM** to bed, exactly one-third the way through our tenure as the newspaper's editors. I was in France once. I can remember spitting off the Eiffel Tower only to have it boomerang back at me. That, and all the doorknobs seemed rather small. And that's where the Napoleon comparison ends. Only the tired part rings true. Very true.

Editorials are no place to air a newspaper's dirty laundry, but, this week, I do have some spit on my face that needs to be wiped off. Last week I officially hired John Griep as the **ELM**'s new News Editor. I say *officially* because from the get-go, Griep has been a key player in revitalizing this paper. John "The Hardest Working Man in Journalism" has been my right-hand man ever since the *This Is Not...*days. Like me, he shares a passion for reporting the facts, and covering stories we feel are important at WC. Unlike me, Griep is quiet and reserved, resisting the opportunity to shoot his mouth off on any given occasion. We weren't sure if John would have the time this semester for the **ELM**, spending all his time managing the new SuperFresh, writing his thesis in the Dairy section. But every Wednesday night, there's Griep right along side Justin and I, patiently pouring over every article, every sentence, every word. I never asked him to do anything, but still he came to me with story ideas. He helped with layout. He checked up on the writers, and actually got *along* with them. His professionalism and dedication has been remarkable, and for the benefit of the **ELM**, I had no choice but to wholeheartedly, without any reservations, proclaim him the *official* News Editor.

Which brings me to my next point. Yes, I handled this situation poorly. Yes, the transition between News editors should have been smoother. Yes, the phrasing "neo-Naziesque" in last week's editorial was in poor taste, but in no way meant as offensive. For those of you who know me, no further explanation or justification is necessary on that. For those of you who don't know me, let me assure you, I am not some autocratic tyrant (at least I hope not) pulling all the strings on the **ELM**. With the addition of Griep, I now feel my staff is the best this paper has ever had. Guys, you are doing a terrific job. Your hard work makes all the sleepless nights and missed Chaucer classes worthwhile (just kidding Prof. Lamond).

Napoleon literally destroyed himself with his unyielding bravado and fighting. Last week I almost got into a fight. Shit, I haven't been in a fight since sixth grade. What was I thinking? Damnit Jim, I'm an editor, not a fighter! I'm not pro-Nazi. I'm not anti-French. Those people make great fries, tasty salad dressing. I'm just a tired editor who had to make a tough decision last week. One that was necessary for the better of the newspaper, not my ego.

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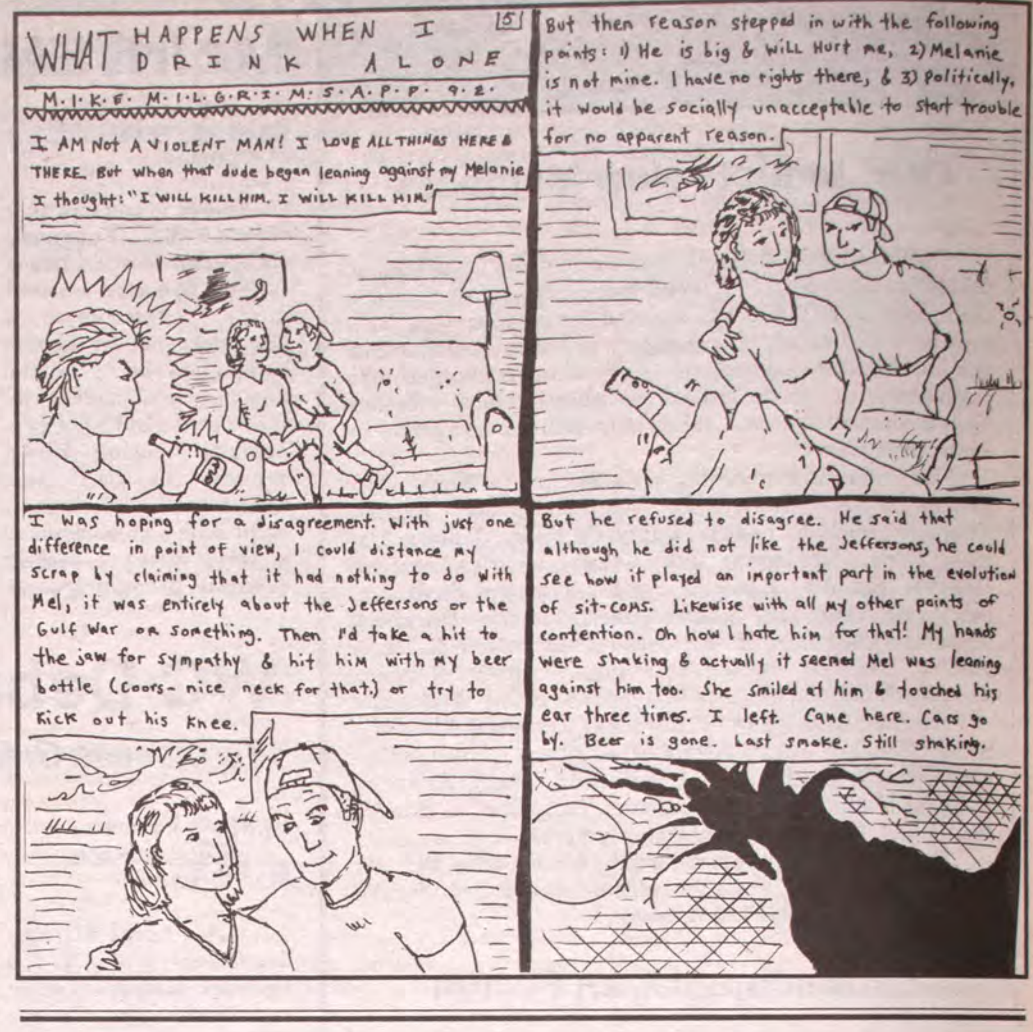
WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I DRINK ALONE
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M.I.K.E. M.I.L.G.R.I.M. S.A.P.P. 9.2.
I AM NOT A VIOLENT MAN! I LOVE ALL THINGS HERE & THERE. But when that dude began leaning against my Melanie I thought: "I WILL KILL HIM. I WILL KILL HIM."
But then reason stepped in with the following points: 1) He is big & will hurt me, 2) Melanie is not mine. I have no rights there, & 3) Politically, it would be socially unacceptable to start trouble for no apparent reason.
I was hoping for a disagreement. With just one difference in point of view, I could distance my scrap by claiming that it had nothing to do with Mel, it was entirely about the Jeffersons or the Gulf War or something. Then I'd take a hit to the jaw for sympathy & hit him with my beer bottle (Coors - nice neck for that.) or try to kick out his knee.
But he refused to disagree. He said that although he did not like the Jeffersons, he could see how it played an important part in the evolution of sit-coms. Likewise with all my other points of contention. Oh how I hate him for that! My hands were shaking & actually it seemed Mel was leaning against him too. She smiled at him & touched his ear three times. I left. Came here. Cars go by. Beer is gone. Last smoke. Still shaking.

Letters to the Editor

Wallenberg Resigns

Dear Editor-In-Chief,

I officially resign my position on the **ELM** as News Editor on the principle that I cannot and will not work for a paper which refers (with amusement) to its logo as "neo-Naziesque." I also cannot work for an editor who refuses to tell me when meetings are or what he expects me to do as News Editor. Your unprofessionalism in this matter is intolerable.

Sincerely,
Kristin E. Wallenberg

Crime & Punishment

Society today is caught up in lies. Some may be ordinary "white" lies. An example is when one remarks, "Oh! you look great tonight." Usually, the person is not telling the truth. We also see lies in advertising, historical events, and daily life. This makes it hard for some people to see the truth. But the reality is that everyone has their own responsibility of being truthful. This means that if you are under the age of 21 and in an establishment that sells alcohol you are breaking the law and also your responsibility of being truthful.

The question that was asked of me by the judge was, What provokes students at WC to commit the crime? He also said that, "you think that they would know better since they are college students." I thought to myself that maybe it was the thirty-five cent draft, the pool tables, live music, the relaxed atmosphere, that entertained me and made me have fun. Yes, it is all of this and more. It is an unending game for any student at any school to at least attempt to enter a bar. It gives an exciting thrill to be someplace where your presence is restricted by the law. Also, it makes the night even more thrilling to pretend to be someone that you are not and cheat your way into the establishment. There are the ones who never get caught; however, the real question is can you beat the system forever?

Looking around that day in the courthouse there were many people that had broken the responsibility of being truthful. Some even looked like repeat offenders. These people had lived too many lies. Probably, some of them started with small ones like me. But as their lives progressed they moved onto larger crimes, such as the assault of a police officer. I got caught early and I am serving a severe punishment. I have learned from my mistake and hope that my name will never be on a list to appear in court.

By all of this I am trying to say that if you think that you are beating the system, in the long run it will make a turn around for the worse. Whether you are impersonating a brother, sister, or cousin it is not you on the ID and therefore you are breaking the law. By the way, there is a sign posted on the front of bars saying "no one under 21 permitted." This means you!!! So instead of breaking the law do something else. Be truthful and be twenty-one.

Elizabeth Hocker

The ELM apologizes for the omission of our Photography Editor, John Goebel and our Senior Office Manager, Julie Greene from last week's Masthead

Men's B-ball Strikes Hard

By Melissa Harmeyer
Staff Writer

Men's B-Ball did it again this past week, using the home court advantage at the Cain Dome and blowing away two of their top MAC foes, Haverford and Ursinus.

Wednesday was yet another night the men of WC proved their worthiness dusting Haverford by 24 points, 92-68. Charles Cummings, a sophomore guard and former NEWT's Player of the Week, began the trouncing by hammering a three pointer 17 seconds into the match-up to give the Shoremen the lead, which they held throughout the game. The WC squad never looked back from that point forward as they continued to roll over Haverford, increasing the margin to 22 points at the half.

The second period proved much like the first. With 10:30 remaining, Darren "Legs" Vican scored to give Washington one of its biggest leads of the game 67-37. They recaptured the 30 point difference with 9:25 left and again with 6:20 remaining. Tim Liddy and Darren Vican topped the charts with 16 points each and freshman guard Adam Poe contributed 11 points.

The Shoremen's offensive dominance was equally balanced with defensive genius. The closest Haverford came to WAC's lead in the second half was 20 points . In addition, the Shoremen sunk 15 out of 20 free throws and totalled 45 rebounds compared to Haverford's 37.

If you missed Wednesday's action, hopefully you were there to witness Saturday's excitement versus Ursinus. The pre-game show began with the return of an array of alumni basketball players as they reminisced and relived the old times battling it out once again under the lights at the Cain Spectrum. Following this were the award ceremonies which included awards for the winningest b-ball coach at WC, Tom Finnigan, the b-ball team's two graduating seniors, Tim Liddy and Allen Lester, and the graduating cheerleaders. Then the spot light fell on freshmen guard Jason Ronstadt, who opened the game with his melodious voice in a rendition of the Star Spangled Banner.

Once the game was under way Tim Liddy put Washington on the board early by hitting two free throw attempts. Later in the first half, with 7:35 remaining, junior guard, Peter "Tough Ride" Basil, went on a tear of his own scoring his 7th point within a two minute frame to put WC up by 10. By halftime however, the Shoremen held only a 2 point lead.

This quickly turned around as our WC squad regained momentum shortly into the second half with Cummings getting a three point opportunity, nailing the two pointer and free throw awarded from the foul. This spark brought the WAC attack back and the drive was sustained for the remainder of the game. From the outset of the second half they continually increased the lead and went onto win by 17, 77-60. In the final two minutes alone WAC scored 5 times, two baskets by sophomore Geoff Ruppert, one by Ronstadt and two free throws by Basil, giving them a 19 point lead. Ruppert had a total of 17 points, the highest of the game with Peter Basil contributing 14 and Darren Vican contributing12.

These two wins put the team in exactly the position they wanted to be in. They finish off the season away with important games against Widener and Hopkins, well in contention for the MAC championship. If you're not attending the Birthday Ball this Saturday come support them at Hopkins at 8pm. Best of luck to the WC 1991-92 B-Ball team!

NEWT'S Player of the Week

Brian Basso

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Guess who. . . WRONG!- It's the Beacher Creatures- IN YER FACE! In the words of the late great Ed McMahon from the Carsenio Hall show, "Ho, Ho, yes oh great one! Ha, Ha. Heeeere's Spidy and The Vaughnster."

Let's get right to it, what you've all been waiting for, this week's NEWT's POW. . . the captian of the men's swim team, senior Brian Basso. Brian holds the record in the 200 fly, which he broke again on Wednesday night, and shares the record in the 400 free relay with his three other partners in the event. He has also qualified for the MAC's in the 200 and 100 fly this season. As Coach Lessard stated, "It's a shame that Brian is a senior this year because his time inprovement has been exciting. This is really only his first formal year of swimming at WC, so his achievements are that much more impressive." Way to get nice Brian, congratulations!!

Swim Teams Lose Two Close Ones to Juniata

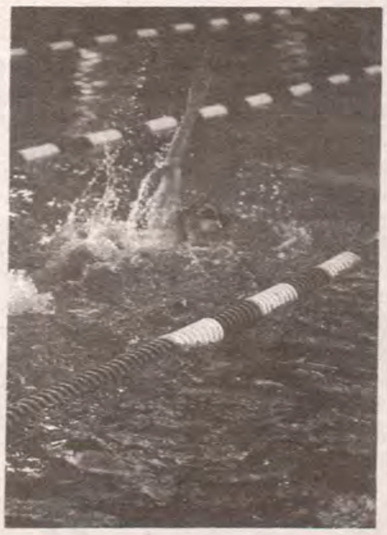
By Chris Vaughn
Co-Sports Editor

The men's swim team may not have been able to match up with a formidable Juniata opponent last Saturday but, they continued their school record assault shattering another seven records.

They began early on in the 400 medley relay with Jason Campbell, Brian Basso, Tyler McCarthy, and Tim Whittier, bettering the old record by 2 seconds. Whittier, a freshman, also set a school record of 58.3 in the 100 back. Jarrod Wunderlich went on to break the 100 free record while Troy Petenbrink lowered his time by an unbelievable 6 seconds.

The impressive Dave Cola kept his winning style alive as he won the 200 free with a quick time of 1:51. Another freshman, Chris Freisheim, swam to an important third in the same event and achieved a personal best time in the 500 free for 2nd place.

The aqua-men scored a second place finish in the individual medley by Jason Campbell, who lowered his school record to 2:13, and scored another second place finish by Campbell in the 200 breast, where he broke the record for the fifth time this season to bring it down to 2:24.1 and was out touched by only two tenths of a second for second. Andy McKim, behind Campbell in the two events, did a superb job for his first time in the IM and once again scored in the 200 breast while lowering his time by 6 seconds.



Tim Whittier backstrokes his way to the lead

Photo by Gary Brown

Senior co-captian and NEWT's Player of the Week, Brian Basso, had his best meet of the season breaking his own school record in the 200 fly by 3 seconds and taking WC's second first place finish. Wunderlich was right on his heels and rounded out the one two finish in the event.

The freshmen sensation the team has witnessed all year continued with Dave Czekaj breaking the back record by an astounding 15 seconds. He out touched Tim Whittier and Tyler McCarthy to claim this new time.

The final new record was set by the 400 relay team of Mike Bowman, Brian Basso, Dave Czekaj, and Chris Freisheim. When asked about the upcoming MAC's, Coach Lessard responded, "The men are doing a superb job for a second year team and will surprise many people at the MAC Championship with having men score in the top 16. It should be a very exciting three days for the program." Keep up the crushing pace!

Much like the men's team, the WC women knew they would have to swim their best meet against the 9-0 Juniata team this past Saturday. They hung in there right until the end but lost a heartbreaker, 110-96.

Senior co-captain, Kasey Carroll, was back in action after being on injured reserve for a short period and swam in her last home dual meet. She definitely went out with a bang by taking three first place finishes and posting another school record. Pulling Carroll from her specialty, the 1000 free, a strategy move by Coach Lessard, turned out to be a success as she went on to win the 200 IM with a season best time, the 200 fly for a new record, and the 200 free.

Sophomore star Mimi Devlin filled Carroll's shoes in the 500 and 1000 free and did a terrific job winning both events and becoming WC's second woman ever to finish under 12:00 in the 1000. In addition, Magdalena Fuchs had her best swims of the season in the 100 and 200 free giving her two third place finishes.

Freshman Amy Draper broke her 200 fly time by 3 seconds to become WC's third fastest and, another freshman, Dede Swinden did a fantastic job in the 200 IM and 500 free, both season best times and on WC's top 5 charts. Swinden also joined Draper, Jen Green and Leslie Newcomb for second in the 400 medley relay while lowering their time by 4 seconds.

Co-captain, Leslie Newcomb, had a terrific final home meet swimming a season best in the 200 breast for a second place finish. Another senior who swam her last WC home meet, Joan Colton, also had a personal best in the 200 fly and 200 breast.

Jen Green and Karen Pendergast added important second and third place finishes in the 200 back and also placed fourth in the 200 free and 200 IM respectively. Eleanor Shriver, swiming the 1000 free for the first time, did a fantastic job with an important 5th place finish.

Finally, Beverly Diaz added important points in the 200 breast as did Nancy Whiteman and Ramsey Bigham in the 50 and 100 free. Said Coach Lessard, "The meet went down to the 400 medley relay with WC getting edged out. But the team of Draper, Fuchs, Devlin, and Whiteman placed second with Bigham, Diaz, Pendergast, and Shriver finishing in a close third." She went on to comment, "The main thing was it was senior day. It was the last home meet, and WC career meet for that matter, for some of our top senior swimmers. I will hate seeing superstars Carroll, Newcomb, Colton, Basso, and Petenbrink leave."

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New Tennis Coach Hits WC

By Charlie Linehan
Co-Sports Editor

Washington College students, especially Washington College tennis fans, will be glad to hear that the controversy surrounding the WC tennis program is finally at an end. Last week, the Athletic Department announced its decision to hire Tim Gray as Head Tennis Coach, a position which he will take over in July, and as head of the new Benjamin A. Johnson Lifetime Center immediately after it opens next month.

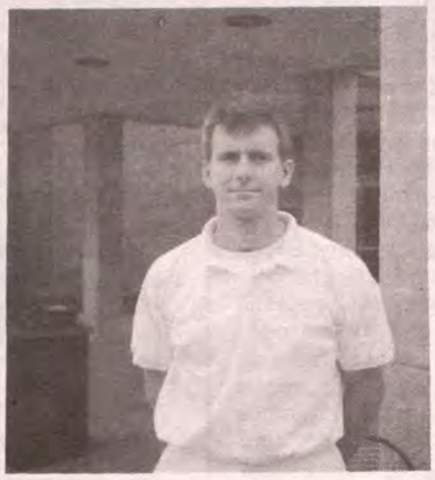
Gray, a former Washington College tennis player and a member of the class of'86, returned to campus this week to begin preparations for the tennis season and for the opening of the fitness center. I caught up with him in the Cain Dome and asked him a number of questions regarding his experience here at Washington College and his expectations for the upcoming season. Here is what Tim had to say.

ELM: Can you tell us a little about yourself? Where you're from. Where you went to high school.

TG: I was born in San Diego, California. My Dad was in the Navy, so we moved around a lot, but I was really raised in Greenville, South Carolina. I grew up playing Junior Tennis in South Carolina since about the age of twelve. Actually, I played tennis and soccer growing up—a little bit of everything, sort of the Jack-of-All-Trades, master of none! I went to a junior college in South Carolina for two years and then transferred to Maryland. I actually went to Maryland to play soccer and then decided after the soccer season to play tennis. So, I walked onto the tennis team and just kind of got more interested in tennis. I played tennis in junior college. Anderson College, which is where I was in South Carolina, was always top 4 in the nation at the junior college level. A lot of people think—well, junior college tennis, but, some of the players that junior college has produced—Michael Pernfors [Swedish, has been top 20 in the world], several national champions, NCAA champions—a lot of good players come out of junior college, my self not included!

ELM: Can you tell us a little about your career as a player here at Washington College?

Tim Gray: Let's see, I came here in the Spring of '85. I transferred from the University of Maryland. This was really the first year that they started to build the program and we went from then to the next year, making the Nationals in '86. That was the first time in the history of the school, as far as I know, that we had any wins over nationally ranked players as well as nationally ranked players on the team. I finished all my course work in the Fall of '86 and walked in the Spring of '87—so I was just here for two seasons but I had a great time, I loved it.



Tim Gray: soon to be WC's new Head Tennis Coach

Photo by John Goebel

ELM: Have you been doing anything in tennis in particular since you graduated?

TG: After I graduated from college, I coached at Widener University up in Chester for a season. That year was the first winning season they've had, we went 18 and 6, and they haven't had a winning season since. I left there and I've been Director of Tennis at the Gatewood Club which is in Greenwood, South Carolina. I left there and was at Greenwood Country Club until I moved up to this position.

Elm: What was your competitive status as a tennis player at Washington College?

TG: Let's see, I was ranked 59th in the nation—that was my final ranking. Probably one of my highlights was in '85 in a dual match against Swarthmore—I beat the number 2 player in the nation.

ELM: Given the trouble that the Washington College Tennis Program has had this year, what are your plans for helping to get the program back on its feet?

TG: Well, Tom [Finnegan], myself, and Todd [Helbling] are going to be putting our heads together. Tom is really going to be helping me to get established. I take over as head coach in July this year, so Tom will really be acting as head coach this season. But, it seems like, the players have all rallied around the interview process. I think they were just excited to have someone in there full time who has a tennis background. As far as trying to get them motivated, it seems like they've done a lot of self-motivation and they're really hungry and excited—maybe they're not as physically fit as I'd like them to be, maybe they haven't hit as many balls as I'd like them to see but, you know, it's going to be sort of trial by fire—we're going to all jump into it together and hopefully we won't sink. We're just going to have to be meticulously organized. You know, running both the men's and the women's programs and the fitness center, it's going to be a little crazy this year. So we're going to have to make use of everybody's time in a pretty wise fashion and just keep everybody positive and not look too far ahead.

ELM: From what I understand, Swarthmore and Emory are going to be big games this year. Are you looking forward to them?

TG: Yeah. Let's see, for the women, it will be Mary Washington—I think they're top ten. Trenton State, Emory, those will be big with probably Mary Washington and Trenton State as the two biggies. So we'll really be focusing a lot on those. For the men, we'll have Penn State—it won't mean anything as far as rankings are concerned but it will kind of show us what we've got. Our first real big test will be Emory—they'll be a top ten team. Skidmore, April 5th, that will be another huge one—they're top 20. Actually, Swarthmore dropped us off the men's this year but we've got them back for next year. Emory, Skidmore, Rochester—those are all top twenty teams. Possibly Averett, which is in Virginia. I know in the past they've had some guys from Finland—three of their top six were from Finland, all ranked. But we've handled them in the past so I don't feel like that will be a problem.

ELM: I understand that you're going to be put in charge of the new lifetime fitness center. Can you tell us a little bit about the responsibilities that you'll have over there. Do you feel pretty well equipped to run that **huge** building?

TG: Well, it's a little overwhelming coming in and trying to bite off all this. Again, it would be almost impossible to try to do everything by myself. That's why I'm thankful that I've got Tom and Todd and, of course Geoff Miller is going to be invaluable as a resource. But, I'll be in charge of the whole nine yards as far as the fitness center goes, as soon as we open up, which is anticipated for the first couple weeks of March. I'm excited—it's a beautiful facility, I've been in there a couple of times and it's really coming together. I think it's going to be an asset to the campus and to the entire community—I think it's going to be great.

ELM: Do you have anything to say to the Washington College community at large?

TG: I'm really excited to be here and I want to just have a good time and do the best job I can and have a good relationship with the college community as well as the community at large. I think it's going to be a really positive experience. I'm looking forward to getting to know the townspeople and to working with everyone in the community. A lot has been printed already so, I'm really excited, I'm looking forward to it—I'm just ecstatic.

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Foxwell Speaks on Harkin Campaign

By **Andrea Nolan**
Staff Writer

Last Monday SANE/FREEZE and the Democratic Club brought Len Foxwell, a Tom Harkin campaign representative, to campus to speak on an obvious topic — Harkin. Although attendance was small, Foxwell had plenty to say on the behalf of the Democratic candidate — things that any educated voter should, but probably does not, know.

Harkin, a Senator from Iowa, has gained the support of many special interest groups, especially peace organizations. These organizations' only major problem with Harkin is his support for Israel. This not withstanding he has a strong liberal record: he opposed the Gulf War, favors 50 percent cuts in Pentagon spending, reductions in warheads, test bans, etc.

Environmentally, Harkin splits his supporters with Bob Kerry, a democrat from Nebraska. Kerry would declare the costal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge a wilderness area. This is the same plain Bush plans on opening up to oil rigs, although it would only supply approximately 200 days of oil. Harkin would strictly enforce the Clean Air Act to severely cut down on pollution. The rest of his positions read the same as above, and if his campaign promises hold true he could actually use the title "Environmental President" for more than just sounding politically correct.

An "Environmental President" is exactly what Tom Harkin is hoping the American public will vote for. His concentration on the environment and other national policy issues is the trump card he hopes will win the democratic primaries and the presidential election.

The Democratic Club and SANE / FREEZE are planning on holding discussions with representatives from the other candidates' campaign committees. In this way, they hope to raise the awareness of the voting population on campus. Dates and times will be posted.

Ray Carver: In Memoriam
Barth, Day, Fessler to Read

By **J. Tarin Towers**
A&E Editor

In honor of several writers who have died in the past two years, the O'Neill Literary House is sponsoring a memorial works reading. "Will You Please Be Quiet, Please?" is the title of the reading, and also of one of Carver's books. This observance of silence is the rationale for Carver's own works not being read. Instead, the authors Howard Nemerov (1920 - 1991), I. B. Singer (1904 - 1991), and Donald Barthelme (1931 - 1989) will be read by, respectively, Prof. Robert Day, Prof. Audrey Fessler, and novelist John Barth.

Normally such readings, for example the Thomas McGrath memorial held last fall, represent authors who have died within the last year. However, Professor Day decided to make an exception in this instance, and hold a reading *en masse* for several writers whose passing occurred in the last few years. Barth wanted to read from the works of his friend, Barthelme, and Day decided he could dispose with the rule altogether and honor Ray Carver, who died in 1988. As Day said, "Mr. Death doesn't follow such rules, so neither will we."

The reading will be held in Norman James Theatre, February 28, at 4:00 p.m. This is not only an opportunity to honor the works of some late, great writers, but to hear some great living persons read.

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Film Series: *The Long Walk Home*
Norman James Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday 22 & Monday 24

Auditions: The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail
Church Hill Theatre
Saturday: 1 - 3 p.m.
Monday: 7 - 9 p.m.

Saturday 22

Convocation Celebration
See front page for details

Sunday 23

Gender Studies Reading Group Meeting
Discussion: *The Beauty Myth*, by Naomi Wolf
open to all members of the Washington College Community
O'Neill Literary House, 1:30 p.m.

Monday 24

President's Day

Psi Chi, the Psychology Honor Society presents
Winter Depression and Light Therapy
Steven S. Krauss, Ph.D., Villanova University
Hynson Lounge, 4:30 p.m.
induction ceremonies to precede lecture

Tuesday 25

The Goldstein Program in Public Affairs presents
The Ancient Olympic Games:
Athletic Festivals in the Greco-Roman World
Dr. Russell Sturzebecker, West Chester University
Dunning Lecture Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday 26

Nature's Shortcut to a More Efficient Food Chain
Diane Stoecker, University of Maryland Center for
Estuarine and Environmental Studies
Dunning Lecture Hall, 7;30 p.m.

Snickers Comedy Club
$1.00
CoffeeHouse, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday 27

The Washington College Democratic Club
The Democratic Presidential Candidates
and the Campaign Process
CAC Common Room, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday 27 - Saturday 29

Drama Department Production
Burn This, by Lanford Wilson
Tawes Theatre, 8:00 p.m.

The Art Exhibit Stephanie Sove-Ney: Recent Works *will be open Thursday - Sunday from 1 - 5 p.m. in Tawes Theatre.* ***This is the last weekend the show will be open.***

Tim Gray Speaks on His New Tennis Position

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Squad Fahrvergnügen Rules!!

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Sports

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WC Spring Athletics Set To Begin!

B-Ball Steps Closer to MAC Championship

(See Article, pg. 7)

WC Box Scores

Men's Basketball	
Washington	92
Haverford	68
Washington	77
Ursinus	60
Men's Swimming	
Washington	74
Juniata	127
Women's Swimming	
Washington	96
Juniata	110

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Photo courtesy of Gary Brown

Mike "Hungry Man" Swanson rises above three surrounding defenders to let loose one of his consistently successful jumpers. Says Head Coach Tom Finnegan, "Mike has usually been our first inside sub off the bench. We're working on him, we're encouraging him to be more offensive minded in the game because he can take the ball to the basket pretty well and he has a nice jump shot. He's got a lot of intensity and he really picks our team up when we need it."

Upcoming Events:

Men's Basketball
Widener Feb. 19 7:30 A
JHU Feb. 22 8:00 A

Men's Lacrosse
Duke Feb. 23 1:00 H

Men's Baseball
Cecil Comm. Feb 21
2:00 H

Aqua-Men Fall to Juniata

(See Article Pg. 7)

Aqua-Women Left in Juniata's Wake

(See, pg. 7)

Brian Basso: NEWT's Player of the Week

Baseball Preview Next Week!

Weekend Weather
Fri.: Partly sunny, windy, cool. High: 54, Low 34.
Sat.: Blustery, chilly, partly sunny. High 47, Low 30.
Sun.: Mostly sunny, becoming mild. High 54, Low 39.

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Distinguished Women Honored at Convocation

By **Patrick Attenasio**
Editor-in-Chief

Washington College's centennial celebration of co-education continued last Saturday, February 22, when five distinguished women received honorary degrees and awards at the college's Spring Convocation. The event, which took place in Tawes Theatre, along with the Birthday Ball later that evening, coincided with the annual celebration of George Washington's birthday. Immediately following Convocation, participants in the assembly, including President Trout, members of the Board of Visitors and Governors, faculty, and students, were invited to the Campus Lawn for a short dedication ceremony of a new Tulip-Poplar tree to replace the deceased Elm.

Convocation began with the Academic Processional of Faculty, led by Edward L. Athey, Faculty Marshal. The Reverend Charlotte A. Nichols of the United Methodist Church in Easton, Maryland gave the Invocation, followed by the official welcome from Charles Trout, President of the College, and greetings from The Honorable Louis L. Goldstein, Chairman, Board of Visitors and Governors. Kevin "Sparky" Kelly, President of WC's Student Government Association, then presented a speech on academic truthfulness, abjuring student plagiarism and the increasing number of "pass-throughs" slipping through the scholarly ranks at the college. John B. Taylor, Acting Provost and Dean of the College, completed the list of speakers by announcing the recent students selected into Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society.

The highlight of Convocation was undoubtedly the conferring of honorary degrees and awards to Sylvia Alice Earle, Marian Wright Edelman, and Linda Koch Lorimer. Martine van Hamel and Billie Whitelaw were also presented with the Award for Excellence. Past recipients of this award include Helen B. Tausig (1977), James Michener (1978), Art Buchwald (1985), and Richard Wilbur (1988).

Sylvia A. Earle, a renowned underwater explorer and a professional conservationist, is a woman of many accomplishments. The world's best-known woman marine biologist, Earle is also recognized as one of the most intrepid divers in the history of underwater exploration. Known affectionately among her colleagues as "Her Royal Deepness," she frequently has gone "where no (wo)man has gone before" in her efforts to better understand the underwater world and its inhabitants. In 1970, a year after astronauts had landed on the moon, she gained national attention by living underwater for two weeks as part of the government-sponsored Tektite II Project. In recent years she has been called upon to assess the environmental impact of the Valdez oil spill in Alaska and the oil well fires in Kuwait.

In 1987, Linda Koch

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Photo by Justin Cann

This is Not the Elm?!
President Trout and the Honorable Louis L. Goldstien dedicate the new Tulip-Poplar tree.

Students Attend Model United Nations Conference

By **Jennifer Reddish**
Staff Writer

Ten Washington College students of the International Relations Club represented Afghanistan at the 38th annual Harvard National Model United Nations February 20-23. The group, consisting of Stephanie Sherwell, Lionel Dyson, William S. Gibson, Brendon Norris, Jessica Aspiazu, Steve Boucher, Laura Rindfuss, Kate Towery, Chris Spezio and Alberto De Castro, worked with 2,000 other students of over 300 different schools from around the world to solve international problems.

Preparation for the trip began a week earlier with a visit to the Afghanistan Embassy where students received a briefing by the Charge d'Affairs concerning the intricacies of Afghan foreign policy. The members of the groups served on different committees concerning issues such as political, security, nationalism, hostage taking. Each committee's goal was to reach a resolution that would effectively solve the problem.

However, solving the world's problems is never easy. As Brendon Norris stated, "It was a very slow process that required a lot of give and take with not a great deal of results". The mechanism to reach a resolution seems simple. Each country is part of a bloc based on its geographic location and each bloc is represented in a committee concerning a certain issue. Committee sessions, conducted in parliamentary procedure, are divided between formal debate and caucus. In caucus, each bloc meets to formulate a working paper of its views to present before the committee after chair approval. In the formal debate, the delegates have a chance to discuss the working papers presented and amendments are added. The working paper may become a resolution if it receives a majority vote.

This description does not include the long hours of debate and amendments. Sometimes the rivalry between the different blocs became tenacious. As Stephanie Sherwell of the Nationalism

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INSIDE

SGA Campaign Supplement

Preview this year's candidates for the Executive Board of Washington College's Student Government Association in the ELM's four-page insert. This supplement features speeches and photos of all the candidates campaigning in next Wednesday's important election.

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New Books by WC Faculty

Check out all the soon-to-be bestsellers by Washington College Faculty members Amt, Anderson, Brien, Cousineau, and Wilson. [See the Article on page 3]

Dr. Cumberland Discusses Environmental Economics

Professor John Cumberland talks with the ELM concerning his interest and involvement with Environmental Studies at Washington College. [See the **ELM** exclusive interview on page 5].

Editorial

The Washington College
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AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

Last week, Washington College planted a new tree. I hesitate to call it a tree just yet, for right now it's nothing more than a 27 foot-tall twig. More of a CB antenna than a tree. But someday this twig will rise to a mature height of some 160 feet. Impressive. Barring illness or Dan Kretzer on a drunken rampage, this tree will outlive every one of us. Maybe even our grandchildren. Hundreds of graduating classes will toast to their future every May under this tree. It is to this future which I wish to direct this editorial.

Where I am from, there doesn't seem to be the same fascination with trees as exists here in Chestertown. Trees are not symbolic, they're just something clotheslines are fastened to and little kids fall out of on windy fall afternoons. Whenever my Italian relatives move into a new house, the first thing they do, even before unpacking, is cut down every tree in their yards. No elms, maples, pines, tulip-poplars; just grass, shrubs, and concrete Madonnas. I asked my Uncle Sal why he went to the trouble. What do you have against trees? I asked. Trees fall down on your house, he replied. Trees crack the foundation of the house, he added.

Last week, Washington College planted a new tree. Sometime this week, The Board of Visitors and Governors will pass the budget for the coming academic year. With the current state of the country's economy, students can bet tuition hikes are on the agenda. In 1989-1990, the total cost to attend WC was $14,900 a year. For the academic year 1991-1992, total cost increased to $17,242 a year. Following this trend, students can expect to pay over $20,000 a year to attend WC within the next three years.

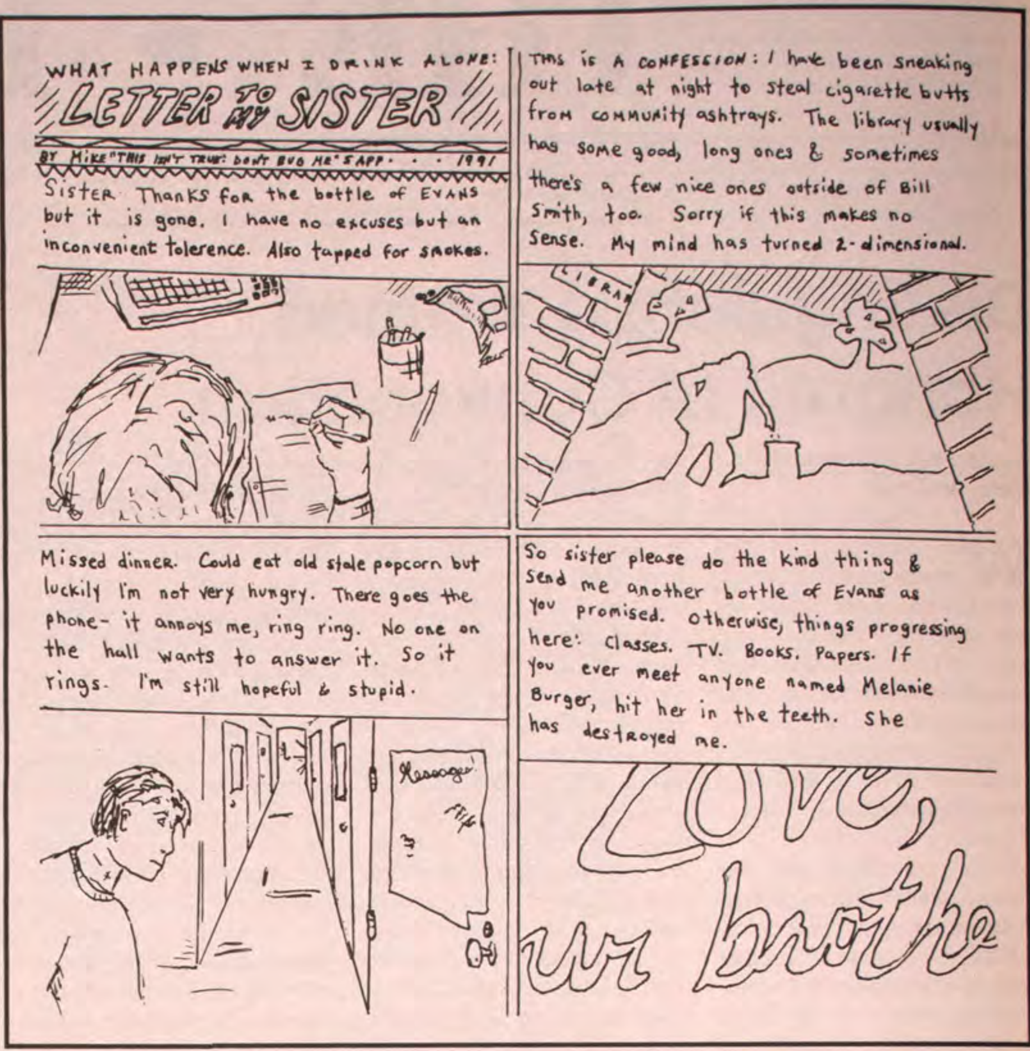
Last year, the admissions pool for the 1991-1992 Freshman class at WC included 200 applicants with a 3.0 GPA or higher along with average SAT scores equal to or above 1100. Of these 200 accepted applicants, 30 decided to attend Washington College. The number one reason the other 170 potential students gave for rejecting WC was financial. In most cases it was the sole reason. If the college could have attracted this upper 20 percent of its admission pool, rather than settling for the bottom 20 percent, the average SAT scores amongst freshman would have risen 50 points! Currently, the average SAT score at WC is 1010. The average SAT score at WC's competitor schools equals 1073. Of the 225 freshmen at WC this year, a whopping 13 made the Academic Dean's List for the Fall semester.

Last week, Washington College planted a new tree. In the same week, Shaila R. Aery, Maryland's Secretary of Higher Education stated that she has discussed with legislative budget committees a proposal that higher education spending be stabilized for the next three years as part of a "memorandum of understanding," for financially-strapped students. This past week also saw the emerging journalistic skills of two members of this years' illustrious freshman class. Calling themselves simply Matt and Ben, these young go-getters took it upon themselves to obtain a list of the **GALA** members for a future exposé to appear in the **ELM**. This was apparently some Lambda hazing prank. Gee, I remember the good ole days when all the Lambda pledges had to do was strip down naked on the soccer field and hump the muddy turf. But as an editor in need of writers, I've decided to hire Matt and Ben on as full-time staff writers. Their special report titled, *Homophobic Meatheads on Campus* will appear in next week's **ELM**.

Last week, Washington College planted a new tree. The Lifetime Fitness Center will open in two months. Ground-breaking for a new academic building will occur within the next year. Obviously, more students will be needed to fill the seats and exercise machines at WC. But what kind of students will they be? The bottom line at any institution is paying the bills, making ends meet. When the upper 20 percent has financial difficulty, the bottom 20 usually has no trouble making payments. You know the kind I'm talking about: the ones that fail out one semester, only to return the next. The ones that should be in day-care rather than college. The ones who get confused over knock-knock jokes.

Last week, Washington College planted a new tree. Before another brick is laid, before another tree is planted, before another "pass-through" is allowed his fifteenth chance at re-admission, WC has a very important question to answer: Are we getting bigger before we are getting better? Regardless of how nice this campus looks in five years, if good students can not afford it, they will simply "window shop" their way through Chestertown en route to another, equally prestigious, but less expensive liberal arts institution.

Last week, Washington College planted a new tree. A tree that stretches towards the sun, growing taller, stronger, better, everyday. A tree that symbolizes the foundation of George Washington's commitment to higher education. But now, in 1992 is the college in his namesake headed in the same direction? Will the class of 2050 be any more than a prestigious day-care center? Will the Sophie Kerr be awarded to a graduating Senior with "the best ability to one day spell his/her name correctly?" As the statistics indicate, all that can be avoided. Stop the babysitting. Stop the tuition hikes. Leave the ceremonies and symbolism aside. Give the future graduating classes something to toast besides a tree. Like a quality education at a reasonable cost.


WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I DRINK ALONE:
LETTER TO MY SISTER
BY MIKE "THIS ISN'T TRUE: DON'T BUG ME" SAPP · · · 1991
Sister Thanks for the bottle of EVANS but it is gone. I have no excuses but an inconvenient tolerence. Also tapped for smokes.
THIS IS A CONFESSION: I have been sneaking out late at night to steal cigarette butts from community ashtrays. The library usually has some good, long ones & sometimes there's a few nice ones outside of Bill Smith, too. Sorry if this makes no Sense. My mind has turned 2-dimensional.
LIBRA
Missed dinner. Could eat old stale popcorn but luckily I'm not very hungry. There goes the phone- it annoys me, ring ring. No one on the hall wants to answer it. So it rings. I'm still hopeful & stupid.
Message!
So sister please do the kind thing & send me another bottle of Evans as you promised. Otherwise, things progressing here: Classes. TV. Books. Papers. If you ever meet anyone named Melanie Burger, hit her in the teeth. She has destroyed me.
Love,
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Letters to the Editor

GALA Presidents Confronted by Phony ELM Reporters

Dear **ELM** Editor,

I am writing to express my concern about an event that happened on February 24. I was approached in the hallway of my dorm by two male students who claimed to be **ELM** reporters writing an article about the different clubs on campus. They asked me, as a co-president of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance, if they could ask me a few questions. Now, I know everyone on the **ELM** staff personally and found their request a bit suspicious, especially since GALA was featured in the **ELM** a few weeks ago. Nevertheless, I granted their request. I thought maybe they were interested in joining the organization but were too embarrassed to ask me about it under other auspices. The two men posed questions and diligently wrote down my responses. Then, they asked to speak to some of the members of GALA. One went so far as to request a list of our members so he could contact them for an interview. I told him that our membership list is confidential—actually, a list does not even exist. Confidentiality goes hand in hand with membership in GALA, and by keeping a list this confidentiality could be jeopardized by an incident such as this one. When I denied them the "list", the two looked rather frustrated and left.

I was informed by a legitimate **ELM** staff member that no such article was being written. I was later told that a student was allegedly offered bribe money to locate a GALA membership list. I was also told that the students trying to locate the list are allegedly pledges of a fraternity which was recently denied official acknowledgement by this college, and that one of their pledge requirements is to get a list of GALA members. What they planned to do with the list, I do not know. But since they attempted to procure the "list" from me through deceitful and subversive means, one can only predict that their actions would be far from courteous.

What bothers me is the fact that hateful acts such as this one occur every day at Washington College, but pass by unnoticed and unchallenged. This goes beyond the issue of freedom of expression; the behavior of the two men involved may be likened to acts of terrorism. There is a difference between graffiti on walls and someone confronting you in your own home: distrust, suspicion and fear is bred by such intolerable acts. The behavior of these two men is one of the reasons why lesbians and gays are so closeted at Washington College.

As members of the Washington College community as well as the global community, we should embrace tolerance and diversity, not hatred and deceit.

Sincerely,
Amy R. Caddle

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WC Professors Publish Research

By **Amanda Burt**
Staff Writer

Although the pressure to publish or perish is not as urgent to Washington College professors as it is to professors at larger institutions, the productivity of faculty members at WC is not suffering. Doctors Amt and Wilson of the History department, Doctors Brien and Anderson of the Philosophy department, and Doctor Cousineau of the English department, will all have their scholarly research published. They spoke recently with the **ELM** to share their different projects.

Dr. Emilie M. Amt

During the past two years, Amt has been working on Women's Lives in Medieval Europe: A Source Book. It is an anthology of primary sources which focuses on the day-to-day lives of twelfth and thirteenth century women.

The anthology contains medieval documents, laws, lawsuits and records describing women's lives. Amt translated the documents from French and Latin, and it is the first book of its kind to be written in English. "There is a lot written on medieval women," she says, "but very little is available in English."

Amt is quick to note that her book is not about the lives of queens. Rather, it explores the conditions which affected the lives of ordinary women and does not limit itself to the Christian and Germanic majority. The anthology recognizes the minority, which included Jewish and Muslim women as well as women who were in heretic groups. In her research, she discovered that women were involved in a variety of activities and found their concerns to be similar to modern concerns in terms of family and business life.

"I don't reach any conclusions in my book," Amt says, "it is for students to use to reach their own conclusions." An earlier draft of the anthology was introduced in one of her courses, and she will encourage her students to use the book as a resource and tool for learning. Amt feels that publishing is part of being a good teacher, and claims that she does not feel pressure to publish.

Because her priority is teaching, most of her research must wait until summer. "It is hard to concentrate on a book when you're teaching a course," she admits. Amt collected documents in England one summer on a Faculty Enhancement Grant, and she is grateful for the college's support. The anthology will be published by Routledge in December.

Amt is also in the last stages of completing a book on Henry II of England, and another future project includes editing a set of Royal financial records.

Dr. Robert J. Anderson

'For more years than he can count,' Anderson has been working on a commentary of the Theaetetus, one of Plato's major dialogues. The book addresses two themes, one of which is a comparison of Greek mathematics with modern physics. The second considers the relation between mathematical intuition and the cognizing of perceptual objects.

In his comparison of Greek mathematics to modern physics, Anderson analyzes how the Pythagorean-Euclidean reaction to the discovery of irrational numbers differs from that of modern mathematicians such as Descartes and Newton. "All in all," Anderson says, "this project is an analysis of the consequences for modern and contemporary metaphysics of the abandonment of the ancient concept of number." He will also consider the implications these ideas have on the philosophers Frege and Wittsgenstein.

Anderson feels that his research has interacted positively with his teaching and says that WC is one of the rare colleges that takes teaching seriously. "WC has an extremely healthy conception of publishing," he notes. "Research is encouraged, perhaps expected (not necessarily as manifested in publications), and it is essential to keeping us alive as teachers."

The book will be completed by December of this year, while Anderson is on a fall sabbatical.

Dr. Kevin M. Brien

In his personal development as a philosopher, Brien finds himself attracted to Karl Marx, Friedrich Nietzsche, Martin Heidegger, and Buddha. He is currently working on a book whose goal is to transform and transcend the four different perspectives so that a fusion of the positions is possible.

Brien admits that some might consider Marx, Nietzsche, Heidegger and Buddha to be a strange combination. "I find something in all of them which is viable, though I do have serious reservations with each of them about certain ideas," he says. The Buddhist element is perhaps the most unusual, but Brien argues that the Eastern religion focuses on certain elements of the human condition which are ignored by the Western tradition.

During the summer, Brien had the opportunity to supplement his project. He attended a two-month long Nietzsche seminar at the University of Illinois with eleven other professors from around the country. There, he reread all of Nietzsche's material, an activity that he is also doing now for his Nietzsche course.

Brien believes there is a healthy pressure to engage in scholarship at WC, but he does not feel as if he must publish or perish. "I think that President Trout recognizes the different ways in which scholarship can be manifested," he says. "There is scholarship that goes into the creation of new courses and also in activities involving special panels with students on selected subjects."

Though Brien is unsure of when his book will be printed, he is familiar with the publishing process. In 1987 he completed Marx, Reason, and the Art of Freedom. On April 30, he will give a lecture at Wesley College in Delaware titled, "The Changing Face of Eastern Europe and the Meaning of Marxism."

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Dateline Chestertown

Senior Returns from SEA Expedition

Jennifer Hannum, daughter of Mr. Richard Hannum of Boothwyn, Pennsylvania and Cathy Hannum of Mt. Laurel, New Jersey, recently returned from 6 weeks at sea learning about marine science and sailing a 125-foot research sailing vessel offshore. After 6 weeks of academic preparation ashore on the campus of the Sea Education Association (SEA) in Woods Hole, Massachusetts, she and other students from colleges across the country set sail from St. Thomas, The U.S. Virgin Islands on November 26. Their six weeks aboard the SSV WESTWARD included three brief port stops and ended in Miami on January 6.

The Washington College Senior had to fulfill responsibilities on deck, in the science laboratory and in the engine room, standing watches to take care of the 24-hour workings of the vessel. Jennifer Hannum learned to examine temperature structures, as well as chemical, biological, geological and physical differences of water masses. She also completed an independent scientific research project.

SEA is the only organization that gives undergraduate students the chance to study the deep ocean first-hand. (Some other programs use cruise ships or stay close to shore.) The Sea Semester program emphasizes the study of the marine environment; students of any discipline are encouraged to participate. The program, for which students earn a full college semester's credit, offers courses in oceanography, nautical science and maritime studies (which includes history, literature and politics).

SEA offers college semester programs 5 times a year, along a variety of cruise tracks. SEA also offers shorter educational programs for adults, high school students and teachers. For course information, people can call Judith Froman at 1-800-552-3633.

New Psi Chi Inductees

Last Monday, February 24, Psi Chi, the Psychology Honor Society, inducted thirteen new members. They are as follows. David W. Bright, Cynthia W. Burns, Abigail Clifford, Kristin L. Coyne, Shannon E. Cupka, Franci L. Green, Sally L. Haynsworth, Dawn M. Manion, Marie M. Mohler, Gretchen C. Rogers, Christian L. Rummell, Erin E. Talbert, Christine M. Webb.

Pi Sigma Alpha Members, for Second Year

The Sigma Beta Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society, recently inducted new members for the spring semester. Pi Sigma Alpha is dedicated to "stimulating productive scholarship and intelligent interest in the subject of government."

The Washington College Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha was established last spring as the result of the efforts of Dr. Dan Premo, chair of the Political Science Department, and Dr. John Taylor, who was acting chair of the department last spring while Premo was on a sabbatical leave.

The newly inducted student members for the spring of 1992 are: Jennifer Albers, John Beachley, Michelle Beattie, Steve Boucher, Lori Hastings, Cathy Lease, Sandra McLelland, Suzanne Mazzullo, Karen Reck, Stephanie Sherwell, Jennifer Sloan, and Stephanie Tennyson. Only three members who were inducted last year still remain at the college. These are: Brooke Frank, John Griep, and Kim Millender.

Letters to the Editor (Con't from Page 2)

Party's Over For Another Underage Drinker

To the Editor,

I have been instructed by The Honorable Judge Thomas Sisk, to address the subject of truthfulness, specifically the responsibility of truthfulness. I have been given this judgement due to the fact that I attempted to enter a class D tavern (one where people drink heavily) under the age of twenty-one.

I think it is the responsibility of everyone to be truthful. Without truthfulness, we would never be able to get anything accomplished in life. We all usually assume our friends are truthful. However, when we are assuming they are being truthful it is because we are also assuming they are being responsible enough to tell us the truth. There are times when we jokingly might not tell the truth, but to deliberately and constantly avoid the truth is a bad thing. When we ask someone a question, we hope they will give us a truthful response. If one goes around being dishonest then how can he or she expect others to be honest to them. Without faith in truthfulness we would have a much weaker society. I think this is a very important subject but I am not going to dwell on it. When one is paying $18,000 a year, he or she should understand this idea. However, the problem is not understanding it, but forgetting it at times as I did. I will tell you the truth of my case, since the truth is the important thing.

The truth is I wanted to go out and have a good time. As the Great Pharaoh Benjamin T. Hinkle once said, "good friends, good beer, and drunk women spell out a good evening." My first class was not until one o'clock on Thursday and since nothing really exciting takes place at the WAC during the week, I thought I would venture out to Newt's. Not thinking of the harm I could bring to Newt's by sneaking in with a fake ID, I planned to go out. A good majority of my fraternity brothers are over twenty-one and I wanted to go out with them. The social atmosphere on this campus is not there. Any exciting social activity takes place off campus because the school bears down on the fraternities so much. Josephine The Fly calls this school "WAC HELL." The great Pharaoh Benjamin T. Hinkle would add to this saying, "to hell with the WAC, let's throw a Farm Party." That is the truth of the matter. The parties and events people talk about are those that take place off campus. Maybe if the school would lighten up on the Frats and let them throw more substantial parties, people would stop trying to go to the bars all the time.

I made my I.D. and was on my way. Unfortunately I did not know Mr. Stetson was on the prowl looking for fresh kills. Walking up by myself, I thought I might get turned down, but to my surprise Mr. Stetson was lurking behind John Naundorf, the owner of Newts. Mr. Naundorf turned down my ID as he should have since it was a feeble job, and Mr. Stetson took pleasure in writing me up for my fine. To his unfortunate pleasure I was not actually attempting to buy alcohol so he could only get me for attempting to enter. For those who are not keeping up, Mr. Stetson is the Liquor Inspector of Chestertown. I was untruthful and so I paid my fifty dollars and got to work with WAC's maintenance staff. Snoops, Snake, and Jimmy often reminded me of the ignorance and dishonesty of the act I tried to get away with.

I got caught and that is the truth of the matter. Most of us here at the WAC are old enough to know what being truthful means. We also know that there are those natural instincts that we as human beings are sometimes going to use in place of truthfulness at times. This was one of those times. I will truthfully be at Newts when I turn twenty-one.

Sincerely,
William E. Bloom

Environment Meets Liberal Arts?

By **Julie Greene**
Senior Office Manager

The possibility of Washington College starting a Chesapeake Regional Studies Program has been discussed among the college community on several occasions, including during the Wye retreat in January. Whether or not this program will ever be enstated remains to be seen; however, many courses in the current curriculum could contribute to such a program.

Recently the issue was discussed again when Dr. Peter Brown, Director of Public Affairs at University of Maryland, College Park, talked with interested students and faculty about College Park's environmental policy track. It was suggested that students who wanted to continue their education in the direction of environmental studies may want to take more varied courses during their undergraduate studies instead of focusing on a specialization. Since Washington College is a liberal arts institution and is located in an environmentally advantageous region, WC would be considered ideal for starting a preparatory program for these students.

Dr. Brown suggested that faculty involved with UMCP's program should visit WC's students earlier during their undergraduate studies, while they are freshmen and sophomores. These students would be encouraged to take more disciplined science courses, such as general biology, as well as to take some economics and philosophy courses.

Two selected topics courses being provided this spring involve environmental studies. The first is Dr. Donald Munson's Conservation in America: Past and Present. Although the course was described in the Spring Course List as an upper level honors Biology class, it is really for anyone seriously interested in environmental studies and does not require a great deal of technical science. The course covers literature relative to the environment by such authors as David Thoreau, John Muir and Aldo Leopold.

Although the course itself does not focus on the Chesapeake Bay, Munson assumes the Regional Studies Program would. He added that if a Regional Studies Program is enstated here, it would be studies, not sciences alone. "It is important for academics to recognize that the disciplines do intertwine."

John Naundorf, NEWT's Owner, Responds to Recent Letters

Dear Washington College,

First of all we at NEWT'S would like to express our gratitude to you for your tremendous support. We hope that we will continue to see you out at NEWT'S.

Unfortunately, we have become aware of certain rumors that have been going around concerning our establishment. We would like to take this chance to publicly set the record straight concerning our policies and procedures, and to hopefully lay to rest any questions concerning the integrity of our business.

It has come to our attention that various elements in both the College community and the Chestertown community are under the impression that NEWT'S allows underage drinkers in our establishment. We at NEWT'S have always been and will continue to be in accordance with all local, state and federal laws concerning underage drinking. We consider it a very serious problem and have always, to the best of our ability, taken steps to eliminate it from our business. At NEWT'S we have required all employees attend various classes in detection of fake ID's, or have issued the appropriate material to those who couldn't attend the classes. We keep a current issue of the ID manual in the bar at all times, and have always made ourselves readily available to examination, either announced or unannounced, by the Liquor Control Inspector, Chief Stetson. We are very proud to report that there has never been an arrest for underage drinking in NEWT'S.

However, we are aware of the realities of the situation. Therefore we would like to take this chance to pass a message to the student population at Washington College: If you are underage, please do not attempt to gain entrance into our establishment with a fake ID. We at NEWT'S beg you not to risk your academic career or your legal record in order to party with your friends. We would like to remind you that possession of a fake ID is against the law and punishable by fines, probation and even denial of a driver's license. A second offense is punishable by incarceration. Please do not attempt to use a fake ID. You will be caught.

In addition to the risks you run, if you are caught in NEWT'S with a fake ID we risk forfeiture of our liquor license and the continued operation of NEWT'S. In effect, you not only risk yourself, but you risk the livelihood of the employees of NEWT'S. We urge you to consider the consequences of your actions.

We would therefore like to take this opportunity to ask for your input in helping us to find a solution to this problem. Please contact us at 778-9819 with any ideas or suggestions that you might have. We are committed to solving this problem, but we need your help.

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ELM Exclusive Interview:
Dr. John Cumberland on Environmental Economics at WC

The second new course being offered this spring is Environmental Economics, being taught by Visiting Professor Dr. John Cumberland. Dr. Cumberland has recently resigned from the University of Maryland, College Park and is working with professionals from various disciplines at University of Maryland's environmental / estuarine studies laboratory on Solomons Island. Julie Greene, Senior Office Manager of the ELM, recently spoke with Dr. Cumberland concerning his involvement and interest in Environmental Studies at Washington College.

Julie Greene: What brought you to Washington College to teach Environmental Economics?

John Cumberland: Dr. [Davy] McCall and I were good friends as graduate students, in graduate school at Harvard, in 1947-50, and have remained professional colleagues since then. After my retirement from College Park, he asked me if I'd be willing to come over here and teach a course on Environmental Economics. I've always admired Washington College, and so I eagerly accepted his invitation.

Greene: What is your background in economics and where did you get your interest in environmental economics?

Cumberland: I began as a classical and neoclassical economist, by training in the Keynesian tradition of growth. Growth was regarded as an answer to problems of poverty..., but when I returned to this area after going to graduate school, returned to some areas I loved as a child around the Chesapeake Bay, I saw how much damaged had occurred as a result of the development and growth, the very things that I'd been taught. I felt a very serious conflict between conventional economics and what I saw as the consequences of this growth. So I and others tried to develop a new approach in which we would measure some of the unforeseen, unanticipated costs of development as needed for a sustaining environment.

Greene: I know Washington College is trying to start an environmental studies program, and your course is part of that. Dr. Peter Brown was here recently and encouraged students to explore College Park's environmental policy track. He expressed an interest in starting a program here at WC, where he would come over and start talking to freshman and sophomores about preparing for graduate studies concerning the environment. and he emphasized that he didn't exactly want students to focus on a concentration, but to spread out and take some serious science classes, some economics classes, and some philosophy classes. Having taught at College Park, and teaching currently at WC, how do you feel such a program would be accepted by the faculty and students?

Photo by Justin Cann

A scene from the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem that Dr. John Cumberland would like to preserve

Cumberland: I can't speak for the faculty and students here, except for the ones with whom I've worked with on this program. And those with whom I've worked are very enthusiastic about it and I think it can make a great contribution to the students and to teaching programs here at WC. The way people advance their academic discipline and can learn to apply interdisciplinary methods is by working on some high priority, real world problem. The management, protection, and restoration of the Chesapeake Bay is such a high priority problem and it's an ideal way of bringing people together from many different disciplines. Requiring them to learn something about the varying disciplines and applying them to a prime, common interest. I think the potential is very great and the location is ideal. All the basic programs are already in place at WC. There is a very high quality faculty, most of whom are personally concerned about the issue, so it seems to me to be an ideal way of meeting the needs of the students, carrying out other WC objectives such as remaining responsive to the community's interests.

Now that the Cold War is over, environmental problems all over the world seem to me to have risen to the top of the agenda, so that what is learned here at WC will have a much broader, global applicability. There is so much worth saving here in Chestertown and on the Chester River.

As I compare this area with the area where I live at Solomons - in Southern Maryland, you are in a remarkably good position because you've been spared most of the excesses of development. At Solomons there are very large condominium developments. Much of the character of Solomons as a fishing village with high environmental quality has been lost because of overdevelopment, unwise land use, extensive land use, in areas that are environmentally sensitive where density should have been kept alone. So far you've been spared that here. I believe that land use, planning and zoning are the key to protecting water as well as land resources. That, plus historic preservation should be a major part of an environmental Chesapeake Studies Program that is adopted here at WC.

Greene: You said that WC had a good foundation of courses already laid for environmental studies. How would you say WC is developing its program for environmental studies compared to other colleges in the region? Are most colleges adapting to this?

Cumberland: I know of a few students, young people, properly very concerned about environmental issues, students with interest to do some environmental studies programs at College Park and, of course, at a large state university, where there is room for many programs. But another small college, comparable to WC is Saint Mary's College, on the St. Mary's River in St. Mary's County. There they have an active environmental program, ecological program, that, I believe, is the most popular of the curricula available. It needn't be inordinately expensive, because, having already the basic courses in place, what is needed is mainly coordination, focus.

So, in these days when budgets are a problem everywhere, adopting some common focus like environmental studies-it synthesizes existing programs, you're now adding more into resource requirements. That is one of the best ways of improving academic quality and meeting the needs of the students.

Greene: Environmental studies can't just be economists, and it can't just be scientists, it has to be spread out; it has to be very interdisciplinary. In your experience working with these professionals, is there a lot of cooperation?

Cumberland: Yes, there has to be multidisciplinary, or as we like to call it, transdisciplinary research on environmental issues because economists have traditionally emphasized only one objective, that's economic efficiency and cost effectiveness, but we know that society isn't interested only in efficiency, that they're concerned that environmental programs also be equitable and fair, that they be based on sound, scientific footings, and that they be acceptable politically, and to all the interest groups that have a legitimate involvement. So, just as economics alone, or biology, or ecology alone, provide only a partial view, there has to be a coming together and a synthesis that will be more than the sum of the individual parts. And that can be done by working together on some common problem as I indicated, such as the almost universal concern about environmental quality and sustainability.

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Professors, from page 3

WC's Publishing Professors

Dr. Thomas J. Cousineau

As a distinguished Samuel Beckett scholar, Cousineau recognizes that there is resistance among colleagues to teach Beckett's trilogy of novels, Molloy, Malone Dies, and The Unnamable. With the publication of his book, Beckett's Trilogy: Representation and Performance, Cousineau hopes to make the trilogy more accessible to the general reader while providing important psychoanalytic and feminist readings of Beckett's work.

One aspect of the book will focus on the relationship between Beckett and James Joyce. Joyce's Ulysses is an epic novel which rewrites Odysseus' journey, and Beckett makes a similar attempt to rewrite ancient literature in the trilogy. This archaeological aspect of recreating ancient stories in different forms is explored by modern poets such as T.S. Eliot and Ezra Pound.

Beckett also represents the phases of human history in a manner which parallels Joyce in Finnegan's Wake. The trilogy progresses from periods characterized by matriarchal and patriarchal civilization in Molloy, to a more modern alienated individual in Malone Dies. It finally reaches a phase which is beyond individual identity in The Unnamable.

Beckett's language sounds much like gibberish in The Unnamable. "It is a language which doesn't deal with superficial representations," Cousineau says. "The best way to understand Beckett is to listen performers speak his language." He claims that the reader must interpret Beckett in the same way that a performer interprets a musical score.

Though Cousineau does very little of his writing during the school year, he finds that there is a reciprocal relation between teaching and research. He is able to experiment with his ideas in the classroom, and it is often in the classroom that he does his best writing. In addition to the positive influence his research has on instruction, he feels that publishing is one way to maintain contact with other scholars.

Cousineau hopes to finish the book within the next two years and says that a University Press has shown interest in his work on the trilogy. Next year, one of his essays on Beckett will be reprinted in the *Journal of Beckett Studies*.

Dr. Carol Wilson

Last fall, Wilson became a member of the WC faculty, and though she just recently completed her graduate work, she will have her doctoral thesis published as a book. Its focus is the kidnapping of free blacks into slavery before the Civil War in the United States.

When she first approached the project, Wilson was curious to discover why kidnapping happened. In her research, she found that while the number of kidnapping cases was overwhelming, there was little written on the subject. She says that her thesis is being published in response to a need for more literature on the topic.

Kidnapping on the eastern shore, including Maryland and Delaware, has an interesting history. "There was a gang led by a woman named Patty Cannon, and they would kidnap blacks and sell them to slave owners," she says. The gang had a house in Reliance, Delaware, which sat on the border of Maryland. The location made it easier for them to evade authorities in one state and enter the other state, where they were temporarily safe.

The gang would also offer poor or young blacks jobs under false pretenses. Once the blacks agreed to work for the gang, they would be sold as slaves. Since blacks had no rights under the law, there was no way to prove that they were free. Most could not afford an attorney, so they remained slaves.

Wilson is currently teaching courses in African American history from 1865 until present and South African history. She cannot imagine having a better job, and she feels that teaching and publishing complement each other. "I don't feel pressure to publish, but I think it is expected," she notes. "Teaching is more expected here." Although she comes from a larger environment that trained her to publish, she says that she enjoys her research and looks forward to summer breaks as an opportunity to work on projects.

Her book on the kidnapping of free blacks will be published by the University of Kentucky Press, and she hopes that it will be ready for publication by 1993.

Mock UN, from page 1

Students Attend Mock UN

Committee recalled, "Insults flew back and forth between the Middle Eastern countries and Israeli sympathizers. There was a lot of cheering after each insult. Finally, some Israeli 'terrorists' kidnapped a Palestinian sympathizer".

Skip Gibson of the International Atomic Energy Agency claimed "much of the hostility and frustration arose from the dual use of nuclear reactors for weapons and energy". Industrial countries such as the United States, the former USSR and the United Kingdom seemed to have a monopoly on such power, while countries such as Afghanistan do not have the monetary resources to build even one reactor. This factor made reaching a resolution quite hard. Yet, as Professor Shad of the International Studies Department stated, "The students were allowed the chance to participate in an international exchange and reach a resolution about the issue at hand. In the real United Nations, a resolution is almost never reached. The higher the level of frustration experienced, the more realistic the experience."

The trip proved to be a success in both the student's and faculty's minds. As Dr. Premo, Chair of International Studies and Political Science Departments stated, "It provided the students a chance to participate in a diplomatic political process with students from some of the finest colleges in the United States". Perhaps Jessica Aspiazu states the experience best, "We had a great time. We learned a lot, ate at a different international restaurant each night and met people from around the country and the world. It was a lot of work and frustration, but it was definitely worth it".

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Candidate Speeches will be held on Monday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m. in Hynson Lounge.

Voting for the Executive Board will take place on Wednesday, March 4 outside the cafeteria during lunch and dinner.

Be Sure to Exercise Your Right to Vote!

Executive Duties

The **President** shall:
- preside over Senate meetings;
- appoint Senate committees and their chairmen and fill vacancies in those Senate committees with the approval of the Senate;
- serve as a non-voting representative to the Board of Visitors and Governors, at faculty meetings, and to the Alumni Council;
- vote during Senate proceedings only to break ties;
- give greeting from the student body at Fall and Spring Convocations;
- oversee cooperation between the Senate, SAB, and SCC.

The **Vice President** shall:
- chair the SAB and preside over meetings of that body;
- chair the Senate in the event of the absence of the President;
- serve as vice chairperson of the All-Campus Judiciary
- serve as a member of the Academic Council
- and serve as a non-voting representative at faculty meetings.

The **Treasurer** shall:
- handle monetary business of the SGA
- report the state of the finances at each regular Senate meeting;
- and chair the Organizations Committee.

The **Secretary** shall:
- call the roll and take minutes of all Senate meetings;
- prepare a current agenda for each meeting;
- read the minutes for Senate approval at the start of each meeting;
- handle all SGA correspondence;
- maintain and make accessible the files;
- and chair the Publicity Committee.

The **Social Chair** shall:
- be responsible for all social activities sponsored by the Senate;
- take the necessary steps to coordinate these activities on campus;
- and chair the Social Committee.

Scott R. Koon, Presidential Candidate

My name's Scott Koon. Many of you probably don't know me by name. I'm 23 years old, a first semester sophomore and I've never held any position in the SGA. I'm running for SGA president because I believe it's time for a real change in the way students interact with the administration. The same problem which exists in Washington, DC exists here-only in microcosm. It's the same old story repeated countless times through the year-you or someone you know reports a problem to a dorm senator. And then you wait- and wait, and wait. Finally word gets back to you that your problem is unsolvable to your satisfaction. Then there's another problem, and the same thing happens again-namely, you get stonewalled. Finally you give up on the system altogether.

Need this be the case? Thankfully, no. The problem is not the system so much as the people running it. The SGA need not be made up of timeservers who rarely attend its meetings and seldom bother to post the SGA minutes. An SGA officer need not be a 21 year old senior who is too busy writing a thesis to give the job the attention it deserves. Another disadvantage of seniors is that they're lame ducks from the day that they're elected. A lame duck doesn't have to worry about re-election because they can't run for re-election anyway.

As an underclassman I'll be able to devote the time and effort to the job of representing *every* Washington College student. I have the drive necessary to get things done-last semester I made Dean's List while working 40 hours a week at Dixon Valve and Coupling Company. I'll also bring my long standing commitment to the Kent County community to the post and thereby seek to break down the barriers which exist between students and Chestertown residents. It is also critically important to again address the issues of date rape and other acts of violence against women. There are a number of programs at other colleges which would be far more effective than ignoring the issue and hoping the problem will disappear by itself. I would also like to see mandatory expulsion from WC instituted uniformly for every instance of plagiarism. The academic integrity of our school is far too important to risk.

Although heading sessions of the SGA and appearing at various functions are the two most visible duties of the office of SGA president, they are not its most important. An SGA president must be someone who is accessible to hear the concerns of the student body and who is resourceful and determined enough to bring about real solutions to real problems. As a candidate for SGA president the only promise I am making is that you will never hear me say "I'm sorry, but there's nothing I can do about it."

Jen Del Nero, Presidential Candidate

The student voice is more powerful than students assume. It has the power to demand the Academic Council be comprised of equal numbers of students and faculty representatives. It has the power to lobby and win the battle for a student activities director. In essence, the student voice has as much power as students grant it.

We need an SGA President who is aware of the strength of the student voice.

In the next few years, Washington College will be evaluated by Middle States for re-accredidation. We need an SGA President who will insist on student participation in that process.

We need an SGA President who recognizes leadership potential and who encourages involvement. The most effective leader delegates responsibility and uses students' strengths. In that respect, the SGA President must be an excellent communicator and able to motivate people to work with her.

These are all qualities that I possess. They are qualities I have exhibited in my three years' experience with WC and the SGA as a leader. Presently, I am SGA Secretary, chair of the student subcommittee in the Provost Dean search, and WC's representative to the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

Besides possessing essential leadership qualities, the SGA President must be able to identify overt and covert issues affecting students.

For example, students must keep track of projects like the Hodson Hall renovation, slated for completion in Spring '91. In Spring '92, only half the work is done. If student-oriented projects are not followed, they will slide off the College's priority list. The SGA and SGA President must be willing to fight for such student facilities.

Another concern is the College's Long Range Project Planning Committee, which will be chaired by the new Provost Dean and include three student voices. The SGA President must be committed to this group, instrumental in future College policies. The College lacks a clear vision for the next century, particularly as it contemplates increasing enrollment. With an increased enrollment there will be a more diverse population on campus. With an increased enrollment there will be more financial resources available to expand academic programs. Student input must be considered as the College confronts these changes.

These are just of few of the concerns that should occupy the minds of students, the SGA, and the SGA President. Other issues include deferred maintenance in dorms, campus accessibility, the Honor Code, all issues which presently lack a substantial vision.

As SGA President, I will work with the Executive Board, the SGA, students, faculty members, administrators, and Board members to offer solutions and create visions for the College and these issues.

Doug Smith, Vice-Pres. Candidate

Everybody sits around and complains about how things are, but nobody really tries to do anything about it. My name is Doug Smith, and if elected to the position of SGA Vice-President, I hope to do something about it. I am currently a junior, and have been a Dean's List student for the past two semesters. I also work as a volunteer tutor with students from Chestertown Middle and Garnett Elementary schools.

I have no prior experience working with the SGA, but, as the saying goes, a new broom sweeps clean. Student government should not be the same people scratching each other's backs for four years. As an outside candidate, if elected, I would try to bring a wider diversity to the SGA, and also attempt to bridge the gaps between partisan student groups.

My goal in running for Vice-President is to increase student participation in the academic process at Washington College. I would like to involve the students more in the actual selection of course offerings and the hiring of professors. The actual campus has been renovated, but to become a better school we must strive to continually upgrade and challenge our education. Why settle for the same old thing in a prettier package?

I would also like to see a more mature social awareness at Washington College. There should be better organized and more comprehensive mandatory educational seminars on date rape and on alcohol awareness for incoming freshmen. Special effort should also be taken to intersperse freshmen with upperclassmen on residence halls; the older students would then be able to set a direct example for new ones. An increase in co-educational halls should also be taken into account. Having lived on a co-ed hall, I can say from experience that it is more conducive to academics.

Thank you for your consideration, and I hope everyone will get out to vote on Wednesday, March 4th.

Whitney Myrus, Vice-Pres. Candidate

The SGA has a continuing need for leaders with Rational Passion and Demonstrated Leadership Ability. Leaders who are Rational are Logical, Calm and Wise. While a leader also needs to be Passionate, that is Caring, Enthusiastic and have a Sense of Humor while also having an unquenchable Vitality. Demonstrated Leadership ability would include areas of proven success in Representation, Participation, Flexibility while willing to Speak Out and take a Stand, Stability, Dependability and Persistence. The true leader is willing to work for the Good of the Group and not the Glory of the Individual.

In the past three years Whitney White Myrus has proven how he fills these criteria. Why else would he have been elected Class President the past two years in a row. Be asked to participate on the Board of Visitors & Governors Student Affairs Committee and the Buildings & Grounds Committee. Whitney has also participated as a student representative on the Committee on Academic Technology and just recently been asked to be the chairman on the subcommittee concerned with the new faculty evaluation form. As well Whit has been a continued active voice as a senator of the SGA for the past two years.

The participation and contact Whit has made with the Administration, Faculty and Staff of Washington College has made it possible for Whit to have a good rapport with these individuals. Whit's positive and active participation in the college community has also earned their respect. Which leads to the needed contact a student leader must have to be successful.

Whitney has a continued goal for complete student representation in all areas of Washington College life. Also a concern of what will happen today as well as tomorrow at Washington College. A continued strong student leader is need and Whitney has proven he fits the bill.

Whit's active and outstanding performance in the Naval Reserve has given him administrative skills and coping skills necessary to deal with uncertainty. Whit's coping skills, listening skills and ability to deal with difficult circumstances are what stood out above the rest, which earned him the position as a Resident Advisor.

The future of tomorrows SGA is the Rational Passion of the Demonstrated leader in Whitney White Myrus. On March 4 vote Whit for Vice President of the executive board.

GO WITH THE WHIT.

Christy Albright, Vice-Pres. Candidate

It was a typical humid day in late August when I first began my experience at Washington College as a freshman. While I have matured a great deal since that time, I still find myself seeing things with the thirst of a freshman trying to absorb each new experience. And although I have spent much of my time here dodging mud puddles and ducking out of bulldozers way I have remained optimistic about what was to come at the end of it all.

As a candidate running for the office of Vice President of our Student Government Association I feel that it is such qualities as enthusiasm in viewing new experiences and optimism in positive change that are most valuable for a person in this position. The Vice President is not the leader of the student body but someone who plays a more "behind the scenes" role. He or she is someone who need not list a lengthy set of qualifications but rather be an effective communicator with the motivation and ability to work closely with faculty and administration as well as with the other members of the executive board.

As someone who has worked with the Student Government Association for the past three years I can say that I have the interest and ability to fill an executive board position and, coupled with my optimism and enthusiasm, to be your next Vice President.

The *Washington College Debate Society* is holding its first debate on Thursday, March 5, 1992 at 8:00 p.m. in the Foyer of the Casey Academic Center. All students are encouraged to attend.

Topic: "This house will ban the Greek system."

Debaters: *Will Brandenburg, Chris Kleberg, Roxanne Seubert, Ciaran O'Keefe*

Lionel Dyson, Vice-Pres. Candidate

My name is Lionel A. Dyson, and I am a candidate for SGA Vice-President. The Vice-Presidency of the SGA is a position of enormous responsibility and significance to the Student Body of Washington College. Such responsibility must not be vested carelessly and should not be undertaken lightly. The man or woman who becomes SGA Vice-President will have the privilege of representing the views of the Student Body in numerous important capacities. This representation is especially important in that it necessitates a sense of diplomacy and tact vital to addressing pertinent issues that are often of a serious and delicate nature. The character of the Vice-President must be of the highest caliber and he or she must exercise the utmost discretion in conducting the duties of the office. Furthermore, the responsibilities of the Vice-President, while no less important, are generally of a lower profile than those of the president. They are often of a "behind-the-scenes" nature, demanding a sense of selflessness of the officer. For the true reward of the Vice-President of the Student Government Association is the knowledge that he or she has executed the demands of the office with the interests of the Student Body of Washington College foremost in his or her mind. I feel confident that I exemplify all of the characteristics demanded of the Vice-President. Moreover, I would readily accept the responsibilities of the office and perform them with the alacrity and efficiency with which I accept all other academic, social, and extra-curricular responsibilities.

Article 3, Section 1, Sub-heading 'b' of the Student Government Constitution of Washington College lists the responsibilities of the Vice-President . I have had this memorized for the past school year to fulfill my responsibilities as current SGA Executive Council Parliamentarian. I have also held the position of Freshman Class President (for which I coordinated the 1991 Birthday Ball). I was the Freshman Class Representative on the Ad-Hoc Committee for Student Affairs. I worked with Kevin Kelly and Brian Gimelson to create the Charles H. Trout Committee on Undergraduate Research, which I have been the chairperson of since its inception last year. I am also the current President of the Sophomore Class. In this capacity, I coordinated this year's Campus Blood Drive and, I instituted a Student Escort Service to assist campus security. The purpose of the above paragraph is not to appear vain, but rather to demonstrate that I take my responsibilities seriously. No one can know with any certainty what challenges lie ahead for the S.G.A., but everyone knows how important solid leadership is to a successful organization. I am eminently qualified to provide such leadership as Vice-President of the Student Government Association, and I hope that you, the Student Body, feel the same. Thank You.

John Phoebus, Candidate for Treasurer

Hello, my name is John Phoebus, and I hope to be your SGA Treasurer next year. Why should you elect me Treasurer? In one word, experience — I have the experience it will take to make next year one of the most active years ever for the student body at Washington College. But how much experience does one need to be Treasurer? More than you may think. Next year's SGA budget will be larger than ever and will require a Treasurer with experience in allocating and managing money within the SGA to make the best use of this increase. I have held an elected position in SGA since I have been at WC and, in these two years, I have served on the Organizations Committee, which handles the fund allocation to clubs on campus. As Treasurer of Hands Out, I have successfully managed the finances of a campus organization.

Pending acceptance of the proposed activities fee increase, the SGA will effectively double its budget for next year to approximately $82,500. Such a substantial increase places Washington College's SGA closer to par with those of comparable institutions who are able to sponsor more activities and clubs. A portion of this increase should go to the Office of Student Activities, which brought the C.I.A. and the Comedy Club to WC last semester. With a larger budget, they will be able to support events of greater social benefit to the college. Club funding will be substantially increased so that students' individual needs may be met through a variety of SGA sponsored organizations, such as the Dale Adams Heritage Society, Hands Out, and Rugby. Through my past SGA experience, I am equipped to ensure that the budget increase is most beneficial to the student body.

My experience stretches beyond just the SGA, however. As a Resident Assistant, I work closely with the Office of Student Affairs and various other campus offices. I feel that it is the responsibility of officers and all SGA representatives to act as a liaison between the students, faculty, and administration. My familiarity with the members of the Washington College administration will assist me in this task, enabling me to immediately begin the work of the Executive Council without the need to establish these connections.

In the past two years, the SGA has taken a more active position on campus, securing student representation on the Academic Council, encouraging the hiring of a Director of Student Activities, and taking strong positions on student issues. Currently, the SGA is involved in pressing the faculty to seek student input on the new controversial course evaluation forms. Active in the SGA since election in my freshman year, I have and will continue to be an effective representative of student views on these important issues.

When you vote this Wednesday, by choosing me, you can be assured you will have selected the best and most effective candidate for Treasurer.

Kristen Kujawski, Secretarial Candidate

Kristen Kujawski, a candidate for the position of Secretary, is studying abroad this semester, and could not be contacted in time for this supplement.

Tammie Michener & David George, Social Chair Candidates

Hi! I'm Tammie Michener, and along with David George, I will be running for S.G.A. Social Chair. I am a second semester junior, a member of Zeta Tau Alpha, and a member of the C.I.A. (Campus Involvement and Activities). In particular, I am the Comedy Club chairperson and I'm responsible for bringing comedy to the campus on Wednesday nights. David George is a second semester freshman, is on the Dean's List, and is the Daytime Activities chairperson of the C.I.A. Although he is only a freshman, Dave brings experience as he was the Student Body President of Calvert Hall High School last year. Through the C.I.A, activities such as caricaturists, fortune tellers, coffee house bands, comedians, trips to D.C. and New York, and before the end of the semester there will be even more surprises. So put away those suitcases, stay here on the weekends, and make some memories with us.

Amy McCleary, Secretarial Candidate

"You've Heard It Through the Grapevine"

No cheering, no shouting, no fanfare please,
While I'm here at the "mic,"
I'd like to introduce myself -
It's AMY MCCLEARY here!

The grapevine is a wonderful vehicle,
It brought the news of my candidacy -
Right to the **ELM**,
Straight from the courts and the fields!

For three years I've been your friend and teammate!
Every year I've held a distinct position,
Each having a specific mission -
From Dorm Senator of Queen Anne and Reid -
To this year being member of and following
the All-Campus Judiciary creed!

I want to be the SGA's Secretary,
which some of you may think is scary!
Give me the chance and I'll prove you wrong,
With the positions I've held and my
positive attitude which is strong!

Whether you consider yourself to be tall,
short, slim, or stout!
President Kevin "Sparky" Kelly says, "SGA
is what it's all about!"

A plea to the student body,
Endorsed by me -
Please come to the election booth and vote
for Amy!

Jen Del Nero, Christy, and me
Close as can be,
We can make a great team
Yeah, Jen, Christy, and me!

You ask me if I'm organized?
And I'll tell you straight on "YES!"
Now if you check with my roommate,
She'll say my side of the room is
an awful mess!

We'll miss you "Sparky,"
You've been a great friend,
Come back once in a while
To check on our style!

I wish Skip and Kristen luck, too -
And hope next year will be a
good one for you!
AND REMEMBER YOU HEARD IT
THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE!

SGA Report

The Washington College Senate met on Tuesday, February 25 in the Casey Forum after a one-week hiatus.

March 27 Benefit for Maint. Worker:

SGA Says, "No Competing Events"

The Senate approved a recommendation to donate the revenues from the March 27th band in the CoffeeHouse to assist groundskeeper John Marcus. Marcus is the maintenance worker whose house burned to the ground in the early morning hours of Saturday, February 15th. The Senate and SGA Executive Board has asked that organizations do not schedule any other events for that night in order to ensure the best possible turnout for this important fundraiser.

Subcommittee to Revise Prof. Eval. Forms

Senator John Phoebus submitted copies of his proposal for the SGA to support a student movement to "abstain from the completion and submission" of the new evaluation forms. Phoebus believes that students should not fill out the new forms until they are amended in such a way as to preserve student anonymity and provide student input.

SGA Vice President John Kelly told the Senate that the Executive Board recommended that the SGA form a student subcommittee to work with the Appointments and Tenure Committee in revising the latest forms. Kelly felt that a more diplomatic means of achieving student input might be more effective. Senator Whitney Myrus moved that such a subcommittee be formed. The subcommittee will work with the Appointments and Tenure Committee or consider changes on its own if students are not allowed to contribute to a revision process. Senator Myrus was appointed to chair the subcommittee.

Student Activity Fee Incr. Pending

SGA President Kevin Kelly and Treasurer Brian Gimelson discussed the SGA proposal for a student activity fee increase with members of the Board of Visitors and Governors at their meeting on Saturday, February 22. The Board has yet to make its final decision on the budget.

Escort Service Vols. to Train

Senator John Phoebus announced that there will be a training session for escort service volunteers on Thursday at 7 p.m. SCC Chair Jen Hannum asked whether self-defense classes would be held. Senator Christy Albright reported that a self-defense workshop held last semester was poorly attended.

Additional Funding Requests

Allocations of $500 to the Young Democrats and $600 for the Comedy Club were approved by the Senate. A request of $900 from the Men's Lacrosse Club was tabled until next week's meeting.

Convocation, from page 1

Convocation: Women Honored, Tulip-Poplar Dedicated

Lorimer became the youngest and the first female president of Randolph-Macon Woman's College, a liberal arts school in Lynchburg, Virginia, which this year is celebrating its 100th anniversary. Lorimer, who was graduated as valedictorian from another women's college, Hollins, in 1974, earned her law degree at Yale. Randolph-Macon won her over, she says, because she is "a real believer in women's education." President Lorimer has said her institution's goal for its second century is to provide women with not only a superb liberal arts education but also the opportunity to envision what a woman can do for society and for her community.

The third recipient, Marian Wright Edelman, president and founder of the Children's Defense Fund, began her campaign for children in the mid-1960s when, as the first black woman admitted to the Mississippi bar, she directed the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund in Jackson. She has also played an important role in establishing the Head Start and Children's Defense Fund. The Children's Defense Fund, a national nonprofit child advocacy organization, encourages preventive investment in children, as an investment in the nation's future, through long-term programs such as Head Start and through policies that address prenatal care, immunization, and proper nutrition.

The Award for Excellence was presented to Martine van Hamel, recognized as one of America's most eloquent and leading ballerinas. A dancer with the American Ballet Theatre for many years, van Hamel recently formed her own small dance company, New Amsterdam Ballet (of which she is Artistic Director), which the *New York Times* praised for "the intelligence of its choreography, programming, and dancers." In 1986, she received the **CUE** magazine award for outstanding dancer of the year, and in 1983 the **DANCE** magazine award for dedication to, and enrichment of, the art of ballet. Her brief rendition of *The Dying Swan* (Music by Camille Saint Saens) at the conclusion of Convocation was perhaps the most beautiful and striking performance ever to grace the stage of Tawes Theatre.

Immediately following Convocation, the procession moved to the Campus Lawn in front of East Hall, approximately thirty yards away from the Washington statue, for the dedication of the college's new tree, the Tulip-Poplar. This tree, replacing the Elm which died last summer, stands 27 feet tall, but should reach heights of 160 to 180 feet. President Trout described the dedication as "a moment of great joy" for the college community. Neil W. Horstman, Resident Director of Mount Vernon, where the tree came from as a gift from the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, added, "this tree renews a tie between our two institutions...a tie of spirit between George Washington and his commitment to education."

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Week at a Glance

Calendar of Events
February 28 – March 5

Friday 28 - Saturday 29
Drama Department Production
Burn This, by Langford Wilson
Tawes Theatre, 8:00 p.m.

Friday 28 - Monday March 2
Film Series: *Angel At My Table*
Norman James Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday 28
C.I.A Trip
Star Trek Exhibit
Smithsonian Air & Space Museum

Dale Adams Society Dance Party
Coffeehouse, 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

Sunday March 1
Gender Studies Reading Group Meeting
Rescheduled from last week
Discussion: *The Beauty Myth*, by Naomi Wolf
open to all members of the Washington College Community
O'Neill Literary House, 1:30 p.m.

Chestertown Arts League
44th Annual Juried Show
Opening Reception 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Gallery, Gibson Performing Arts Center
Exhibit open Mon. - Sat., noon - 4:00 p.m., through March 13.

Monday 2
Faculty Meeting
Dunning Lecture Hall, 4:30 p.m.

W.C.'s Amnesty International & The Goldstein Program in Public Affairs present
Part 1 in a 4-part Series on human rights:
The Battle of Chile, Part I: The Insurrection of the Bourgeoisie
Sophie Kerr Room, 7:30 p.m.

Native American Film Series
Macchu Picchu and *Martin Chambi and the Heirs of the Incas*
CAC Forum, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday 3
The Women's League of Washington College presents
A Symposium on China
A. Doak Barnett, Johns Hopkins University, et. al.
Norman James Theatre, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
$35.00 (covers luncheon & exhibit)
Call 778-6662 or 778-6450 for details.

The Goldstein Program in Public Affairs presents
U.S. Chinese Economic Relations in the Bush Era
Irving Barnett, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
Hynson Lounge, 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday 4
The Women's League of Washington College
Women in China
Slide Lecture by Kerttu Barnett
Sophie Kerr Room, 10:30 a.m.

Thursday 5
International House presents
Isabella of Spain and 1492
Peggy Liss, author, Isabella the Queen
Sophie Kerr Room, 8:00

A&E

Back in the Saddle Again

By **Rachael Fink**
Staff Writer

Will Phipps, in conjunction with the manager of Crimson Stables, is offering students riding lessons or, for those already accomplished at riding, time on a horse. Phipps is encouraged by the positive response so far and hopes that more people will take time to go out and ride the horses.

At any time of the day, every day except Sunday, there are three trainers on the farm ready to assist the novice rider and the advanced as well. The SGA has provided money to cover half the cost of the lessons bringing each one to between $5 and $10. Both Western and English riding is offered and Phipps urges everyone to take advantage of this opportunity.

In the future Phipps hopes to organize a club and participate in local competitions. Leigh Castle, the manager of Crimson Stables, is planning to hold several clinics in the spring and hopes that these will increase the interest in riding. For more information, contact Will Phipps through student mail or call the stables at 778-7304 and, to quote Phipps himself, "Come on out!"

Student Profile:
Ann Veiga

This week we at A&E introduce a new column. The powers that be at W.C. believe, with good reason, that athletes are not the only people who deserve recognition for their efforts and achievement. So we're dedicating this space each week to those men and women who go beyond just passing classes.

Senior English major Ann Veiga is not a woman with a lot of free time on her hands. She is the president of two clubs, Terra Firma, the campus environmental organization; and the Washington College chapter of SANE/Freeze, a peace group. In addition to this, Ann co-edits a children's literary magazine, *Shoestrings*, with fellow senior Keri Nygaard. Ann is also an active member of the Writers' Union.

Ann lives in the Annapolis area, and before coming to Washington College last fall, she attended Anne Arundel Community College, where she was the Student Body President.

Ann plans to spend the fall semester abroad in Thailand next year while writing her thesis. After graduation, Ann plans to join the Peace Corps or a similar organization.

Hess: Burning Down the House

Photo by Justin Cann

The Cast of Langford's Burn This

By Rachael Fink
Staff Writer

After the romance and beautiful words of *Cyrano*, the Drama Department has decided to take a reality break in the form of Langford Wilson's *Burn This*. It is a play about love, but not something to watch on Valentine's Day. It's love in the real world, with very real people loving, hating and losing. According to Stephanie Hess, the director, *Burn This* is about "discovering artistic freedom and passion. It's about mirrors and turning mirrors inside oneself. It's about giving up the comfortable and easy to accept a challenge, an extremely exciting challenge."

Hess chose *Burn This* because of her respect for Langford Wilson as a playwright. "His exploration of human relationships is interesting in all of his plays," Hess explains. The intense passion between Pale and Anna drew Hess to this specific Wilson play. "I was never intensely passionate about the script," Hess continued, but she thinks that this is beneficial in helping her to stay objective about the production.

Working with the actors has made her much more excited about the show. "They are wonderful actors. They connected with their characters quickly and respond well to my ideas." The cast includes Jason West as Pale, Melanie Green as Anna, Brett Lankford as Burton, and Tim Madison as Larry. Hess thinks that rehearsals have gone very well and that the actors are definitely excited about the production. "For most of them it is a challenge to play their parts."

Also working with Hess on the production are Lisa Woodcock, Stage Manager; Steven Brown, Lighting Designer; Carey Smith, Master Electrician; and Jason Imber, Assistant Stage Manager; as well as many others.

Seating for *Burn This* is unlimited [auditorium] and no reservations are needed. The show will run Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, at 8:00 in Tawes Theatre.

Opportunities for Writers

Contests:

The Spring 1992 Literary House Press Poetry Postcard Contest:
Submit two copies of any poem(s) to J. Tarin Towers. The contest will be judged by William Bowie, a poet and alumni from Baltimore. Fall '91 winners are excluded. Winners will have their poem hand-printed on an antique letter press in postcard format. All entries will be considered for the Broadsides series (see below). Deadline is Monday, March 2.

Anyone interested in submitting to national contests or publications should contact Tanya Allen for free stamps and envelopes from the Writers' Union.

Readings:

Sophomore / Junior Reading
Interested participants should contact Justin Cann or Tanya Allen by March 6. A chapbook will be prepared for the reading, so have some idea of which works you will read. Tentative date for the reading is Sunday, March 22.

Literary Magazines & Reviews:

Washington College Review (Editor, Professor Lynn Doyle) This newspaper-format publication is currently seeking fiction and poetry. Contact editors for details.

Collegian (Editor, Bruce Hamilton) A features-based newspaper that also prints reviews, and creative writing. Contact editors for details. Deadline: March 31.

Shoestrings (Editors, Keri Nygaard and Ann Veiga) Children's lit mag, targeted towards the fourth-grade age group. Prints both fiction and poetry. Deadline: "as soon as possible."

Otherworlds (Editor, Raph Koster) Based on the tradition of genre pulp magazines, this lit mag prints both fiction and poetry which fall into the category of "genre." Categories include: horror, sci/fi, fantasy, Western, romance, and mystery. Submissions taken by Raph Koster via campus mail, Quickmail, Lit House Mailbox, or in person. Deadline: March 20.

Translations (Editor, Raph Koster) This is a multi-lingual magazine of fiction and poetry. Works are printed in both English and the native (foreign) language. Follow same submission guidelines as Otherworlds.

Backpocket Poetry Magazine (Editors, Justin Cann and Roxanne Seubert) A small-format (1/4 page) lit mag which publishes poems, preferrably short in length. Deadline: March 6.

Beyond the Shadow of a Trout (Editor, Tanya Allen)
This is an ongoing broadside, SGA-funded. The focus here is satire, humor, etc., especially campus-oriented. Regular features include "Health Services Horror Stories." Submissions are taken anytime and anonymous submissions are accepted. No deadline.

Broadsides (Editors: Tanya Allen, Tanya L. Cunic, and J. Tarin Towers) A single-sheet publication, printing both poetry and short-short fiction. Submissions are ongoing. Contact editors for details.

Dr. Steven Krauss: SAD Lecture

By Tanya Cunic
Staff Writer

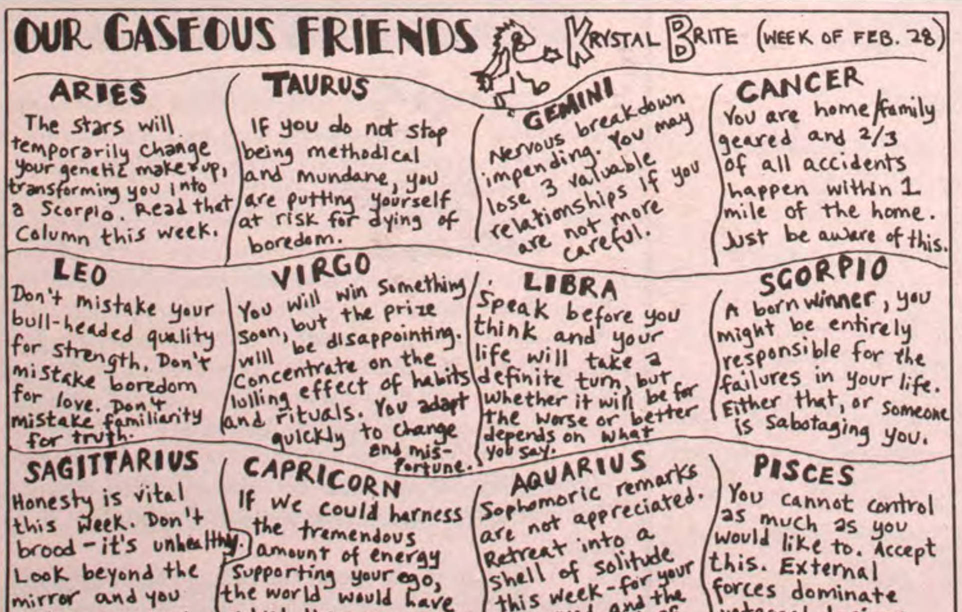
Many people across the country are now suffering from what is known as the "February blahs." They can't explain why they feel run down, depressed, pessimistic and in general "not themselves" during the winter months, craving the arrival of sunnier seasons. What these people may be suffering from is is a common cycle of seasonal depression known as Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD).

On February 24, in Hynson Lounge, Dr. Steven Krauss, a professor at Villanova University, addressed the symptoms and treatments for SAD in his lecture "Winter Depression and Light Therapy." This common, systematic depression is characterized by anedonia, an increased appetite with a particular craving for carbohydrates, an increase in sleep duration, and extremely slow cognitive processes. On the other end of the spectrum, the SAD patient often feels elated in the summer to the point of feeling hypomanic.

This type of depression cycle is not as uncommon as many people believe. In a study that Dr. Krauss conducted at the University of Minnesota, of the 463 college students surveyed approximately 85% reported that winter was their worst months and summer was their best. This does not mean however all of these college students are suffering from SAD; to be actually diagnosed there must be an exaggerated personal seasonal change. What it may indicate is that extreme changes in light across the seasons has the ability to affect moods. Although SAD seems to be more concentrated in the northern latitudes, approximately 5% of Maryland residents noticed an "extreme seasonal deviation in mood."

There is hope in relieving this seasonal mood swing. One of the methods used to cure SAD is light therapy. Light therapy consists of simulated natural light "minus the ultra-violet rays." This special light is contained in a light box in which the patient sits in front of for approximately 2-4 hours a day. This helps elevate the patients mood and usually within a few light therapy sessions, the patient's symptoms are lifted.

Although everyone doesn't suffer from winter depression or SAD, those who do can help lift their own symptoms without the time or expense of a light box. Dr. Krauss suggests taking a walk in the morning to receive some sort of exposure to the sun. This may be a natural and healthy way to eliminate depression symptoms.



OUR GASEOUS FRIENDS KRYSTAL BRITE (WEEK OF FEB. 28)

ARIES
The stars will temporarily change your genetic makeup, transforming you into a Scorpio. Read that Column this week.

TAURUS
If you do not stop being methodical and mundane, you are putting yourself at risk for dying of boredom.

GEMINI
Nervous breakdown impending. You may lose 3 valuable relationships if you are not more careful.

CANCER
You are home/family geared and 2/3 of all accidents happen within 1 mile of the home. Just be aware of this.

LEO
Don't mistake your bull-headed quality for strength. Don't mistake boredom for love. Don't mistake familiarity for truth.

VIRGO
You will win something soon, but the prize will be disappointing. Concentrate on the lulling effect of habits and rituals. You adapt quickly to change and misfortune.

LIBRA
Speak before you think and your life will take a definite turn, but whether it will be for the worse or better depends on what you say.

SCORPIO
A born winner, you might be entirely responsible for the failures in your life. Either that, or someone is sabotaging you.

SAGITTARIUS
Honesty is vital this week. Don't brood - it's unhealthy. Look beyond the mirror and you will be surprised.

CAPRICORN
If we could harness the tremendous amount of energy supporting your ego, the world would have solved the energy crisis.

AQUARIUS
Sophomoric remarks are not appreciated. Retreat into a shell of solitude this week - for your own good, and the good of others.

PISCES
You cannot control as much as you would like to. Accept this. External forces dominate internal desires.

WC Swimming Nears the Final Countdown!

Aquamen & Women Head to MAC's After Final Battle With Western MD

By **Chris Vaughn**
Co-Sports Editor

Once again, the aquamen were in striking range of Western Maryland but couldn't hold onto their lead of 16-9 after 3 events. They dropped this one 59-36.

WC got on the board early with the 400 medley relay team of Tim Whittier, Jason Campbell, Brian Basso, and Tyler McCarthy in this first event. Individually, WC again scored early with Dave Cola adding two important wins in the 200 and 500 free. He is also getting ready for his first MAC championship where he will swim 3 individuals and 4 relays.

Jason Campbell continued the early winning streak, earning a first in the 200 breast with a consistent time that also gives him a shot at making the scoring range at the MAC's as well. Tim Whittier joined him in placing within the MAC required scoring range, reclaiming his 200 back school record by shaving a full five seconds off the previous record. Also qualifying for the MAC's in the 100 and 200 fly was Brian Basso who lowered his 200 fly school record time even further.

But, Chris Freisheim had the swims of the evening taking an unheard of 26 seconds off his 1000 free mark from January 12th. "He has been doing a terrific job at practice and it really shows," says Coach Lessard. Chris also placed 2nd in the 200 free and joined Tyler McCarthy, Basso, & Cola to break 16 seconds off the school record in the 400 free but, was touched out by Western Maryland in the event.

Also scoring important points were Ty McCarthy in the 50 free and Dave Czekaj in the 200 free and 200 back. Also doing a great job in their last meet for the 1991-92 season were Mike Bowman, Mike Frey, Andy McKim, and Troy Petenbrink.

Coach Lessard went on to say, "The men have done a teriffic job and their record doesn't indicate how much they have improved. The scoring system didn't help us tonight either, relays getting 7 or 0 points and only the top three finishers in each event being awarded points. But those are the breaks."

The aquawomen, on the other hand, went the distance against Western Maryland, with the lead constantly changing hands, and came away with a big win by taking the final event, the 400 free relay with the team of Amy Draper, Nancy Whiteman, Magdalena Fuchs, and Mimi Devlin.

Senior Captain Kasey Carroll remained undefeated in 4 years of dual meets in her specialty, the 1000 free, and won the 200 fly. She was also impressive in the 200 breast, having only swam the event one other time, placing second and tying the meet.

Freshman Dede Swinden had a terrific meet by placing 2nd behind Carroll in the 1000. This was the first time she swam it and because of her time in the event she now has a chance of placing at the MAC's in the 1650 free. She also swam to an important 2nd in the 500 free and 3rd in the 200 IM.

Jen Green proved she is back in top form by breaking her own WC school record in the 200 back with a win as Karen Pendergast scored a close 3rd. Green placed 2nd in the 200 free as well.

Mimi Devlin continued to show her versatility by placing 2nd in the 200 IM and first in the 100 free, which was the first time she swam in that event. Nancy Whiteman furthered the Sho'women's effort and had a terrific swim in the 500 free, breaking 6:00 for the first time and placing 3rd and 2nd in the 200 free.

Adding additional points were Amy Draper, placing 2nd in the 200 fly and 3rd in the 50 free, and Magdalena Fuchs, coming in 3rd in the 100 free. Plus, Beverly Diaz had a personal best time in the 200 breast and senior Joan Colton swam a career best 200 fly for her last WC meet. And of course, the 400 medley team of Karen Pendergast, Beverly Diaz, Joan Colton, and Eleanor Shriver came in with a competitive second place.

Says Coach Kim Lessard, "It was a terrific team effort tonight. The women had to swim well and put it together to win, and they did! I was very proud of them. Also, we have our best entries ever in our relays for the MAC's so I'm very excited for the team."

Photo by Trish McGee

Team members who will be competing in the MAC's. Back Row: (from left to right) Leslie Newcomb, Kasey Carroll, Dede Swinden, Amy Draper, Jen Green, Mimi Devlin, Karen Pendergast. Front Row: Dave Czekaj, Jason Campbell, Tyler McCarthy, Brian Basso, David Cola, Chris Friesheim. (Missing: Magdalena Fuchs, Ramsey Bigham, Tim Whittier)

THE EVENTS IN WHICH WC WILL COMPETE AT THE MAC's THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 1 AT WIDENER:

MEN
Dave Cola-100,200,500 Free
Jason Campbell-100,200 Breast
Brian Basso-100,200 Fly
Tyler McCarthy-100,200 Back
Dave Czekaj-100,200 Back
Chris Freisheim-200 IM,1650 Free

WOMEN
Kasey Carroll-1650,200 Free,400 IM
Mimi Devlin-400 IM,500 Free,200 Fly
Magdalena Fuchs-50,100 Free
Ramsey Bigham-50 Free
Amy Draper-50 Free,100,200 Fly
Leslie Newcomb-100,200 Breast
Dede Swinden-500,1650 Free,200 IM
Karen Pendergast-100,200 Back

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Baseball and Lacrosse Kick Off!

Baseball Gets Set For Spring Training

Coach Athey looks forward to the '92 Season

By **Charlie Linehan & Chris Vaughn**
Sports Editors

With the warm weather rapidly approaching, the 1992 Washington College baseball team has been practicing hard, gearing up for their first home game against the 1991 Middle Atlantic Conference champions, Juniata College. After an impressive '91 season in hitting (the Sho'men were ranked seventh nationally in division III hitting with a .349 team average) the club once again hopes to bring the pitching performance up to par with a batting record which only promises to get better.

Although the loss of sterling hitters Hal McBee and Matt Giller might seem a detriment to the program, a number of able players with experience under their belts promise to fill the gap. Most notably, Rory "Let's Grif" Conway looks to amaze fans at the plate once again. Last season, Conway tied team leader Hal McBee with 34 hits. In addition, Conway lead the team in triples with four while compiling a .386 batting average with nine multiple-hit games. Adding to the power at the plate will be Seniors, Vince "Vinny" Sanudo and John "Beast" Morall. Last year, Sanudo shined as lead-off hitter, blasting a team high five homeruns while Morall, at clean-up, boasted three homeruns and 22 RBI which makes him the leading returning RBI man. Junior third baseman Mike "Whiz" Hanifee also deserves mention. Hanifee was Co-MIP last year as he clubbed his way to a .413 batting average with 33 hits. Finally, the hitting game will be further aided by pitchers Keith Whiteford (.349 batting average with 29 hits and 20 RBI last year) and Joe Boan (.360 batting average with 36 hits in '90).

As has been the case in the recent past, Washington must work to improve a pitching staff which allowed an average of 5.87 runs per game last season. Ace pitcher and All-MAC Keith Whiteford returns after a '91 season in which he boasted a 6-3 record with a team high 30 strikeouts. Assisting Whiteford, Joe Boan returns to the club after a 1990 season in which he led the team with 7 victories. Other pitchers who should figure prominently in the re-vamping of the staff include Gerald Scully, who finished the '90 season with a 1.59 ERA, Junior Jerry Hunt, and Sophomore Mitch O'Shea, both of whom gained a great deal of experience last season. The loss of Greg Rogers and Scott Cole certainly will not help the Sho'men pitching game, especially during the Spring trip to Florida where, given the number of games the team plays, depth is important. To cover for the loss of Rogers and Cole, Head Coach Ed Athey will look to Vinny Sanudo, Rory Conway, and Freshman Dan "Yahoo" Coker to provide some support in Florida.

Defensively, the team returns a veteran infield with the exception of Andy "AP" Parks who will replace Matt Giller at first base. At second base, Vinny Sanudo should combine with Rory Conway (at shortstop) and John Morall (at catcher) to continue to dazzle the crowds defensively up the middle. Hanifee will round off the diamond at third base, providing the final link to an infield whose support to the mound will certainly be a plus.

In the outfield, Joe Boan will fill in at Centerfield with support from Scully and Whiteford. In addition, Kyle "Gomer" Hutchison, Dan Coker, and Mike D' Andrea will provide valuable support to an outfield which will have to juggle its talent with the pitching staff.

Around the bases, the Sho'men will look to the proven speed of players like Sanudo, Morall, Hanifee, Whiteford, Conway, and Coker to improve the teams scoring opportunities. Last season, Conway led the team with 17 steals. Says Coach Athey, "If we have a designated runner, Coker will probably be it. Up front, in the first part of the line-up, we've got good speed—we can run the bases. We get Sanudo or Conway on and we can run."

Team Captains Vince Sanudo and John Morrall

Photo courtesy of Gary Brown

The schedule for this year includes a number of MAC powerhouses, with Johns Hopkins filling in once again as the team to beat. Besides Washington, the main challengers to Hopkins will be Widener, Haverford, and Swarthmore. According to Coach Athey, "Any one of the four of us could rise up and challenge Hopkins. If we get the pitching, we should be in here. We're playing them here this year so it should work in our favor."

Assisting Coach Athey will be Al Streelman, John Scott, and Steve Sandebeck. Streelman had an excellent pitching career during his years at Washington College and has been an assistant coach for to the team for the past 14 years. John Scott is a Chestertown resident who has been an assistant coach for two years. "He's a jack-of-all-trades," says Coach Athey of Scott. "Morale-wise, he's great for the team." Steve Sandebeck is also a former WC player (not to mention a spectacular catcher) who helps out whenever he can with the catchers. In addition, Hal McBee will help out whenever possible.

Washington faces Juniata in the home-opener this Saturday at 3:00 pm and then leaves next Friday for the annual Spring training/ Bellyflop contest trip in Sanford, Florida, a trip which should provide some real competition to this promising young team. So grab some peanuts and a cooler and come join the Bleacher Creatures this Saturday in their support of America's pasttime.

WC LAX Goes Up Against Division One's Best

By **Melissa Harmeyer**
Staff Writer

Judging by the capacity crowd that showed up for WC's lacrosse team scrimmage against Duke on the upper practice field Sunday afternoon, it would appear the WC community is ready and waiting with anticipation for a strong return from the WC Lax program. Coming off a disappointing 3-8 season last spring, this talented squad hopes to demonstrate and live up to its expected potential. The team goes into this season as a good contender, hopefully surprising many teams in the MAC conference.

In the past two weeks, the Shoremen have come off scrimmages against Division one teams Villanova and Duke. Although they were outscored, they were not concentrating on the final tally as much as they were on their team play, which many players feel has gotten better. Junior captain Dave Lipinski stated, "We've improved greatly as a team since the scrimmage against Villanova last weekend and if we keep moving in that direction the team could prove to be a good contender." Other team captains include John Hernandez, Scott Overand, and Kevin Doyle.

It is a young team, carrying only two seniors, Kevin Doyle and John Kelly, which definitely gives them an advantage in the long run. Knowing that they will be graduating only two players at the end of this season, they can look forward to continued maturity and growth as a strong team. Attackman Greg Lawler and Christian Boone are freshmen that have shown talent and potential. Along with this, the lacrosse team has gained key transfer players such as Jason Paige from Syracuse, Harris Murphy from Villa Julie, and Chris Cody from Loyola that have contributed tremendously to the team's offensive game.

The Shoremen scrimmaged Mt. St. Marys this past Wednesday, which will be covered in next week's ELM, and go up against Georgetown on Saturday before they move to regular season play next Wednesday, March 4th, in an away game versus West Chester State.

Keep up the support WAC. This should prove to be an exciting season for the WC Lax program and a complete turnaroung from last year's performance!!!

Basketball Winds Down, Tennis Picks Up the Action

Basketball Ends Earlier Than Expected

By **Melissa Harmeyer**
Staff Writer

The men's basketball team wrapped up the regular season this past week and were knocked out of play-off contention with two disappointing losses to Widener and Johns Hopkins. Although the team will not be involved in post-season action, who can argue with their strong overall record of 14-10 and 6-3 in the MAC?! They demonstrated what heart and desire are all about while also giving the college community another year of exciting basketball.

The beginning of the end began last Thursday when WC road tripped to Schwartz Center in Chester, Pennsylvania to take on Widener University. Earlier in the season, the Pioneers lost here to the Shoremen and just as the home court proved to be an advantage at the Cain Dome the home court also proved to be an advantage for Widener at their version of the Cain Dome.

Initially, Washington took control. The first half was all WC, leading by as much as 10 points 9:40 into the game. However, their lead soon dwindled down to 3 points by halftime, going into the locker room up 35-32.

The two teams came out roaring in the second half and battled it out for the first 9 minutes until Widener was able to gain the lead and hold it for about six minutes. Yet WC hung right in there and with 3:24 remaining, sophomore forward, Geoff "The Glide" Rupert, stung a two pointer to even up the score. John Jones of The Pioneers answered by hitting a three pointer of his own but, Rupert again struck back, hitting two free throws to put WC within one.

With 1:26 left, Tim Liddy drove one up the right side to give WAC a one point lead. But the struggle continued as Widener Pioneer, Chris Carideo, kept the 3 pointers raining on WC by hitting one with 1:12 remaining. The boys of WC stepped back up to the challenge with Darren Vican tapping in Charles Cummings' miss to tie it up and force the game into a five minute overtime period. From there Widener quickly captured the lead only 1:30 into the O.T. and held it for the remainder to finish us off.

Center Darren Vican topped the charts with a total of 25 points and Forward senior Tim Liddy contributed 20 points.

There next match-up came against the Blue Jays of Johns Hopkins University last Saturday. While the other students were cutting the rug to the music of the Zim Zimmeral's Band at the Birthday Ball, the team was away at the Newton White Jr. Athletic Center challenging the #1 MAC team. If WC had pulled it off they would have created a three way tie for first with WC being one of those three. However, the game resulted in a hard fought loss with the final score being 85-76 in favor of JHU.

The BlueJays appeared to dominate the first half, holding the lead for the entire first half. Yet, the Shoremen never gave in and went up by one at the half. But to no avail, JHU captured the lead again two minutes into the 2nd half and WC was never able to recapture it again.

Darren Vican again had an outstanding outing with 20 points as did senior guard Allen Lester, who had a superb game, tallying 22 points.

It's too bad the season has ended but, we must commend the men's b-ball team this year for turning things around after such a hard season last year. And again, congratulations to Coach Finnegan for becoming most winningest coach at WAC with 282 wins in 22 seasons and seniors Tim Liddy and Allen Lester for a terrific season!!

NEWT'S Player of the Week

Darren "The Tower of Power" Vican

NEWT'S CHESTERTOWN BAR

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And we're back!! . . . That's right, It's The Bleature Creatures... **IN YER FACE!!** Well, it's been a fairly slow sports week here at the ELM – **NOT!** WC is right in the middle of transition into the Spring Season and Sports are hoppin' right now. But don't fret young jedis, Spiderman & The Vaughnster will be here to cover it all.

Now, for this week's Newt's POW— a 6'9 junior guard hailing from Milford, Delaware, and the basketball team's co-captain, Darren Vican. Vican finished the season on a tear, shooting 50-67 (75%) from the field and scoring 109 points (18.2 ppg) in his final six outings. Overall he lead the unit in total field goal percentage (51.49%) and had the second most tally contributions, 359. His height was also a big factor in his rebounds per game, 8.52, the best on the team! Good work Darren, but just remember, height doesn't count for anything on the caps court, buddy!

Tennis Netters Back on Course, Set to Serve

By **Doug Hoffberger**
Staff Writer

Coming off an impressive 20-4 season last year, including a fifth-place national finish, as well as MAC singles and doubles titles, the Washington College men's tennis team is back in the spotlight. Capturing its sixth consecutive Middle Atlantic Conference Crown last year, the Shoremen netters retain their reputation as one of the most consistent and dominating teams involved with the WAC athletic program.

Set with a rigorous schedule of 23 matches, 17 of which are away, the Shoremen will make it their main objective to go to Nationals once again. The loss of Scott Reid and Irakli Metreveli, who held the first and second seed respectively last year, will have some bearing on the Shoreman's overall performance this season. Frank Hartwig, a transfer from Towson State hailing from Delmenhorst, Germany, should hold the number one spot, while Alberto Diaz, who received the most improved player award last year, will be challenged by Trevor Hurd, an MAC singles finalist, for the second spot. Co-captain Andy Bohutinsky, Emilio Bogado who is from Mexico City, Mexico, and Carlos Nuno-Langre from Bahia Blanca, Argentina, will all have an equal opportunity to hold the fourth, fifth, and sixth positions.

Once practice blends into the regular season, co-captain Jeff Rexford, as well as the already seeded spots, will begin a system of challenging matches to vie for the top six singles positions as well as the top three doubles spots. The doubles positions should be the teams strength. This years team will be backed by Diaz and Hurd, who posted 31-9 and 34-9 singles marks respectively, as well as a very solid 10-1 doubles record. Senior Andy Bohutinsky (Kansas City, MO./ Park Hill HS) posted an 18-5 mark in singles last year and should be a solid contributor to the team's efforts this season. The two sophomores who were new to the team last year, Carlos Nuno and Emilio Bogado, were 21-10 and 20-7 respectively in singles, and made an immediate impact on the team. Look for them to do so again this spring.

Also gracing the courts this spring, are Tim "Bird" Reardon (Greenwich, CT), Jon Alexander (Rehobeth Beach, DE.), and Deepak Raja (Nashville, TN.) all who are looking to gain skill and experience by playing with this already established group of athletes.

For the team to return to Nationals this season they must play well against a number of Division 3 teams, many of which are ranked in the top twelve in the nation. Due to early season confusion, the Shoremen had to drop Division 1 teams Maryland and Virginia, but must still fair well against Penn State, the only Division 1 school still on the schedule.

Unsure as to who their coach would be until two weeks ago, the team is very excited to be back in full swing, under the coaching of Tom Finnegan, Tim Gray, and Todd Helbling. Gray, having many connections in the Tennis world, should help recruiting for next year but, for now the netters are focused on improving and having another successful season as one of WC's premier sports teams.

Photo courtesy of Gary Brown

Trevor Hurd demonstrates his graceful forhand while driving one cleanly down the line

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Women's Tennis Next Week

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Washington Lacrosse Begins Pre-Season with a Pair of Scrimmages

Basketball Bumped From Playoffs!

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Jamie Carver ducks a Hobart defender. Jamie, a second year veteran, looks to be a big factor at the mid-field for WAC this year. With his speed and field sense he has the potential to not only assist a few scores but also to score a few himself. Says Coach Corcoran, "He defines playing with heart. He gives 120% everytime he steps onto the field." Jamie is one of the many young returning players on this year's team. With a year of experience behind him, he will hopefully provide guidance to the incoming players and help make this year's team a success.

Photo courtesy of Gary Brown

Darren Vican: NEWT'S Player of the Week

Scores

Men's Basketball	
Washington	79
Widener	86(ot)
Washington	76
JHU	85
Men's Swimming	
Washington	36
Western MD	59
Women's Swimming	
Washington	51
Western MD	44

On Deck

Swimming
MAC Tournament
Feb. 28 – Mar. 1
Away @ Widener

Men's Lacrosse
Georgetown
Feb. 29
Home 1:00 PM

West Chester State
Mar. 4
Away 4:00 PM

Tennis
Wesley
Mar. 3
Away 2:30 PM

Aquamen and Aquawomen Head for MACs At Widener

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Weekend Weather
Fri.: Mostly cloudy, showers. High: 64, Low 48.
Sat.: Coudly, windy, rain. High 58, Low 48.
Sun.: Partly sunny, breezy, warm. High 66, Low 48.

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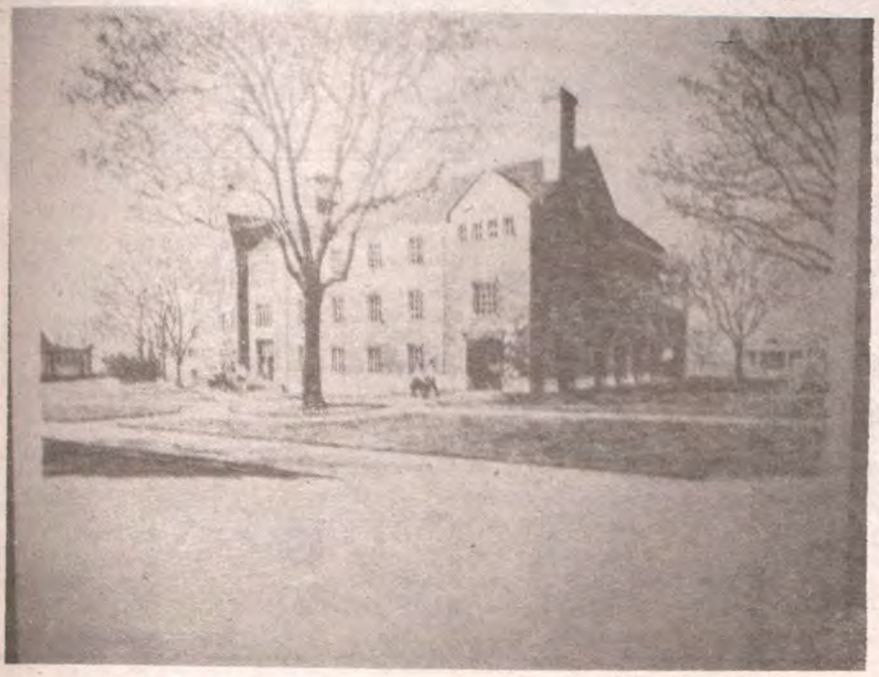
Million Dollar Donation Speeds Progress of New Academic Building



An artist's conception of one of the plans under consideration for the new Academic Building.

Photo by John Goebel

By **Sabrina Kenny**
Staff Writer

A gift of one million dollars was donated by Dorothy (Class of '38) and Kenneth Daly to launch the building of a new academic center and renovation of William Smith Hall. These two buildings will facilitate greater classroom space, faculty offices, and a computer room. Construction of the new building, which will be sited directly behind William Smith Hall and the newly paved mall space, is planned for late spring/early summer of 1993.

Last Saturday, February 29, Washington College held a full day architectural competition, reviewing possible firms and proposals for the new academic building and the renovation of William Smith Hall. After considering four design models presented by four different firms, the competition was narrowed to two prospective architectural groups. During this competition, the architects presented a process in which the project would be executed. Discussing design plans, how they would handle acoustics, who would be on the "team," and how they would interact with the college, the architects explained tentative floor plans and space utilization.

Depending upon the architectural firm chosen, the joint project of the academic building and William Smith Hall will collectively house roughly fifty-five faculty offices and sixteen to twenty classrooms. Working with a ratio of one classroom to every four offices, faculty offices in Ferguson Hall and the Spanish House would be relocated to the new areas. A new computer room and a one-hundred seat classroom would also be located in the new building, which, like William Smith Hall, will be approximately twenty-seven thousand

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Tuition Increased By $914

By **John Griep**
News Editor

When President Charles Trout's immediate predecessor, Douglass Cater, first came into office in 1982, tuition charges were a little more than $7,000. Over the past decade this figure has nearly doubled; for academic year 1992 - 1993, tuition at Washington College will be over $13,000.

The Board of Visitors and Governors of Washington College approved the latest fee increase at their meeting on February 22, 1992. Overall, the combined comprehensive fee will increase by more than $1100 for next year to a total of $18,354. This consists of tuition increases of $914, from $12,312 to $13,226, room rent increases of $88, from $2200 to $2288, and board increases of $110, from $2730 to $2840 for the full meal plan.

President Trout conveyed this information to parents and independent students in a letter which was released on Friday, February 28. In this letter, Trout discussed several reasons for the fee increase. First, aid from the state of Maryland has already been cut by $380,000 and there is the possibility of further cuts as the Maryland General Assembly develops the state budget package. Second, the college is receiving "declining earnings from the interest on endowment investments, [which] has placed great financial pressures upon the College and has resulted in budget cuts for all departments." Both these reasons were attributed to "the impact of [the] economic recession."

On Tuesday, March 3, the **ELM** spoke with Gene Hessey, Senior Vice President of Management and Finance, concerning the recent fee increases and the budgetary process at Washington College.

When asked why tuition at Washington College has doubled in the past decade, Hessey stated that "the analogy that is often used . . . [is that] tuitions tend to equate to the cost of a new Chevrolet. As costs have escalated across the board, so have tuition costs . . . so have other costs. It's a function of the economy that with steady growth there's a constant expectation for increased salaries. Colleges and universities are labor-intensive, so labor does have a driving impact on the need for revenue. . . . I think there's been additional pressure on tuition as a consequence of governmental support shrinking, the major one being that federal support for higher education has shrunk over that period. . . . Growth in endowment earnings and growth in private gifts has kept pace with the growth in tuition rates. . . . On the expense side, the major problem has been the concurrent need to increase financial aid because the government support was largely in that area. . . ."

Hessey, and Trout, in his letter, pointed out that the financial aid budget will be adjusted in accordance with the increased cost of attending Washington College. "The budget plan provides additional institutional funding for financial aid to support the growth in need that any tuition increase projects. There is some prospect that federal guidelines on some of the financial aid programs will be increased. . . . Federal aid for loan programs [and] tuition grants . . . may be expanded."

Fee increases are part of an overall budget plan. "The reason the Board approved the

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Del Nero Takes Presidency

S•G•A Election Results

Tie for Social Chair. Runoff election to be held on Wednesday, March 18. Full coverage of the 1992 Student Government Association Executive Board elections inside.

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Faculty Promotions

Dean Taylor announces this year's Faculty promotions, and replacements for professors going on sabbatical leave during the 1992-93 Academic Year. Dean Taylor also comments on the quality of the academic environment at Washington College.

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Commentary on Tuition Hike

Chris Mihavetz examines the possible consequences of the recent $914 hike in tuition at Washington College.

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Editorial

Things That Need To Be Said

"tell me, tell me, tell me, elm!" - from James Joyce's Finnegans Wake

Howl

For Chuck Trout

I've seen the best minds of my generation destroyed by tuition hikes, starving hysterical threadbare,
dragging themselves to the Financial Aid Office looking for a measly fix,
stuffyheaded students burning for the ancient tuition of the starry '70's,
who poverty and tatters and hollow-eyed and high sat up smoking in the supernatural bleakness of Caroline House uncarpeted halls, floating across the top of the Casey Building contemplating transfer ...

-Justin Cann

Washington College students will not pay the increase in tuition. Repeat, Washington College students will not pay the increase in tuition. This is not some revolutionary statement; sit-ins, burning ID cards, Lit House freaks chaining themselves to the Buntagon. None of that Sixties nonsense. This is purely an economic declaration. Students will not pay the tuition increase simply because they can not afford it. Dollar bill signs will blazon our protest banners, not peace symbols.

Let's give President Trout a break here. The man's not some evil tyrant out to rid WC of all intelligent life by raising total costs to that of the national debt. Universities all over the country are hurting from the economic recession, and therefore, tuitions must inadvertently be raised. I do not question the reasons behind Washington College's tuition hike. What I do question is the direction this institution is headed. Gene Hessey likens the tuition increase to a new Chevrolet. If that's the case, then academics, once the focal point of Washington College, is now a cranky back seat driver destined to be dumped off at the nearest rest stop.

Washington College is lucky to have the new Fitness Center. New academic building? Sure sounds good to me. Every time I go to visit my advisor in Ferguson, I half-expect him to be barefoot, a screaming baby under one arm, a hot iron in the other. Keep looking for the trailer hitch that delivered that abhorration from Hazzard County in the first place. These new buildings will be nice to have. Maybe they'll attract better students. But what the administration does not realize is that the academic environment of a college, above and beyond any building, is the number one attraction for new students. That's why I'm here. If any prospectives are lured into Chestertown by some shiny new buildings, then they're probably not the type of students we want anyway. Me, I'd take a class in the bathroom of Kent as long it was thought provoking and didn't bring back all those wonderful Kindergarten memories.

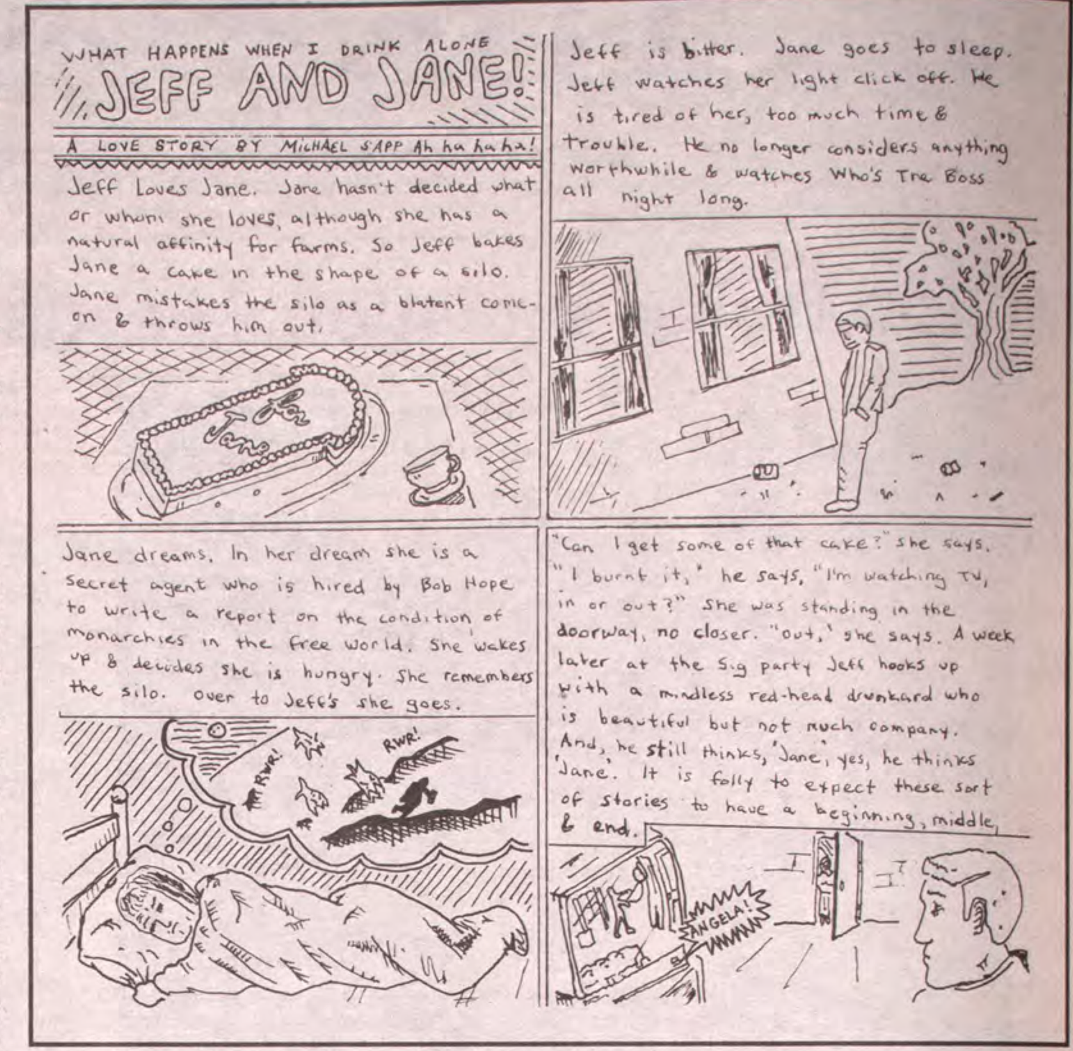
Maybe last year's incoming students were a disappointment because they were wined and dined by the Casey building. Did anyone ever stop to think that the CAC could have been the new academic building President Trout so desperately wants. Instead it's a colossal abomination lacking in both usefulness and taste. We're not allowed to say this of course. Just laugh, get your mail, and wish Student Affairs was still in Smith Hall. Faculty can't say anything about the piss-poor acoustics in the tiny classrooms or that marvellous Forum Room. Huh? What did he say? We just chalk it up as another one of those little curiosities at WC. Don't want to get any alumni mad, they might not be so willing to donate money for the future of Washington College. But here's some food for thought: whatever students survive the next several years of "unavoidable" tuition hikes will become the future alumni of WC.

Students sometimes get in the way. It would be much easier if they were just objects, blobs of numbed intellect that some rich alumni could whack into the ground with a gold-plated shovel, stating the foundation of their building will be built on student academics. Speech. Applause. Waste.

Students: Is that egg salad or hot turkey sandwich you're eating now suddenly worth more money? Has the cost of your Caroline dorm room suddenly increased because it is an antique? Can you add another part-time job to your already busy summer schedule to absorb the extra $1100 in total costs? But most importantly, are you satisfied with your education here? Because your voice, more so than any alumni, should be the most important at Washington College. Are you tired of paying for the future of this institution while the present state of affairs are bogged down in endless committee meetings. The students of Washington College should have their own master plan regarding their education. One based on logic and intelligence. One that the landscape "artists" of this college will not ruin with their helicopter-random placing of exotic shrubs and symbolic trees. One the administration will not know how to attack. Sure, they'll hold a meeting about it. But it'll take place in the CAC Forum Room, and no one will be able to hear each other.

The whole "Field of Dreams" attitude towards improvement at WC seems misdirected. If we continue to build up the campus, will better students come? Not if tuition continues to increase. President Trout's goals are honorable and necessary. But if Washington College refuses to address soaring costs NOW, and continues to build monuments to watery-eyed, affluent alumni, then this institution will forever remain mediocre. Mind you mediocre with potential, but nonetheless mediocre. Instead of comparing ourselves to our competitors with the size of our Fieldhouse or the square-footage in empty classrooms, why don't we start comparing academics. President Trout, if you improve it, students will come. They will come in droves. So many will arrive that the Hynson-Ringgold House will have to be turned into a dormitory! Don't underestimate the intellect of your student body. We are not easily impressed with brick facades and cushy chairs. The day-care kids will continue to misspell graffiti on the pretty new desks, while the smart ones wish they weren't already so far in debt that they couldn't transfer somewhere cheaper. Give us an affordable education and you will be amazed at the improved student body. So what if we lose the deadweight. You remember the ones we re-admit over and over on the hopes their old man might someday throw some bucks our way. Maybe that's what we need anyway, smart alumni, not rich ones.

Once I graduate (and finish paying off all my bills) I'm going to put my practical liberal arts education to good use and become fabulously wealthy too. And when the Alumni Office comes a knockin', I will also donate a big wad of change for the future improvement of Washington College. But I'm earmarking it all for the purchase of a bulldozer. A big one. And it's headed right for the Casey building.


WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I DRINK ALONE
JEFF AND JANE!
A LOVE STORY BY MICHAEL SAPP Ah ha ha ha!
Jeff Loves Jane. Jane hasn't decided what or whom she loves, although she has a natural affinity for farms. So Jeff bakes Jane a cake in the shape of a silo. Jane mistakes the silo as a blatent come-on & throws him out.
For Jane
Jeff is bitter. Jane goes to sleep. Jeff watches her light click off. He is tired of her, too much time & trouble. He no longer considers anything worthwhile & watches Who's The Boss all night long.
Jane dreams. In her dream she is a secret agent who is hired by Bob Hope to write a report on the condition of monarchies in the free world. She wakes up & decides she is hungry. She remembers the silo. Over to Jeff's she goes.
RWR!
RWR!
"Can I get some of that cake?" she says. "I burnt it," he says, "I'm watching TV, in or out?" She was standing in the doorway, no closer. "Out," she says. A week later at the Sig party Jeff hooks up with a mindless red-head drunkard who is beautiful but not much company. And, he still thinks, 'Jane', yes, he thinks 'Jane'. It is folly to expect these sort of stories to have a beginning, middle, & end.
ANGELA!

Letters to the Editor

Students, Faculty Respond to Homophobia

Dear Editor,

News of the attempt to gather the names of GALA members under false pretenses as reported in last week's **ELM** is only slightly more depressing than the parade of professional politicians running for president. It is that bad. College as a place and state of mind in which people, diverse in their beliefs, values, and aspirations, come together as equals, and reminiscent of the ancient Greek polis where speech, freely delivered, could lead to enlightenment and insight into the human condition, is a cherished belief of mine. Whatever the motives behind the deception, the result is a sort of spiritual impoverishment for our campus.

Clearly tolerance is not fashionable in the world at large at this time in history, and therefore it is required of us here at Washington College to uphold the fundamental principles of the liberal arts. Our college's namesake provides a useful insight into what is essential. Giving praise to officers in his command, George Washington reserved for a final epithet "liberal." The word for him meant "large" or "noble." Members of GALA must be accorded the respect due to them as equals on this campus if we are to carry out our noble enterprise: the pursuit of wisdom. To intimidate or to suppress others is inimical to liberality, we must all work together continually to guarantee largeness and room for difference. I sincerely hope that intolerance will yield to kindness and understanding in our community, and I believe that concerted effort by each member will make it happen.

Yours truly,
Richard Gillin
Professor of English

Dear Editor:

I was absolutely appalled at the incident in which two pledges, posed as reporters for the **ELM**, tried to obtain a list of GALA members. I cannot imagine what would have happened if their request was granted. The point is that it is harassment and it should not be tolerated in any way whatsoever. I would only hope that the people involved will be dealt with in a proper manner to keep such an incident from occurring again.

–Megan McCurdy

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Fire Victim Thanks Community

Dear Editor,

THANKS! I, John A. Marcus, thank all of Washington College for helping out in my recent disaster.

Thank you again,
John A. Marcus

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Dr. Taylor Announces Faculty Promotions and Discusses Future Academic Possibilities at WC

By Patrick Attenasio
Editor-in-Chief

Eight members of the Washington College faculty were promoted from associate to full-time professor status, while another was upgraded from an assistant to associate position. These promotions, according to Dr. John Taylor, Acting Provost and Dean at the college, were finalized at the Board of Visitor's and Governor's meeting that occurred last Saturday, February 22. The eight recipients include Albert Briggs and Eugene Hamilton of the Math Department; Timothy Maloney, Chair of the Drama Department; Steven Cades of the Sociology Department; Michael Malone of the Economics Department; and Tom Finnegan, Karen Smith, and Penny Fall of the Physical Education Department. Judith Hymes, Librarian at Miller Library, was also promoted from assistant to associate status.

Dr. Taylor also stated a replacement for Dr. Robert Anderson, on sabbatical leave for the Fall of 1992 from his position in the Philosophy Department, has been found. He is Peter Wakefield, a Washington D.C. resident who received his Ph.D in Philosophy from Brown University. Dr. Wakefield has spent the last few years teaching at Holy Cross in Massachusetts, and has also taught at Hamlin University in Minnesota, and Babson College in Massachusetts. A replacement for Dr. George Shivers, on sabbatical leave for the academic year 1992-1993 from the Department of Modern Languages, has yet to be found. However, according to Dr. Taylor, Dr. Janet Kestenberg-Amighi, Visiting Associate Professor of Anthropology, will remain another year at WC, filling in for Dr. Jeanette Sherbondy, on leave for Fall 1992 from the Anthropology Department, and Dr. Patricia Horne, on sabbatical leave from her position as Chair of the Sociology Department for the Spring of 1993.

"Bigger before Better"

Dr. Taylor is also the Chairman of Washington College's Long Range and Strategic Planning Committee, and spoke with the **ELM** on March 3 regarding the committee's future plans to examine possibilities of an improved academic environment at WC.

"Washington College would like to improve the quality of its incoming students," Dr. Taylor said. "The question we are exploring is, will the college be better if it is bigger?" he stated, adding, "we feel these two points are interactive."

When asked what potential areas of improvement the committee will pursue, Dr. Taylor replied, "There are two possibilities. One, is quality better than numbers? meaning do we concentrate on improving the student body first, keeping the size similar to what it has been for the past few years? And two, if the school were to grow larger in size [in terms of student body and physical plant] will the college have more to offer, and therefore attract better students?"

Dr. Taylor has asked the heads of all departments on campus to cooperate in this important decision. "What we are asking them," he said, " is what would be the impact of increasing in size? What would the effect be on the budget, physical plant, faculty, and staff? We are interested in finding out all the possible implications of such a move."

Dr. Taylor stressed the point that this decision is merely in the "what if?" stage now. "The committee is interested right now in discovering the impact of such an action," he stated. "No decision has yet to be made."

Graduation Requirements Increased?

Dr. Taylor also discussed the possibility of intensifying Washington College's standards for graduation. Unlike other academic institutions, according to Taylor, WC does not look at a student's overall grade point average. Rather, performance within the course-load is favored. Graduating seniors must complete thirty-two courses, receiving no more than six D's, with a maximum of two D's within their major.

"With our current system," Dr. Taylor stated, "it is possible for a student to graduate with twenty-six C minuses and six D minuses. The grade-point average for that works out to be less than a 2.0." According to Taylor, the Academic Council, in accordance with the Committee of Admissions and Academic Standards, will delve further into this situation. "The question we are now asking ourselves," added Dr. Taylor, "is, are we satisfied? Are we satisfied with the college's requirements for graduation?"

The Washington College ELM will not be published on Friday, March 13th.

This is partly because next week is Spring Break and most of you sad chumps won't be here to read it, but mostly so that Pat, Adriane, Julie and Griep can get some work done on their theses. Have a Sunny Spring Break and think of us while you're baking in Jamaica!

Dateline Chestertown

Notes from Faculty Meeting

The Student Affairs Committee approved the increase for the student activity fee for next year only. Further increases called for in the SGA plan will be discussed by the Board at the appropriate time.

Due to financial restraints, the Sears-Roebuck Foundation has discontinued their program with Washington College to sponsor the award for teaching excellence and leadership given to a faculty member at Commencement. The Lindback Foundation has agreed to continue its award for distinguished teaching for this year.

Faculty with articles to be published, attending workshops or presenting papers include Professors Jeff Vahlbusch, Michael Kerchner, Karen Smith, Thomas Cousineau, Satinder Sidhu, Lida Baldwin, Dennis Berry, and Registrar Jack Hamilton. Helen Kerr of the Planning and Special Projects Office received an award for an article she co-authored.

New History Honor Society Members

The local chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the national history honorary fraternity, has accepted the following students as new members: Kate Absher, Darryl Calloway, Kathleen Feeney, Sandra McLelland, Steve Boucher, Michelle Yon, Melissa Sirick, Suzanne Mazzullo, Sherry Menton, and David Searles.

Russian Pen Pals

By a wide margin, young educated people from the former Soviet Union say they most want to have a new friend from the United States.

In a questionnaire distributed during 1991 to students and young professionals throughout the former Soviet republics, fully 80 percent of the respondents said they would like to make a new friend from the United States. No other country came close to this degree of popularity.

The next-most-popular choices were England, with 64 percent, and Canada, with 48 percent.

The questionnaire was conducted jointly by the Russian magazine Student Meridian and by Pen Pal Planet, of Scranton, Pennsylvania.

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Letters to the Editor

(Con t.from Page 2)

More Reaction to Homophobia

Dear Editor:

Congratulations on finding precisely the right tone of derision by offering to our would-be investigative reporters a column entitled "Homophobic Meatheads on Campus." Your mirth-provoking scorn may indeed be the most appropriate response to their antics. Having perpetrated an apparent act of harassment on one of our students, perhaps they would now like to exonerate themselves by accepting your offer of a public forum. At least their verbal behavior in your pages will enjoy first-amendment protections — as their recent conduct presumably does not.

Sincerely yours,
Thomas Cousineau
Professor of English

Total Cost of Washington College Now $18,354

"Tuition Hike," from pg. 1

assumptions made on charges is that it is incumbent upon [the college] to advise incoming students and their parents, as well as continuing students and their parents, at the earliest possible time. . . . The administration and the Board felt that at least that portion of the budget needed to be approved. . . . The implication of that is if state budget cuts are sustained, [Washington College] will have to find other sources of revenue to cover those losses or make further cuts in departmental and support budgets. . . . In terms of state aid, the budget plan is predicated on the best assumption that the Maryland Independent College and University Association, which represents the private colleges in Maryland with the legislature . . . . That's their best estimate."

Although the Board approved the fee increases at their February 22 meeting, "they did not approve the spending plan, . . . out of concern, not for the plan and its priorities, but out of concern about the uncertainty of the level of state support." State funds constitute approximately 8% of the college's total budget. Currently, it "appears that the college will have an operating deficit that will call upon [the administration] to utilize reserves for operations. . . . The Board's concern is that those reserves are limited and if [the college] spends too deeply into them this year, then we may not have ample reserves for operations next year."

Another concern of the Board is the level of student enrollment. However, "that is a little brighter picture than the state government situation." Based on the number of applications received to date, it appears that the applicant pool will reach a nearly record high. The budget plan submitted to the Board assumes a modest increase in enrollment and the Board felt they should adopt a wait-and-see approach to determine whether such an increase will occur. They didn't want to approve a budget plan based on a small increase in enrollment until they had a better idea whether such an increase would occur. By the April 25 meeting, the Board will have a better picture of the number of students who will be enrolling.

The budgetary process at Washington College begins with the submission of budgets by each college department, instructional as well as non-academic. Each request is reviewed and meetings are held with each department head to discuss the proposed budgets. The budgets are then consolidated into a first draft of a budget "to see how it plays out given the assumptions on enrollment, endowment income, private gifts, and fee income." This draft is then discussed with the Faculty Finance Committee. "Typically, at that juncture, the budget is very much out of balance . . . the requests far exceed the projected revenues." At that point, the process becomes one of establishing priorities. Priorities are established through discussion between the Faculty Finance Committee, the President, and the Executive Council and a consensus is reached on the absolute financial needs and the priorities for a given year. Revenue is then reassessed and a determination is made on charges.

Million Dollar Donation

"New Building," from Pg. 1

square feet, with three floors, and a usable basement. The new building's facade, to be located beside Tawes Theater, will be brick. Because the building needs to fit well into the campus and not appear as an intrusion, the academic center will not be "ultra" traditional or jarringly futuristic. Final plans will be negotiated with the architectural firm chosen.

In renovating William Smith Hall, the goal of the project is to restore the building's original historic architecture, which existed before it was the victim of a fire of 1916. However, the new floor plans must also allow modern access to a safer building. Entrances for the handicapped, clearer stairways, and an elevator will be included in William Smith, along with expanded faculty offices, and air conditioning.

Currently, the project is comprised of organizing and obtaining funds and creating working drawings and schematics. A lead gift of one million dollars, which is one of the most substantial contributions Washington College has ever received, was donated to the project by Dorothy and Kenneth Daly. Mrs. Dorothy Daly, née Williams, obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1938 from Washington College as a history major. Mr. Daly (Class of '38, University of Pennsylvania) was the former director of Nordson Corporation, a manufacturer of industrial products. Both are residents of Vera Beach, Florida, and have two children, Thomas and Carol. President Trout commented upon the generous gift of Mr. and Mrs. Daly, stating,"This benefaction is truly staggering. It will enable us to move forward with this vital project with all deliberate speed. All who care about Washington College are profoundly grateful." The state is also expending 2.3 million dollars and one million dollars more must be raised to complete the project.

The Board of Visitors and Governors will decide upon the final selection of an architectural firm at their meeting on April 25.

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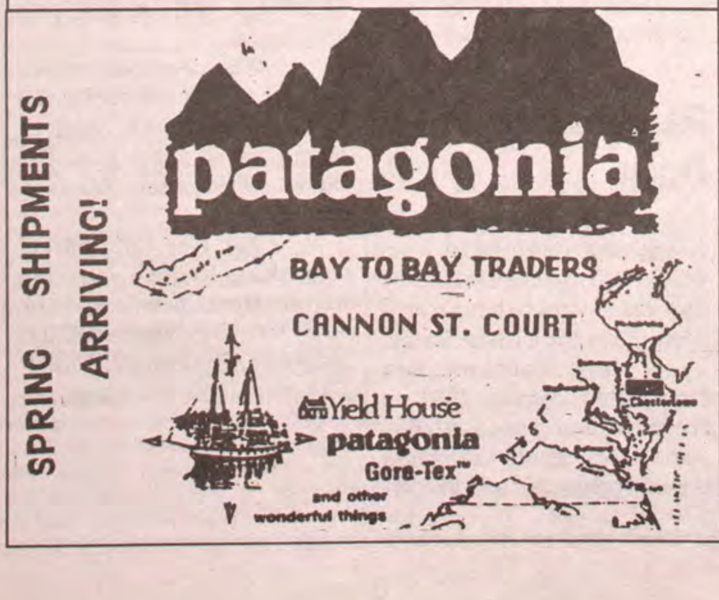

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A Washington College Education: For the Wealthy Only?

President Trout sent a letter home to parents last Friday to break the bad news of increases in tuition, room, and board totalling $1,112. For those of you keeping count, this brings the grand total up to $18,354 per year to attend Washington College. However, according to President Trout's letter, we will not be getting more for our (parents') money. The increases are being instituted so that WC can maintain its standard of "high quality education" in the face of shrinking government support and poor endowment earnings. Now, suppose we swallow that high quality education stuff for the sake of argument and look at the steadily rising cost of attendance. The 'Dear Parents' letter is becoming a tradition of sorts here at Washington College. In fact, if a student had been attending the school since 1982, which is not an entirely unbelievable scenario at WC, his or her parents would have received such a letter annually to inform them that the cost of attendance was going to be increased anywhere from $800 to $1100 dollars for the following academic year.

We must, however give credit where credit is due: Trout's letter was wonderfully written, his command of the English language is to be commended. The current president's style largely supersedes that of former president Doug Cater who, though he had plenty of practice, could never pull the 'Dear Parents' letter off with such pizazz. Indeed, like the Romantic poets, who looked at our silly and cruel universe and saw beautiful things, President Trout has painted a rosy picture of a bleak situation. In the letter, we are informed that the cost of attending Washington College is still $4000 to $5000 less than the cost of attending the twenty-five most prestigious liberal arts colleges in the country. That's swell, but Washington College is much farther behind these colleges in prestige than it is in cost. Academically, we're ranked way below the top twenty-five, so let's not fool ourselves: any comparison between Washington and those schools is absurd and depressing.

Chris Mihavetz

President Trout also informs us that the 6.4% increase in fees is the lowest in over a decade. Well, that's encouraging... until we do the math. Even if the actual amount of increase in dollars remained constant, the percentage of increase would shrink as the base cost grew. We can appreciate the president's attempts to boost morale in these trying economic times, or we can feel patronized and misled- it's a personal thing, I suppose.

Let's allow sleeping administrators to lie for the moment, and look at how the increases are going to affect students. Certainly, Washington College has in its ranks a good number of students for whom the increase in cost will matter very little. Their parents' are wealthy and another thousand bucks isn't too much to ask for the education of their daughter or son.

On the other hand, there are also many financial aid recipients in attendance at WC, and let's face it, though the price of a Washington college education has steadily risen in the past decade, state and federal financial aid has, by no means, skyrocketed in the Reagan/Bush era. President Trout maintains that the financial aid budget will be adjusted to meet the increased needs of aid recipients. However, as most anyone who has ever played the financial aid game knows, that simple statement loses something in the translation, namely its basis in any sort of truth. My own financial history here at Washington tells me this is so. In the past three years, as the cost of attendance has risen and my family's actual ability to meet the cost remained constant, my parents and I have had to pay more. Any increase in financial aid, fought for with tooth and nail by my valiant and relentless Mom, has been mainly in the form of student loans. What I thought was going to be a graduation debt that could have financed a nice Japanese compact, say a Hyundai, is rapidly approaching Porschesque proportions. Though I have to admit, the choice to attend Washington College was, and still is, mine. Of course I chose to come here when the propaganda machine over in admissions bore down on my naive, fresh-out-of- high school sensibilities. How could I go anywhere else after being confronted with all of those shiny pamphlets, replete with pictures of sunsets on the Chester, and the promise from admissions that the financial aid department could make a Washington College education as inexpensive as a state university education? I was duped, I am a fool, and I sometimes regret that my parents chose to support their son's delusions.

This is not to say that my case is representative of all financial aid recipients, some have it better and some, undoubtedly, have it worse. I would be willing, however, to wager a carton of smokes that many financial aid students have at one point or another felt that they have been misled or even downright lied to. The increase in cost of attendance is only going to strengthen that feeling as students and their families in this situation are forced next year to struggle even harder to make it back to Washington College.

Perhaps the most uncomfortable situation to be in as Washington College becomes increasingly pricey, is that of those students who do not qualify for financial aid but who, at the same time, aren't so wealthy as to remain unaffected by the increases. Their family shoulders the entire burden and we all know the camel's back metaphor to be essentially sound- how many of these students will be able to absorb the increases next year?

In the end though, we have to be fair: if the school really has to raise prices, it has to raise prices even though it may sadly damage the student body. There can be no doubt that the recession and subsequent government cutbacks have hurt the school financially. What we should object to however, is this school's tendency to hook students in potentially compromising financial situations and then jerk the rug out from under their feet. Prospective students in such a situation should be warned frankly that they may not be able to afford Washington college in two or three years. It is, after all, cruel to allow students to attend the institution and establish themselves knowing full well that they may have to leave behind one, two, or even three years of their academic and social lives to attend a less expensive school. I don't think it's too much to ask that student welfare take precedence over the administration's concern with enrollment levels. We are all here at a small liberal arts institution to learn how to be a little bit more human, and we are often treated like cattle.

Also, we should object to President Trout's attempt to sugar-coat the truth: because of hard times and our society's tendency to respond to economic crises with the grace and intelligence of sharks in a feeding frenzy, a liberal arts education at a small institution, even one ranked far below the top twenty-five, will soon be available only to the very wealthy.

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SGA Report

The Student Government Association of Washington College held their latest meeting on Tuesday, March 3. Washington College President Charles Trout was in attendance to discuss a number of important topics with the SGA.

Presentation by President Charles Trout

President Trout gave a presentation on a number of issues, including the increase in attendance costs, the architectural competition for the new academic building, and dormitory renovations.

Concerning the increase in charges, Trout stated, "It's the lowest increase in something like twenty-plus years. The overall charge increase, room, board, tuition, and fees, is 6.4%. Next to the 25 price leaders among national liberal arts colleges, Washington College is roughly $5,000 below that amount."

Trout also discussed concerns about the student evaluation forms. He pledged that he would be "eager, willing, and able to arrange a meeting between the [faculty] committee on Appointments and Tenure and the subcommittee of the SGA that's working on that problem." He further stated that academic departments at Washington College will be receiving external review by teams from other institutions. This external review program was instituted at the college this past summer, when the Economics Dept. became the first to be evaluated.

Prior to the SGA meeting, Trout was given a tour of Queen Anne's by RA Jen Del Nero. Trout said that these two dorms "need attention" and "Queen Anne's is next on the list. . . . Major, major dormitory work, including probably the construction of a new residential unit, will really have to wait for mid-decade." Concerning other aspects of the physical plant, Trout said the last phases of the Hodson Hall renovation project should be started shortly after the end of the academic year. Thomas Maher, a member of the Board of Visitors and Governors, will be in charge of raising funds for this construction project and hopes to collect $861,000.

Additional Funding

The Literary House Cafe received an additional $100 in funding. The Lit House Cafe plans on having music and refreshments for students and faculty on Friday afternoons from 3 - 7 p.m. starting after Spring Break.

$450 was allocated to the Lacrosse Club. The club will be in accordance with REC Sports regulations and will play on-campus.

$300 was allocated for *The Movies*. This is the band that will play the March 27 benefit in the CoffeeHouse. The SGA also approved $800 for *Black Sheep* to play at the annual Luau on April 25.

The Comedy Club will be presenting two comedians on March 18 and a caricaturist will be on campus on March 26 in the foyer of the Casey Academic Center.

Chestertown Arts League Annual Juried Show

By **J. Tarin Towers**
A&E Editor

The Chestertown Arts League 44th Annual Juried Exhibition is on display now in the Gallery of the Gibson Fine Arts Building. The exhibit fills both floors with an array of local art, ranging from cast metal sculpture to soft watercolors. The arrangement of the works themselves is, at the very least, confusing. The works seem to be hung or placed in no particular order. They bear no nameplate, only tiny numbers on the walls, which may or may not have the medium penciled onto them.

The judging, too, may frustrate the viewer. Some of the winners hardly break the seven-second rule, while others that received not even an Honorable Mention are enchanting. Specifically, the Elizabeth Dixon Purnell Award, or best-in-show, went to "Shady Lady," an innocuous (read: boring) watercolor by Anne Klinefelter. Sure, it's very nice, but so were some other pieces that were more visually interesting.

Kathryn Day, wife of our own creative writing professor, Robert Day, won a first place prize in the Acrylics category for her "Hangling with Matisse."

The photography section is the strongest all around; all six pieces are well designed both technically and visually. The watercolors in general tend to be "nice;" one that might have local interest is "Washington College" by Marian Simmons, a montage of portraits of the campus architecture.

The mixed media category is an interesting one. Thomas McHugh's "Six Silly Dragons" won a deserved first place. However, Peter Martin's "Creativity is an Attitude" is a rip-off of recent works by Barbara Krueger, a leader in the field. In sculpture, John Farr's "Winged Demon," which received second place; and Ken Herlichy's "Somo," which was sadly overlooked, were the outstanding works.

The rest of the show is definitely worth looking at. An amalgam of different techniques, styles, media, and levels of proficiency, this sampling of local art is interesting and varied.

The exhibit will be open Monday - Saturday, Noon - 4:00 p.m., through March 13, in the Gibson Performing Arts Center.

'92-'93 SGA Executive Board

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A tie occurred between Samantha Clements and the team of Tammie Michener and David George for the position of Social Chair. Due to this, there will be a runoff election on Wednesday, March 18, after students return from Spring Break.

Chris Berghaus asks that those who supported him in the previous election vote for Sam Clements. He added, "Do NOT write my name in, just check Sam's name."

Concerning the runoff, David George stated, "The student body will have the advantage of two people in office rather than just one if they vote for Tammie and myself. We will be able to accomplish more than just one person."

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Sunday 15 & Monday 16

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Monday 16

W.C.'s Amnesty International and The Goldstein Program in Public Affairs present
Part 2 in a 4-part Series on human rights:
The Battle of Chile, Part II: The Coup D'État
Sophie Kerr Room, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday 17

Concert Series:
The Billy Taylor Trio
Tawes Theatre, 8:00 p.m.
Students: pick up special free pass in Student Affairs Office†

Wednesday 18

The McLain Program in Environmental Studies &
The O'Neill Literary House present
Thoreau and Environmental Concerns
Edward Hoagland, Editor, Penguin Series on the Environment
O'Neill Literary House, 4:30 p.m.

The William James Forum and GALA present
The Roots of Anti-Gay Prejudice: A Current Report
Reverend Harry Quiett, All Souls Unitarian Church, D.C.
Hynson Lounge, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday 19

WC Democratic Club Discussion:
Regionalism in Modern America and State Separatist Movements
Common Room, CAC, 7:00 p.m.

The Psychology Department and the Lecture Series present
Nicotine Addiction: From the Molecular to the Behavioral Levels
Neil Grundberg, Dept. of Medical Psychology,
Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences
Hynson Lounge, 7:30 p.m.

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'60's Night Winners

Those zany folks in the Dining Hall were at it again last Wednesday night, February 26, when they held "60's Night." The fun-filled food fest gave us not only a cameo by Cletus, the emcee, but also a whole barrel full of winners. R.J. Eldridge won the Cap'n Crunch Contest by guessing the number 715. Mary Holmes won the three-heat Hula Hoop Contest, and all entrants (all those pledges included) took home a hula hoop. After name after name was drawn to take home such wonders of American Culture as T-shirts and squeeze bottles, Shawn Hamill, winning the "Yoplait Bicycle Raffle," took home the "Harley." It just goes to show that our award-winning WCDS can be as creative as any other department on campus.

Student Profile: Raph Koster

Raphael R. Koster is a man that most students should know, if not from class or one of his many extra-curricular pursuits, then certainly by sight. Raph was born on Long Island, and has spent time in Peru, Barbados, and Haiti. He currently calls Chestertown home.

A double English and Spanish major, Raph takes his studies seriously. He has been on Dean's List every semester. He came to Washington College with this year's junior class carrying a full year of Advanced Placement credit, and if he stayed the extra year (Raph will graduate in May), he could complete enough credits to have additional majors in Music and Art.

Raph is the editor of three — count 'em, three — campus publications. *Open Minds* is a forum-type pamphlet which covers a campus issue by interviewing administration, faculty, and students, and then letting the reader decide where he or she stands.

His two literary magazines, *Otherworlds* and *Translations*, represent the variety of Raph's interests. *Otherworlds* is a genre-oriented magazine that publishes fiction and poetry that are usually reserved for pulp magazines. *Translations* is a multi-lingual lit mag that prints poetry and fiction both in their native tongue and in English, translated by Washington College students and faculty.

Raph is a creative writer himself of both poetry and fiction. His Spanish thesis consists of translating a novel, Miguel Delibes' *El Camino*. His Creative Writing thesis for English is in fiction. He also writes a great deal of poetry, mainly formal, which he shares with the writing workshop O/6/4.

In addition to all this, Raph is a member of both Junior Fellows and ODK, as well as the Spanish Language Honor Society. He is the Student Director of the Audio Visual Department, and also does freelance work by running sound for various bands. Raph spent one year as a Peer Advisor, and he is currently the R.A. of the Creative Arts Hall. His clubs include the Writers' Union, the Visual Artists Union, and Amnesty International. He plays acoustic guitar and writes his own songs; anyone who has been to Open Mike Night at the Coffeehouse has heard a sample.

And lastly, Raph will be getting married in May to Kristen Johnson '89. After graduation and marriage, Raph plans to go to graduate school for an M.F.A. in poetry.

American Dreams: ACT's Latest Play

Studs Terkel's book of interviews, American Dreams, is brought to life on the stage in Actors Community Theatre's next production. Each character tells his or her own version of the American Dream via a series of monologues which illuminates the reality of America today, or more precisely, circa 1970-1980, when Terkel conducted his interviews. Telling their entertaining or poignant stories are Bill Blake, Mike Walters, Pat Dias, and Kate Schroeder, in front. In back are Kent Armiger, Tarin Towers, Jay Votel, Polly Kuulei Sommerfeld, Ron Clarkson, Bonnie Brown, Jim Landskroener, Earl French, and Catherine Byrd Bushby. Missing from the picture is Vincent Hynson.

The play is directed by Bonnie Hill and produced by Vince Raimond. American Dreams will be performed on March 12, 13, and 14 at 8:00 p.m., and on Sunday, March 15, at 2:00 p.m, in Norman James Theatre, William Smith Hall. Tickets are available at Creative Cookery and The Single Tree in advance, and at the door. For reservations or further information, call Vince Raimond at 778-1100 or 778-1834.

– Press Release

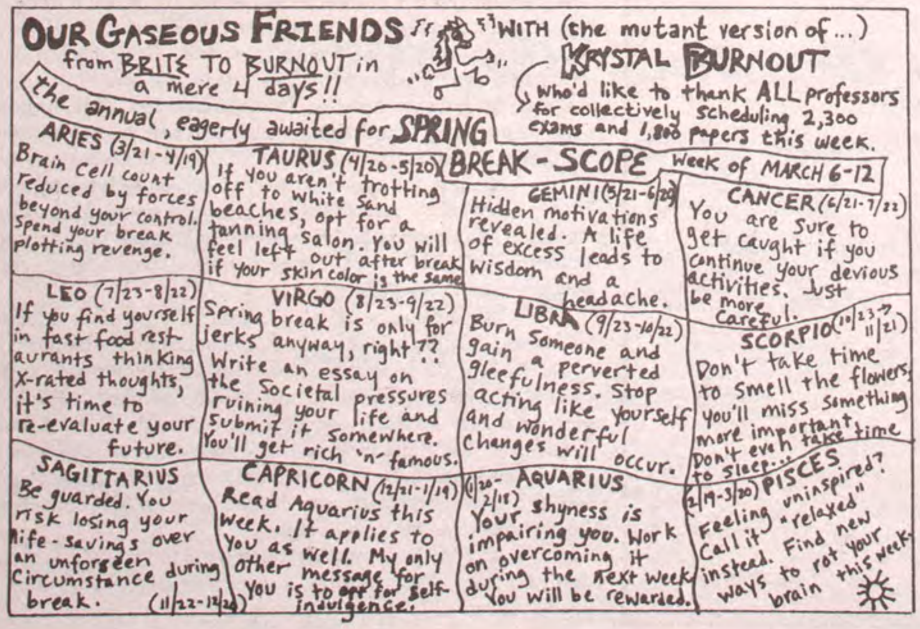
Photo by Leslie Raimond

The Cast of American Dreams: *Crossection of America or Band of Rogue Actors*

Visual Artists' Union To Sponsor Trip to D.C.

By **Rebecca Bryant**
VAU Treasurer

The Visual Artists Union will sponsor a trip to D.C. Saturday, March 21, the weekend after Spring Break to visit the many exciting new art exibits in the area. At the Hirshhorn Museum & Sculpture Garden, the D.C. sculptor Martin Puryear is displaying his recent works. The show includes wood pieces and organic compositions. Also, the Hirshhorn has prints and collages by Robert Motherwell and an installation by Chilean-born artist Alferdo Jaar. The nearby Corcoran has an excellent black and white photo exhibit by Sebastiao Salgado entitled "An Uncertain Grace". This photo documentary includes many moving images such as the young Brazilian children who wear angelic wings for their first communion, or the famine victims of Ethopia. The National Gallery is a great place to stop if you have a certain art history paper due for class. The National Gallery's new exhibit is "Walker Evans: Subway Photographs and Other Recent Acquisitions" and "John Singer Sargent's *El Jaleo* ". The trip will be all day. In the evening, we plan to go to a late night movie in Georgetown. You need not be a Visual Artist Union member to go. Just contact Tarin Towers through the Elm office or Rebecca Bryant via Quickmail.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the annual, eagerly awaited for SPRING BREAK-SCOPE Week of MARCH 6-12

ARIES (3/21-4/19) Brain cell count reduced by forces beyond your control. Spend your break plotting revenge.

TAURUS (4/20-5/20) If you aren't trotting off to white sand beaches, opt for a tanning salon. You will feel left out after break if your skin color is the same

GEMINI (5/21-6/20) Hidden motivations revealed. A life of excess leads to wisdom and a headache.

CANCER (6/21-7/22) You are sure to get caught if you continue your devious activities. Just be more careful.

LEO (7/23-8/22) If you find yourself in fast food restaurants thinking X-rated thoughts, it's time to re-evaluate your future.

VIRGO (8/23-9/22) Spring break is only for jerks anyway, right?? Write an essay on the societal pressures ruining your life and submit it somewhere. You'll get rich 'n' famous.

LIBRA (9/23-10/22) Burn someone and gain a perverted gleefulness. Stop acting like yourself and wonderful changes will occur.

SCORPIO (10/23-11/21) Don't take time to smell the flowers; you'll miss something more important. Don't even take time to sleep...

SAGITTARIUS (11/22-12/21) Be guarded. You risk losing your life-savings over an unforseen circumstance during break.

CAPRICORN (12/21-1/19) Read Aquarius this week. It applies to you as well. My only other message for you is to opt for self-indulgence.

AQUARIUS (1/20-2/18) Your shyness is impairing you. Work on overcoming it during the next week. You will be rewarded.

PISCES (2/19-3/20) Feeling uninspired? Call it "relaxed" instead. Find new ways to rot your brain this week.

Dr. Billy Taylor to Fill House at March 17 Concert Series

The 40th Anniversary season of the Washington College Concert Series brings jazz to Chestertown with a performance by the Billy Taylor Trio. The fourth of five concerts to be presented this year for local audiences in Tawes Theatre of the College's Gibson Performing Arts Center will take place Tuesday, March 17th, at 8:00 p.m.

Billy Taylor is a consummate musician, accomplished as a pianist, composer, recording artist, arranger, and conductor. He is also an actor, author, teacher, and lecturer, and radio and television personality. He, more than any other single jazz artist, is credited with bringing jazz to the forums of national radio and television.

Winner of two Peabody Awards, an Emmy, and several other honors and awards, Billy Taylor is the on-air arts correspondent for CBS-TV's program "Sunday Morning," and former host of the series "Jazz Counterpoint" on BRAVO-TV. He is president and founder of Jazzmobile, a unique outreach organization which brings jazz to thousands of people in free public performances.

Other members of his trio are Victor Gaskin on bass and Bobby Thomas on drums.

At one time the bassist for Duke Ellington, Gaskin has been performing with Billy Taylor for the past 12 years. He has been a member of the Chico Hamilton Quintet, the notable John Mayhall Blues Band, and has recently been a part-time replacement with the Count Basie Orchestra.

Thomas was the drummer in the band led by Billy Taylor during the three and a half years of the David Frost show on television. He also worked with Herbie Mann and the late guitarist Wes Montgomery, and has been the drummer with the trios of Junior Mance and Cy Coleman. In addition to working as part of the Illinois Jacquet Big Band, Thomas has been part of the groups accompanying such singers as Carmen McRae and Charles Aznavour. He also was the coordinator of "Chorus Line," the longest running Broadway musical in history.

This concert is funded in part by a grant from the Kent County Arts Council. Single Admission tickets for the concert are $15 and $5 for children. Washington College students are free as long as they contact the Office of Student Affairs **TODAY** for a free pass. The concert is expected to pull a full house, so act fast.

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Reminder: **For your organization's event or meeting to be covered in the ELM or featured in our calendar, you must contact us in advance. Office is in the basement of Reid; Extension is 321; or use Quickmail. Deadlines are Wednesday nights.**

WC Swimming Holds its Own at MACs

Aquamen & Aquawomen Turn Heads At The MAC's

By **Chris Vaughn**
Co-Sports Editor

The men and women's swim team went out with a bang this past weekend and had a great ending to an exciting season. For the men, six freshman and one senior went up to Widener, turning many heads at the MACs by finishing 9th in their first representation at the meet. Said Coach Lessard, "I'm proud of the team. It's very tough to swim well three days in a row but, they did." WC surpassed teams like Western Maryland and Lebanon Valley, missing 8th place Juniata by only 15 points.

Dave Cola again proved he was a serious assault in the conference score by breaking his goal of 5:00 and placing 4th in the 500 free with a quick 4:57. Swimming smartly in the event, the 4:57 put him in the finals where again he held the mark for a 4th place finish. "He was there with the best of them and will be a serious contender for first next year," exclaimed Lessard. But, that wasn't all for Dave. He continued to smash his own WC records the next day with a time of 1:49.2 in the 200 free and a 7th place finish. His third event, the 100 free, was where he broke the 50.0 mark with a blistering 49.9 for a respectable 15th place. Joined by WC's Jason Campbell and Kasey Carroll, Dave was also the first WC man to place in 3 individual events.

Jason Campbell was the darkhorse of the meet entering with, at best, a potential top 16th place finish in the 100 breast. He stunned the crowd with a time of 1:03.3 and a 4th place finish in the morning preliminaries. Just to prove it wasn't a fluke, Jason repeated his performance that night. He continued to keep his pace up in the 200 back as well, breaking his WC school record with a time of 2:22, which was good enough for a 13th place finish. Again, however, the evening was Jason's as he dropped the 2:22 mark to 2:18 and achieved a 2nd place finish in the consolation round, matching the 7th best time overall. Lessard commented on Jason by saying, "The improvement in Jason has been incredible. Back in October he was swimming a 1:09 in the 100 breast and a 2:29 in the 200 back. He has some exciting years ahead of him."

Tim Whittier became the third WC aquaman to place in an individual event with a 13th in the 100 back, breaking his school record of 58.2. Chris Freisheim swam a personal best time and took four seconds off of his record in the 200 IM to place in the top 25 while also breaking 2.5 minutes off of his 1650 free time to again place in the top 25. Other stong performances came from Brian Basso, who finished in the top 25 in the 100 fly, Dave Czekaj, who swam a strong 100 & 200 back, and Tyler McCarthy, who had 5 personal best relay splits and broke his 200 back time by 2 seconds for a placement in the top 25.

Then there were the relay teams! The opening 200 free relay team of David Cola, Jason Campbell, Tim Whittier, and Tyler McCarthy shocked the second heat by swimming a fast 1:32 and placing 8th overall. Cola again led this one by breaking his fourth school record of the meet with a time of 22.80. The same four smashed their 400 medley relay record by an amazing 8 seconds to place a very tight 9th, two seconds out of fifth. Whittier, Campbell, and McCarthy kept it together and were joined by big old Brian Basso in the 200 medley relay to break their time by 2 seconds and place 9th.

Cola, Campbell, McCarthy, and Chris Freisheim then came together in the 400 & 500 free relay, placing 9th while also breaking an amazing 11 seconds off their record in the 800 relay. Finally, for the last event of the evening, the four went back to the block for a tremendous combination time of 3:24, a second better than what they had hoped for.

Like the men, the women faced their toughest competition of the season in the MAC championship. Says Coach Lessard, "The times were incredible this year. We had to fight for a life. But, it was still very exciting as we defeated E-Town and Susquehanna for the first time at the MAC's and came very close to Scranton."

Kasey Carroll once again led the entire team with three individual final finishes. She finished her college career with 12 top 6 place finishes. "There will probably never be enough Kasey Carroll at WC, it is going to be very strange without her. She has won the hearts of the entire conference with numerous coaches telling her how much they have enjoyed watching her swim over the past four years," stated Lessard. She took home the silver medal in the 400 IM behind Ursinus' Bridget Cauley on Saturday night. She then added a bronze in the 1650 free behind two Gettysburg finalists and quickly had to move over to the 200 fly 30 minutes later, where she earned 6th place, only 7 tenths off of 3rd place, and had her fastest time ever. Kasey went on to join Jen Green, Leslie Newcomb, and Mimi Devlin in the 400 medley relay for a season best time. In the event, Carroll turned in her fastest split swimming the 100 fly.

Jen Green, a great comeback story after being out of the water for two weeks in January, swam in the early morning for a 2:26 time in the 200 back to place 15th. She came back the same evening and lowered her time by almost two seconds to finish 13th. Just as a sign of the competition, Jen swam 2:28 for 13th in the same event last year. She also turned in a personal best time in the 100 back for an 18th place finish.

Mimi Devlin became only the 4th WC woman to ever score in the top 8, swimming the 400 IM. As well, she improved her 24th seed in the 200 fly to place 15th with a season best time. Amy Draper added a spark to the WC 100 fly by improving her 22nd seed to place 14th with a time of 1:06.6, breaking 2 seconds off her best time. Draper went on to join Green, Newcomb, and Magdalena Fuchs to break a four year old school record in the 200 medley relay. "They finally nailed it. I was very proud," said Lessard.

Along with Draper, Ramsey Bigham swam a season best time in the 50 free with Magdalena Fuchs also doing a great job in the 50 & 100 free, adding important points in four relays.

Dede Swinden added points in the 800 free relay and swam the 1650 free for the first time, placing in the top 25 while Karen Pendergast did a terrific job in the 100 back.

Looking back on the season, Coach Lessard pointed out, "It's been a tough season for the women, but they proved they are still there and will continue to improve. You can only ask for personal best times as a coach and they gave me that."

(P.S.- Thanks for all your help this season coach!! Good Luck next year!! Signed- The Vaughnster.)

Photo courtesy of Gary Brown

Kasey Carroll exhibits her freestyle technique

Rugby goes 1-1 In Opening Tournament

By **Brandon White**
Staff Writer

Last weekend, the Rugby Club opened its season facing some of the best squads in the nation at the Severn River Invitational Tournament. The teams that participated in the tournament were Maryland, ranked in the top twenty in the nation, Navy, formally ranked third in the nation, St. Marys, and of course, the C'town boys of WC.

WC first encountered the tough squad of Navy. WC held them scoreless for the first eight minutes until Navy scored its first tri. Navy then proceeded to rattle off ten more points in the first half, leaving the halftime score at 14-0. In the second half, Navy proved why they are ranked third in the nation and took total control of the match, scoring eighteen more points and walking away victorious, 36-0. Said Shawn Hamill, president of the Rugby Club, "We had nothing to lose and everything to gain. Considering the skills of Navy and the young age of WC's team, the score was not the relevant factor. It was really a gauge of how much improvement the team had gained, and the results were very encouraging."

The consolation match featured WC versus St. Marys, an opponent WC had previously lost to in three consecutive matches. It looked again to be the same old story as St. Marys struck first, capitalizing on a freak break away and scoring the tri but missing the conversion. After regrouping, however, WC tallied 33 unanswered points which featured outstanding play by Anthony Black with 3 tris, Dave Snyder with 1 tri, The Rookie with 1 tri, and Shawn Hamill with 1 tri. Many other WC players had exceptional games, giving the WC boys a victory and a final score of 33-8.

WC rugby looks to be very promising this season, so keep your eyes open and don't miss any of the action!!!!

Win, Lose or Softball

The "W" Addiction: Is Losing a Cop-Out?

By **Prof. Penny J. Fall**
WC Coach

.02 seconds, less time than it takes to push down the #2 key, is the margin of victory that turned Bonnie Blair into a Gold Medalist in Olympic Speedskating versus having "to settle for the Silver."

"The thrill of victory and the agony of defeat" - the potency of the emotions envisioned by this saying are a significant segment of our individual and collective psyches. They can be applied to life, sport, participant, and spectator alike. The adrenaline rush invoked by competition, and the warm glow that lingers after the moment of triumph, whether experienced personally or vicariously, can be euphoric when on or having supported the winning side. Defeat, on the other hand, no matter how high our barriers of denial, still manages to leak out around the edges of the "after all it is just a game" rationalization. It dampens the self-image, and skews how we judge ourselves, the players and their effort, and/or our association with them.

This euphoria experienced by winning has become a "junkie high", and in the mind and subsequent actions of the "W" addict, whether athlete, coach, or spectator, the end begins to justify the means. For the species that supposedly sits atop the evolutionary ladder, this is scary stuff. Civility frequently comes down to who has the winning score. How it was achieved is all too often ignored or considered to be of little consequence. For example, in college athletics, particularly Division I, the pursuit of the "W" has been bastardized to such a degree that it leaves a "cotton candy" aftertaste; sweet for a moment, but unpleasantly gritty and slightly acidic after it dissolves and begins to wreak havoc on the molars. Tooth decay is an apt analogy for intercollegiate athletics where the NCAA's attempts at oral hygiene, with "brush and paste" are futile at best, when "root canal work" would be more appropriate.

This, however, is not a problem unique to intercollegiate sports, but casts its shadow across the athletic spectrum, from the peewee leagues to the pros. The screaming, out of control, "Little League parent;" the "slight of hand" transfer of a highly prized high school athlete to another district; the meals, the cars, or the doctored transcript of the potential college "student-athlete"... and on, and on, and on. The grossly inflated salaries paid at the top of the professional sport pyramid to even mediocre athletes, on the surface, appear to be worth striving for at any cost. However, except for an occasional Cal Ripken, Jr. or Dwight Evans, the body may be there, but the soul is lost.

As educators/coaches this is the heart of the matter. How do we get across to the student-athlete that it is the journey and not the destination that measures the true value of the results? My greatest challenge as a coach is not insuring the acquisition and refinement of skills and strategies, but it is attempting to ensure that the players attain and maintain a realistic perspective of the athletic experience and how, win or lose, it can enhance their lives.

Even more difficult is trying to buck the "did you win?" versus the "how did you play?" judgemental point of view held by the public. Our society is a cult of #1 addicts who consider terms such as "personal best," "giving your all," or "moral victory" to be cop-outs used by athletes and/or coaches to diminish the stigma associated with losing. If you lose, in the eyes of all but a few people, YOU ARE A LOSER. This is so sad, because by the very essence of the competitive situation someone will win and someone will lose.

This personalization of the loss, except with the most mature of athletes, negates the entire experience, deflates enthusiasm for subsequent efforts, and gives rise to a wide range of defense mechanisms to sustain one's self-esteem. The latter can deal a fatal blow to the team concept, where the attainment of cohesiveness and harmony are so crucial.

Do I have any answers as I've floated down this stream of consciousness? Not really, because one-upsmanship is so deeply ingrained in the human psyche. For example, what is racism but a desire to be perceived as personally or publicly better than someone else?

The need to excise the pervasive "W" malignancy within our society is so overwhelming and far beyond any one coach's capabilities that it is difficult even to comprehend, much less conquer...except, perhaps, for those individuals who choose or by chance bump up against our personal and professional parameters. Afterall, we can't win if we don't try!

WC Softball Overview

By **Margaret Doyle**
Staff Writer

The Washington Colllege Softball team is looking forward to another successful season. Considering the fact that there will only be one person in the same position that they were in last year, Junior Marie Mohler feels, "Softball here at the WAC is looking good. Some new freshman faces and transfers will provide a potent force at the plate as well as a solid defense. When the experience of the returning players is combined with the energy and skills of the new players...Washington College Softball will sizzle."

Coach Penny Fall feels that although the team is "very young and quite inexperienced in terms of what position people will be playing, if the team stays healthy, and they find the right combination, the team is looking for a real respectable season." Coach Fall feels that the team must "stay together as a group against difficult opposition early in the season and it is also important to focus on improvement rather than the win- loss record."

Returning for the Shorewomen is Junior centerfielder, Marie Mohler. She joins Senior Edna Diefender who will be the starting pitcher, Junior Jen Ruppert, who will be moving from rightfield to leftfield, and Junior Lori Hastings, who will be playing second. Two Junior transfers, Nikki Goenoega, playing shortstop or catcher, and Leeann Steuer, back-up pitcher, will be great assets to the team. Senior Theresa Sganga and Junior Julie Dill have joined the Softball Team for their first year. Freshman standouts Denise Coleman and Tamela Pickney will add both positive energy and great skills to the team.

The Offense is looking quite solid. Coach Sue Brown has been working hard with the hitters. Coach Fall stated that "this year there is great power in the line-up, with a couple of long-ball threats!"

Although very young, W. C. Softball is looking forward to a successful season. Coach Fall says, "It is like a Chinese fire drill. It is just a matter of putting players in the right positions."

THE 1992 WOMEN'S TENNIS TEAM ANNOUNCES THE WAC-PACK

The WAC-PACK will be raffled during half-time of the Saturday, March 21 Men's Home Lacrosse game. Tickets cost $1, or 6 for $5. Prizes include:

Eastern Shore Camera	Tenba Belt Bag camera case
Bay to Bay Patagonia Store	$25 gift certificate
Pizza Hut	$25 gift certificate
The General Store	Chesapeake Bay T-shirt
Procolino's Pizza	One small cheese pizza
The Royal Price Theatre	Two free movie passes
Bikework	MasterLock bike lock
The Pet Shop	Fish bowl, fish of winner's choice
Sutton's Stationers	Roget's Thesaurus
A Shear Design	Matrix shampoo and conditioner
Downey's	One chicken dinner
C-Town Deli	A large ham & cheese sub and a 16 oz. soda
The Finishing Touch	Le Fleurs picture frame
Chestertown Newsstand	Rand-McNally Road Atlas
Ye Olde Towne Barbers	Vavoom! Shampoo
Pic n' Pay Shoes	20% off any shoe purchase
The Alley Cat Cafe	$5.00 gift certificate
The Beauty Lounge	Two Free Manicures
Millington Pizza	A large pizza and two large cheese-steak subs
The Butterfly Bush	Gold Choker
Pip's Liquors	One twelve-pack of Coke
Newt's Hillside Bar	Large Newt's T-shirt
Bramble's Clothing	Three Pairs of Burlington wool socks
The Old Wharf	One quart of crab bisque
Paul's Shoe Store	One pair of Burlington ladies' athletic socks
The Mustard Seed	$10 gift certificate
The Yardstick	$50 gift certificate
P.J.'s Hallmark	Shoebox Greetings Cow T-shirt
The Sly Horse	$10 gift certificate
Towne Sporting Goods	Brine Lacrosse Shorts
Andy's	Two Bailey's mugs

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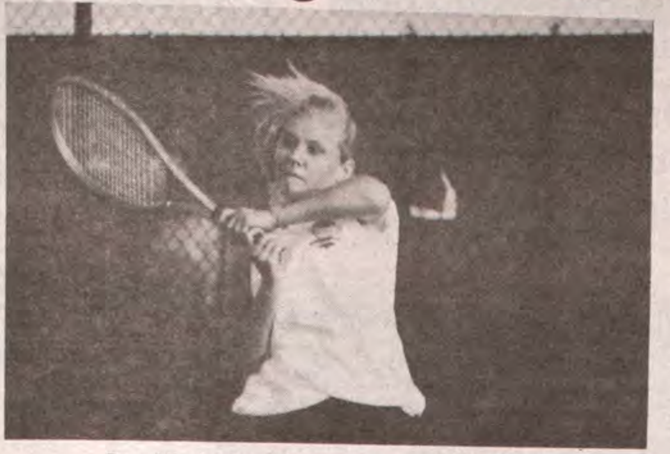
WC Netters Deal Blow to Wesley, Women's LAX Fires Up

Tennis Whets Whistle But Their Hunger Continues



Pam Hendrickson delivers a powerful backhand

Photo Courtesy of Gary Brown

By **Doug Hoffberger**
& Charlie Linehan
Staff Writers

On March 4, 1992, the Washington College Men's tennis team set off at a torrid pace with a 9-0 sweep over Wesley College. The match at Wesley College, in Dover, Delaware, was the first of 17 away matches scheduled for '92 spring season.

Holding no pre-season ranking, the Shoreman are looking to re-establish ties with their past opponents, as well as with the NCAA Division 3 ranking officials. Coach Finnegan commented that the first season match against Wesley, "proved to be no prelude to the rest of the season, but does start the season off on a positive and decisive note." Coaches Finnegan, Gray, and Helbling, were very pleased that they were able to incorporate the whole men's roster into the match, and still come away with a decisive win.

Playing in his first match as a Shoreman netter and as the number-one seed, transfer Frank Hartwig won over Wesley's Van Confer 6-2;6-1. Trevor Hurd won 6-0, 6-2 as the Shoreman's second seed, and Alberto Diaz, at the number three position won by an embarassing 6-0,6-0 margin. The fourth seeded Emilio Bogato,as well as the fifth seed, Andy Bohutinsky, both only gave up one game in their straight set wins over Wesley's Eddie Muntz and Drew King. At the sixth spot, netter Carlos Nuno bageled opponent Scott Coyler 6-0,6-0 to round out WAC's complete sweep in singles.

In doubles, Trevor Hurd and Alberto Diaz won decisively, 6-0, 6-2. Freshman Deepak Raja, a newcomer to the MAC conference, played with experienced co-captain Jeff Rexford in a combined effort to defeat Wesley's Ritter and Muntz, 6-1, 6-2. Gaining their first experience in a doubles match, freshman Tim "Bird" Reardon and Jon Alexander played like sophmores and were victorious by a score of 6-1, 6-0. This early in the season it's hard to understand how skillful the WAC netters are, but Frank Hartwig is to Division 3 tennis as Shaquille 0'neal is to D-1 basketball, Trevor Hurd is comparable to Walt Williams, Alberto Diaz likeable to Harold Meiner, and so-on.

This spring vacation, the Men's and Women's tennis teams will travel to Hilton Head, South Carolina. The trip to Hilton Head will prove crucial to the season's outcome. The men's tennis team will come up against solid programs such as R.P.I., Mary Washington, Division 1 Penn. State, Clark, and Emory, which is considered their most important match due to their Division 3 top ten ranking. The spring trip is pivotal to the season considering that there was no fall program and, consequently, no pre-season ranking. The spring trip will formally get the Men's and Women's tennis season underway, as well as formalize the relations of the entire WAC tennis squad.

NEWT'S Player of the Week

Anthony Black

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Hey, over here! No, over here! Ohhh, **IN YER FACE!!** That's right folks, it's the Bleacher Creatures here and Spiderman and the Vaughnster are winding down to Spring Break, getting ready for the sunny beaches of South Carolina (Suffer in Florida, fellas.) For all you Spring athletes spending the break on the luxurious sunny practice fields here at the WAC . . . Um . . .Um. . . maybe you could roadtrip it down to OC for a couple of hours or something. But in all seriousness, keep the morale high and the intensity up!!

And now, drum roll please,(as your heart rate quickens) the moment you've all been waiting for, this week's NEWT's Player of the Week—the big man with three tris in the Rugby match last weekend, that's right, the Master of Disaster, the guy with the funny accent—Anthony "The Clutch Man" Black. Yup, it's true, this past weekend, Anthony's three tris boosted the WAC Ruggers to their first win of the season, a 33-8 victory over the St. Mary's squad. Says Rugby Club President Shawn Hamill, "Anthony is a valuable player. He adds a great deal to the team. He not only is a good rugby player, but he is also a leader for the younger guys to look up to. It will be tough to find someone to fill his position next semester." Congratulations Anthony and keep up the good work. (At this point, we usually make some ingenious remark about the POW's Caps playing ability, Anthony. However, we know how you guys hate to be associated with that childish game, so we'll restrain ourselves this week.)

WC Women's Lacrosse Faces a Rebuilding Year

By **Renee Guckert**
Staff Writer

As the 1992 lacrosse season approached, the eyes of the Washington College community were turned towards the Cain Dome, waiting to see whether a women's team would emerge this year. A great number of players had either graduated or were unable to continue playing this year. However, this rumor was dispelled as a team of approximately sixteen women raced onto the streets of Chestertown to begin pre-season training in mid-January. Since January, this relatively inexperienced women's lacrosse team, consisting of only seven returning players, has capitalized on their drive and enthusiasm in order to build up the strength which has been characteristic of past women's programs here at WC.

After speaking with a number of the team's players, the consensus was definitely a positive one. Freshman Julie Klein revealed that "it's going to be a lot of hard work because from what I understand, the team has lost a lot of experienced athletes. But in the end, I really believe we'll be able to hold our own." Junior Brigid DeVries, one of the veteran players, explained that "it is definitely going to be a year for re-building, but the new players show a lot of promise. The team is really enthusiastic and is progressing rapidly." Senior Margaret Doyle shares Brigid's opinion of this year's squad and when asked for her predictions for the season, Margaret responded, "our team has a lot of guts and a lot of heart; I think we'll come out with a winning season if we just take it one game at a time."

Women's lacrosse faces its first big challenge this weekend at the IFWLA Lacrosse Tournament in Hollins, Virginia. With a total of eight games to be played by Washington—five on Saturday and three on Sunday—the Shorewomen will go up against a variety of opponents including teams from Japan, Ithaca, Buffalo, and Dickinson, an MAC rival. Kristy Hilgartner, the only other senior on Washington's squad, predicts that "Kenyon and Ithaca will be challenging games; what our team lacks in experience, however, it makes up for in commitment and dedication."

Following the Hollins Tournament, the Shorewomen travel to Widener on Wednesday, the eighteenth and will host Franklin and Marshall here at the WAC on Saturday, the twenty-first at 1:00 p.m. Come out, support the team, and watch women's lacrosse stomp F & M!

Penny Fall on the "Winning Addiction"

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Rugby Starts '92 Season

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Swimming Finishes Strong at MACs

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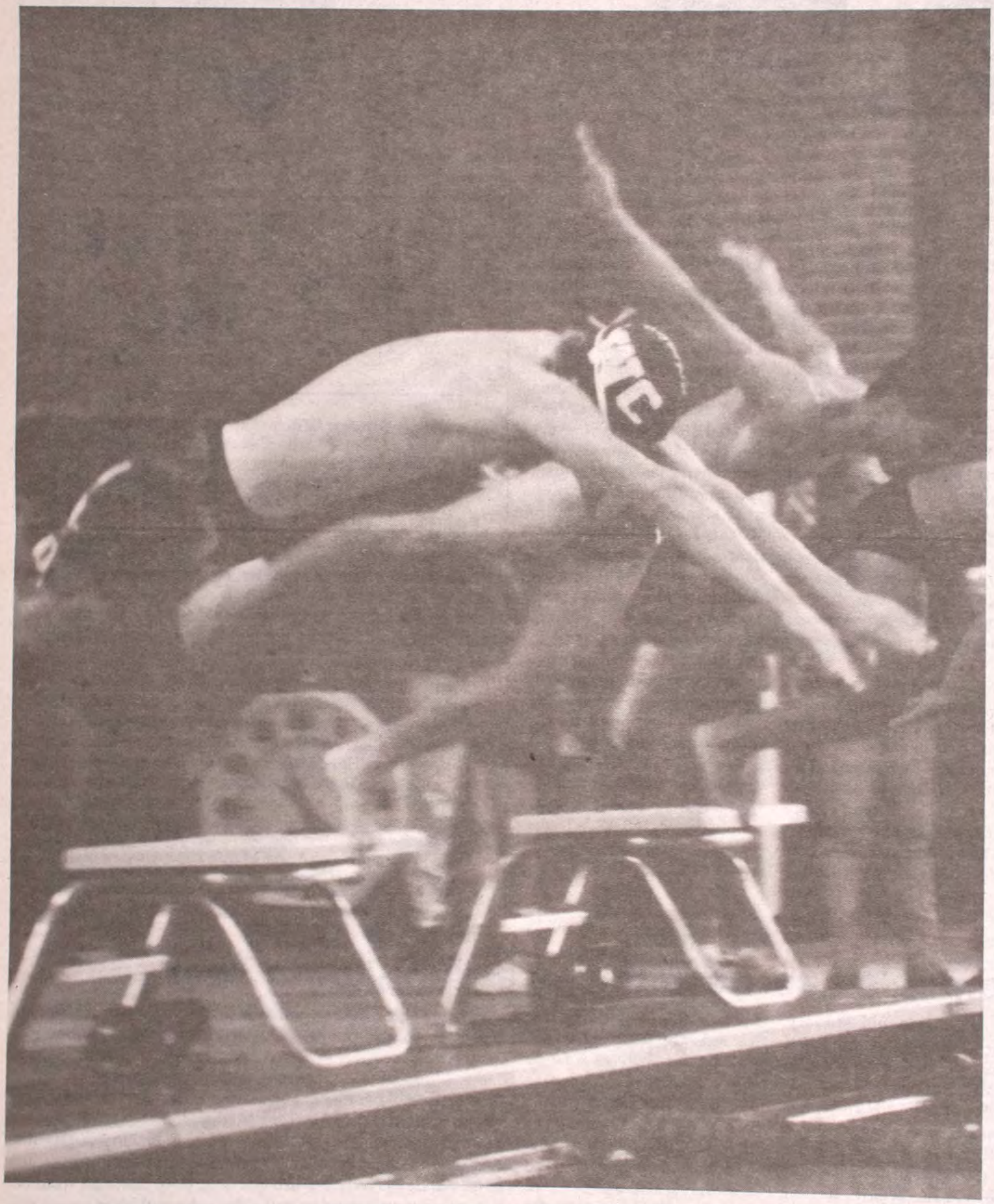

Photo courtesy of Gary Brown

Jason Campbell takes an early lead with his quick "off the block" start. Campbell earned an outstanding 4th and 10th place finish at the MAC's this past weekend. The MAC's rounded out WC swimming this season with many outstanding swimming performances. Joining Campbell in this fine performance were freshman star David Cola with a 4th, 7th , and 15th place finish and Kasey Carroll with 12 top six place finishes.

Anthony Black: NEWT'S Player of the Week

Scores

WC Rugby	
Washington	0
Navy	36
Washington	33
St. Mary's	8

Men's Tennis	
Washington	9
Wesley	0

Women's Tennis	
Washington	9
Wesley	0

On Deck

Men's Lacrosse
Lynchburg
Mar. 7
Home 1:30 PM

JHU
Mar. 11
Home 3:00 PM

Western MD
Mar. 14
Away 2:00 PM

Tennis
Bluffton, Hilton Head
Spring Break

Women's Lacrosse
Wm. and Mary Invitational
Mar. 7-8
Away TBA

Tennis Pounds Wesley

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Weekend Weather
Fri.: Partly sunny, windy, chilly. High 49, Low 35.
Sat.: Partly sunny, blustery, cold. High 43, Low 26.
Sun.: Sunny, brisk, chilly. High, 45, Low 28.

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Students Attend Model Organization of African Unity

WC students at OAU: (Clockwise from left) Andy McKim, Anne Veiga, Lionel Dyson, Jenn Reddish, Maria Jerardi, Stephanie Sherwell

By **Jennifer Reddish**
Staff Writer

Washington College International Studies Club members demonstrated their diplomatic knowledge as the Zambia delegation in the Thirteenth Annual Model Organization of African Unity at Howard University in Washington D.C. The group, which included Lionel Dyson, Andy McKim, Maria Jerardi, Ann Veiga, Stephanie Sherwell and Jennifer Reddish worked with 300 other students from universities across the nation, including some African participants who attend American universities. From the beginning, the trip seemed promising, especially after a meeting with the Chargé d'Affaires from Zambia. As advisor Dr. Shad remarked, "He seemed to know everything occurring in the country. He surprised us with Zambia's present stance on trade with South Africa, which differed from the opinion one would have derived from past information."

The Organization of African Unity (OAU) concerns itself solely with regional problems and crises, unlike the United Nations which addresses global issues. Therefore, the issues discussed in the committees of the Model OAU centered around the problem facing Africa today, especially apartheid in South Africa. As Stephanie Sherwell stated, "The United Nations resolutions were broader, less specific and encompassed the different ideals of many countries, whereas a regional organization like the OAU had more common goals and were more likely to work together."

Like the United Nations, OAU meetings follow strict parliamentary procedure. To present a resolution, one must obtain five signatures of delegates from one's committee. The resolutions are then consolidated with other country's resolutions to present a clear, concise idea to the committee. The committee then discusses the resolution and it is voted upon. If it passes, it is sent to the Assembly Heads of State and Government, where it is again subjected to debate. Another vote is then taken, with the resolution requiring a two-thirds majority to pass.

Overall, the group enjoyed the OAU experience, finding the diplomatic challenges and visit to Washington D.C. exciting. As Ann Veiga said, "I thought it was interesting how involved each delegation became with their country. They discussed each issue with emotion that made it seem real." Libya was by far the most in character of any of the countries, constantly referring to their beloved general and badgering smaller, more peaceful countries. As Maria Jerardi said, "I just really enjoyed the trip because we got to see first hand how the OAU works."

Bookstore Break-in

By **John Griep**
News Editor

Around 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 8, a break-in occurred at the Washington College Bookstore. According to Washington College Security Director Jerry Roderick, "some unknown person(s) smashed out one of the large windows in the bookstore and were able to reach in from the outside and remove about $75 worth of clothing." The cost of repairing the damaged window is estimated at approximately $600.

The case is currently under investigation. Anyone with any information on the burglary is requested to contact the Washington College Security Department at 778-2800, x. 310.

Roderick also stated that there have been no new leads on the theft of equipment from Dunning, but the investigation is still continuing.

Gene Wubbels Named New Dean and Provost of WC

By **Doug Smith**
Staff Writer

President Trout announced on Monday, March 16th that the Search Committee has selected a new permanent Dean and Provost of the College, Gene G. Wubbels. Wubbels will replace acting Dean John Taylor, who held the position temporarily for the 1991-92 academic year after the resignation of former Dean Elizabeth Baer. The new Dean starts on June 1st, assuming his decanal role on July 1st.

Wubbels comes to Washington College from Grinnell College in Iowa, where he acted as the chairman of the Chemistry Department. At Grinnell, he served as a member of several committees, including the Budget Priorities and Planning Committee. Wubbels did a stint as Visiting Professor at the University of Leiden, in the Netherlands. Since 1990, Wubbels has acted as Program Director at the National Science Foundation's Undergraduate Science, Engineering, and Mathematics Education Division in Washington, D.C. Wubbels is also a prolific writer, authoring or co-authoring thirty-five articles and twenty-seven successful grant proposals for undergraduate research, amounting to well over $750, 000. In all probability, Wubbels will bring with him an NSF-RUI grant, providing for ten paid summer internships over the next two years.

In a memo released earlier this week, President Trout defended Wubbels' selection. "Gene Wubbels is highly regarded in his field and has played an important role in strengthening our nation's position in undergraduate scientific education and training. A man of capacious intellect, he is wholly committed to the liberal arts in the broadest sense."

Jen Del Nero, one of several WC students involved in the selection process, is also enthusiastic about Wubbels' appointment to the position. "I wholeheartedly support and commend the decision of the Search Committee," she said. "What Gene Wubbels has to offer and contribute to Washington College will certainly advance dimensions of the college that have yet to reach their potential." With the appointment of Wubbels to the Deanship, Washington College stands poised on the threshold of a glorious new era of liberal arts education.

INSIDE

ELM Special Report: Repercussions of Tuition Hike

Junior Bridgette Ferris and senior Ann Veiga recently talked with the **ELM** about the effect the $1112 cost increase for the 1992-93 academic year will have on their prospects of remaining at Washington College.

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Open Letter to Student Body

Dr. Kevin Brien, Professor of Philosophy at Washington College, expresses his concerns regarding plagiarism and student involvement in reshaping the academic environment at WC.

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Acclaimed Actress Visits WC

Billie Whitelaw, a renowned British actress and interpreter of Samuel Beckett's plays, will perform staged readings of the late Irish novelist and playwright in the latest of a series of performances and lectures that have made Washington College a center for Beckett studies.

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Editorial

The Value of a Priceless Education

During a conversation this past week regarding the recent raise in tuition at WC, a friend told me, "if they're going to raise costs to above $18,000 a year, then maybe students should be guaranteed employment of equal worth after graduation." Not a bad idea, but then again, it goes against what a liberal-arts education represents. I'm not saying I wouldn't appreciate a job next year, but Washington College is not APEX Tech. I want to leave this school with a quality education, not a free set of tools.

For the past two issues, this editorial space has centered around my concern over the increasing cost of attending Washington College. A little harsh at times - Lambda pledges and bulldozers (difference?) - but nonetheless, from the heart. It would be so easy for me to write this one in the same vein, demanding improved academics, lower costs, and a significant decrease in meatheads NOW. But we all know that that will not happen immediately. Harvard wasn't built in a day. Money is increasingly scarce. And meatheads, well there never seems to be a shortage of them around here. The common denominator here is time. Time will tell when and if these issues are resolved correctly. I'd like to spend some of yours using a slightly different approach than my norm. Rather than fingering the dynamite switch connected to the Casey building, I will attempt a slightly more responsible (Yikes!) approach, and wax philosophic about Washington College's projected future. I'm also doing this because this is Sophie Kerr weekend, a time where prospective high-school seniors visit our campus. Potential student leaders who hopefully are attracted to WC for the right reasons. Who knows, maybe there'll even be a future **ELM** editor in the batch.

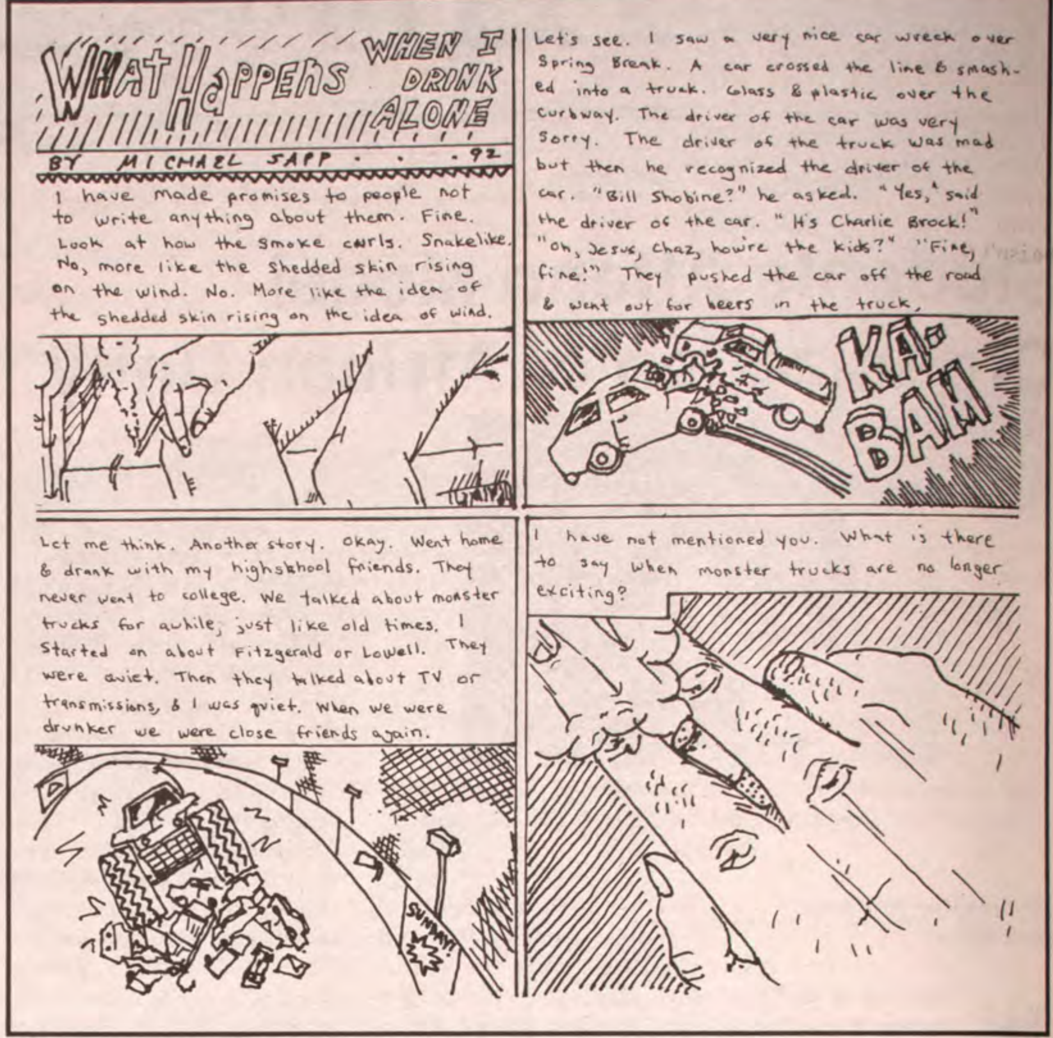
The past two years here have been marked by great transitions. President Cater (former big fish on campus) has been replaced by a kinder, gentler Trout. A replacement for Academic Dean Baer/Taylor has finally been found in Dean Gene Wubbels (but he won't fall down). Neiman's gone too. Sparky stood on his own two legs without incident,and now, Del Nero, our first female SGA President in some time. The Majestic Elm's history, falling victim to some Scandinavian disease, only to be replaced by a twig that we all hope will one day be big enough to show up on film. Even me. I'm only a replacement for Sherry who succeeded someone who...(you promised to be nice Pat)...well, would never be mistaken for Ben Bradlee. Hopefully this November, Bush will be replaced by someone whose commitment to education goes a little beyond a smile and a handshake.

I expect next year to be a pivotal one for Washington College. We will finally start to witness some improvements from these transitions. President Trout is no longer wet behind the ears. Wubbels' presence promises to change WC's reputation from a day-care center to somewhere parents can drop their kids off and know they'll return with more than a working knowledge of the most recent CAPS' rules. The Tulip-Poplar will grow rapidly, establishing itself as the new focal point of the Campus Green while symbolizing Trout's commitment to higher education, not higher costs. In turn, the **ELM** will come to represent the continued improvement of student journalism at WC, rather than succumbing to the same fate as its namesake.

As a graduating senior, I won't be here to see these great improvements. I'll read about them in the **ELM** and the *Washington College Magazine*, but the ones who will really reap the benefits of this future will hopefully be the students. Give them time, show them a strong commitment, and they will soon blossom. It takes a while. I look back now on my Freshman year, and how far I and many of my friends have come, and well, if we were playing by the rules set by my previous commentary, then this paper would be short one editor.

Even if instead of pacing the floors of a newsroom next year I'm mopping them (please God no!), I'll still be able to look back on my years at WC and smile. While many of my friends spent their time at more practical collegiate facilities, learning the usefulness of a slide-rule and calculator, I can say I spent mine luxuriously exploring the writings of Aristotle, Kierkegard, and Hume. The thundering prose of Hemingway, the quiet lines of a William Stafford poem. The music of Bartok, the mystery of Derrida.

So, fifty-nine days from now, when I'll tip my glass of champagne to my future under the "shade" of the recently-planted Tulip Poplar, I will also toast to the future of Washington College. Rather than bringing in the bulldozers, as a new alumni I will contribute whatever I can to ensure the Chris Mihavetzes, the Ann Veigas, the Bridgette Ferrises of future graduating classes will be afforded the same luxury I was so fortunate to have. The value of a true liberal arts education is priceless. Students should graduate with a mountain of knowledge, not a mountain of bills.


WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I DRINK ALONE
BY MICHAEL SAPP . . . 92
I have made promises to people not to write anything about them. Fine. Look at how the smoke curls. Snakelike. No, more like the shedded skin rising on the wind. No. More like the idea of the shedded skin rising on the idea of wind.
Let's see. I saw a very nice car wreck over Spring Break. A car crossed the line & smashed into a truck. Glass & plastic over the curbway. The driver of the car was very sorry. The driver of the truck was mad but then he recognized the driver of the car. "Bill Shobine?" he asked. "Yes," said the driver of the car. "It's Charlie Brock!" "Oh, Jesus, Chaz, how're the kids?" "Fine, fine!" They pushed the car off the road & went out for beers in the truck.
KA-BAM
Let me think. Another story. Okay. Went home & drank with my highschool friends. They never went to college. We talked about monster trucks for awhile, just like old times. I started on about Fitzgerald or Lowell. They were quiet. Then they talked about TV or transmissions, & I was quiet. When we were drunker we were close friends again.
SUNDAY!
I have not mentioned you. What is there to say when monster trucks are no longer exciting?

Letters to the Editor

Greek System Debate Criticized

The debate "This House Would Ban the Greek System" was a disappointment to those of us looking for a thought-provoking discussion. About 60 pro-Greek constituents attended, about 4 against, and about 15 undecided; this is an indication that those who participate in the Greek system also strongly support it, and this is admirable. However, it seems that some large portion of the audience was ignorant of the concept of a hypothetical debate. When the argument was opened to the floor, the discourse turned from a rational presentation of well-formulated points into a sad commentary on the social hierarchy of our campus. I don't know which was worse —the fallacious verbal attacks on specific organizations coming from both sides of the floor or the misunderstanding by the audience of the valid contentions which were offered forth.

The purpose of this debate was to provoke thought. It was hypothetical (read: pretend). One pro-Greek constituent's query, "Why are you trying to take this away from us?" was ridiculous. No one was trying to take away anything from anyone. If someone presents a point of view which contradicts with one's own, one should consider that the person may have a valid rationale; one should not adopt the "fuck you, man, you don't understand us" mentality.

In the future, I would like to see the trend in campus social groups be towards mutual cooperation, not obliteration.

Sincerely,
J. Tarin Towers

Cater Responds to Criticism

Dear Editor:

The debate over bricks and mortar at Washington College, while constructive, should not ignore three premises that guided my term as president.

First, the tenth oldest college in America deserved a campus worthy of its heritage.

Second, to enhance the buildings and grounds would help reverse the sharp decline in enrollment that was threatening bankruptcy.

Third, capital gifts would attract increased giving to endowment as well as to operating budgets for educational programs.

All three premises have been amply confirmed by the experience of the past decade. Regrettably, building cannot be carried out without mud and other disruptions. But surely any close observer must note non-cosmetic but vital changes in every dimension of College life. It will be distressing if the decade of the 1980's should be recorded as simply brick and mortar time. This would diminish all those who set high expectations for the College as it entered its third century.

Sincerely,
Douglass Cater
President Emeritus

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Nolan on Hoagland on Thoreau: Environmental Concerns Hit Home

By **Andrea Nolan**
Staff Writer

John Updike said of him, "If he isn't the best essayist of my generation then I don't know who is." Who is this literary wonder? None other than Edward Hoagland, editor of the Penguin Series on the Environment. On Wednesday, March 18, Hoagland presented a lecture on *Thoreau and Environmental Concerns*, sponsored by the McLain Program in Environmental Studies.

Edward Hoagland is a renowned environmental novelist, having published such novels as Heart's Desire and Peacock's Tale. Hoagland had a great deal to say about Thoreau, the father of environmentalism. He also introduced some interesting ideas on the environmental movement and man's place in nature.

Mr. Hoagland said that "We are now engaged in a struggle to conserve what nature that is left." This is true and most people would admit that if steps aren't taken to preserve our environment they will soon become simple memories. However, there is a considerably smaller consensus of agreement when it comes to actually saving those very same wildlands. Why such a discrepancy? One major factor is that in today's urbanized world people believe they live apart from nature. When nature is viewed as separate from mankind it becomes simple scenery, which would be nice to save but is not vitally important.

Thoreau, and in turn Hoagland, tackle this dangerous opinion. Is nature truly separated from man by concrete and steel? Edward Hoagland answered a resounding no. He criticized his peers by saying that what the "so-called nature writers" don't realize is that human nature is a part of nature. This is a concept Thoreau thoroughly believed. He left the civilized world to live with nature, to learn from nature. However one doesn't need to go on a year-long journey in the woods to become close to nature. Thoreau never traveled to the frontier to see the new and strange wildlife and mountains. He remained on the eastern seaboard and studied the nature of his home and didn't feel that he missed anything. Human nature is truly a part of nature. Appreciate the simple land you walk on, the air you breath, the squirrels you see — appreciate yourself. Nature is inescapable.

Environmentalists and scientists give numerous reasons in support of preserving the earth's remaining wildlands, such as possible medical cures which may be disappearing with the daily destruction of plant and animal species throughout the world. Or they simply rule out the human factor altogether and want to save the wildlands and other animals for the sake of those very creatures. The reasons they give are all valid arguments but they are distant and removed from today's urbanized man. However, isn't the simple fact that since in being human we are a part of nature and that by destroying nature we are in fact killing at least a part of ourselves enough reason? For each acre of land that dies is a part of every human dying too. The disappearance of that acre of life must have some effect on the world around it.

Luther Standing Bear said "The old Lakota was wise. He knew that man's heart, away from nature, becomes hard; he knew that lack of respect for growing living things soon led to lack of respect for humans too." The Native Americans lived on this land for thousands of years and kept it new and virgin. Those who disturbed the land the least were respected the most. We have only lived here comparatively few years and have already managed to destroy much of the land. However the earth has great healing capabilities if we give her the chance. We do not have to follow in the same direction as the generation before us. Thoreau had no respect for his elders. He wrote in Walden that, "I have lived some thirty years on this planet, and I have yet to hear the first syllable of valuable or even earnest advice from my seniors."

It is up to us to change what is wrong. We cannot herald it as too great a task, for who else is there to conquer it? Thoreau wrote in Walden "If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put foundations under them." According to Hoagland, we would do well to follow his advice.

Lit House Café Opens

By **Adria Nesberg**
Staff Writer

A new activity will hit the Washington College campus on Friday, March 20; it has the sound of jazz and the look of art. Beginning this week, from 3 until 7 p.m. on Friday afternoons, the O'Neill Literary House porch will turn into the "Lit House Café." The Lit House Café is a place where students and faculty can gather to interact in a relaxed atmosphere to enjoy art, music, and food.

Tina McCuen, a WC junior, originally came up with the idea for the café. The idea was for the café to act as a gathering place, a place where student artists and musicians can get a "good audience." Each week the type of music will be different, from jazz this week to classical the next. McCuen approached students in the Music and Art Departments seeking performers for the events. Finally, Tina sought a manager for the café, and found one in sophomore Will Phipps, who is "very excited about the idea of the café."

Prof. Bob Day, Lit House Director, strongly encourages and supports the café as an arena of student entertainment. If anyone wants to submit any artwork or perform at the Lit House Café, please contact either Prof. Day or Will Phipps. All students are encouraged to attend this Friday's grand opening to ensure its continued success for the remainder of the semester.

Dateline Chestertown

Women's Quest for Learning in the Gilded Age

Mari Jo Buhle, Prof. of History at Brown University will deliver the 1991-92 Guy F. Goodfellow Memorial Lecture at WC. The lecture, titled "'The Dawning Light of a New Era:' Women's Quest for Learning in the Gilded Age," will be given Tuesday, March 24 at 8 p.m. in the Norman James Theatre at Washington College. Admission is free and the public is encouraged to attend.

Buhle's lecture, which focuses on the birth of women's education in the U. S. in the late 19th century, is given in honor of Washington College's centenary of coeducation. A specialist in Feminism and Socialism in 19th and early 20th century America, Buhle is the author of two books, *Women and American Socialism, 1870-1920*, and *Women and the American Left: A Guide to Sources*, as well as numerous articles and essays on the Socialist party, women's suffrage, women in the labor movement and the history of American feminism.

Since 1972, Buhle has taught History and American Civilization at Brown University, which is also celebrating a centenary of coeducation this year. Buhle received her B.A. at the University of Illinois, her M.A. at the University of Connecticut and her Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin.

Toxic Incineration on the Chesapeake Bay

A symposium on the regional impact of the United States Army's proposed chemical weapons incinerator at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Harford County, Maryland, will be held in Tawes Theatre on Saturday, April 11, from 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The purpose of the symposium is to air the facts and rationale regarding the Army's proposed chemical weapons incinerator at the Proving Grounds, as well as to better inform the citizens of Kent, Cecil, Harford and Baltimore Counties, which surround the upper Chesapeake Bay region, of the Army's objectives, environmental concerns, moral issues, emergency preparedness and citizen concerns.

Representatives of the U.S. Army, the Maryland Dept. of the Environment, the Maryland Director of Emergency Preparedness, Environmental Specialists, and Maryland elected officials have been invited to participate in the symposium.

The symposium is sponsored by the Goldstein Program in Public Affairs and the McLain Program in Environmental Studies. It has been organized by concerned citizens of Kent County.

Workshop on Stream Monitoring

A special workshop on monitoring streams will be conducted by Maryland Save Our Streams on Saturday March 28. The workshop is aimed at training volunteers to evaluate the water quality of local streams and teach them how to improve it. The workshop will be from 9:30-3:30 and involves a slide show and visits to test local streams.

The workshop, co-sponsored by Hands Out, Terra Firma, and Kent Conservation will lead to involvement in the Adopt-A-Stream program where Washington College can regularly monitor the health of a nearby stream. Sign-up sheets will be in the cafeteria next week. For further information contact Andrew McKim at 778-7889.

Open Letter

An Open Letter to Students from Prof. Brien

Dear Students of Washington College:

This is one of few times that I ever have written an open letter to students. I do so here because — given the particular configuration of circumstances that converge at the College just now — it seems important for me to do so.

We are in the midst of a significant "historical juncture" here at Washington College. A new academic dean will be appointed soon; President Trout has been at work developing his projects, and has found his stride by now. Together with the help of the new academic dean, he will likely be concerned to strengthen the academic program in various ways in the near future. But just how those "various ways" will actually work out will be contingent in large measure on student good will, student concern, and on student input.

It is also very clear to me that just how they will work out will be affected in significant ways by the manner in which we as a community confront — or fail to confront — the problem of plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty. Please hear me out! This is not an easy letter for me to write, and I think it may not be an easy letter for some of you to read — but please hear me out!

A broad spectrum of statistical evidence makes it clear that plagiarism is not just a problem here at Washington College; it is a problem throughout our country. My understanding is that for some time now — decades I would say — an epidemic of plagiarism has been undermining our culture. And as I see things, this seething epidemic reached a new level during the Reagan presidential era — an era marked by a spreading corrosion in the integrity of the body politic, as well as in the general integrity of language itself. And it has continued to hover close to this level ever since.

But we cannot go on like this in our country without serious, culture-wide, negative long-term consequences. And in my view one of the most serious long-term effects of widespread plagiarism (and other academic improprieties) is the unintended sabotage of the kind of "critical intelligence" that must be developed if we are to survive in healthy ways as a culture — and perhaps if we are even to survive at all.

In the short space of this letter I cannot fully explain the kind of "critical intelligence" I have in mind here, let alone present the argument for its practical necessity. But let me focus on one dimension of it. To do so I need to make a distinction between a short-term mind set and a long-term one.

The short-term mind set is fixated on short-term gains and benefits, and is usually blind to the long-term negative fallout of pursuing merely short-term gains. In contrast, the long-term mind set is attentive to both the near and the long-term effects of our individual practice and our social action — balancing long-term well being and interests, with those of the short run.

As we confront the enormous environmental, social, political, and economic problems of our era — and the growing crisis of humanity associated therewith — it is very clear that we need a kind of "critical intelligence" that transcends the short-term mind set that is so widely entrenched. In its place we need to evolve a "critical intelligence" culturally that no longer fixates merely on short-term advantage. To be sure we need to understand the short run. But our culture also needs to evolve a "critical intelligence" that understands the dynamics of long-term developmental processes, and the complicated interplay of the dynamically interrelated forces at play therein. Such understanding must also embrace within itself the understanding of the more limited short-term dynamics as a phase in the overall process. And of course such "critical intelligence" must be rooted in disciplined knowledge.

Sadly, and for far too long, our culture has been stuck in the mold of the short-term mind set. And I fully believe it will eventually mean the ruin of our culture if we do not find a way to transcend the situation. Even now we can see some of the handwriting on the wall. For instance, I would argue that the economic dislocations we are recently witnessing in our country are due in good part to the continuing cultural fixation on the short-term, and on an agenda that is carried out under its aegis. And I believe that more and more dysfunctional effects of such fixation will emerge as we go toward the next century, unless we succeed in changing things.

Let me return now to the issue of plagiarism. I hold that widespread plagiarism, as well as other forms of academic dishonesty in our culture, contribute directly to the continuing cultural fixation on the short-term mind set, just as they flow back from it. Further, I hold that they dynamically function to short circuit the development of the kind of "critical intelligence" we so desperately need to evolve. Concerning our own campus, I have come to believe on the basis of my experience here, that academic dishonesty is a serious problem at Washington College. Just how pervasive it might be is unclear at the moment, prior to something like a scientific survey of the issue. But that is coming.

Clearly there is student complicity in plagiarism, as well as in other forms of academic dishonesty. In some cases this complicity is intentional; but my guess is that it is unintentional for the most part. And there are many modes of complicity. Let me focus on just one mode: the complicity of the facilitator, rather than the perpetrator, of plagiarism.

If you give a paper to another student to copy from, you share complicity in plagiarism. If you allow one of your papers to be placed in a file that other students will likely use as an unacknowledged source for their term papers, you share complicity in plagiarism. If you acquiesce in allowing such files to be maintained in your fraternity house or in your dorm, you share complicity in plagiarism. If you allow another student to read one of your past papers that happens to overlap the subject matter of that student's paper — and if you do so without asking that proper acknowledgement be given in that student's footnotes to your paper as one of the sources — you also share a kind of complicity in plagiarism. If you encourage your friend to stretch the rules of academic honesty, or actively approve of it, you share complicity in plagiarism. And there are many other types of such complicity.

Those of you who share intentional or unintentional complicity in plagiarism (and other forms of academic dishonesty) may think you are serving the best interests of yourself, your friend, or your

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778-6779

Tuition Increase Adversely Affects WC Students

By **Chris Mihavetz**
& John Griep
with Pat Attenasio

For many Washington College students, last week's announcement of an increase in total costs for the 1992-1993 academic year not only threatens to put a severe dent in their pocketbooks, but also threatens their very future at this institution. In a letter to parents and independent students dated February 28, WC President Charles Trout cited three recent cutbacks in state funding and poor endowment earnings as the reason for the $1112 increase. He also stated it was his hope that they would continue to support the college's "mission of high quality education" despite the country's economic recession.

Economic hardships are also affecting students across the state. The Maryland Higher Education Commission reports applications for student financial aid are running forty-four percent ahead of last year. The Commission, which administers state financial aid programs, estimates that the number of applications could increase by as much as 16,000 students if the trend continues. To date, 26,704 applications have been processed, compared with 18,499 at the same time last year. Total applications submitted by March 1st last year exceeded 38,000, and this year's figure could reach 54,000 if the rate of increase holds.

Shaila R. Aery, the Secretary of Higher Education, attributed the increase to the recession and tuition increases. "Students are being hit with higher tuition at the same time that many families are seeing their incomes decrease," Aery said, adding, "And, with unemployment up, there are fewer jobs available to students who are working their way through college."

On Tuesday, March 17, the **ELM** spoke with Bridgette Ferris and Ann Veiga, two Washington College students whose contributions have been significant over their years here, but nonetheless will be affected by the increase in total costs to the point where their future status at WC remains uncertain.

Bridgette Ferris

Bridgette is a second semester junior concentrating in English, German, and Women's Studies. She is a member of the German Club, the Writer's Union, and also helped found the Anthropological Society at Washington College.

Bridgette says, "I am twenty years old and my parents are not helping me with college at all. My mother works very hard to put my brother and sister through a special school for dyslexics and cannot afford anymore on what she makes. My father does not support me at all. My grandparents also cannot afford to help me, so for the past two years, I have been paying everything on my own. That includes everything from tuition to laundry detergent.

The yearly increases have already affected me. I live from semester to semester not knowing if I will be able to return. I am very concerned about this new increase. Right now, even before the increase, I am taking out a one thousand dollar loan because I can not pay for my books and have no spending money at all. When the increase comes in September, I do not know how I'm going to pay for it and that will be my senior year - I am terrified.

I work at Delmarva Power as a copy-writer for the employee magazine in the summertime. I have nothing in the bank though, all of my money goes to tuition and books. Lately, I have been modeling for the Art department to make spending money. I'm glad that I am doing all of this on my own though. It has instilled a sense of independence and motivation. I am responsible only for myself and to myself which is an incredible feeling.

I love this college and I chose it because it was such a small school. I do not want to be forced to leave. I have made many close friends and would hate to not be able to return for my senior year. I mean, this is really when it should all be taking off for me.

After graduation, I will have at least $15,000 dollars in loans to pay off. Although I feel an education is the best kind of investment you can make, I also feel like I'm indenturing myself.

I am now applying to the University of Delaware to make sure that I have a place to go next year if I do not get the financial aid to return to Washington College. Even so, it is highly likely that a lot of my credits will not transfer and I would be wasting quite a bit of my time and money. I feel that to have all that I've accomplished here taken away just like that, after I have worked so hard for it on my own, would be very frustrating. I would like to graduate from this school, and I am very close to it, but it's like it's going to have to be by the skin of my teeth. I never really know.

What is really upsetting is that I found out last year when I applied for financial aid that academic scholarships are available only to incoming students. I mean, for people like myself, who were mediocre students in high school but bloomed academically in college, there are no academic scholarships available here. That is very frustrating."

Ann Veiga

Ann, a senior majoring in Humanities, will return to WC in the Spring of 1993 to finish her studies after spending a semester abroad. She is the president of both Terra Firma and Sane/Freeze and also serves as co-editor of *Shoe Strings*, a children's literary magazine.

Ann feels that the administration is not really concerned about the financial difficulties of Washington College students. For example, she is expected to save at least $1200 each summer to contribute towards her education. However, since she is an independent student, Ann says, "during the summer I just do my best to survive and am unable to save a great deal of money. Most of my summer earnings are spent on food and rent." This requires her to take out additional loans to meet her expected summer earnings.

The college also figures that students will only spend $300 annually on personal expenses, such as soap, detergent, etc. According to Ann, when she discussed this issue with an administrator, the person jokingly asked her, "What do you do, buy $80 wool sweaters?" However, Ann says, "I haven't been able to buy any new clothes in several years because all my money must go for basic necessities."

Currently, Ann has to take out loans each year to help pay for her college education. Ann said that the effect of the tuition increase on her would not occur right away, but would be long-term because she would probably have to take out larger loans. Ann concluded by saying that the tuition increase is "just one more thing I'll have to worry about."

[An in-depth **ELM** report on Washington College's budget for the 1992-93 academic year, with an emphasis on financial aid concerns, will appear in the March 27 issue. Gene Hessey, Senior Vice President of Management and Finance was ill this week and unavailable for comment.]

Bridgette Ferris

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Open Letter

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fellow sorority member. And it may seem as if you are serving the interests of a particular friend to be a facilitator of his academic dishonesty — when he is exhausted from athletic practice, say, and does not have the energy of body or mind to cope with a paper or exam coming due. But whatever short-term advantage is secured thereby, it is secured at the cost of negating and undermining the long-term interests of your friend, as well as both the short- and long-term interests of our College, and of our culture.

In making it easy for a friend to slide into academic dishonesty, you are dynamically interfering with the kind of disciplined practice in academic work that is essential if your friend is to develop the sort of "critical intelligence" that is necessary for his or her long-term well being. One is not born with such "critical intelligence." It is a skill that can only be attained by practice. It requires work and energy.

And if you interfere with the essential practice of your friend, you thereby interfere with the personal evolution of your friend — you negate your friend. And, of course, if you allow yourself to slide into academic dishonesty, you negate yourself — for the self as seen from the long-term mind set can only be understood as a developing process. And in both cases you negate the community.

We have got to come together collectively — students, faculty, and staff — and do whatever is necessary to rejuvenate our academic environment. To determine how to proceed, we must get a clear and accurate picture of the real situation on campus from the student body via the questionaire about academic honesty that the Student Academic Board will soon project. I ask you as one vitally concerned; I plead with you as a teacher; I beg you as one human being to another! Please respond as honestly and as fully as you can to the questionaire that the SAB will distribute. Please come clean on this! Please give us an accurate picture of the reality at our College. If I am wrong about the scope of academic dishonesty on campus, I will back off and fade away.

But if I am right about all this — then come forth and give us the documented evidence that will convince our faculty of the scope of the problem here at Washington College. And come forth to persuade the faculty to accept, to support, and to implement the kind of changes that are practically necessary to remedy things. I believe that the most effective choices we can make to bring things into a clearing are the following interrelated moves:

1) Change the academic curriculum to allow a broad number of different programs of study that could be undertaken by students prior to, or subsidiary to, their major program — programs of study that will be interdisciplinary, that will cultivate "critical intelligence," and that will be focused in a such a way that students will be drawn into the material, since its relevance to their lives will be apparent to them, and since the individual courses will be designed to be interesting and exciting. These programs should be interdisciplinary in all the different ways. I am speaking about such programs as an "environmental program," a "gender studies program," a "peace studies program" — and other programs that are interdisciplinary in nature. Perhaps each program should require some sort of an interdisciplinary course on "critical reasoning." And every effort should be made by the faculty to make individual courses in these programs the most interesting courses possible. Individual class sizes should be small to allow for full scale discussion by students. Though interesting, relevant, and even fun — these programs should be very solid academically. Moreover, these programs are the same ones that should be developed so that Washington College can attract a somewhat higher proportion of academically stronger students interested in these issues of great social moment. Put the academically stronger students who have already developed some sort of disciplined critical intelligence together in small sections with the academically weaker students; do this in the context of reading and discussion that is experienced as relevant and interesting by all the students — and the academically weaker students will get much stronger academically. And this will carry through to all their other work. In conjunction with the institution of these programs we should raise the minimum GPA for graduation.

2) Develop a number of overlapping ways to make sure that all of our students really understand what academically honest work is — and what it is not. This could include: a) Required student workshops on the nature of academic honesty, as part of the Forms course or as part of the first year writing obligation. (This could be partly addressed by paying honor students to help with the workshops, and by hiring other personnel if necessary.) b) Develop individual departmental policies that emphasize academic honesty, and that provide explicit guidelines for academic honesty appropriate to the particular discipline of that department. c) Regular reaffirmation of the importance of academic honesty by faculty members in individual classes.

3) Change outgoing PR so that there is more emphasis on academics. Specifically, more stress on the requirement that academics is to have priority, and is to be given at least equal time outside of class with socializing, and with athletics. Perhaps we should be upfront in our PR and tell students to wait a year before coming here if they are not ready to make the commitment to the priority of academics, and perhaps a condition of acceptance to the college should be commitment to the priority of academics. The time allowed for total athletic practice (formal and informal), or for any other extra-curricular activity, should be decreased where this is interfereing with academic performance.

4) We should reformulate the honor code, develop it, clarify it, and revise it. And we should replace the present panel that judges plagiarism cases with an all-student panel.

As I bring this long letter to a close, let me ask again for your help. There are so many good things about our College, and there are so many good things about our curriculum. But we have some problems that need to be honestly recognized. Let us do what is practically necessary to restore the integrity of our institution; and let us do what is necessary to lift it to a new level of academic well being. Let us do what is necessary to awaken the "critical intelligence" of those in whom it is still asleep. Among other things there is so much academic potential that is languishing away among our less developed students. And how many of the more developed students are really working at full potential? Let us come together on this. Let us enhance the vitality of our academic environment! All of you students who have read this letter that comes from the heart, and from the guts, should understand by now that what I propose is truly for your welfare. Let us come together! Let us move on this! For your own well being academically, personally, and socially, let us all come together on this. For the value of your education. For the sake of your life. For the sake of your friends here. For the sake of the children you will bear. Let us come together! It is time to wake up! Let us come together!

Sincerely,
Kevin M. Brien
Department of Philosophy

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Commentary

The Quality of Academics at Washington College: "You Get Out of Your Education What You Put Into It"

Julie Greene

With the Middle States Association re-accreditation approaching, revisions are being made to the school's mission statement, as well as an analysis of the school's long range plans. With these modifications, the foundation and quality of education at Washington College have been popular topics for discussion amongst its students, faculty, and administration.

Several issues pertinent to this topic have been discussed in public forums lately. This includes the topic of plagiarism on campus brought to light this semester by a letter to the faculty by Professor Brien and published in the **ELM**. The issue was then addressed at the Birthday Convocation by Student Government Association President Kevin Kelly. Some members of the college community may have been embarrassed by the discussion of such a hefty topic on such a pleasantly eventful day; however, the cause of embarrassment may be misguided. We should be ashamed it had to be brought up at all, not that Kelly had the guts to mention these indiscretions in front of the school's guests and the Board of Visitors and Governors. He had the right and the responsibility to see that this issue is brought to the attention of the college community.

Kelly also mentioned the growing number of "pass-throughs" at WC. This too must stop if the institution wants to maintain its dignity so its alumni can continue to be proud of their academic heritage. Part of the reason there are so many students passing through is because they find it easy to avoid the work, and one method for doing this is plagiarism.

One solution could be what some faculty already do — keep the tests, both questions and answers, so students can request to see them if need be, but they are not floating around for anyone to borrow. An alternative solution which many faculty exercise is to create new exams each semester.

But most importantly, the problem of plagiarism should be treated at the source. An Honor Code Council has been formed, with student representation, to address this issue. No matter what revisions are made it is the student who makes the final decision. Hopefully students will receive positive reinforcement from peers and the faculty to practice academic honesty.

Let me pause here and state that by no means am I asserting that Washington College has become a "walk-through" academic institution. Nor is it the only institution of higher learning which has to deal with such concerns. But it is the WC education with which we are primarily concerned. It is a growing concern amongst many students that the margin of excellence they pursue here is not receiving its proper respect due to a decline in academic standards at WC.

If this decline in academic standards continues, as well as the view that the education provided by the WC experience is not up to its past standards, alumni are not going to be as willing to support WC. The support alumni provide is great and includes not only financial contributions, but spreading a good word of their alma mater to prospective students. If that support is to be maintained in the future WC must continue to be an alma mater worthy of a good word.

The decline in academic standards is due in large part to the high costs of a WC education. With the overall cost of a WC education increasing by $1112 for the 1992-93 academic year, many high school graduates will continue to hesitate in their decision to attend WC. It is too early to tell whether or not promises for continued financial aid to compensate students for the increase can be taken seriously.

On a positive note, it is encouraging to see the plans for a new academic building going well. It is important both to the current college community as well as incoming students to show support for academic facilities as well as athletic facilities.

Another issue of importance to students and faculty is the priority faculty place on publishing in relation to that of teaching. The February 28th issue of the **ELM** featured several briefs on faculty who have been, or are about to be, published. They all expressed their belief that WC has not placed a "publish or perish" mentality on the faculty, yet several students feel that they have taken a back seat to these pursuits.

Hopefully, the administration and faculty will continue to recognize that WC has a history of emphasizing the priority of teaching over publishing, and that professors should not be turned away or declined promotion or tenure on the basis of whether or not they publish.

This is not meant to lower the accomplishments of these professors, for this is an institution known for its writing. Their ability and enjoyment of writing can have a positive influence on students and the college. They set a fine example for many aspiring writers on campus. My point is that those faculty whose love for teaching is the main priority should not be penalized or discouraged for not publishing on a constant basis.

This is a liberal arts institution at which the majority of a student's education is accounted for outside of the classroom. We are told that for every hour in class, we should study at least three hours on our own. Students are encouraged to attend lectures, debates, and to become active in athletics, clubs and the student government. A large number of us are also working to support our education monetarily.

So this message is to and for the students more than anyone else in the community. You get out of your education what you put into it. Don't take short cuts and wonder later on in life why you feel unsatisfied with your education.

To quote James Markland, Editor of **Career Futures** magazine: "In the end, a genuine education — particularly higher education — is not given to you by institutions or systems; it is taken by individuals. In a very real sense we are all self-educated. Yes, technical improvements can always be made to aid the process (and hopefully they will be), but meaningful change must come from the bottom up, from individuals who have salvaged the true spirit of curiosity when most are comfortable with an easy incoherence."

So as the administration tries to decide whether or not Washington College's growth should precede or coincide with its betterment, and the mission statement is revised to take into consideration such factors as diversity, the students at WC must take into consideration their educational agenda. Do you want to become a statistic, a "pass-through", or do you want to become someone who not only obtained an honest, high-quality education, but someone who made a positive impact on the college community?

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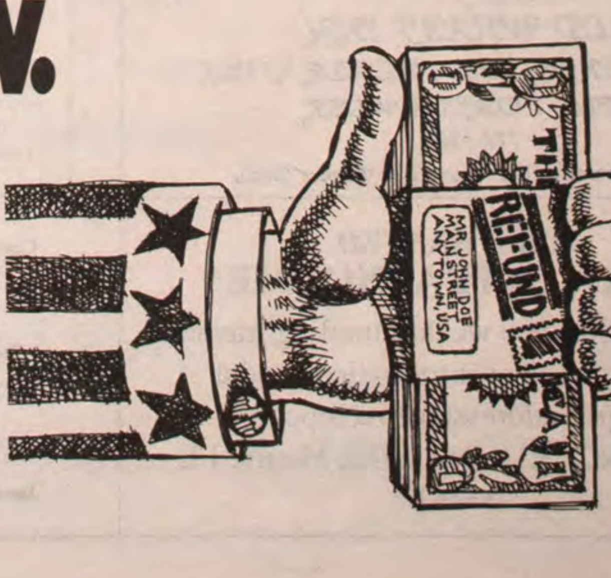

Neo-Fascists in Germany: Sickness or Symptom?

S. Ross Koon

When I lived in Berlin in the mid-eighties I was very aware of the city's skinhead population. One of my friends estimated that at that time there were approximately 10,000 skins in Berlin. Although that number is not large for a city with 3 million inhabitants, the skins seemed omnipresent. I could not but help to be aware of the violence they perpetrated against people of color-particularly against Berlin's large Turkish population. Among my circle of friends we would always speak disdainfully of the skinheads and ridicule them whenever there was a large group of us and only one or two or three of them. One of my best friends was half German and half Congoese, and he often accompanied us on our trips to the Kudamm. Whenever he was with us and a large group of skinheads would stomp onto the subway car we were riding in we would just look out the window and shut our mouths, waiting for the attack that never came but always could. During moments like those I felt that I knew what it must have felt like to be riding under the same streets only fifty short years before that time.

Berlin has changed greatly since I was last there in 1986, and not necessarily for the better in all respects. Crime has increased, the streets are less clean and the absorption of the GDR into the FRG has been a huge drain on taxpayers' funds. But solutions to these problems seem to be only a matter of time and energy, whereas the problem of racism and fascism seems intractable. The incidence of attacks and arson have increased dramatically. The attacks against asylum seekers and refugees from the third world is most alarming-particularly since these people have only fled their homelands from a desire to be safe from attack only to find that they are similarly persecuted in their safe haven.

What are the root causes of these odious crimes? Racist youth gangs are not unique to Germany, yet what is it that causes German skinheads to be so exceptionally zealous in their persecution of others. A simplistic explanation would be that the Germans are somehow innately predisposed to a fascist mentality. This is total nonsense. The actual situation is far more complex; skinheads arose in Germany from the same social phenomena which have caused the emergence of youth gangs in the rest of the western world, and the only reason for the depth of the German skinheads' devotion to their racist ideology is the failure of German society to properly teach young Germans the lessons of German history.

I believe that the root cause of neo-Nazism is that young Germans have continually been made to feel guilt for the atrocities of their elders. The Holocaust is a vast mountain of pus on the face of German history, yet it must also be viewed as an aberration. The problem with the Germans' treatment of the Holocaust is that it is not treated as a historical aberration, but rather a cancer on the body of the German people which must continually be re-expurgated. It seems that the prevailing attitude is that if there exists enough collective guilt then Nazism will not reoccur. Perhaps this method of dealing with Nazism was effective and necessary during denazification but to continue it has been counterproductive. To cause a person to feel guilt for the atrocities of their forefathers can cause two extreme results: either that person will become vehemently opposed to fascism, or that person will rebel against the message being forced down that person's throat and become inexorably drawn towards that which has been forbidden by law and censure. The best path would be to never forget the despicable Nazi era while simultaneously emphasizing that Germans have much to be proud of.

The December 1991 issue of *Der Spiegel* quoted Sheila Mysorekar, a non-white German journalist as saying that "For whites, black means alien, foreigner, not German. (Therefore in Germany there) supposedly exists no racism, only hatred against foreigners." This comment rings very true to me. Most Americans view ours as an immigrant society and therefore find this bit of Teutonic illogic difficult to swallow-unless one looks at how new immigrants are treated in this country. What is needed in Germany is a more liberal immigration policy. Granted this would be difficult at the present time, but a more liberal immigration policy could be phased in gradually, and resident foreign nationals could be given the option of citizenship. This is anathema to most Germans, even liberals-yet it must be done. Germany as a nation must realize that German culture is perfectly capable of incorporating immigrants from other races and nations without losing the uniqueness of German culture. The process of developing a more tolerant Germany will be a slow one, but it can start in small ways. The process of obtaining and renewing visas is now overly Byzantine and time-consuming. Schools with large numbers of foreign students can make a more conscious effort to "Germanize" them. The rewards of implementing such a program are great-it is precisely because of its large immigrant population that Berlin is so cosmopolitan. Doner kebabs, pizza, baklava, gyros and Slavic specialties are all readily available. Citizenship for non-Germans is a win-win proposal. Perhaps it would also gradually cause racism to decrease, and thereby cause the rest of the world to think of the Germans not as the Nazis of days gone by, but rather as the leaders of Europe-and eventually-the World.

Communication Careers Conference

Area college students interested in pursuing communication careers are invited to attend the Towson State University "Successful Careers in Communication" conference on Wednesday, April 1, from 2 to 8:30 p.m. at the TSU University Union. More than 65 professionals will be available to answer questions about careers in advertising, public relations, print/broadcast journalism, film, radio and television.

The conference is free to Baltimore area college seniors with valid university identification. Towson State University alumni may attend the conference at a cost of $15 per person. Alumni tickets include a private buffet at 4:30 featuring guest speaker Robert Burdon, president and publisher of the Baltimore Business Journal. TSU alumni must make reservations before March 24 by calling Alice M. Feeney, associate director, Career Placement Center, (410) 830-2233.

The conference has two main sessions: one from 2 to 4:30 p.m. and one from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Each session begins with a panel discussion.

The scheduled speakers for the 2 p.m. panel are Hirsh Goldberg, president, M. Hirsh Goldberg & Associates; Robyn Landry, deputy executive director, American Heart Association; and Kimberly Michael, producer, Spicer Productions. The 6 p.m. panelists are Len Lazarick, managing editor, Patuxent Publishing Company; Merrie Street, WPOC radio; and Brigid Williams, producer, WBAL-TV.

Following panel discussions, conference attendees are invited to participate in an "open house" format which will allow them to meet more than 30 communication professionals.

For more information, call Professor Mark McElreath (410) 830-3803, or Alice Feeney, TSU Career Placement Center, (410) 830-2233.

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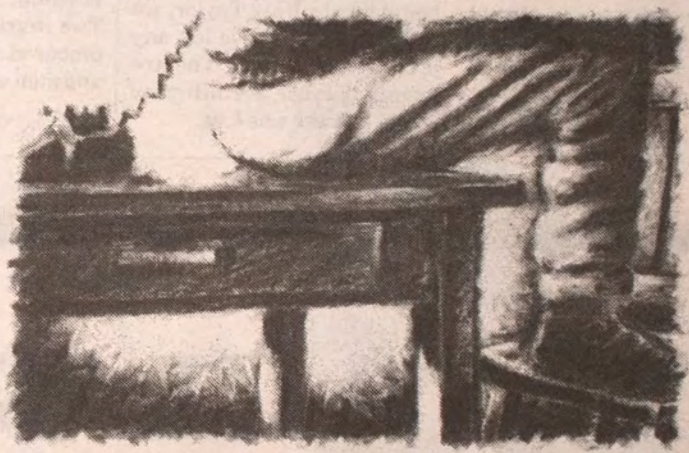

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We didn't like Billy Taylor in Tawes Theatre.
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So at intermission, we bid Billy good-bye.

Tuesday night at Tawes Theatre, Billy Taylor's Trio performed competently to a large and enthusiastic crowd. These respected artists demonstrated their ability to wear tuxedoes and play well-rehearsed jazz at the same time. Varying his set between covers and originals, Taylor proved that his own works can hold their own in comparison to the covered repertoire.

Unfortunately, from our seats on the far left of the front row, the drummer was so loud that the bassist was almost completely lost, and Billy was merely a shimmering of scales and nice chords in the background, except for when he took to the mike to tell his funny little stories about Tucson. But to the drummer's credit, he did appear to be the liveliest of the three muscians. By switching from the sticks to the brushes and by alternating a number of interesting rhythms, the drummer displayed the widest range musically and spatially. Likewise, his grunts during his solos appeared to be the only true display of intensity during the concert.

The problem with the concert was not necessarily the music, but rather it was the atmosphere of the evening. Tawes Theatre was simply too sterile an environment to promote an audience/performer relationship that jazz has and does thrive on in more casual scenes. At intermission we felt as though the Billy Taylor Trio had given us all they were going to give. But being fair to Billy Taylor, we probably would have left any jazz trio at Tawes Theatre simply because the intimacy of the concert was lost.

NOW Rally for Rights
WC Students to Join March in DC

The National Organization for Women (NOW) will be marching on Washington, D.C. for women's rights on — specifically, the right to reproductive freedom. The Supreme Court is hearing three cases this year which have the potential to overturn Roe vs. Wade, the decision which made abortion legal (and safer). The impetus for the March is to show support for the Freedom of Choice Act and the Reproductive Health Equity Act. In the 1989 abortion rights rally, more than 600,000 women and men assembled; there is a possiblity of this number doubling on April 5, the date for this year's March.

The Margaret Horsley Society (MHS) of Washington College is working with the Kent County League of Women's Voters so that the College and the Community can send a delegation to Washington for the March. Two charter buses have been procured so that those women and men who are interested in marching can travel as a group; individuals interested in attending are urged to attend by riding on these buses and marching under the delegation's banner so that unity and pride in numbers will be evident.

The buses have a 90-seat capacity; the fee for passangers is normally $10.00, but the MHS and the Student Affairs Office will be covering most of the fee; tickets will now be $3.00 to interested students. The buses will be leaving from behind Tawes Theatre at 7:00 a.m. to arrive in D.C., park, and ride the subway to the Ellipse in time for the March at 10:00 a.m.

Participants are encouraged to wear white (in honor of suffrage), to dress appropriately for weather, to bring subway fare and food, and to arrive by 6:45 a.m. on April 5. Contact MHS President Deb Boyer for more information.

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Save Our Streams

A special workshop on monitoring streams will be conducted by Maryland Save Our Streams on Saturday, March 28. The workshop is aimed at training volunteers to evaluate the water quality of local streams and how to improve it. The workshop will be from 9:30 - 3:30 and involves a slide show and visits to test local streams.

The workshop, co-sponsored by Hands Out, Terra Firma, and Kent Conservation will lead to involvement in the Adopt-A-Stream program where Washington College can regularly monitor the health of a nearby stream. Sign-up sheets will be in the cafeteria next week. For further information contact Andrew McKim at 778-7889.

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Week at a Glance

Calendar of Events
March 20 – March 26

Friday 20 - Monday 23
Film Series: *Citizen Kane*
Norman James Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

Friday 20 - Saturday 21
Sophie Kerr Weekend

Friday 20
Lit House Café
entertainment, food & drink
grand opening — all are welcome
O'Neill Literary House, 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.†

The Art Exhibitions Committee presents
Recent works by Simone Osthoff
Gibson Fine Arts Center Gallery
Opening Reception 5:00 p.m.
On display Wed. - Sat., 12 noon - 4:00 p.m. through April 18

The Sophie Kerr Committee presents
Billie Whitelaw, Acclaimed British Actress
Readings from Samuel Beckett
Tawes Theatre, 8:00 p.m.†

Saturday 21
The Visual Artists' Union and Maryland Art Place present
Alternative Arts Programming for the Rural Arts Community
With Western Maryland Artist Don Cook
Sophie Kerr Room, 11:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Sunday 22
Gender Studies Reading Group
Meeting & Discussion: *The Making of Masculinity*
O'Neill Literary House, 1:30 p.m.

The Writers' Union presents
Sophomore / Junior Reading
O'Neill Literary House, 8:00 p.m.

Monday 23
Dance on Film:
Backstage at the Kirov
CAC Forum, 6:30 p.m.

W.C.'s Amnesty International and The Goldstein Program in Public Affairs present
Part 3 in a 4-part Series on human rights:
Human Rights Violations in Chilé
Veronica de Negri, Human Rights Advocate & Former Political Prisoner
Sophie Kerr Room, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday 24
The Department of History presents
The Guy F. Goodfellow Memorial Lecture in History
"The Dawning Light of a New Era:" Women's Quest for Learning in the Gilded Age
Professor Mari Jo Buhle, Brown University
Norman James Theatre, 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday 25
Advising Day (no class)

Campus Christian Fellowship presents
A challenging film: *It's Friday, But Sunday's Coming*
CCF Room, Minta Martin Basement, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday 26
The Lecture Series and the Anthropology Society present
The Cashinahua of Southeast Peru
Male Dominance: Myth or Reality
Professor Ken Kensinger, Bennington College
Sophie Kerr Room, 4:30 p.m.

International House presents
Native American Poetry and Politics
Lance Henson
Poetry Reading, followed by discussion
Sophie Kerr Room, 8:00 p.m.

†see related article

Collegiate Poets' Anthology

The American Collegiate Poets' Anthology is sponsoring their annual National College Poetry Contest. All accepted manuscripts will be published free of charge, and $250 in cash prizes will be awarded for the five best poems. Each entry should be typed, double-spaced, on a separate page, with a 14-line limit. Each page should bear name, address, and college attended in the top-left corner. There is a $3.00 fee per entry for the first poem, and a dollar apiece for each additional poem. Entries will not be returned.

Submissions should be sent to: International Publications, P.O. Box 44044-L, Los Angeles, CA 90044. Entries must be postmarked by March 31.

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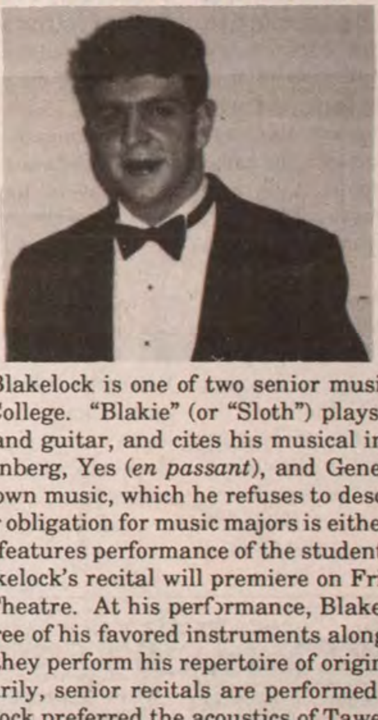
Student Profile: John Blakelock



John W. Blakelock is one of two senior music majors at Washington College. "Blakie" (or "Sloth") plays the euphonium, piano, and guitar, and cites his musical influences as Brahms, Schönberg, Yes (*en passant*), and Genesis. Blakie composes his own music, which he refuses to describe.

The senior obligation for music majors is either a thesis or recital, which features performance of the student's own compositions. Blakelock's recital will premiere on Friday, March 27 in Tawes Theatre. At his performance, Blakelock will be playing all three of his favored instruments along with other musicians as they perform his repertoire of original compositions. Ordinarily, senior recitals are performed in Norman James; Blakelock preferred the acoustics of Tawes.

Blakelock enjoys the music department here at WC. Although it is rather small, this serves to give him the personal attention and freedom of exploration which he enjoys. The one negative aspect of the musical atmosphere is the lack of a large concert band, which Blakelock participated in in his high school.

Blakie is the assistant musical director for the Drama Department production of Pippin which goes up in April; he will also be playing euphonium in the orchestra. He plays the same instrument in the Washington College Jazz Band.

In addition to musical talents, Blakelock has been on the Dean's List every semester since his arrival at W.C. He writes poetry and enjoys reading the works of Faulkner, Hemingway, Steinbeck, and Gerard Manley Hopkins. On the sports side, Blakie is a San Diego Chargers Fan. He also loves baseball, kicking the ceiling and enjoys playing home run derby. And last, but not least, Blakie loves his Tetris and his Little Debbie™ Snack Cakes.

Another Happy Day in Memory of Samuel Beckett

WC Becomes Center of Beckett Studies

The upcoming presentation of works by Samuel Beckett, to be given by the British actress Billie Whitelaw, is the latest in a series of performances and lectures on Irish novelist and playwright Samuel Beckett that have made Washington College a center for Beckett studies.

Beginning in December 1989, with a performance of *Krapp's Last Tape* by French actor Pierre Chabert, directed by Samuel Beckett, special events have included lectures by two of the foremost Beckett scholars; "Beckett Directing Beckett," by James Knowlson, Professor of French and Curator of the Beckett Archives at the University of Reading in England, and "Beckett and Women," by Linda Ben-Zvi, Professor of English at Colorado State University and author of *Women in Beckett*. In addition, the Washington College Drama Department will present a production of *Waiting For Godot*, Beckett's most famous work, in April of this year. This production marks the 25th anniversary of a 1967 production of this play at the college, and will feature Professor Bennett Lamond as Vladimir, the same role he played in 1967, and Professor Timothy Maloney, who formerly played Pozzo, as Estragon.

The two lectures, as well as the performances by Chabert and Whitelaw, have been arranged by Thomas Cousineau, WC English Professor and author of *Waiting for Godot: Form in Movement*. Cousineau has authored several articles about Beckett's plays and novels, and he is at work on a study of Beckett's trilogy of novels, *Molloy, Malone Dies,* and *The Unnameable*. This book, *Beckett's Trilogy: Representation and Performance*, is designed to make Beckett's self-declared but little read masterpiece more accessible to the general reader, according to Cousineau, who has studied Beckett in the United States and in Paris, the Irish writer's expatriate home for many years.

Cousineau considers the Billie Whitelaw performance a key event for this college. "We are extremely fortunate to have an actress of Whitelaw's caliber give this performance, as well as conduct acting workshops to better inform students of Beckett's working methods and intentions." This catalogue of events in memory of Beckett, who died in 1989, comes to a close this year.

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Actress Billy Whitelaw

Acclaimed Actress Reads from Works of Friend and Playwright

By **Amanda Burt**
Staff Writer

Billie Whitelaw, renowned British actress, will bring her experience with playwright and novelist Samuel Beckett to WC tonight as she reads from several of his pieces including "Not I," "Eh Joe" (both of which were written for her), "Happy Days," and "Rockabye." While Beckett was alive, Whitelaw had the unusual opportunity of working with him more than any other performer. During their twenty-eight year relationship, he directed her in five of his theater plays, two of his television plays, and two of his radio plays; in fact, she has worked with Beckett on all but three of his plays.

"It was an extraordinary experience to work with someone like Beckett for the length of time that I did," Whitelaw says. "He had integrity." Though Beckett would sometimes be unable to attend the final performance of his play, Whitelaw notes that she never worked without him since he was present at rehearsals. She recalls one experience where she rehearsed with Beckett over the phone when he could not physically be present.

Because Beckett was a perfectionist and became increasingly concerned with the visual image, Whitelaw admits that it was not easy to perform his plays. She says that they are physically demanding and often require the body to remain in unnatural positions for long lengths of time. "Footfalls" requires the spine to spiral around itself so that the body eventually becomes smaller and smaller.

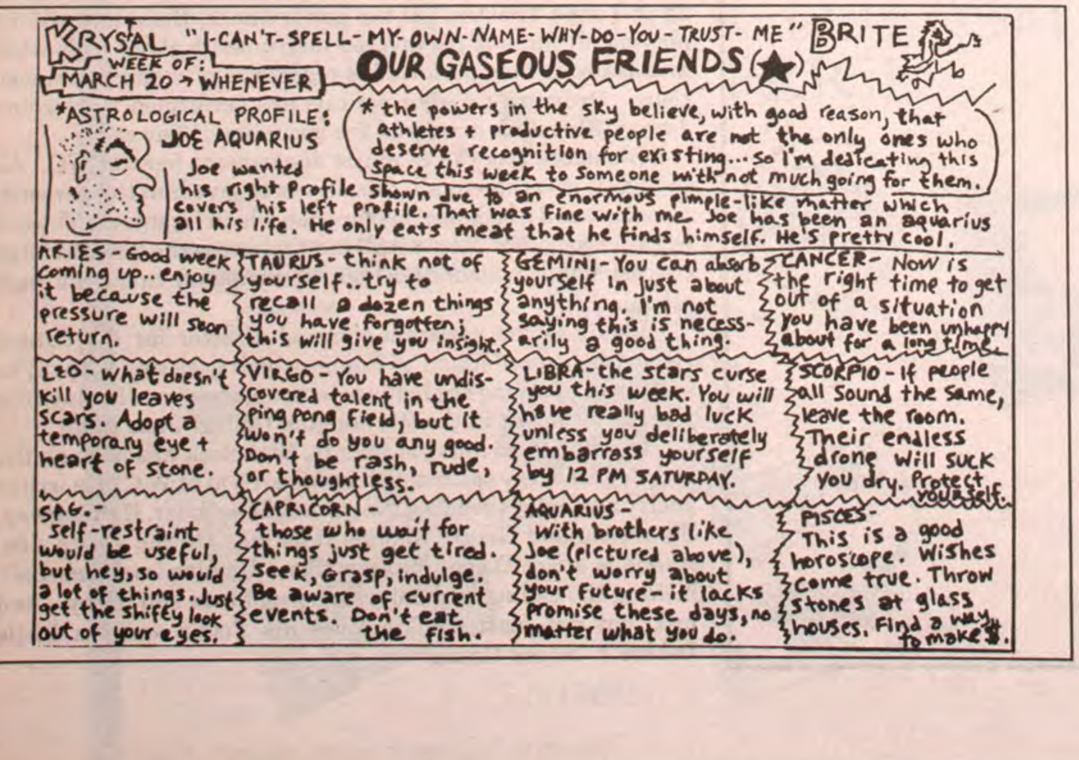
Tonight, Whitelaw will show a film recording of her performance of "Not I," a twelve minute production featuring nothing more than a speaking mouth. "What is on screen is as near as I've come to actually realizing what Beckett was trying to achieve with his artistic imagination," she says. Though Beckett wanted "Not I" to be performed in five minutes at the speed of thought, she notes that the play at this speed would be nothing more than an incoherent mumble.

Whitelaw's acting background aside from Beckett is extensive. As a member of the Royal Shakespeare Theater, she often performed twelve hour plays, a drastic change from Beckett's twelve minute plays. In addition, she was one of the founding members of London's National Theater when Lawrence Olivier was the Artistic Director and leading actor. During her time there, she worked with such distinguished performers such as Maggie Smith, Michael Redgrave, Albert Smith, and Robert Stevens.

While these works will not be staged as dramatic productions, Whitelaw will "perform" readings from the plays after discussing the settings of the plays and her work with Beckett on interpretation and performance. Whitelaw's grief at Beckett's death in 1989 has led her to stop performing his plays; recently, however, she has begun to present these staged readings. "I will probably be happiest doing them for students and talking about how we arrived at them," she said recently, "because that is what Beckett wanted me to do." During the past eight weeks, Whitelaw has visited other colleges on the East Coast, where she has spent time reading from Beckett's works, talking to students and taking the "mystique" out of his work. She spent five weeks at Smith College and shorter amounts of time at Dartmouth and Wellesley. She plans to return to England in mid-April.

While Whitelaw is better known in England, where she has appeared in more than 200 plays, films and television dramas and where she was made a Commander of the British Empire at the last Queen's Birthday Honors, she has been seen in the Albert Finney movies *Charlie Bubbles* and *Gumshoe* and in the recent films *The Dressmaker* and *The Krays*. Following her performance, Whitelaw will receive the Washington College Award for Excellence for her contributions to the world theatre.

Whitelaw's readings will be performed in Tawes Theater at 8 p.m., and admission is free.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Joe wanted his right profile shown due to an enormous pimple-like matter which covers his left profile. That was fine with me. Joe has been an aquarius all his life. He only eats meat that he finds himself. He's pretty cool.
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GEMINI - You can absorb yourself in just about anything. I'm not saying this is necessarily a good thing.
CANCER - Now is the right time to get out of a situation you have been unhappy about for a long time.
LEO - what doesn't kill you leaves scars. Adopt a temporary eye + heart of stone.
VIRGO - You have undiscovered talent in the ping pong field, but it won't do you any good. Don't be rash, rude, or thoughtless.
LIBRA - the stars curse you this week. You will have really bad luck unless you deliberately embarrass yourself by 12 PM SATURDAY.
SCORPIO - If people all sound the same, leave the room. Their endless drone will suck you dry. Protect yourself.
SAG. - self-restraint would be useful, but hey, so would a lot of things. Just get the shifty look out of your eyes.
CAPRICORN - those who wait for things just get tired. Seek, Grasp, indulge. Be aware of current events. Don't eat the fish.
AQUARIUS - With brothers like Joe (pictured above), don't worry about your future - it lacks promise these days, no matter what you do.
PISCES - This is a good horoscope. Wishes come true. Throw stones at glass houses. Find a way to make $.

Alternative Art Symposium

New Regions, a traveling symposium focusing on the development of art in rural areas, is coming to Washington College on Saturday. Maryland Art Place (MAP), a center for the arts in Baltimore, is taking this traveling forum to five different rural sites in Maryland, in the hopes of establishing a statewide rural network to share information, resources, and ideas.

The forum's first session runs from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. will include a general introductory discussion with visual aids, followed by a close-up look at a local arts project, *Artists Among Us: George's Creek Works.* There will be a break for lunch, and the later session, beginning at 2:00, will be a hands-on look at school-based alternative arts projects, *Drawing in the Natural World*. The mediator is Don Cook, a Western Maryland artist who has developed a number of alternative rural arts projects, including the ones presented in this symposium.

New Regions is free and open to the public and runs from 11:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. in the CAC Forum, Saturday, March 21. The three individual sessions allow for people with time conflicts to choose their area of interest. The project is co-sponsored by the Visual Artists' Union of Washington College.

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Season Opens at Cardinal Yards

Baseball Return Home After Tough Southern Road Trip

By **Jason Ronstadt**
Staff Writer

When a sizable group of Washington College students headed south to Florida for this years spring break, Coach Ed Athey's Shoremen baseball team followed in thier wake. But perusing the beach in search of sun and fun was hardly the first thing on the minds of the team. For Athey's bunch knew that waiting for them were the three toughest teams they would face all season long. Said coach Athey, "Anderson, Cortland, and Mansfield are all strong Division two and NAIA clubs whose coaches expected our team would be an easy victory." But by the end of the trip the Shoremen not only proved they were worthy competition in Florida, they also succeeded in convincing coach Athey of thier chances for an M.A.C. championship.

Unfortunately the teams success was not immediate. They opened the tournament with a resounding 22-2 defeat at the hands of Anderson College. Said Athey, "Our pitchers where having serious control problems and it was the only game all week that we didn't play sound baseball."

Such a loss might have caused many teams to lose hope. But the Shoremen rallied on the next game day, defeating Cortland 5-2. Junior Joe Boan lead the team with two home runs and three R.B.I., and Sophomore Keith Whiteford pitched a complete game. This was a big confidence builder for the Shoremen as Cortland went 27-11 last year and had a stint in the N.C.A.A. tournament.

Ace hurler, Kieth "Whitey" Whiteford, releases his smoking fastball

Photo by Gary Brown

The next game proved to be somewhat of a moral victory as the Shoremen's Sophomore Mitch O'Shea pitched a masterful game against Mansfield. Dan Coker, the Freshman from Calvert Hall High, once again proved his worth as a utility man. Says Coach Athey, "Danny is a key this year, his ability to step in and play short stop when Rory (Conway) is pitching makes us stronger in the infield." The final score ended in a 5-2 defeat, but once again the team had held thier ground in the presence of a formidable opponent.

The team closed out the week losing two hard-fought games to Anderson and Cortland. Against Anderson, Freshman Mike D'Andrea pitched well in relief of Rory Conway, and Senior John Morrall rocketed a home run in the third inning that may still be flying somewhere over the Gulf of Mexico. Washington lost 5-4 but won the respect they had lost at the beginning of the week.

Against Cortland, Sophomore Andrew Parks hammered a solo shot, but it wasn't enough as the Shoremen left six runners on base within a span of two innings. That was the difference as Washington fell 6-1 in thier final game of the week. Said Coach Athey about the final game, "We had them (Cortland) where we wanted them and we had plenty of guys get on base. Only thing was when we hit the ball, we hit it right at someone...That's Baseball for-yah."

Women Netters Begin Season

By **Gary Brown**
Sports Information Director

Washington returns its top six players in quest of a second straight Middle Atlantic Conference title in 1992 and a berth in the NCAA Division III Tournament. Paced by three-time All-American senior Tracy Peel, Washington looks to continue a string of dominance that reached a high point in last year's 9-0 win over Muhlenberg for the first MAC Championship in any women's sport in Washington College history.

Peel competed in her third straight NCAA Singles Championships last season, losing in the semifinal round after finishing second overall in 1989. She will team with sophomore phenom Pam Hendrickson to once again form an imposing doubles tandem that posted a 15-0 record during the regular season and swept their way to the MAC doubles crown with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Elizabethtown's Jodi Weidman and Amy Hite. Hendrickson, voted Washington's Most Valuable Player, advanced to the quarterfinals in the MAC Singles Tournament before losing to eventual conference champion Julie Shapiro of Swarthmore.

Washington also returns seniors Rachael Rice and Miriam Dittmann, and junior Jennifer Sloan, who combined for 25 regular season singles wins. Dittmann and Rice teamed to win 12 doubles matches as well. Sloan paired with freshman Kristy Karns to win 11 times in doubles. Karns was voted the team's Most Improved Player at the end of the campaign. The Shorewomen expect additional depth from newcomers Diana Clausen and Michelle (Lee) Russo in their hope's of continuing last year's success.

Tracy Peel

Photo By Gary Brown

The 15-2 campaign in 1991 was Washington's third straight winning season. The Shorewomen finished tied for 11th in the Volvo Collegiate rankings, and narrowly missed gaining an NCAA Tournament berth.

Two weeks ago this past Tuesday, the Shorewomen kicked off the '92 season with an impressive 9-0 victory over Wesley College, away. Top-seeded players Pam Hendrickson, Miriam Dittmann, and Jen Sloan easily defeated their opponents in singles competition, 6-0, 6-1; 6-0, 6-1; and 6-0, 6-0 respectively. In doubles competition, Washington's performance was equally impressive as the Shorewomen dropped their opponents in straight sets. Said Head Coach Tom Finnegan, "We had a pretty solid performance on Tuesday. We were pretty happy and we were glad that all eight women who made the trip got a chance to play."

This past week, the women's team travelled to Hilton Head where they fell just short of a .500 record on the road, returning with a final mark of 2-3, bringing their overall record to 3-3.

On Tuesday, March 17, the women travelled to Widener where they trounced the home team 9-0. Their next home match is against Towson State on March 31st. Come support the Shorewomen as they battle their way towards another successful season! (Apologies to the women's team from the Bleacher Creatures for the sparse coverage early on---we had a writer mix-up. Things will be back on course next week.)

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LAX Eyes New Locker Room, Tennis Basks in Hilton Head

Lifetime Fitness Center To Open this Weekend

By **Charlie Linehan**
& Chris Vaughn
Co-Sports Editors

As WC students returned from the balmy beaches of points South this past Monday, they were greeted with the announcement that the long-awaited opening of the Benjamin A. Johnson Lifetime Fitness Center was about to become a reality. After eight months of construction, the newest addition to a campus whose physical appearance has improved ten-fold over the last four years, is finally complete.

Unfortunately, the building will open in the midst of the storm of controversy over Washington College's tendency in recent years to concentrate on the aesthetic and athletic rather than on the educational aspects of the institution. With a large faction of the student body already upset with an athletic program which seems to overshadow Washington College academics, LFC advocates can hardly hope to avoid criticism in the first few months of the building's existence.

Without doubt, the academic problems at Washington College have reached an unacceptable level and it would hardly be worthwhile to rail on the new fitness center as just another notch in the belts of the athletes and aestheticians—the point has already been made and it's a little late to spend the money on other things. Besides, while the LFC may not be an absolutely necessary addition to the campus, it certainly does not rank up there (maybe 'down there' is a more appropriate phrase) with the CAC as just another expensive pile of bricks. In fact, the new fitness center is an impressive (and useful) facility which adds a Division I air to our small campus and which promises to serve as a link between the Chestertown and Washington College communities.

A few notable aspects of the new building include two squash courts and two racquetball courts with seating for spectators, a lacrosse locker room with an attached mud room and (how's this for state-of-the-art?) a hole in the top of every locker for storing lacrosse sticks (the soccer locker room, with special indentations in the top of every locker for storing soccer balls, will be unveiled at a separate ceremony later this week), a projector room with a movie screen ideal for viewing game films, a wellness room (??We're still looking for the definition on that one), a dance/aerobics studio with a 'Gerstein' floor (i.e. wood over a cushion surface to prevent shin splints, etc.), and finally, an enormous Holiday Spa-like weight room with state-of-the-art universal and free weights, a stereo system, and chin-up bars that look slanted but aren't.

And now for the main attraction, a gigantic multi-purpose athletic room with a Versaturf floor. A track runs around the outside of the room and the center can function as multiple basketball courts, multiple tennis courts, or any number of playing fields. Finally, the basketball hoops can be raised or lowered from a key panel which also controls the batting cage which can be lowered from the ceiling at the far end of the room.

The academic point has been made a million times and in the aftermath of the LFC opening it will probably be made a million more. However, the emphasis should probably be on the fact that athletic funding seems to be being used appropriately, in the creation of a facility which will certainly prove an asset to the College, while academic funding could be put to better use than the creation of colossal mailrooms and computer rooms which we can't even use.

LAX Wins First Three

By **Melissa Harmeyer**
Staff Writer

The men's lacrosse team remained busy over Spring Break with games against West Chester, Lynchburg and Western Maryland. Many did not know what to expect of the team this year but, three games into the regular season, the Shoremen are demonstrating that they can come out of the underdog situation and put a couple victories under their belt. Wednesday, March 4th, the Shoremen traveled to West Chester, a team they lost to by one point last year, and came out strong, pulling off a 22-6 victory. Jason Paige netted 7 goals, while Chris Cote had 5 goals and five assists. The Shoremen scored sixteen straight goals from 12:25 left in the first quarter to 14:15 left in the fourth quarter to go from one goal down to fifteen goals ahead. West Chester remained scoreless for 43:10 due to great defensive work and Andy Manos' five saves in the goal.

Saturday, March 7th, Lynchburg College traveled to Kibler Field and departed with their heads hung low, having lost14-12. Washington took control of 16 of the 22 faceoffs giving them an offensive advantage with stellar performances by Jason Paige, Freshman Greg Lawler, and Greg Mouracade. Tony Forti was key, saving 11 of 32 attempted shots on goal.

The Shoremen were scheduled to take on Johns Hopkins, Wednesday, March 14th but, due to the weather, the game was postponed. The Shoremen continued their winning streak with a 19-5 victory over the Green Terrors of Western Maryland. Many offensive players contributed to this win, including Jason Paige with five goals, Greg Lawler and Chris Sanchez with three each, and Harris Murphy and Kevin Knox who each netted two. Chris Cote, Bill Brimhall, Dave Lipinski, and Jamie Carver contributed one goal a piece. Washington netted 19 of 28 shots while the Green Terrors only netted 5 of their 12 attempted shots.

The men's lacrosse team challenged Navy this past Wednesday at Kibler Field and continue their schedule this Saturday with a home game against Colorado College at 1:00 PM. The Shoremen are off to a great beginning. Let's hope they can keep up the heart-stopping pace on the road to a victorious season!

Netters Net 6 and 2 Record At Hilton Head

By **Doug Hoffberger**
Staff Writer

Over Spring Break, the WAC men's Varsity Tennis Team travelled to Hilton Head, South Carolina improving their record to 6-2. The WAC netters had a busy schedule, having three practices and six matches seven out of the eight days they were in Hilton Head.

The netters arrived on March 7, unpacked and settled in. On March 8 they had their first match versus R.P.I. In the first of six matches, the Shoremen picked up where they left off against Wesley, winning all nine of their match-ups. Frank Hartwig, Alberto Diaz, Trevor "Walt Williams" Hurd, Emilio Bogato, Carlos Nuno,and Andy Bohutinsky, all were sucessful in their singles efforts. Later that same day, the Shoremen played their second match versus Washington, without an injury plagued Frank Hartwig to lead the pack in singles. The results of this match were the same as their first, making the Shoremen's first three matches of the season clean sweeps, 9-0. Freshman and Shoreman newcomer Jon Alexander also showed promise in his three set singles exhibition win. In doubles, Diaz and Hurd, Frank Hartwig and Emilio Bogato, and Andy Bohutinsky and Carlos Nuno, all had successful outings, boosting the teams doubles record to 9-0. Playing in their second match as a team, co-captain Jeff Rexford and Deepak Raja were victorious in their exhibition doubles match.

The first test of the season was to come three days after arriving at the Hilton Head resort. On March 10, the netters squared off against Jan Bortner's D1 Penn State Panthers, and without Hartwig in the line-up, the matches were sure to be nailbiters. Trevor "The Wizard" Hurd turned up the only win against Penn State, but Carlos Nuno took his opponent to three sets in singles, and took his opponents to three sets with teammate Andy Bohutinsky in doubles. The rest of the Penn state matches were hard fought, but the Shoremen failed to come up with the big points. Tim "Bird" Reardon and Deepak Raja also played an exhibition doubles match to gain some experience. Tim Gray stated that had Hartwig not been injured the outcome would have been closer if not a victory for the netters. The latter half of March 10 proved again that the Shoremen are contending for a national ranking, as they toppled Clark University by a score of 6-0, with the remaining three matches cancelled because of rain. March 11, was the only day of rest for the netters, and it fell right before their most important match of the season versus Emory University. On March 12, 1992, Frank Hartwig re-entered the line-up at the number one position beating the seventh seed in the nation, Todd Kennedy. Alberto Diaz rolled over the nation's twenty-first seed 7-5, 6-1. Trevor "The Terps are the Best" Hurd also had no struggle with the Twenty-sixth seed, Colin White, beating him 6-3, 6-2. After the first three match scores were in the books it was Washington College three, Emory goose-egg, but this would prove not to be the day for the Shoremen. After being up 5-1 in the first set, Emilio Bogato was defeated 7-6, 7-5. Carlos Nuno had three match points but couldn't hold on, losing 6-2, 2-6, 7-6. Andy Bohutinsky had a long three set match with Emory's Brett Cohen, coming up short in the end 7-6, 2-6, 6-3. Hartwig and Bogato had the only win in doubles for the Shoremen, But Diaz and Hurd tied their opponents up in a long three setter.

With the Emory match behind the Shoremen they went into their last day of matches on March 14, versus Averett College. The match took place at Averett, and the netters walked away victorious, 7-2.

"I feel the team got better as the week progressed, and the team as a whole was very satisfied with the results," stated Diaz. Trevor " Vince Broadnax is good " Hurd as well as Frank Hartwig did not lose a singles match during this Spring Break. The Shoremen, now 6-2, will defend their home court against Loyola on Wednesday, March 19, and will travel to Goucher College on Saturday, March 21 to better their record and their chances of becoming nationally ranked.

WC Athlete & Coach Receive National Recognition

Margaret Doyle powers past a tenacious defender

Photo courtesy of Trish McGee

Women's Lacrosse Begins '92 Season

By **Renee Guckert**
Staff Writer

Washington's women's lacrosse team travelled to Virginia the weekend of March 7-8 to face-off against some of the country's top squads including Ithaca, Kenyon, Bridgewater, and Ohio Wesleyan. While official statistics were not kept, it was evident to Coach Diane Guinan that WC's team held their own in this difficult preseason tournament. "We came together at a higher level than might have been expected at this time in our training," revealed Guinan. "We have a lot of new blood after losing eight starters, and I think that the group cohesiveness is really paying off." When asked about predictions for the upcoming season, Guinan acknowledged a relatively tough schedule for the Shorewomen. "The team is working hard, and I'm excited because the players are really supporting each other which I believe is a key ingredient for a successful season."

Behind the scenes of Washington's women's squad is Coach Guinan's right-hand woman, assistant lacrosse (and field hockey) coach, Lacy Frazer. Lacy, an Annapolis resident and currently a Washington D.C. club player, enters the WC lacrosse scene with an immense repertoire of athletic experience and accomplishment. Once a two time All-American lacrosse goalie at Connecticut College, Lacy ultimately graduated from University of Maryland in 1989 as an All-American attack player. She then went on to Anne Arundel Community College as head coach of the women's lacrosse team in 1991 and led the relatively inexperienced squad to an undefeated season—the first undefeated team in the school's history. Lacy's spunk, her winning nature, and her experience as both a coach and a team player are sure to make her an invaluable asset to Washington College athletics.

The women faced Widener away for their first true match of the season on Wednesday which will be in next week's issue. And don't miss tomorrow's first home game when the Shorewomen take on Franklin and Marshall at 1:00 p.m. Come out and cheer the team to victory!

Davenport to Join World Championship Team

Washington College Rowing Coach Mike Davenport has been selected as a boatman for the World Championship Team which will compete in Montreal, August 1-25, 1992. He will join managers Beth Laskey, Elise Lindborg and Bill Zack of the United States Rowing Association on the U.S. staff. As a boatman, Davenport will be responsible for the care, rigging, and maintenance of U.S. boats while at the games.

It is the fourth time that Davenport has been involved with a World Championship team. He was an assistant coach with the U. S. National Team in 1989, and he served as a manager for Team USA in the 1990 World Championships in Tasmania, Australia. Last summer, the second-year Shoremen skipper was a manager for the U.S. Team in the Pan American Games in Havana, Cuba.

World Rowing Championships are held each year, but because this is an Olympic year, the 1992 World Championships will consist of junior (18 and under) and lightweight crews. The Olympic Games do not sponsor events in those categories.

– Press Release

NEWT'S Player of the Week

Pam Hendrickson

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Welcome Back to the WAC ladies and gentlemen!! Do you know what time it is? It's PARTY TIME!! IN YER FACE!! You got it, Spiderman and the Vaughnster have returned to balmy Chestertown only to discover a new recipient of THE POST-PARTY FAUX PAS AWARD. This time our own lovely Rachael Rice followed in the footsteps of the previous winners and emptied the contents of an entire keg into her bathtub in order to remove the keg. That's right, an entire keg down the drain! What's up with that??

But that's not important now! The real news is this week's NEWT's POW. . . Sophomore Tennis Studette, Pam Hendrickson from Kutztown, PA. She has gone undefeated in the early part of this tennis season and looks to be a real powerhouse once again. While down in Hilton Head over Spring Break, she posted an amazing 9-0 singles/doubles record. Overall, she currently has an 11-0 mark for the season. Nice job Pam!!

Lester Earns All-MAC Honors

Washington College senior guard Allen Lester (Brookhaven, PA/Christian Academy) has been named to the All-Middle Atlantic Conference Southeast League squad.

Lester was one of five players to be named to the elite unit. He joins Widener's Brian Duffy and Chris Carideo, Jay Gangemi of Johns Hopkins and Scott Gibbons of Swarthmore on the all-star team. Hopkins coach Bill Nelson was acclaimed the league's Coach of the Year.

Lester led the 14-11 Shoremen in scoring with 15.4 points per game, and dished out a team-high 4.4 assists per contest. The 5'10" point guard was Washington's most consistent three-point threat, and his 74% accuracy from the charity stripe was tops among Shoremen starters. He scored the winning bucket with just eight seconds remaining to lift Washington over Roanoke in the championship game of Washington's Wild Goose Classic, and he led the squad in scoring 11 times. Lester scored in double figures in 24 of his 25 games, including a career-high 31-point effort against Roanoke.

Of course, this is quite an honor but, it doesn't quite compare to the accolade he achieved and acclaim he recieved as The Elm's first Newt's Player of the Week! Now that was recognition!

Last year's first team All-MAC center Darren Vican (Milford, DE/Milford) received honorable mention acclaim this season after placing third in the conference in rebounding and averaging 14.4 points per game.

– Press Release

Grand Opening of Fitness Center

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Attackman Jason Paige adroitly pivots around a Lynchburg defender. Jason, a transfer from Syracuse University, plays an integral part in WC's offensive system this year. He leads the charts with 16 goals and 3 assists for a combined effort of 19 points. Look for him to continue leading the already powerful attack Coach Corcoran has managed to build for this year's effort.

Pam Hendrickson: NEWT'S Player of the Week

Scores

WC Baseball	
Washington	5
St. John Fisher	0
Men's Lacrosse	
Washington	22
Westchester	6
Washington	14
Lynchburg	12
Washington	19
Western MD	5
Women's Tennis	
Washington	9
Widener	0

On Deck

Men's Lacrosse
Colorado College
Mar. 21 Home 1:30 PM

Baseball
Western MD
Mar. 25 Home 1:00 PM

Women's Lacrosse
Franklin and Marshall
Mar. 21 Home 1:00 PM

Rowing
Skidmore Mar. 21 Home

Softball
Franklin and Marshall
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Mar. 21 Home 11:00 AM

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H near 50, L near 30
Sun.: Partly cloudy
H near 50, L near 30

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KKK To Rally in Galena

By **Chris Mihavetz**
Staff Writer

Over the past two weeks, some Washington College students have been surprised to find Ku Klux Klan literature left on the windshields of their cars. The cards found on the the windshields bear the name of the national organization, "Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan", and the name of a local chapter in Cecil County. The cards also include the addresses of the Klan's state office in North East, Maryland and the International office in North Carolina.

According to Maureen McIntire, Dean of Student Affairs, several groups of students informed her that they had found the cards on their windshields after the past two Saturday nights. Dean McIntire also said that some students reported finding a Klan newspaper publication in addition to the cards. Official college policy states that outside organizations may not distribute literature or even post notices without permission from either the President's office, the Dean's office, Student Affairs, or Public Affairs. Dean McIntire said that "most groups are really good about that, even with small things, but they [the Ku Klux Klan] definitely did not check because I cannot imagine anyone here giving them permission."

Recently, the Ku Klux Klan has received a lot of local attention over their proposed march in Elkton. Originally scheduled for April 4, the anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the KKK changed the date of the Elkton march to April 11 following serious protest. The Elkton Town Council still turned the proposal down on the grounds that such a march might endanger public safety.

According to the March 25 issue of *The Kent County News*, the KKK will be handing out literature in Galena on Saturday, April 4, the original date of the proposed march in Elkton.

" 'We're going to be in the main intersection in Galena,' a man identifying himself as KKK leader Chester J. Doles said in a phone call to the newspaper Monday. He said twenty members may participate." The Rev. C. Edwin Hunter, president of the Kent County chapter of the NAACP, told *Kent County News* that "Their (KKK) pre-existing scare tactics against individuals will not be tolerated. Individuals should have the right to pursue happiness and joy in their own areas. And the branch will oppose anything that will prevent people from pursuing those rights as guaranteed by the Constitution." *Kent County News* also reported that County Sheriff William T. Bright said his department would be ready in the event of a gathering of Klan members, but that the gathering was legal. "I don't know of any state law prohibiting it , unless they interfere with traffic."

The "Invisible Empire" was unavailable for further comment on either the campus literature distribution or the gathering in Galena.

WC Erects Front Gate

By **Sabrina Kenny**
"Bricks &Mortar" Reporter

Two massive forty-foot brick walls are currently being erected near the intersection of Washington Avenue and Greenwood Avenue to serve as a formal entryway to the campus. This "front gate" will re-centralize the entrance of the college to lead to the Casey Academic Center, which houses the Admissions Office. Serving as an aesthetic point of recognition, the gate will designate a symbolic main entrance to Washington College.

The new gate is the next major step in the "Master Plan" for Washington College, which was begun under the Cater administration. Conceived from the inception of the Master Plan, the gate will stand as a key marker, outlining the north entrance near the Cullen dorms. This entrance was donated by Betty Casey, who has been very supportive of Washington College's Master Plan. The gate will be comprised of the two forty-foot brick walls, a stone panel with "bronze-looking" letters, and a broken pediment. At night, the stone panel will be illuminated, and, later, landscaping will be added to create an eye-pleasing entrance. Currently, excavation for the walls' foundations has been completed, and, weather permitting, layers of brick will soon be able to be seen. This project was designed by Warren Peterson, the same architect who created the Casey Academic Center.

Art on the Cater Walk

By **John Goebel**
Photography Editor

The Czechoslovakian road-signs which were posted on the Cater Walk over the weekend were made by Deb Kulich, a senior art student. They were a part of her senior thesis show that is opening on April 24 at Tawes Theater. Two other seniors, Andrea Buchart and John Goebel, and the rest of the department are going to show paintings, sculpture, pottery, drawings and photos that were done this year.

The show started early for Deb because she is working on themes involving installations (installations are non-traditional art spaces that use the space as part of the art work). The theory that she explores are ideas of partial information and disjuncted signifiers. The foreign country road-signs on campus not only lost their language-based sense here, but also their visual sense. If the viewer wants to make sense of the signified condition and make more than a passive experience of Deb's piece, then they come to realizations about the singularities of understanding (how shared is our understanding, even at the most base levels such as with road-signs), and the nature of objects and signifiers in visual and verbal language.

One of the more interesting aspects of the installation was their vandalism; some people tore a few of them down. It seems as though other student's work and world signs seem to frustrate people. Others were confused or amused by her work. Deb's signs were successful in illustrating the manner with which we deal with the world of information.

Photo by John Goebel

Czechoslovakian parking sign on campus?

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Women in the Military?

This week's symposium between West Point cadets and Washington College students explores the possibility of equal rights for women in the military.

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Budget Analysis

Check out the ELM's in-depth feature on where the money comes from, and where it goes.

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Milkshake Mayhem

After several years of intense research, ELM food critic, Adam Brown, finally presents his long-awaited and controversial report on the best damn milkshake in the greater Chestertown area.

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Editorial

Milkshakes & Cigarettes

This week's flag (the newspaper's nameplate on the front page) was printed by Mike Kaylor, Director of the Literary House Press, to resemble the great penny-press papers of the nineteenth century. Such publications as James Gordon Bennett's *New York Herald*, William Hearst's *New York Journal*, and Joseph Pulitzer's *New York World*. To exist in a saturated market (by 1910, some twenty-five of these dailies existed in NYC alone) these editors needed to separate their papers from all the rest. Great time, energy, and invention were invested to ensure these papers possessed a distinct personality, which inadvertently reflected that of their editors. A decisive element in this distinction soon became the editorial page. News was news, and was often only distinguished from its competitors by its by-line, not its content. But editorials, these newspapermen discerned, could establish their paper's 'unique' personality, while in turn, expressing their own through scathing opinion and criticism.

No holds were barred in these early columns. Sensationalism, muck-raking, and personal attacks proved popular with readers. Impressed that their words could meld public opinion, these editors directed their editorial efforts in stronger, more affecting arenas than mere character. Hearst's editorials almost single-handedly initiated the Spanish-American War. Pulitzer convinced the public to elect Grover Cleveland in 1884, and then called for his resignation two years later. Bennett's editorials were so arrogant and demeaning towards other editors, that these men would wait outside the *Herald* office for him, wanting to brawl.

I write my own **ELM** editorials on Wednesday nights, usually around four a.m., after the majority of the paper has been completed. Many of you have encouraged me to utilize this space more appropriate to pertinent issues on campus. Use the form as it was intended; use your editorial power correctly since many people read your column. I'd like to think I've warmed up to this challenge. In the past few weeks, I've done my best to fan the coals of war here at WC. Gotten so confident that if Hurtt Derringer of the *Kent County News* rolled into Reid Hall fists clenched and ready, I just might step to him.

But then again I have a problem with the cut-throat standards set by my great penny-press predecessors. In many ways the **ELM** mirrors elements of my own personality. In fact it reflects the collected character of all its editors. I watch as our creation takes shape every week. It demands our attention, all our time, energy, creativity. And then in the wee hours of Wednesday morning I attempt to recreate this process in the only section of the paper that is truly my own. Anger, intellect, and humor are my chief tools of expression. My friends and even the occasional Oliver Stone movie reference makes an appearance in my column. That I can't help, and have no intent to change. That's my personality.

A friend recently asked me if the sole reason for my wanting this job was for the power. You're on a power trip aren't you Pat? she asked me. I only wish. I liken my relationship to this paper as a marriage, one in which I have limited control. My wife demands my strictest attention. She does not allow me to drink at Newt's on Wednesday nights, nor does she feel my sleep takes precedence over her well-being. In six weeks she will leave me for another editor and there's not a thing I can do about it. Power, you say? If this is power, than I'm staying single.

I take a secret pleasure in annoying her through my editorials. Loosely disguised under 'opinion and commentary', I get to say whatever I want for at least a few paragraphs. I can disregard facts, political correctness, even accuracy to achieve any desired effect. If done correctly, I can influence public opinion. Hearst once said of his editorial policy, "The public will believe what I tell them to believe."

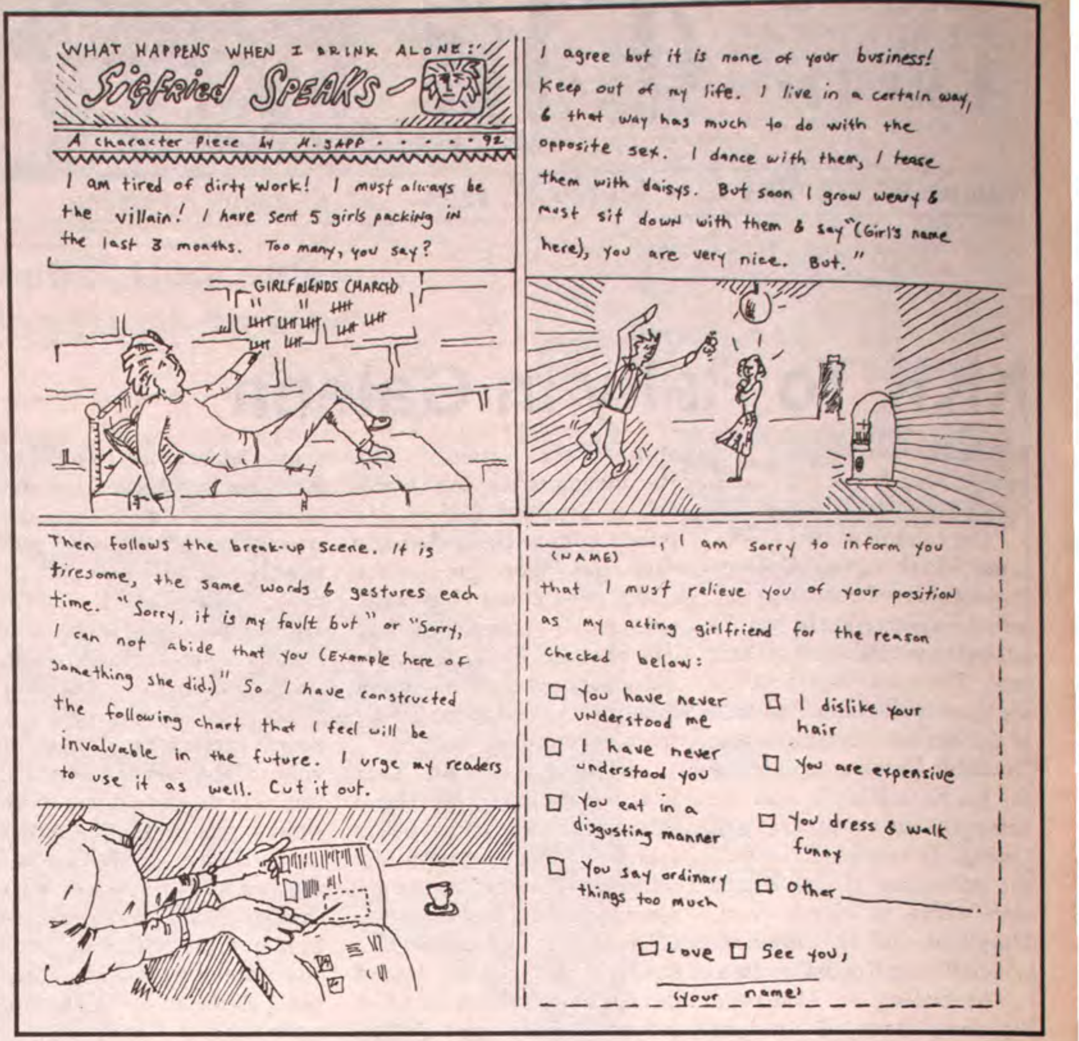
But I'm not Hearst. After returning from the printer on Thursday nights, I imagine how much difference my editorials will have at WC. I dream of controlling public opinion, of putting words in people's mouths. My words. Next day I wake up and fully expect the world to be different. I walk around campus absorbed in my power waiting to hear my words coming out of all your mouths.

I thought about writing this week's editorial on the KKK march in Galena. But those bastards do not deserve any more press than they already steal. Then I considered focusing on women's rights or even the Greek system. I can just imagine the informative/objective commentary I'd come up with regarding those topics. Try as I did, nothing that revolutionary came to mind this week. Believe me, I was worried. Nothing earth-shattering this week. But I think that's OK.

Instead of burning some bridges this past week, I fixed one. Had a sit-down, a pow-wow, a mending of ways with an old friend that was long over-due. This treaty took place in the Coffeehouse over milkshakes and cigarettes. The earth did not move, my words did not come out of this person's mouth, but yet, the ever-important, "Pat, sometimes you're so full of shit."

Friends, public opinion is alive and well at Washington College. Not from a tyrannic editor but from the individuals who read this column. I'll be back in true form next week, but for now I'm enjoying this warm feeling. What do they call it? Compassion, yeah, that's it. My personality (and in turn my editorials) have two sides. One being that Casey building editorial, the other this week's column. I don't think I have to mention which one's full of shit.

Do yourself a favor, call an old friend. Sit down over milkshakes and cigarettes and conversation. I won't put any words in your mouth, but here are some I've found to be very effective: "I'm sorry."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I am tired of dirty work! I must always be the villain! I have sent 5 girls packing in the last 3 months. Too many, you say?
GIRLFRIENDS (MARCH)
I agree but it is none of your business! Keep out of my life. I live in a certain way, & that way has much to do with the opposite sex. I dance with them, I tease them with daisys. But soon I grow weary & must sit down with them & say "(Girl's name here), you are very nice. But."
Then follows the break-up scene. It is tiresome, the same words & gestures each time. "Sorry, it is my fault but" or "Sorry, I can not abide that you (Example here of something she did.)" So I have constructed the following chart that I feel will be invaluable in the future. I urge my readers to use it as well. Cut it out.
_____ (NAME), I am sorry to inform you that I must relieve you of your position as my acting girlfriend for the reason checked below:
☐ You have never understood me
☐ I have never understood you
☐ You eat in a disgusting manner
☐ You say ordinary things too much
☐ I dislike your hair
☐ You are expensive
☐ You dress & walk funny
☐ Other _____.
☐ Love ☐ See you,
_____ (your name)

Letter to the Editor

It Doesn't Look Greek To Me!

Dear Editor,

It was once said by a great man, "Ignorance breeds rumors without substance," it is with this quote in mind that I feel I must address several rumors which are truly lacking of truth.

Several weeks ago, the **ELM** published a letter to the editor that was supposed to be written about truth, but its point was more of satire and sarcasm. This letter discussed how a person who is a member of the organization formerly called Phi Sigma Kappa, was caught using a fake I.D. at Newt's. Using a fake I.D. is commonplace in today's society, but the letter dealt very little with the actual problem of telling the truth. For instance, this person said that he wanted to go out drinking with his fraternity brothers. This in itself is an untruth. He does not belong to a fraternity, but instead belongs to a social drinking club that consists of members from this college.

A fraternity is a social organization, and arguably, there are eight social organizations on this campus. But only Six of these organizations are Greek letter fraternities and sororities. Six out of Eight, equals 75 %, this is true. Why do you think it is 75% of these organizations have a national affiliation ? I mean anyone could start a social organization: $50 a year dues, could pay for a keg for every person, and then still have money, to buy t-shirts for every member, or other symbols of membership... The reason why the majority of social organizations on this campus have maintained a national affiliation, is because their organizations mean more to them than a drinking club !

Fraternities and sororities do have a good time. We have a very good time. Sure there are lots of rules, but more importantly there are also lots of goals. A person that attends college should not only do so to help themselves and their families, but also to add something back to the community. A good fraternity or sorority, exemplifies this. Greek letter organizations usually have national philanthropies to which every chapter must contribute. As well community service plays a large part of many Greek organizations.

All six of the Greek organizations on campus have rules to maintain standards. Standards, because the organizations that their members are joining are not only affiliated with this campus, but also with a much larger national organizations. The benefits of a national organization are quite numerous. Not only do you have a common bond with people from your chapters at Washington College, but you have a common bond with people in organizations around the United States, and you have similar bonds with people that belong to other organizations. To see these bastardized forms of so-

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Equal Rights for Women in the Military?

By **Amanda Burt**
Staff Writer

The Washington College chapter of Phi Sigma Tau, the Philosophy Honors Society, and the WC Philosophy Club will present "A Symposium on Women in the Military: Equal Rights?" beginning at 1 p.m on Saturday, March 28 in the Sophie Kerr Room as part of the program celebrating the centennial anniversary of the matriculation of women at Washington College. The third annual symposium features faculty and student participants from Washington College and the United States Military Academy at West Point.

"What is unique about this symposium," says Dr. David Newell, Professor and Chair of WC's department of Philosophy and Religion, "is that students are primary. Students respond to students." He notes that a typical symposium might involve a guest speaker who becomes engaged in discussion primarily with members of the faculty rather than students.

Student participation will indeed highlight tomorrow's symposium, as students from Newell's "The Ethics of War and Peace" seminar will read from papers that were written for his course. Although Newell's seminar began after the decision was made to make "Women in the Military" the subject of the symposium, his course material is oriented toward tomorrow's topic. When his students submitted a mix of papers that addressed the various related issues of women in combat, Newell found that many of the papers were written from a personal perspective. The three students who agreed to revise their papers for the symposium will read in a portion of the symposium called "Three Voices," a title which reflects the personal nature of the individual topics.

Before Newell's students speak, Lieutenant Colonel Paul Christopher, Ph.D. and Associate Professor of Philosophy at West Point, will give his opening talk titled "Women in Combat: What's at Stake?" at 1:00 p.m. Then at 1:30, Eric Forste will moderate the "Three Voices" portion of the symposium. Katrina Beernink will first address the issue of whether or not women should be drafted, then Kristina Clary will confront the suitability of women for combat with her case study showing that women can survive intensive abuse in a POW situation. Finally, Cathy Lease will discuss the different conflicts between pacifism and feminism.

After a brief break at 2:15, the debate, titled "Women Should be Allowed in Combat," will begin with Jennifer Gilday moderating. Pamela Feeney and Kristin Wallenberg will argue for women's rights to engage in combat, while Timothy Stoltzfus and Keith Erickson will oppose them.

Throughout the entire symposium, the cadets, who will remain in the audience, will interact with the speakers. Dr. Kevin Brien, Associate Professor in the Department of Philosophy and Religion at WC, looks forward to active participation from the cadets. "They are always very focused," he notes, adding that "this year there will also be more female cadets here."

The topic of the first symposium two years ago addressed "Just War Theory," while last year's subject centered on environmental issues. Brien comments that it was an unusual experience to listen to an officer from West Point criticize certain military procedures which are detrimental to the environment. Both Brien and Newell hope to make a tradition of the symposiums at WC, as West Point expresses a strong interest in continued participation.

Washington College Students Invade Jamaica

By **Adria Nesberg**
Staff Writer

Student Activities Director Teri Turmel and fifteen Washington College students spent their Spring Break relaxing on the beaches of Jamaica. The trip was arranged by the WC Office of Student Activities and coordinated by Turmel. The group spent their seven days in the tropical paradise on a variety of activities, including sunbathing, snorkeling, and attending reggae concerts. One student even showed a native child how to build a sand castle. The S.T.S. sponsored a number of trips, including a sunset cruise. Washington College did not have the only contingent of students in Jamaica. Other institutions which sponsored trips to Jamaica for Spring Break were Boston College, Georgetown University, the United States Naval Academy, the University of Richmond, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The **ELM** spoke with a number of the vacationers and all were enthusiastic about their Spring Break trip. For junior Carolyn Athey, "the trip was beneficial, a break from the pace in Maryland . . . relaxing and educational. I came back appreciating the U.S. a little more." Athey particularly enjoyed the trip to Negril, where Teri Turmel and a number of the students dove from a 45 foot cliff. She also recalled the numerous craft markets, the smelly pool, and says it was "neat to see a different culture."

Sophomore Margaret Walker said, "I enjoyed myself and learned about another culture." "It was fun to go with people I didn't know from the school." For culture, Debbie Spence and a friend rented a moped and traveled the countryside, but as she said, "it's hard to fit everything in a week."

Junior Carrie Dougherty stated that "it was a relaxing time. I enjoyed the food at a pork-pit and the reggae bands playing American music in a reggae format." She also mentioned that "the people were interesting." Junior Jane Kennedy enjoyed the trip because Jamaica was a "great vacation spot."

Melana and Sarah wanted to remind those who went to Negril of the "magic bus ride back." It's their fondest memory. Finally, Sophomore Bill Bloom talked about the sight-seeing excursions and the two-and-a-half hour bus ride during which the students enjoyed the sights of the Jamaican countryside. He said the Jamaicans he met "were friendly people willing to help you out." Turmel summed it up by saying, "It was a very worthwhile trip, I'm glad I did it. It was a great experience."

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SGA Report

The Senate and Executive Board of Washington College met in the Casey Academic Center Forum on Tuesday, March 24 for their first meeting since the return from Spring Break. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 31 at 9 p.m. in the CAC Forum. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Academic Council Proposes Minimum GPA for Graduation

The Student Academic Council is considering a proposal which would require seniors to achieve a minimum GPA of 2.0 in order to graduate. Currently, approximately 5% of the students who graduate from Washington College each year have a GPA which is under 2.0.

SGA Dress Code Proposed

Senator Doug Peterson submitted a proposed amendment to the SGA Constitution which would mandate a dress code for the SGA. Male members of the SGA would be required to wear a shirt and tie or turtleneck with a sports coat. Female members of the SGA would be required to wear a blouse with a skirt or appropriate dress slacks. SGA members who violated the dress code or "whose dress does not convey the image desired for itself by the SGA" would be marked absent for that meeting. (SGA procedures call for impeachment after three unexcused absences.) The SGA President would have the final say on the appropriateness of dress. This proposed amendment will be discussed at the next meeting of the Senate on Tuesday, March 31 at 9 p.m. in the Casey Forum.

Taylor to Discuss Evaluation Forms

Whitney Myrus, chair of the Senate committee examining the new evaluation forms, reported that his committee will meet with Dean Taylor to discuss the forms.

Funding

$221 was allocated to provide for the housing of two comedians and a band with the stipulation that future contracts will be clarified to state that the SGA will not be responsible for housing.
The Spanish Honor Society received $200.
A $200 deposit for a hot-air balloon was approved. More details on the balloon rides next week.
$450 was approved to pay for the comedian for the April 1st Comedy Club.

Campus Lighting

Senator John Phoebus discussed the campus lighting issue. Some lights in the Reid parking lot will be replaced and set at different angles to light up the back of the lot. President Trout and Clint Baer will be making a walking tour of the campus one evening to determine which areas are poorly lit and need attention. Students with specific concerns may wish to join the tour.

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cial organizations on campus is not only sad, but it hurts the Greek system, and also the college. I am offering the truth to these organizations, both to new members and old, as well as innocent observers. YOU ARE NOT GREEK. It is easy to try and reap the benefits of other peoples hard work. With WC's improving of the honor code, it has been getting less and less easy. Isn't it kind of funny to watch many people working so hard to become a part of nothing ? I do have some sympathy for the members of the organization formerly called Lambda Pi Delta, because I feel as if their situation was forced upon them somewhat.

Specifically it is saddening to see an organization whose goals are things such as stealing from dormitories, or drinking as much as you can in a locked room to make a collection of defecations, urine and yak, so you can pour it on a college building. I bet the job market is waiting for your resumes. In sanitation.

On a specific note, at the Debate Society topic of "Should This House Abolish The Greek System" it was improperly stated that my fraternal organization KAPPA ALPHA ORDER was a racist one. THIS IS A FALSE ACCUSATION. I am not a racist, nor do I respect people that are, but find it interesting that people are willing to listen to claims instead of researching the truth. Rumors without substance.

It is true that KA is a Southern fraternity. Half of America is the South, and just because you are Southern, does not make you a racist. Our fraternity is based upon the ideas of a Southern Gentleman in conjunction with the ideas of chivalry. The Southern Gentleman that was our spiritual founder was Robert E. Lee, and he was quite a man of substance. To classify KA as racist for following his teachings is ludicrous. Lee represented the South during the Civil War, but he himself was not a slave owner. After the Civil War was over, Lee was voted unanimously by the board of trustees of Washington College (Lexington, Virginia, now called Washington and Lee) to be their president. On the sheer word of Lee's addition to W & L, enrollment tripled. His two rules at Washington College were that every person has to strive to achieve "Excellence", and that "every man should act as a gentleman". Lee even developed a definition of a gentleman, which you may see prominently displayed on shirts belonging to members of my fraternity. That is the truth. If you have any questions relating to the contrary any member of our organization would be happy to answer them.

I can respect a person's choice to remain independent, the Greek system is not for everyone. However, there are six Greek social organizations on campus which are striving for more than just cheap beer, drugs, and defecating on everyone including themselves. That is the truth.

Why write this to the **ELM**? I think people should really think of the organization they are supporting when they buy t-shirts, and or pay to get into a party. If you disagree with the organization, then don't support it.

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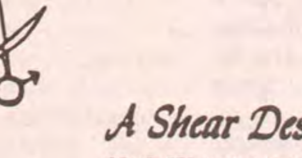

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*The **ELM** met with Gene Hessey, Senior Vice President of Management and Finance, on Wednesday, March 25 to discuss Washington College's budget. Revenues and expenditures for fiscal year 1990-1991 were as follows:*

	FY 1990-91
Gross Revenue	
Tuition & Fees	$10,188,712
Government Appropriations	$1,564,622
Government Grants	$282,066
Private Gifts	$1,047,116
Endowment Income	$1,116,219
Room & Board	$3,112,458
Other Auxiliary Revenue	$2,272,699
Miscellaneous Income	$184,817
Total Revenues	$19,778,709
Current Fund Expenditures	
Instruction	$3,956,415
Academic Support	$1,140,301
Student Services	$1,310,396
General Administration	$713,646
General Institutional	$1,970,476
Plant	$1,879,954
Student Aid	$3,236,083
Total E. & G.	$14,207,271
Mandatory Transfers	$668,586
Total E. & G. and Mandatory Transfers	$14,875,857
Room, Board & Auxiliary	$4,721,021
Total Expenditures and Mandatory Transfers	$19,596,878
Excess of Current Revenues over Exp. and Mandatory Transfers	$181,831
Non-Mandatory Transfers	$39,641
Net Increase in Current Fund Balance	$221,472
Current Fund Balance	$1,301,532

ELM Explores WC Budget

Hessey explained the items in Washington College's budget to the **ELM** when we spoke with him on Wednesday.

On the revenue side, Washington College receives most of its money for operating costs from student tuition and fees. Government appropriations refers to all grants from the state of Maryland. Government grants refers to federal grants, such as Pell, SEOG, and Work Study. Other auxiliary revenues refers to income derived from the Bookstore, Snack Bar, Summer Conferences, and nominal athletic gate receipts. Miscellaneous income is short-term investment of operating cash.

On the expenditure side, instruction refers to faculty salaries and departmental costs. Academic support consists of the Dean's Office, Miller Library, Audio-Visual Department, International House, Science Dorm, Math Workshops, and pre-med and pre-law advising programs. Student services consists of Student Affairs, Health Service, Career Development, Admissions, Financial Aid, and the Registrar's Office. General administration refers to the President's Office, Business Office, certain costs associated with the Hynson-Ringgold House, and discretionary funds of the President. General institutional expenditures consist of the expenses of the Board of Visitors and Governors, Central Services, Public Relations, campus phone costs, institutional printing, and insurance for the college. Plant refers to the expenses of the Maintenance Department, excluding Hodson Hall and the dormitories. Student aid refers to expenses for financial aid. (In 1991, the college portion of this figure was $2.4 million.) Mandatory transfers consist of principal interest on debt. Room, board and auxiliary expenses detail the costs of the auxiliary operations (see above) and residence hall operations. Non-mandatory transfers includes capital expenditures which were unfunded by gifts.

Hessey reported that the current budget pinch at Washington College is the result of several factors. The major cause of WC's budgetary woes was the loss of over $380,000 in state funding. Other causes were the recession which may result in the college not meeting its gift targets for next year, a decline in the interest rate which resulted in the loss of endowment income, and the fact that the college did not meet its enrollment goals for this academic year. The college instituted a 10% across-the-board budget reduction at the beginning of this academic year to counter these declines. However, continued budgetary problems required the administration to request an increase in tuition and fees for the 1992-1993 academic year. As the budget shows, tuition,fees, room and board are the primary sources of revenue for the college. With a decline in government appropriations, endowment income, and an anticipated decline in private gifts, total student costs had to be increased to make up the difference.

Hessey also explained that the figure for current fund balance is slightly misleading because over $800,000 of the $1.3 million was given for restricted purposes. For example, a gift restricted for a scholarship which was presented to the college in April could not be spent that academic year because financial aid for that year would already be allocated. The gift would then be held in the restricted fund balance and would likely be spent the next year.

Between 50 and 60% of the students at Washington College receive some sort of need-based financial aid, grants, loans, or work-study. Ellen Taylor Levin, the Director of the Financial Aid Department, reported that student financial aid awards for the 1991-1992 academic year consisted of 73% grants, 24% loans, and 3% work-study. Of the money awarded for financial aid, 62% came from Washington College, 29% from federal appropriations, 8% from state funds, and 1% from other sources, including private gifts.

In Search of Chestertown's Perfect Milkshake

Adam Brown, on a quest for the perfect milkshake, tried every shake in the area, including joints across the Chester River but not counting phony fast food shakes such as Burger King. Out of the shakes he tried, eight deserved rating, and this man has tasted enough milkshakes that you can take his word on the best and the worst. If the word connoisseur can apply to milkshakes, Brown gets that title, and here's his picks.

8. **Barker's** My accomplice and I asked for samples after seeing the big notice on the door: "We now have Milkshakes." The man behind the counter denied it. We were halfway out the door when he told us to stop, said he would get us shakes. We waited. He ordered an assistant to make them, she vanished behind a door somewhere. It's a bad thing when they don't want you to see what they're doing. I had the unfortunate feeling they hadn't ever made milkshakes before. We waited a long time and my accomplice started pulling a nervy. He said we should leave, he didn't like the looks of it. After about two years, the shakes were ready. Don't ever get a shake at Barker's. No flavor, except an aftertaste of spicy onion that grows stronger the nearer you get to the bottom. Painful to finish.

7. **Downey's** Slimy and the women don't know what kind of ice cream they use. Tastes like the fake stuff. No texture.

6. **Bowling Alley** Lacks thickness and texture, but the flavor's alright. Nice atmosphere and they've got lots of other good food: burgers,. onion rings, fried mushrooms. They've got bowling, too.

5. **Snack Bar/Coffee House** Oftentimes too light on the syrup and winds up tasting bland. I've had shakes there that tasted like straight up milk. Depends on who's mixing them.

4. **The Suds 'n' Soda Shake** Strong on the chocolate, good flavor and consistency. Lacks the zing of greatness, though.

3. **Ellen's Coffee Shop** A very good shake. Chocolate and creamy and leaves you feeling like you just had a meal. May be better than a three, but the waitresses are rude and you have to sit down.

2. **Handy Way Quick Shop** It's on 514, by the Detention Center. They never have chocolate. Had it once for three days, then it was gone. I get the Chocolate Peanut Butter, and it's good. A big shake, you can drink half and save the rest for later (put it in your fridge, stupid). They use Home Chum brand ice cream, import it from Pennsylvania, and they're the only shop in this area that carries it. A solid shake, delivers that fleeting taste of otherness like all great shakes do.

1. **Stam's** Hand's down, the winner. Don't try to lead or follow, just get out of the way. Don't ask these ladies what kind of ice cream they use or how much syrup they put in. Don't ask any stupid questions, just stand back and let them work. They know they've got the best shake in town. Stam's destroys the competition with glee and zero remorse. Every cup is consistently perfect in all respects. It's the absolute, metaphors can't contain it. A deadly milkshake they make. The *übermensch* of milkshakes. Call it the *ubershake.*

Fear Galena? You Bet!

> *The Negro must always guard against the danger of becoming ashamed of himself and his past . . .*
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> *There is much in the heritage of the Negro that each of us can be proud of.*
>
> *The oppression that we have faced, partly because of the color of our skin, must not cause us to feel that everything non-White is objectionable.*
>
> *The content of one's character is the important thing, not the color of the skin.*
>
> *We must teach every Negro child that rejection of heritage means loss of cultural roots, and that people who have no past have no future.*
>
> - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr
>
> **Ebony**, January 1958

Zylia N. L. Knowlin

All our parents have struggled to give us the things in life that are most important -- such as life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. So tell me, who has the right to try and take away these privileges that we so often take for granted? Well, as we learn from living there are always going to be those who feel that they are somehow superior and far exceedingly better than all others. You read in history classes, of past people, such as the Nazis, that massacred thousands of people. You read about people who want to take away the right to abortion. And of course the Ku Klux Klan and their lynchings of African-Americans and other minorities. The one thing that history teaches is how these people choose to kill and mock other people, but our question is why ?

On April 4,1992, the anniversary of the assassination of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, the Ku Klux Klan will be rallying in Galena, not thirty minutes away from the Washington College campus. The fear and unbelief that this event has stirred up has been somewhat covered up, but the members of the Dale Adams Heritage Exchange would like to enlighten some people who would have otherwise gone living ignorant to the continuing struggles that minorities still have to face.

When our parents were being beaten physically and mentally, they did it so that we would not have to. So how can you tell a minority student on this campus, "Do not worry about it!" When in actuality that is all we feel that we can do.

Zylia N. L. Knowlin is the Corresponding Secretary of the Dale Adams Heritage Exchange.

WC's Past Meets Present

Julie Greene

Last Friday some good friends of mine diverted me from my first workout at the new fitness center to go on a road trip. I suggested Rock Hall, since in my four year stay here I had never been there. I just went to Betterton for the first time last November!

Getting back to our road trip — after driving through Rock Hall and Tolchester we happened to arrive at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, "the oldest Episcopal Church in Maryland having continuous services."

The grounds of this church were beautiful, not artificial, polite beautiful, but a natural, peaceful beauty. No one was on the grounds so we took a respectful stroll through the churchyard. At first we were amazed at the years etched on the worn headstones; they dated back to the 1600's. The next thing we noticed were the burial grounds of many families dating through several generations. It gave me the impression of a strong presence of family loyalty.

Wandering toward the millpond one of my friends noticed a burial plaque with the inscription "Clifton M. Miller." Yes, this was the same Clifton M. Miller for which our library is honorably named.

It seemed strange, to be on the outskirts of Chestertown and run into such a peaceful place, and proceed to discover a familiar name; as if running into a distant relative.

With the wind starting to bite a bit, we entered the Church to discover a large plaque on the wall listing the founding members of the church. Again, we saw a familiar name, four times. Several Hynsons were listed on the plaque, as well as a Hodson and a Ringgold.

After weeks, months, of working on my thesis, studying for classes, and commenting publicly on my concerns for the future of Washington College, I had unintentionally met its past head on. I felt a sense of warmth and comfort. My concerns for the institution's future seemed microscopic against the history of what I have referred to for the past four years as my home.

We all know George Washington contributed fifty guineas for the establishment of Washington College, but that history doesn't have the same personal connection as someone like Clifton Miller or Richard Hynson. For those students who are a second or third generation of a family attending WC, their parents or grandparents might have known a Hynson or a Miller.

That's the wonderful thing about Washington College. It's small and located in a community with tight family ties. Even today, there is evidence of WC's family history. Go to a home lacrosse game and you see local families, alumni, players' families, students, and lots of cute little kids running around with lacrosse sticks, trying to emulate their heroes on Kibler Field.

No matter what physical additions are made to Washington College, there is still the history, the history of Clifton M. Miller, Clarence Hodson, Lelia Hynson, and Richard Ringgold, as well as many other past presidents, faculty, and alumni of Washington College. Hopefully, the future students will look back at the present students, faculty, and administration with an equal respect for the history of Washington College.

Student Escort Service

By John Greip
News Editor

The Washington College Escort Service, sponsored by the Sophomore class, has been operating on a trial basis for the last two weeks. The escort service will be under full swing this weekend and will be available on Friday and Saturday nights from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Anyone needing an escort to and from campus locations during these time periods can call 778-2800, extension 595. The escort service currently has 10 escorts and 4 dispatchers.

Sophomore Class Vice President John Phoebus stated that "right now the escort service will only be for campus locations due to liability concerns. The escort service will be operational each weekend from now until the end of the semester."

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Week at a Glance

Calendar of Events
March 27 – April 2

Friday 27 - Monday 30
Film Series: *Impromptu*
Norman James Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

Friday 27
Big Brothers/Big Sisters Sleepover
East Hall
International House will be completely
DRY

Lit House Café
entertainment, food & drink
All are welcome
O'Neill Literary House,
3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.*

The Music Department presents
John Blakelock:
Senior Composition Recital
Tawes Theatre, 8:00 p.m.*

John Marcus Benefit Party
Band: The Movies
CoffeeHouse, 9:00 - 1:00 a.m.

Saturday 28
Terra Firma, Hands Out
and Kent Conservation present
Save Our Streams:
A Seminar on Water Testing
Norman James Theatre, 9:30 a.m.*

Phi Sigma Tau, The Philosophy Club
and West Point present
A Symposium on Women in the Military:
Equal Rights?
Faculty and Student Participants from
WC & WP
Sophie Kerr Room, 1:00 p.m.†

I-House Ides of March Party
Band: The Slam
$5.00/$2.00 with toga
for invitation see I-House member
East Hall, 9:00 p.m.

Sunday 29
The Music Department presents
The Washington College Chamber
Music Ensemble
Norman James Theatre, 1:00 p.m.

Monday 30
W.C.'s Amnesty International and The
Goldstein Program in Public Affairs
present
Part 4 in a 4-part Series on human
rights:
Refugees in the Horn of Africa
Sophie Kerr Room, 7:30 p.m.

Health Services Presents
What You Need To Know About STDs
Dr. Robin Sawyer, Professor,
University of Maryland
Dunning Lecture Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday 31
Advising Day (no class)

Wednesday 1
Democratic Club presents
Regionalism in Modern America
Moderator: Dave Searles, D.Club
President
CAC Common Room, 7:00 p.m.

International House presents
Caught in the Coup: Personal
Impressions of the Attempted Soviet Coup
Dr. Naomi Collins, Executive Director,
Maryland Humanities Council
Sophie Kerr Room , 7:30 p.m.

The Debate Society presents
This House Would Not Raise Tuition
Hynson Lounge, 8:00 p.m.

Thursday 2
Lecture: *Tree Troubles in the '90's*
Discussion of Dutch Elm Disease,
Dogwood Anthracnose, etc.
R. Jay Stipes, Virginia Polytech
Dunning Lecture Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday 2 - Saturday 4
Drama Department presents
Waiting for Godot
25th Anniversary production
Tawes Theatre, 8:00 p.m.
General Admission $4.00; students free;
no reservations†

Recent Works by Simone Osthoff will be on exhibit in Gibson Fine Arts Center Wednesday - Saturday, noon - 4:p.m., through April 18.†

†see related article
*see last week's issue for more info

Reminder: To have your event, meeting, etc., published in the weekly calendar, contact the A&E editor by Wednesday night.

A&E

Painting Orgy

The Visual Artists' Union (VAU) is offering a mural-painting free-for-all next Friday, April 3rd, from 3:30 p.m. until completion. In preparation for Awareness Week, the mural will serve as a backdrop for speakers and bands. Any student, talent or no, who wants to try his/her hand at painting an 8'x8' mural can show up to slap some paint around or show off design skills. Some paintbrushes will be provided, but if you have one, bring it along for this fun-filled painting orgy.

–jtt

B-Ball Trip

Campus Involvement and Activities (CIA) is sponsoring a trip to the Capital Centre on Friday, April 3rd to see the Washington Bullets take on the Detroit Pistons. Tickets are $12.00 per person and transportation is provided. The van will be departing from in front of the Casey Academic Center at 5:30 p.m. For more information, contact Julie Greene in Kent 205.

–jeg

Student Profile: Deborah Boyer

Deborah A. Boyer is a senior and a second-year RA in Talbot. She majors in English, concentrating in Contemporary American Literature. She carries a 3.3 GPA, and enjoys courses with Professor Day.

Boyer's interests are diverse and keep her busy enough without having to worry about graduation. She is the president of the Margaret Horsley Society, which has proved to be an active force on campus this year. The April 5 Women's Rights/NOW March in DC is MHS' focus of attention at the moment; Boyer's the woman to contact for details.

Last fall, she starred in *Seascape with Sharks and Dancer*, and even though it was her first time on stage, she and co-star Steve Brown brought the house down. She is a member of the Gay and Lesbian Task Force, participates in Writers' Union activities, and manages the student catering division of the WCDS.

Past activities include Varsity Field Hockey and Swimming during her Freshman and Sophomore years; she is also a past manager of the Casey Swim Center.

After graduation, Boyer would like to teach. She is applying for Graduate Assistant Programs, so that she can both work and continue her education. She prefers people-oriented jobs, but "I'll take anything."

Godot Shows Up at Washington College

By J. Tarin Towers
A&E Editor

Next weekend, Samuel Beckett's *Waiting for Godot* will open as not only an addition to Washington College's focus on Beckett Studies, but to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the play's production by the Washington College Drama Department. Assistant Drama Professor Dale Daigle is directing one of his favorite plays, starring two of the same actors that appeared twenty-five years ago.

English Department Head Bennett Lamond plays Vladimir, the same role he portrayed in 1967, and Timothy Maloney, head of the Drama Department, formerly played Pozzo but will appear as Estragon, the other lead, next weekend. Pozzo will be Jason West this time around, and Jason Imber plays Lucky.

The 1967 production was in Norman James Theatre, and Daigle says that that's a big difference. "The play is written specifically for a proscenium stage . . . it works better with a big, open space."

"I've always loved Beckett," says Daigle. "His scripts are so precise. There really is not a superfluous detail in this script, for certain — every single element, from stage directions down to punctuation, matters — that's just not true of any other playwright I can think of. I've directed this play twice before, and I still discover new things at each rehearsal."

The students involved in this production are just as enthusiastic. Senior Drama Major Jason Imber feels "Lucky" to be in *Godot*. "Of all the shows I've worked in at WC, I've learned more working with Timothy Maloney and Bennett Lamond than I have in any other play before."

Rick Davis has designed the lights and Jason Rubin has designed the set. The rest of the cast and crew includes six-year-old Ian Dias as the Boy; Stage Manager Steph Hess; Assistant Director Carey Smith; Assistant Stage Manager Richard McKee; Costumer Shan Driscoll; Melanie Green and Abrah Wilberding on Props; and Technical Director Jason Imber.

Whitelaw: Beckett's Legacy Lives On Actress Receives Award for Excellence

By J. Tarin Towers
A&E Editor

After a profluence of publicity explaining what an enjoyable experience, not to mention honor, it would be to watch Whitelaw perform the works of Beckett, it was terrible to see so few students and faculty attending her performance. Whitelaw is the closest living thing we have to Beckett, and her twenty-eight year working relationship with the man who invented Postmodernism was an extraordinary one.

Whitelaw conducted an acting workshop with a good dozen or so members of Actors Community Theatre; although it was open to any actor with interest, the impression among the student body was that it was an invitational master workshop, and the scripts were not distributed before that evening. Consequently, only five WC students were in attendance, and another good dozen or so missed this unique opportunity.

Whitelaw talked about the processes Beckett went through in writing and directing his plays, and those that she went through in acting and working with him. Students acted scenes from *Not I* with the actor's direction. While she claims that she is no scholar, because she never attended college, her work with the playwright allowed her to be considered the foremost interpreter of Beckett's plays. he wrote two plays for her and favored her performing his plays over many other talented actors.

Unfortunately, Whitelaw fell ill while she was here, and had to cancel her appearance with the Theatre Technology II Class as well as the second night of the workshop. More publicly, her performance in Tawes Theatre last Friday was well attended by the Chestertown Community and the Sophie Kerr high school Weekenders.

The movie of *Not I,* while intended for television, was equally amazing on the large screen in Tawes. Mouth was so overwhelming and intense that her reluctance to perform the piece is not surprising. The "mouth-in-your-face" was powerful, having the appeal/disgust factor that makes you have to watch even when you can no longer stand to.

The rest of Whitelaw's voice-strained performance was comprised of scenes from *Happy Days, Eh Joe,* and *Rockabye.* She has a commanding presence whether she is reading from the text or relating her stories of the man himself. Audience members who were unfamiliar with the work of Beckett were probably paying closer attention to the text than her performance of it, but there are much weaker vehicles by which to discover Beckett. She said she felt undeserving of the Award for Excellence, but her performance convinced me, and hopefully those who were actually in attendance as well.

Review: Recent Works by Simone Osthoff

By J. Tarin Towers
A&E Editor

Osthoff is a Brazilian artist who moved to the States in 1988. For the last fourteen years she has worked as a printmaker. The large-scale mixed media drawings she has chosen for this exhibit represent a transition from the printmaking process to a more hands-on approach, and it is important to keep this in mind.

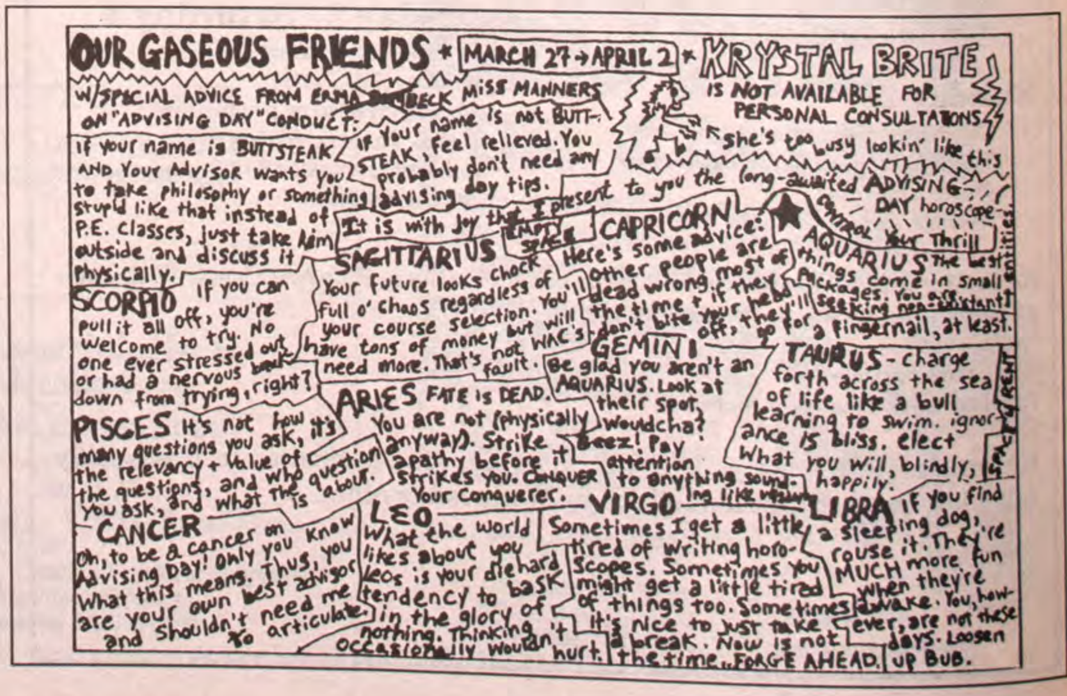
Even without knowing her previous medium, one senses when looking at these works a definite stage of transition, a feeling of experimentation and playfulness. The formal qualities in these works are definitely geometrically based, and some, such as *Porta-Aviao* (#6), appear to be blueprints for imaginary 3D objects. The linear elements are striking, particularly in those works which are comprised of two or more giant (at least 5' high) pieces of paper, which have been hung so that the gaps in between have been left showing. This produces the same effect that the overall exhibit does, one of a struggle for continuity, which is ironically more aided than hindered by the gaps in paper.

These works are more than formal exercises, however. There is, in the very technique of mixing such media as dry pigment, oil stick, ink, and pencil, a very airy childlike quality which pervades even in the most tonally black works. One cannot help but feel theat Osthoff had a great deal of fun in their execution.

This show would serve as ann argument that the process really is more important than the product in art, for while the works themselves are attractive, the more conservative and traditionally-grounded viewer may tend to dismiss them as "messy" or "unfinished."

The viewer most open to these works would be a fellow artist; this does not mean a fellow exhibitor, but rather anyone who ever played with art as a child. This exhibit, while extremely thoughtful, is at the same time very spontaneous. When a child draws an object, it may not be recognizable to his parents as a tree or as his brother; in the same way, the objects which appear in Osthoff's mind and on her paper show a freedom from what art is *supposed* to be. The difference between drawings on Mom's refrigerator and *Recent Works* is that Osthoff both accepts and rejects the elements and principles of visual design, and this sense of struggle will come through to anyone who takes the time to view these works as a process in and of themselves, rather than something that art is supposed to be.

Choice works: *Qua, Qua* (#8); *Guangbara* (#9); *Paralelepipedo* (#10); *Porta* (#2). This exhibit is sponsored by the Art Exhibitions Committee and will be on display in Gibson Fine Arts Center Wed. - Sat., Noon - 4:00 p.m., through April 19.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AQUARIUS The best things come in small packages. You are seeking non-existant entities.
SCORPIO If you can pull it all off, you're welcome to try. No one ever stressed out or had a nervous breakdown from trying, right?
ARIES FATE is DEAD. You are not (physically anyway). Strike apathy before it strikes you. CONQUER Your Conquerer.
GEMINI Be glad you aren't an AQUARIUS. Look at their spot, wouldcha? Beez! Pay attention to anything sounding like reason.
TAURUS - charge forth across the sea of life like a bull learning to swim. ignorance is bliss. elect What you will, blindly, happily.
SPACE FOR RENT
PISCES It's not how many questions you ask, it's the relevancy + value of the questions, and who you ask, and what the question is about.
CANCER Oh, to be a cancer on Advising Day! Only you know what this means. Thus, you are your own best advisor and shouldn't need me to articulate.
LEO What the world likes about you Leos is your diehard tendency to bask in the glory of nothing. Thinking occasionally wouldn't hurt.
VIRGO Sometimes I get a little tired of writing horoscopes. Sometimes you might get a little tired of things too. Sometimes it's nice to just take a break. Now is not the time. FORGE AHEAD.
LIBRA If you find a sleeping dog, rouse it. They're MUCH more fun when they're awake. You, however, are not these days. Loosen up BUB.

Rocky Start for Women's Lacrosse: Drop First Three Matches

By **Renée Guckert**
Staff Writer

Women's Lacrosse opened their '92 season with three tough losses to Widener, Franklin and Marshall, and University of California, Santa Barbara Club. It may be a disappointment to two of the top players on the squad but, they still manage to shine. These two would be Senior Margaret "Marge" Doyle who leads the attack with a total of nine goals and one assist, followed by Junior Amy "Sunshine" McCleary with five goals and one assist.

After just recently leaving the position of goalie, Senior Kristy Hilgartner has moved to center and is proving to be an incredible asset outside of the crease. Kristy, accompanied by Sophomore Cristin Albert, led the Shorewomen's defense in ground ball control against the UCSB team last Tuesday. In addition, Junior Eleanor Shriver helped to sweep up UCSB's attack around the hopper at a number of crucial moments while freshman goalie Nancy Millhouser recorded seven saves. Junior Brigid DeVries literally flew by her opponents in Tuesday's game as she turned on the wheels to aid, not only the team's defense, but attack as well.

Following Saturday's loss to F & M, Sophomore Kirsten Lucas commented that, most of all, the Shorewomen needed to "improve on transitions, cutting, and setting up around the cage." While the score may not have shown it, Washington's game improved considerably from F & M to UCSB with faster plays, better transitions, and incredible defensive support.

The Shorewomen certainly have their work cut out for them as the 1992 season gets under way but, in addition to coaches Guinan and Frazer, the team is fortunate enough to be guided by one of its very own alumni—two time All-American lacrosse player Erin O'Neal, who graduated from WC last spring. Erin lettered in both field hockey and lacrosse each of her four years at Washington. In addition, she received numerous honors including All-MAC lacrosse in 1991 and the Eliason Award which recognizes the top senior athlete at Washington College each year. Erin was an inspirational team player, and she has undoubtedly carried that leadership with her into her assistant coach position.

Don't forget to come out and support the Shorewomen as they battle Ursinus, Saturday at 1:00 p.m. !

Crew Glides Past Skidmore

By **Laura Green**
Staff Writer

On Friday, March 20 the Washington College Crew teams scrimmaged the Skidmore crews. Although the individual WC boats came out ahead in almost each of the four minute pieces, they were unaware of how complete the next morning's victory would prove to be.....

Saturday morning dawned cold and overcast, the foreboding grey skies and churning waters did not speak well for the impending races. The Skidmore Crew team had arrived the day before in a deluxe charter bus, flushed from the sun and well rested from a week in North Carolina. The Washington Crew team lay quietly in wait, mentally preparing themselves amongst the shadows of the Boat House.

The Novice Women were up first. They made their way down the icy graveled road and out onto the dock carrying their vessel. The novice men followed, close on the women's heels, down to the crashing river where the two teams warmed up on their way down to the starting line. When the officials gave the signal for the start of the Women's Novice Eight, WC took off like a shot. The women tore up the race course and finished eight boat lengths ahead of the disoriented Skidmore crew. The Novice Men arrived at the starting line and proceeded to cut through the chop of the water with brute strength. The WC Novice Men's Eight cleanly took their competitors and earned the second first place standing of the day.

The Varsity Women then rowed an eight-women boat with the addition of three novice rowers. Pulling up to the start in a snow shower, the women held their ground and faced the Skidmore Varsity Eight for the telling moment. As the two boats began

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WC Netters Play First Games in LFC

Men Rock On

By **Doug Hoffberger**
Staff Writer

On Saturday, March 21, at home, the WAC netters "inaugarated" the Benjamin A. Johnson Lifetime Fitness Center, by trouncing their Goucher College opponents 9-0 on the new Versaturf surface. The win over Goucher college improves the Shoremen record to a bulky 7-2.

Early season play proves Washinton College worthy of making another trip to the national tournament, so long as all the players remain healthy throughout the '92 season. As the spring season progresses into the fourth week of match play, two of the Shoremen's valued assets are out with injuries. Transfer Frank Hartwig has been plagued with tendinitis of the forearm throughout the early season, but with his medical excercises and some light hitting, Frank is determined to be tearing up the WAC circuit as early as Monday, March 30, versus Haverford. Number three seed, Trevor Hurd, adopted a minor case of tendinitis of the wrist, but should be available for Saturday's match versus Drew.

Versus Goucher College at the number one spot, Alberto Diaz rolled over his opponent 6-0, 6-1, improving his singles mark on the year to 8-1. Emilio Bogado and Carlos Nuno improved their overall singles record to 7-2 with strait set victories over their Goucher opponents. Captains, Andy Bohutinsky and Jeff Rexford, upped their singles marks to 7-2 and 3-1 respectively, with wins in Saturday's match. In his debut singles match, Nashvillite Deepak Raja beat Goucher's Andreas Vinoslav (which means swedish wino) by a score of 6-1, 7-5. In doubles, Alberto Diaz and Emilio Bogado, Carlos Nuno and Andy Bohutinsky, and Jeff Rexford and Deepak Raja all were victorious, bringing the WAC netter's overall Doubles mark to 21-6.

Next week, the Shoremen will play their most important matches as far as the MAC ranking officials and the netters are concerned. They will play MAC rivals Ursinus and Haverford, as well as Drew and Vassar two teams that are new to the Shoreman schedule. (Doug- It's spelled upped, not UPT- Spent, definitely spent!)

Nationals Outlook Bleak

By **Rachael Rice**
Staff Writer

The women's tennis team was handed a devastating blow by 24th ranked Swarthmore this past Tuesday. After a hard-fought 5-hour duel, the Shorewomen came up short, 4-5. The match started at 3:15 on the outdoor courts and was completed in the new Lifetime Fitness Center due to darkness.

Miriam Dittmann, a senior from Severna Park, notched the first team victory at the #3 singles spot with a quick 6-3, 6-4 sweep of Becca Kalaski. Diana Claussen, making her Freshman debut at #4, did not fare so well, dropping a straight-set loss to Ayanda Ntetna, 2-6, 2-6. The remaining four singles matches went down to the wire, with the Shorewomen posting victories at #1 and #2. Tracy Peel bounced back from a first set deficit to trounce Julie Shapiro 1-6, 6-1, 6-3. Pam Hendrickson, filling the second slot, continued her 8-match win streak with a come-from-behind victory; she fought off Kim Crosey 3-6, 6-4, 6-4. Both Kristy Karns and Rachael Rice were unable to come through at #5 and #6, respectively. Karns dropped a close 4-6, 6-7 (8-10) decision, while Rice could not force a third set, losing 3-6, 5-7.

Photo by Gary Brown

Miriam Dittmann displays strong forehand

The match proceeded to doubles with the teams tied at 3 points a piece. After a few games, all three matches moved indoors, with each team taking additional warm-up time. Rice and Dittmann played a difficult match at #2, but were unable to hang on, losing to Kalaski and Ntetna. Karns and Jennifer Sloan were stopped 2-6, 3-6 by Katz and Lieu. Peel and Hendrickson posted the lone Shorewomen doubles victory with a pasting of Shapiro and Crosey, 6-0, 6-3.

The outcome of this match throws into question Shorenetter hopes for a repeat MAC conference title. Swarthmore is not in the Southwest section, but the two teams could meet in the Southern finals. In addition, the team may have difficulty retaining their 1991 national ranking of 13th. However, much could change with this past Thursday's Trenton State match (to be covered next week) as the Shorewomen, currently boasting a 4-4 record, met their top-ten foe.

The women trek to Gettysburg tomorrow to face their MAC nemesis, the Bullets, and hope to regain what they may have lost against Swarthmore. Good Luck to the Shorewomen Netters!

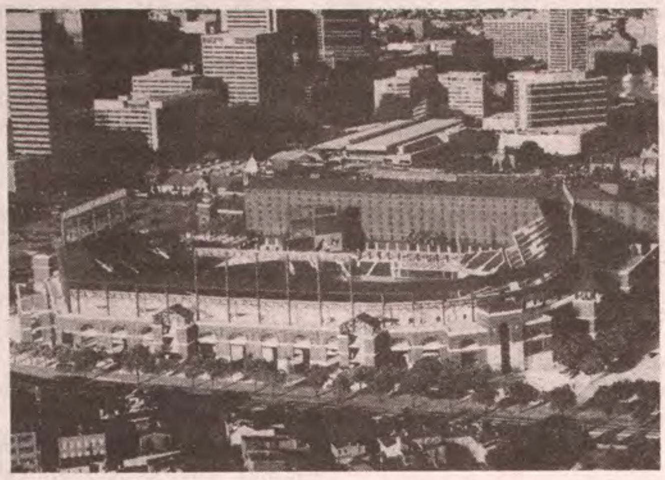
Camden Yards, Men's LAX, Baseball: All a Success.

Spidey and The Vaughnster Wowed by Camden Yards

By **Charlie Linehan**
& Chris Vaughn
Co-Sports Editors

When plans to build the Benjamin A. Johnson Lifetime Fitness Center were first announced to the Washington College Community, a distinct grumbling was heard from certain parts of the campus. "Why do we need this gigantic facility at our small liberal arts college?" "Shouldn't we be concentrating a little more on the foundering academics here at Washington?" "What's the matter with the Cain Dome?—It's got so much character, so much tradition." Well, in one short week since the Lifetime Fitness Center opened, I've begun to wonder how Washington College ever survived without it. The praise for the new building has been incessant, and any anti-LFC sentiment seems to have disappeared along with the plans for the new soccer locker room.

Similarly, when construction began on the new stadium in Baltimore, there was much complaint. Die-hard Memorial Stadium fans could not see the purpose in building a new stadium to replace one with which there was nothing inherently wrong. I'll admit, living near the stadium, I was not a little angered by the plans myself. I remembered walking to the stadium with my Dad and brothers on sunny summer afternoons to watch the Orioles play. The atmosphere was always exciting, with the huge crowds and the vendors and the raucous carryings on of (O-R-I-O-L-E-S) Wild Bill Hagey in section 33. I remember chanting "Eddie! Eddie!" when the champion slugger stepped up to the plate and I remember jumping up and down on the metal slats of the general admission seats when Murray ripped one over the centerfield fence. I remember singing along to John Denver's "Thank God I'm a Country Boy" during the seventh-inning stretch, and I remember being thrilled by the pitching of Jim Palmer and Mike Flanagan. Finally, I remember being happily annoyed at the announcer's, "Give that faaan . . . a contract," every time someone caught a foul ball. In short, for the people who grew up with Memorial Stadium, who could spend whole afternoons reminiscing about it, the new ballpark seemed a ridiculous waste of time and money.



Last week, we had the opportunity to visit the new stadium. Three weeks prior to opening day, college newspapers in the area were given a press conference and a tour of Oriole Park at Camden Yards. Perhaps the only disappointing thing about the new stadium is the name. Aside from the ridiculous sound of the words 'Oriole Park,' Camden Yards is the ultimate baseball stadium. One of the most important reasons for this is that the new stadium, unlike Memorial Stadium, was designed for baseball only. In the event that Baltimore ever receives another football team, a separate facility will be built 3/4 of a mile South of Camden Yards to house the new team. (If we get a team this year, they will play in Memorial Stadium for a year). Thanks to this fact, Camden Yards' dimensions are much more intimate, which helps to cultivate the old-style stadium aura. Contributing to this phenomenon is the presence of the Camden Yards Warehouse, the cast iron logo of the 1892 Orioles on the end of every row of seats, and the real pine benches in the dugouts.

A few more notables include a mini 'Green Monster' in right field, to make up for the short rightfield line, Prescription Athletic Turf, designed to withstand more moisture and grown on our very own Eastern Shore, wider seats with more leg room and no obstructed view seating, party suites which can be rented on an individual basis and can accommodate up to 60 people (the estimate on those was about $2,000 per game), a decreased slope in the upper deck, effectively eliminating the nose-bleed sensation, speakers in every section of the stadium to eliminate the echo reminiscent of Memorial Stadium (now we only have to listen to "Give that faaan . . . a contract" once per catch), elevated bullpens, a new Sony JumboTRON video board which is apparently five times better than the old Diamond Vision, even during day games, and finally, direct transplants from the old ballpark including homeplate and the rightfield foul pole.

Certainly, anyone who grew up with the Baltimore Orioles will be sorry to see Memorial Stadium go. Gone are the festive summer afternoons and evenings of eating nachos, drinking beer, and watching Orioles' baseball on 33rd street. I'm sure I'll miss it for awhile, but after visiting Camden Yards, I know I won't miss it for long. The Orioles Ballclub has changed. No longer do we scream "Eddie! Eddie!" until we're blue in the face or laugh at the antics of Wild Bill or hold our breath in anticipation of Jim Palmer's next pitch. New chants and new acts and new players have moved up to take the place of the old. We should look on the move from Memorial Stadium as the closing of a thrilling chapter in Orioles' history and look forward to the opening of this new oldstyle stadium at Camden Yards as the start of a great new relationship between Baltimore and the O's. Who knows, the change might just be what they need to get back on track. In any case, some people in Baltimore may be grumbling now, but I'd bet my Cal Ripken Jr. rookie card that they'll be singing a different tune come opening day.

LAX Moves to Five and One

By **Melissa Harmeyer**
Staff Writer

Last Saturday the Men's Lacrosse team went up against chilly and brisk conditions to face visiting Colorado College. It proved to be an exciting and close match between the Shoremen and the Tigers with Dave Slomkowski, a former first team All-American goalie here at WC and presently Colorado's assistant coach, traveling back to Kibler Field to get a look at the team he left behind. Although the score remained close, the Shoremen held the lead over the Tigers throughout the game.

Washington had forty attempted shots on goal, almost doubling Colorado's twenty-two attempts. The Shoremen not only out-shot Colorado, they had 31 more ground balls and controlled 15 of the 23 face-offs. In the cage, Freshman Toni Forti and transfer Andy Manos demonstrated great effort with Forti tallying four saves during the first two quarters and Manos tallying six saves in the final two quarters. Scott Overend and Kevin Doyle helped the keepers on the defensive end with strong play against a tough Colorado offense.

At half-time, Washington led by only one goal but, early in the third quarter, Freshman Greg Lawler scored his third goal to put WAC ahead 7-5. However, The Tigers stayed right in it and made a real go of it in the third by scoring three goals of their own, trying to gain the lead from the Shoremen, to no avail. With 11:31 remaining in the fourth quarter and a man-down, Chris Cote scored on a pass from Lawler to put the Shoremen ahead 9-7. Although Colorado hit two more shots in the fourth quarter, Lawler and Cote combined for another two to keep the lead. Overall, Cote and Lawler paced the Shoremen with four goals each while Sophomore Chris Sanchez contributed two and Jason Paige hammered one.

The men continue their season, traveling up to cold Cornell University, to challenge old-time rival, Hobart, on Sunday March 29th at 2:00 PM. Washington lost to Hobart 18-6 in the '90 Division III Finals and again lost to them in the regular season last year. Let's wish them luck as this could be the year they will break their losing streak against the Statesmen!

B-Ball's First Home Win

By **Jason Ronstadt**
Staff Writer

Keith (water buffalo) Whiteford pitched a nine inning shutout against Saint Johns Fisher College last week to bring Washington's record to 1-4. Whiteford dazzled opposing hitters with a cornucopia of pitches, notching thirteen strikeouts on the day. It was a characteristic effort for Whiteford who at present can boast a 0.64 earned run average. That, ladies and gentlemen, is the kind of performance that earns you the honor of Newt's POW.

With Whiteford pitching as strongly as he was, the Shoremen had plenty of time to score themselves. And they used most of that time waiting until the bottom of the eighth inning to get their offense in gear. Senior Co-Captain John "Beast" Morrall ignited the Shoremen batters with a double to right center field. Then Whiteford punched a single into the outfield, advancing Morrall. By the end of the inning, Mike Hanifee, Gerry Scully and Dan Coker all had helped themselves to an RBI or two, boosting the Shoremen to a 5-0 lead. In the ninth, Whiteford continued to pitch well and the rest of Washington's defense closed out the game without committing a single error.

After having their Saturday game versus Ursinus postponed due to adverse conditions, the Shoremen prepared for a doubleheader against the Green Terrors of Western Maryland this past Wednesday. Ha- But that's next week!!

Rugby Loses, Swimmers Make the Grade, but not POW

WC Swimmers and Swim Team Make All-Academic Team

Congratulations are in order! That's right ladies and gentlemen, three of our very own have been recognized by the Middle Atlantic Conference on academic achievement. Junior Andrew McKim (3.62 GPA, MAJOR: Int. Studies), Senior Kasey Carroll (3.69 GPA, MAJOR: Biology), and Sophomore Nancy Whiteman (3.51 GPA, MAJOR: Psychology) have been named to the MAC Winter 1991-92 All-Academic Team this season.

In addition, Washington College's women's swimming team has received 1991 All-Academic Team honors from the College Swimming Coaches Association of America (CSCAA).

Washington, with a combined 2.949678549870098765 GPA for the Fall 1991 semester, was one of 60 teams nationally to have received the award, which is earned by the entire team compiling at least a 2.8 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Besides Washington, ten Division III women's teams achieved All-Academic status, including Hiram College, DePauw University, Wheaton College, Macalester College, Baldwin-Wallace College, Kenyon College, Tufts University, Regis College, Hollins College and Augustana College. Washington was the only Middle Atlantic Conference institution on the CSCAA honor roll this season. The only other Maryland team on the list was Division I Towson State's women's team.

Washington's women's team posted a 5-6 regular season record and finished 10th in the Middle Atlantic Conference Championships three weeks ago.

Earlier, the CSCAA had recognized Shorewomen senior two-time All-American Kasey Carroll as an individual Academic All-American. It was the third consecutive year that Carroll had earned the distinction. Way to go Aquamen and Aquawomen!

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fighting down the course it was obvious that this would be a passionate battle. Trading seats for the title, the WC women showed their determination by walking through their competition and winning the race.

The Varsity Men entered three boats, the first of which was a Pair without Coxswain, an event which is a great feat to master. The WAC Pair finished off their opponents early on and plunged through the finish line with the third win of the day. The Varsity Men's A and B boats lined up against the Skidmore eight and awaited the official's command. This race was a tough battle. The rowers toiled against the adverse conditions and in the end The B boat followed the A boat through the finish and WC came up victorious... again.

The day drew to a close with the victorious WC crew teams exhausted and elated, the first race of the spring season was over. The crews will race again on Saturday, April 4 at the JHU Invitational... be there.

NEWT'S Player of the Week

Keith Whiteford

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Pssst, guess who? YOU FOOL!! I can't believe you fell for the oldest one in the book—It's SPIDERMAN and THE VAUGHNSTER comin' at you better, stronger, faster. We can rebuild it, we have the techn—wait a second, we're getting off on another stupid sidetrack here . . . Before we get down to business we'd like to acknowledge the heroic actions of WC's Dan Kretzer. In last week's rugby match, Kretzer, in an effort to save his coach in a brawl, picked up a player and body slammed him into the turf. "It was just like that scene in The Deerhunter. You know, the one where De Niro's being pulled out of the water by the helicopter—" Okay, okay, Nate, we get the idea.

And this week's POW---The one they call "ACE," the hero of last week's baseball shutout, Keith "Whitey" Whiteford. Whitey, a Sophomore hailing from Calvert Hall in Baltimore, has pitched fourteen innings and thrown an amazing 20 strikeouts (13 of which came in last week's game), maintaining a .64 ERA. In addition, Whiteford has proved himself to be a valuable asset at the plate, hitting consistently in the early season. Certainly, Whitey is amazing on the diamond but, when it comes to hardball on the CAPS court, everyone knows he's just a scaredy-cat.

Photo by Andrew Stone

WC's Rugby Club in Action

Rugby Roughed Up By Kent Island

By **Brandon White**
Staff Writer

Last weekend the Rugby Club went out and suffered its first home loss of the season to the Kent Island Rugby Club. At the half, Kent Island had scored only one tri, making the score 4-0. In the second half, Kent Island's bigger and faster forwards turned it on and rattled off two more tris but missed their extra points, making the final score 14-0. "It was not that Kent Island was any more experienced then us, it was that their forwards were bigger and their backs were much faster" says Shawn Hamill, President of the Rugby Club. Players who had exceptional games were Skip "the Illegal Hitter" Meissner, Dave Snyder, and Peter "Stein" Hagen.

Next week, the Rugby team plays arch rival St. Marys, whom the team already defeated this season 33-8, at Worton Park on Saturday at 1:00pm. Be there to see the action!!!!!

Lacrosse Club Opens Season, Loses 15-11

By **Brandon White**
Staff Writer

The newly formed WC Lacrosse Club opened its season this Saturday with a game against the Delaware Lacrosse Club. WC opened the game with an early lead rattling off two straight goals. The Blue Hens rallied and took a three goal halftime lead. WC rallied to tie it up, but lost momentum as a result of its lack of endurance and a few mental errors. "All in all the club's performance was very good," said Matt Johnson, President of the Lacrosse Club. "We only had two practices before the game and the club itself has only been established for two weeks. Delaware's Club has been established for many years and had already had five games before playing us. We did extremely well for our first game." John Nunn had an exceptional game playing in the goal for the first time since high school and looks to be one of the club's biggest assets.

The club plays two games this weekend. On Saturday they play Ferrum and on Sunday they play Montgomery Rockville. The time and place will be announced. Come out and see the club action!!

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Photo by Ted Mathias

Attackman Chris "Widescreen" Cote prepares to dust an overcommitted defender. Cote, a sophomore transfer from Loyola College, has brought his D -I talent to Chestertown to help boost the Sho'men to a 5-1 record. Currently, "Widescreen" has 11 goals and 7 assists, second best on this year's squad.

Keith Whiteford: NEWT'S Player of the Week

Scores

WC Baseball DH		
Washington	4	3
Western MD	5	10

Men's Lacrosse	
Washington	11
Colorado College	9

Women's Tennis	
Washington	4
Swarthmore	5

Men's Tennis	
Washington	9
Goucher	0

On Deck

Men's Lacrosse
Hobart
Mar. 29 Away 2:00 PM

Baseball
Haverford
Mar. 28 Home 1:00 PM

Women's Lacrosse
Ursinus
Mar. 28 Home 1:00 PM

Softball
Swarthmore
Mar. 31 Home 4:00 PM

Goldey Beacom
Apr. 2 Home 3:00 PM

Women's Tennis
Towson State
Mar. 31 Home 3:30 PM

Catholic
Apr. 2 Home 3:00 PM

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Fri.: Partly Sunny, H 51, L 34
Sat.: Cool, chance snow/rain
H near 40, L near 30
Sun.: Partly cloudy, cool
H near 40, L near 30

Cheyenne Poet Questions WC's Rightful Ownership of Native American Artifacts

One of the Native American artifacts in the Albee Collection on the second floor of the Miller Library

Photo by Doug Smith

By **Amanda Burt**
Staff Writer

When Lance Henson visited Washington College last Thursday, March 26, to read from his poetry and discuss Native American poetry and politics, he was shocked to find several Sioux items that may have been illegitimately acquired before they were donated to the college in the Albee Collection, the relatively small Native American exhibit in Miller Library. Among the items in question are a war shirt that was supposedly worn by Crazy Horse when he was killed in battle and a war bonnet. Though Henson himself is a Cheyenne, he contacted the Sioux Tribal Nation this week to notify them of the collection's possessions, as they may want to attempt to reclaim the artifacts.

Professor Lynn Doyle was with Henson and his wife, Jeanetta, when they discovered the items. According to Doyle, the two of them had been photo-copying some Native American poems from books that are rare to find when they inadvertently saw the display case, located on the library's second floor, as they were leaving.

"It was my impression from Henson," says Doyle, "that the war shirt may originally have been stolen as one of the bounties of battle." She recalls that Henson believed that Chief Red Cloud's headdress was probably a legitimate gift to the college. While Doyle notes that it would be a nice gesture to return the items if the claims were legitimate, she admits that it would not be easy to figure out to whom the articles should be returned.

Paul Boyer, Editor of*Tribal College: Journal of American Indian Higher Education*, a periodical whose office is located in Washington College's Bunting Hall, agrees that it is not an easy task to determine who the rightful owners of newly found artifacts are. Often tribal groups will migrate, making it difficult to locate the heirs. He says that all members of the Native American community do not agree that all remains and artifacts should be reclaimed from larger institutions such as universities and museums. While some strongly oppose anyone holding the items other than the tribal group to which they belonged, others want the transfer to be gradual and agree that remains should be studied by scholars and academic institutions.

"Washington College's sudden dilemma is a smaller example of a very confusing emotional issue," says Boyer. He notes that there is increasing agreement among institutions holding large numbers of Native American remains that they have a responsibility to the tribal groups. Boyer points to recent legislation requiring federally funded institutions to catalog their Native American possessions and says that this law encouraged a movement to return artifacts to their owners. He sees the situation

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Two WC Students Assaulted at Premiere of "White Men Can't Jump"

By **John C. Griep**
News Editor

Mike Swanson and Darren Vican were involved in a brawl last Friday, March 27 at a mall in Dover, Delaware where they went with their dates to view the premiere of "White Men Can't Jump," the latest movie by black filmmaker Ron Shelton. According to Vican, the movie theater was packed when the four entered. The vast majority of the moviegoers were black. "I saw four seats next to each other and asked if they were taken. Someone sitting nearby responded no." Swanson entered the row and Vican stepped back to let their dates enter; however, two black males squeezed past him and sat down next to Swanson. Vican said that he recognized one of the guys from his hometown.

Swanson informed the two men that the seats were taken and one of the men responded that no one was sitting in them. Swanson told them to "get the hell out of the seats," and the two exchanged words. Swanson invited him to step outside to finish the discussion. "He said, 'after the movie.' and I responded, 'What, so you can get your friends together to jump me?'" The usher appeared and asked Vican if they would like their seats. By this point, Vican had spotted four adjoining seats in the front row and told the usher that they would just take those seats instead. During the movie, about six black males moved into the row of seats immediately behind Vican, Swanson, and their dates. Vican stated, "I guess we should have known that something was up."

After the movie ended, Swanson told Vican to stay back with their dates while he walked out first. "I thought that something might happen." He exited the theater about forty feet in front of Darren. Swanson stated, "as soon as I went through the doors to exit the mall, two guys came up behind me and punched me in the back of the head. The guy who I was arguing with in the theater was coming toward me. I got about ten to fifteen feet from him and about fifteen guys jumped me. I just covered up my head with my left arm and started punching. Probably half the guys who were hitting me did not know the guy I was fighting." Swanson stated that his assailants were black males around eighteen to twenty-two years old.

Vican added, "Swanson was in the middle of about ten guys who were punching and running. I grabbed a friend of mine who was standing off to the side and told him to get out of there and someone punched me in the side of the head. I guess it knocked me out. I fell to the floor and hit it with my head and they were just kicking me in the head

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ELM Editor-in-Chief Pat Attenasio examines the existence of study aid files maintained by Greek organizations at Washington College.

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Racial Brawl in Dover?

ELM Co-Sports Editor Charlie Linehan discusses the problem of racism in his reaction to the assault of two WC students in Dover.

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Editorial

NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH

How about another round of applause for Senior Music major John Blakelock on his awe-inspiring Senior Recital last Friday evening in Tawes Theatre. It is one thing to support a friend in attending such an event, it is quite another to be absolutely "swept off one's feet"[1] by its passionate expression. That he communicated this effect without speaking is remarkable. Way to go Blake.

Enough of that stuff. Last week I promised to return with some beef, and here comes the segue. Blakelock's performance should not only be commended for its quality, but for its originality, aptly noted in its title, "A Recital of *Original* Compositions." "Original" being the key word here; not denoting the composer's inventiveness or imagination, but his capacity to create music which is truly his own. Much of John's work was inspired by other artists (including Schoenbërg, Wallace Stevens, and John Steinbeck - *see review*), but in the end, especially for those familiar with Blakey, it was solely his music being performed on stage last Friday. We are all inspired by those who come before us, and often draw from them for inspiration - whether that be a writer, an actor, a musician, or even an athlete.[2] But there are those of us who take this "inspiration" a step farther. Those who are doing their best to re-invent the distinction between "original imagination" and "imaginative originality."

The topic of plagiarism has not met with whole-hearted support from the Washington College community. Faculty members cringe every time Professor Brien writes a letter to the **ELM** or begins to speak at faculty meetings. Many thought SGA President "Sparky" Kelly tainted an otherwise agreeable Spring Convocation by blasting the current state of academic honesty at WC. I'm sure the Greeks won't be too happy with my article this week ("Asshole can't mind his own business!")[3] But, regardless of its popularity, plagiarism threatens the very foundation of our, and every other, learning institution. Yet, this problem is not rooted in our education system, but our very culture itself. In America, plagiarism is not only a widespread practice, but an encouraged one at that.

We have many models to draw from for our inspiration. We see it in the writings of Dr. Martin Luther King, a man Washington College honored several months ago. While writing his doctoral dissertation at Boston University in 1955, King copied extended passages from the original work of his subject, theologian Paul Tillich, and the dissertation of another BU student.[4] King has also been accused of plagiarizing other college papers along with many of his later speeches.

We see this trend in our government. Senator Joseph Biden, of nearby Delaware, plagiarized long passages of Neil Kinnock's speeches during his presidential campaign of 1988.[5] We see it in former President Ronald Reagan, who "forgot" large portions of the Iran-Contra Affair, and present President George Bush who has proven a brilliant liar on a variety of such "small" topics as the Gulf War and the recent dip in the nation's economy. We also see this in the recent S&L fiasco, especially concerning Charles Keating's white lies that will only cost the country billions of dollars over the next couple years. These are our role-models. These are our heroes.

With the recent crackdown on academic dishonesty at WC centering around a new survey questionnaire (Who are you? Have you ever plagiarized? If so, on what? With who? When? Have you in the past, or do you presently associate with anyone who plagiarizes? Tell us NOW!) are we heading into a McCarthy-era type of punishment?

No. The plagiarism problem at WC (and throughout American culture) resembles the S&L bail-out, in that everyone will be held accountable for its reformation. This will not, and definitely should not, become a witch-hunt. But, a solution will only come about if students and faculty **BOTH** educate themselves and each other. Although students at the collegiate level should be responsible for their own actions, the problem "lies less with the actions of the plagiarists than with the inactions of those responsible for their discipline."[6] In turn, the administration should provide an adequate arena for these discoveries.

Please attend today's **Workshop on Plagiarism** (see brief on Pg. 3). Academic honesty should always top the list of this, and every other learning facility. By ignoring this problem, we will continue to digress as both individuals and as an institution. By tackling this problem now, we probably will not reap any benefits for at least a few years. But when they come, they will be worth all the effort.

I am through memorializing plagiarists and liars.[7] My heroes, my role models, are people like John Blakelock.[8] As he could tell you, there is not a better feeling than to create something that is wholly yours, and share that experience/knowledge with all.

We are rebuilding this thing called a "liberal arts education." It is a never-ending/fluctuating process that often seems more trouble than its worth. Don't be guilty of not trying. Be guilty of failing, be guilty of saying "I don't know," be guilty of spending more than twenty minutes in the library. But don't be guilty of not trying to do something about it. And that goes out again to **BOTH** students and faculty.

This (pending further research) is nothing but the truth.[9]

Footnotes

[1] Common cliché, source unknown.

[2] Editor's Opinion, 4 a.m.

[3] Editor's Opinion based on previous incidents.

[4] Stephen Nathans. **Ripping Off Research.** (*Duke Magazine*: Feb. '92) p. 49.

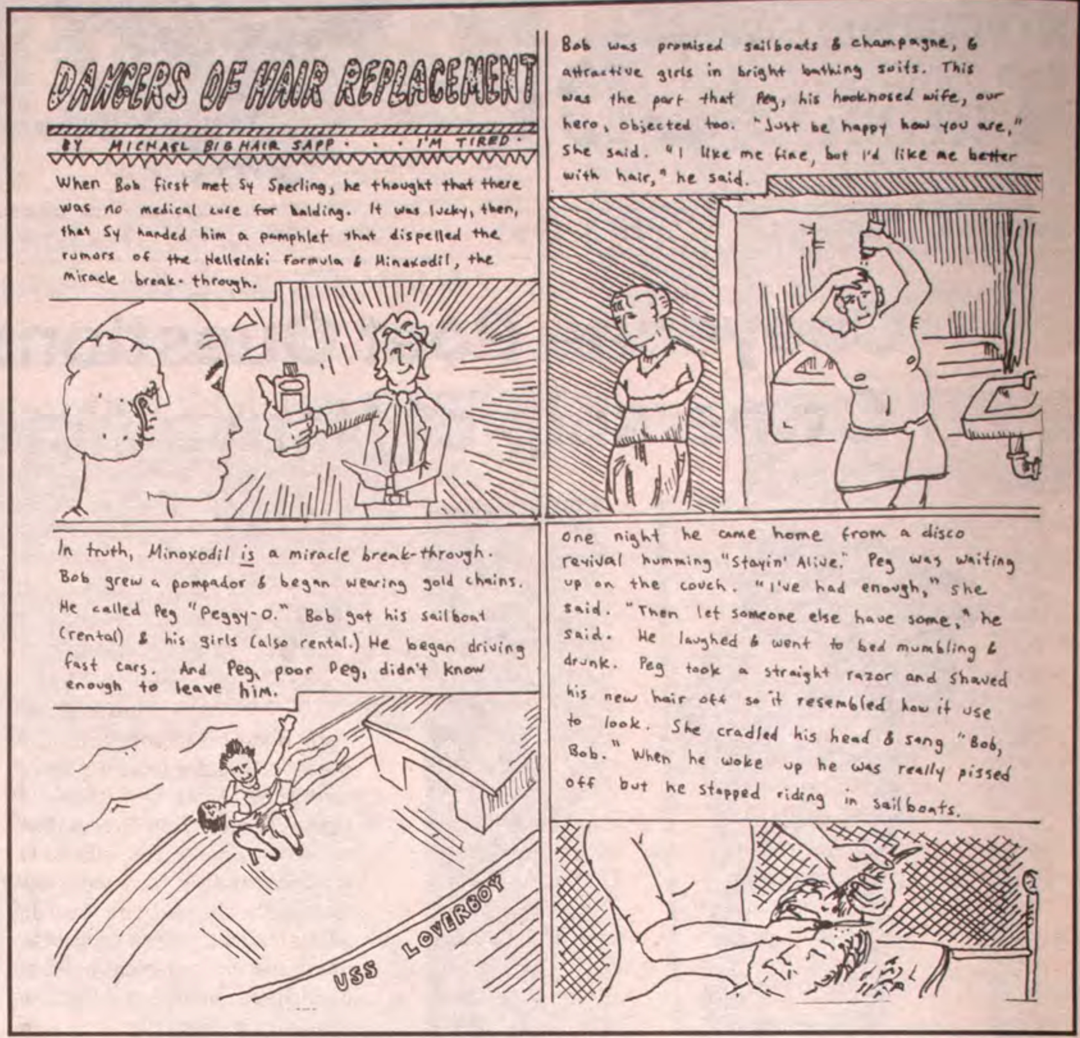
[5] Something Griep told me at 5:30 p.m. on Thurs.

[6] Nathans, p. 10.

[7] Editor's Opinion, 5:05 a.m.

[8] the guy who's paying us $25 for this plug

[9] def: sincerity; genuineness; honesty.


DANGERS OF HAIR REPLACEMENT
BY MICHAEL BIG HAIR SAPP . . . I'M TIRED .
When Bob first met Sy Sperling, he thought that there was no medical cure for balding. It was lucky, then, that Sy handed him a pamphlet that dispelled the rumors of the Hellsinki Formula & Minoxodil, the miracle break-through.
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In truth, Minoxodil is a miracle break-through. Bob grew a pompador & began wearing gold chains. He called Peg "Peggy-O." Bob got his sailboat (rental) & his girls (also rental.) He began driving fast cars. And Peg, poor Peg, didn't know enough to leave him.
USS LOVERBOY
One night he came home from a disco revival humming "Stayin' Alive." Peg was waiting up on the couch. "I've had enough," she said. "Then let someone else have some," he said. He laughed & went to bed mumbling & drunk. Peg took a straight razor and shaved his new hair off so it resembled how it use to look. She cradled his head & sang "Bob, Bob." When he woke up he was really pissed off but he stopped riding in sailboats.

Letters to the Editor

WC Administration Condemns Harassment

To the Editor:

Recently, several incidents directed against members of the Washington College Community have come to our attention, and we view these as clear acts of harassment. Specifically, we refer to incidents involving members of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance, members of our Afro-American community, and a member of the College staff. Harassment is often defined as "an act or communication causing emotional stress specifically addressed to individuals or groups intended to intimidate or humiliate that individual or group because of race, religion, creed, gender, age, ethnicity, national origin, physical disability, or sexual orientation." It is important that every member of the College community know that the Administration will not tolerate such acts of bias-related harassment and that, were possible, such acts will be addressed with the individuals involved.

As an institution we are committed to the moral and legal principle that all members of our community enjoy the right of free speech even when the opinions expressed are very different from our own, or are perhaps abhorrent to us. However, we are equally committed to the principle that this right of free speech is undermined by acts of clear harassment.

We call upon every member of the Washington College Community to take personal responsibility for fostering an environment that is not only receptive to all members of the community but celebrates the diversity of our community.

Such acts of harassment as we cite above diminish each of us and cannot and will not be tolerated.

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Future of ‘Fraternity Files’ at WC Questioned

By **Patrick Attenasio**
Editor-in-Chief

All official Washington College fraternal organizations possess some sort of in-house filing system for study-aid purposes, ranging from simple sharing of notes and textbooks to highly organized archives consisting of past papers and exams. Maintaining such a system does not violate any existing college policy, simply because no such policy currently exists. Greek members are encouraged to utilize these files; whether to familiarize themselves with a professor's exam-style or witness first-hand an example of a well-constructed paper. In no way is plagiarism of such files advocated. However, with WC's recent emphasis on academic honesty amongst the student body, does the existence of this system justify itself or does it pose a strong temptation for those students with access to the files? This past week, a recent Washington College graduate [whose request for anonymity has been granted] spoke with the **ELM**, revealing shocking evidence concerning past misuse of these files.

“I don't know what's going on today,” she stated, “but, in the past I know of at least one occasion where my boyfriend, who was a fraternity member, used one of his brother's papers to copy from. I'm not sure if this happened on any other occasion, because when it did occur, I remember him being under a great deal of pressure. I can't say for sure, but I'm almost positive he got that paper from the fraternity file.”

When asked about the college's policy concerning Greek organizations possessing such filing systems, Maureen McIntire, Dean of Student Affairs, stated that the college has no policy concerning “fraternity files.”

“There is no official policy,” McIntire said, “it is something they [WC Greek organizations] do on their own. However, “she added, “we are concerned about how that information is being used. At one end of the scale a student could be using the files simply to examine an exemplary paper. On the other end, however, a student could be plagiarizing the paper's content.” It is all the “gray-matter” in between these extremes that concerns McIntire, regarding the temptation for fraternal members to misuse their files.

“If they are doing that [misusing files],” McIntire stated, “then they are doing the college and their organization a great disservice.”

To further clarify this situation, the **ELM** spoke with a representative of every official WC Greek organization concerning their policies towards content and up-keep of their filing systems.

Monita Airen, *President* of the **Alpha Omnicron Pi** sorority:

“We do not have a filing system of past papers or exams. The only study-aids we keep in our chapter room are current textbooks that members can borrow or browse through.”

Traci Castello, *President* of the **Zeta Tau Alpha** sorority:

“We do not have papers or exams on file. We do have a bunch of notebooks stored in a chest in our chapter room. They were left behind by past Zetas to be a helpful study-aid. But no, we do not have an organized filing system of old papers. Just the notebooks.”

Jennifer Sloan, *President* of the **Alpha Chi Omega** sorority:

“We have ‘scholarship files.’ They're located in a filing cabinet in our chapter room. They are all out of date. No one has been putting stuff down there. We do have old exams and exam questions. We also have books and lab reports from previous classes. Any sister can use them. There are also Baby Bio exams down there which sisters use and are current.”

Chris Graham, *President* of the **Phi Delta Theta** fraternity:

“Brothers voluntarily deposit old tests in a file that is kept by our Scholarship Chairman. We do not keep papers in the file. If we did, and other people outside of the fraternity were to access and possibly copy them, then we would be considered liable. Brothers feel free to deposit their old tests, but are not forced. These tests are used frequently, and are an easier way to study for upcoming exams. They give an indication of what professors want; what they base the material on (class notes, lecture, readings).”

William Halagarda, *President* of the **Theta Chi** fraternity:

“We have no organized filing system. We do have a couple piles of old exam question sheets and blue-books, some old notebooks and class notes, but no papers on file. All are kept in Dorchester House.”

Joe Koskuba, *member* of the **Kappa Alpha** fraternity (formerly in charge of the organization's filing system):

“At the end of each semester, old notebooks, exams, and papers are collected and arranged by subject. They are kept in a filing cabinet in our chapter room, located in the basement of Middle Hall. I do not think these files are widely used. In fact, I know of no one in the past year who has used them. Papers are kept on file as more of a guideline on how to write a good paper, what a professor wants and expects.”

When asked what he thought of the existence of such filing systems, Kevin Brien, Professor of Philosophy, and a leader in the promotion of improved academic honesty at Washington College, stated he had “deep ethical problems with the files.” He added, “although many students might use these files correctly, the temptation to abuse them is great. The circumstances surrounding the access to such files make abuse very tempting.”

When asked to elaborate on these circumstances, Brien said that since the location of these files is both “insulated” and “exclusive” to specific groups of students, professors have no way to verify when a case of plagiarism has occurred. “If faculty members do not have access to the material these papers are based on, how can they legitimate their grades?” Brien questioned.

Brien would like to see one of two solutions implemented concerning the future of such “insulated” filing systems. “The general student body should have access to these files, like they do to previous theses in the closed reserve section of the Miller Library,” he stated. “But, some of my colleagues and myself within the Philosophy department have wondered if it is a good idea to even have old theses on library file.”

Brien's second suggestion, the one he favors more than the public access alternative, would be for the official fraternal organizations to voluntarily destroy their files. “In practice,” Brien said, “we know that such files have been misused. I would like to see an end to that.”

Dateline Chestertown

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Everyone Must Read This Brief Concerning Today's "Workshop on Plagiarism"

On Friday, April 3, Washington College will present a symposium on academic honesty, aptly titled "**Workshop on Plagiarism**" at 3:00 p.m. in the Forum Room of the Casey Academic Center. George Gopen, Director of the Writing Program at Duke University, will lead the meeting. Throughout his career at Duke and other universities, Gopen has examined the problem of plagiarism in the academic context, and the ethical and pedagogical questions such a study would reveal.

In an article titled "Ripping Off Research" (*Duke Magazine*-Feb. 1992, by Stephen Nathans), Copen states, "Such an admittedly ugly subject demands attention." He adds, "There is a discrepancy between what we say about plagiarism and what we do in the real world."

It is hoped that through this symposium, members of the Washington College community can decipher this important "discrepancy." All students *and* faculty are greatly encouraged to attend this important meeting, as it will hopefully provide insight into the future improvement of academic honesty at WC.

Summer School Guidlines

Students interested in taking courses in summer school must complete a summer school permit. It is the students' responsibility to read and follow the guidelines and policies for taking summer school credits. Both the permit and a copy of the guidelines and policies for summer school can be obtained in the Office of the Registrar.

Pirate, River Explorer Coming to Chestertown

Two interpreters portraying an early eighteenth century Chesapeake Bay pirate and a seventeenth century river explorer trader will be performing and lecturing on the plaza in front of Casey Academic Center, Washington College at 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 5. Sponsored by the Washington College Historical Society, interpreters William Balderson and Carson Hudson represent Living History Associates, Ltd. of Richmond, Virginia, an independent organization which has supplied historical interpreters to Jamestown Island, the National Park Service, the Mariner's Museum in Newport News, and the Science Museum of Virginia. The event is also sponsored by the Joseph H. McLain Program in Environmental Studies and the Student Government Association.

The Chesapeake Bay, a center of commercial activity throughout Maryland's history, has also been the scene of turbulence wreaked by storms and human conflict. Dressed in appropriate regalia, the characters will demonstrate how traders and pirates perceived the Chesapeake Bay region and how they fit into the society of each time period. The goal of Living History Associates is to develop interactive programs between audiences and educated interpreters who enable history to become tangible and ‘alive.’ A natural, outdoor setting is the ideal backdrop for such a presentation. Audience participation will be encouraged following the main program. In case of inclement weather, the program will be held in the lobby of the Casey Academic Center.

Dedicated to promoting the history and culture of the Eastern Shore and the State of Maryland, the Washington College Historical Society is a two-year old organization eager to welcome new members. Any student interested in joining should contact President Cynthia Slaby at 778-9168 or Vice President Jenifer Grindle at 778-9324.

SGA Report

The Senate and Executive Board of the Washington College Student Government Association met in the Casey Academic Center Forum on Tuesday, March 31. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 7 in the CAC Forum. Anyone is welcome to attend.

SAB Supports Min. 2.0 GPA for Graduation

The Student Academic Board met on Wednesday, April 1 at 7 p.m. in the Casey Academic Center to discuss the 2.0 GPA graduation requirement proposed by the Student Academic Council. The Academic Board voted to support the proposal to require graduating seniors to attain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0. The SAB suggested that this proposal, if implemented, should go into effect for the graduating class of 1994, the current sophomore class. The SAB also brought up a number of concerns which they would like the Academic Council to address when they discuss the minimum GPA proposal. These concerns included: "friendly" warnings to students whose cumulative GPA drops below a 2.2, and a more serious warning letter to students whose GPA drops below a 2.0, along with a letter home to parents.

The annual State of the Major reports are currently being prepared by the student representatives. SGA Vice President John Kelly, who chairs the SAB, will collate the reports and his report should be finished by May 1.

Constitutional Amendments

The proposed constitutional amendment to mandate a dress code for the SGA was tabled due to the absence of Senator Doug Peterson, who wrote the amendment.

Senator Will Phipps distributed a proposal to limit the number of excused absences which a dorm senator is permitted. Currently, the number of excused absences is unlimited.

Senator John Griep distributed a number of proposed changes to the SGA Constitution. His proposed amendments are concerned with SAB meetings and the selection of representatives, the SCC, the position(s) of social chair, the publicity committee, the appointment of Parliamentarian, and write-in votes.

Class Officer Elections

Senator Lee Russo announced that petitions for class officers will be available in Student Affairs on Friday, April 10. Petitions should be returned by Friday, April 17, and elections will be held on Wednesday, April 22.

Funding

The SGA allocated $500 to fund the hot air balloon rides on Saturday, April 11 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. $1 will be charged for each person.

The SGA allocated $2200 to fund Probable Cause, who will be performing at the Theta Chi Heineken Party on Saturday, April 4. The SGA and the Thetas will split the door receipts. The Washington College Dining Service will be in charge of alcohol sales.

$100 was allocated for the Chestertown Optimist Club. This group provides funding for charitable organizations in the Chestertown area.

The Senate approved $919.50 to help sponsor Awareness Week, which begins on Saturday, April 11 with a symposium on the proposed incinerator at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds. On Saturday evening, two bands will be performing. The Senate also approved $650 to fund one of these bands.

Campus Lighting

Senator John Phoebus reported that he took a night tour of the campus with President Trout to examine the problem of lighting on campus. The lights in the Reid Hall parking lot have been replaced and new lights were put up at the crosswalk. Lighting is still a problem between Minta Martin and Reid and near Cardinal.

Academic Dishonesty Surveys

Senators were reminded that all Washington College students will be asked to fill out a survey on academic dishonesty. SGA President Kevin Kelly strongly recommends that everyone fill out the surveys honestly.

Brawl at a Dover Mall

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and body."

Meanwhile, Vican and Swanson's dates approached a mall security guard and asked him to break up the fight. He allegedly stated, "The cops should be here soon" and made no effort to stop the brawl. The two women then found a telephone and called the police themselves.

At this point, an off-duty police officer appeared. He displayed his badge and shouted that he was a cop. Swanson said that he could also hear sirens coming closer. His assailants began to run and "I started to chase them. The cop grabbed my arm and stopped me. That was when I saw one of the guys pull a shotgun from his back seat." The suspects were able to drive away before the police arrived.

Vican and Swanson are currently considering the possibility of a lawsuit against the mall due to the inaction of the security guard.

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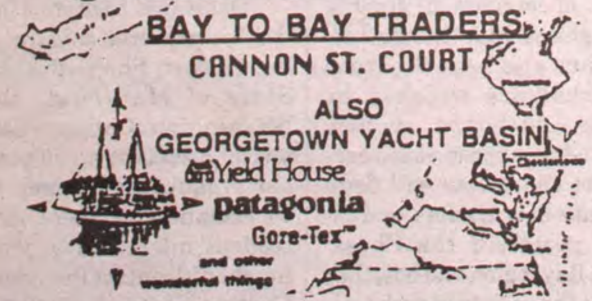

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Sioux Nation Claims War Bonnet in Library

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here as part of this larger movement.

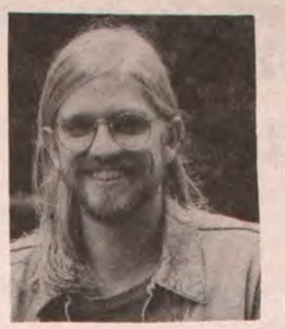
Dr. George Shivers, Professor of Spanish at WC, admits that in his twenty-three years of teaching, he has never seen the Native American items put to use. "It might be a good idea to return them," he says. "If we make a ceremony of the occasion, it would be a good educational experience for everyone."

In a telephone conversation Wednesday, Henson spoke with the **ELM**. "It is time for people to communicate in a humane way," he said, adding that returning Native American artifacts aids in the healing of our country's wounds. Because President Bush proclaimed 1992 as the year of the American Indian, Henson believes it would be an advantageous time and humane gesture to return the items to the Sioux nation.

Henson said that his wife contacted Marla Waters, the fifth member on the Executive Board of the Sioux Tribal Nation, to inform her of Washington College's possessions. Waters also spoke with the **Elm** on Wednesday and said that no one knew that Crazy Horse's war shirt and Chief Red Cloud's war bonnet were here. No formal decision has been made on the planned course of action. "I have to talk to the elders before we can do anything," she noted. Waters said that the Sioux Tribal Nation have reclaimed other artifacts and plan to build a museum and cultural center where the Battle of Wounded Knee took place, near Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

President Trout says that he is aware that the Sioux may want to reclaim some of the artifacts in WC's collection but claims that he has not yet had time to determine the origin of the gifts. He plans to contact the Director of the American Museum of Natural History in New York to get a better understanding of the issues involved in legitimate claims. He expects to have a reasonable answer should the Sioux Nation contact the college. "I am open and receptive to legitimate claims," he says.

Q: Should Washington College give the Native American Artifacts to the Sioux Nation?



"I think they should give the things back. We don't need them. If they're just gonna put them in some hidden, out of the way place, they may as well give them back. Now if President Trout were to wear them full time..."

Joe Hamilton, senior

"These artifacts are important to the college in that they serve to remind us of the fact that we are living on land which was once somebody else's. The preservation of such items in a conspicuous location frequented by non-Indians is as important as the maintenance of concentration camps in Germany."

Scott Koon, sophomore

"We should give them back if they ask for for them back. It's nice to have them in the library, after all. If we're going to keep them, we should put more focus on them, though."

Michael Mucha, sophomore

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"I would like to see the items given to the Sioux Tribal Nation. We have no use for them here. If people would like to see Indian artifacts displayed, they could very well see them in a legitimate museum."

Franci Green, junior

"If the claims are indeed legitimate, then it would be a nice gesture to return them to the Sioux Indians for their intended museum."

Denise Marshall, sophomore

"We *should* give them back... in exchange for some hot Indian babes."

Adam Brown, junior

Self Defense Workshop

The Washington College Security Department and the Sophomore Class will be sponsoring self-defense workshops for 50-60 female students on Saturday, April 11 at 1 p.m. and Tuesday, April 14 at 7 p.m.

Interested students can sign up in the cafeteria next week.

Although the second workshop will build on some of the techniques taught on Saturday, students can elect to attend just one of the workshops.

Duane Dieter, a martial arts expert from Easton, MD, will be teaching the self-defense classes. Dieter taught a workshop last semester at Washington College which was sponsored by the President's Office. Although this workshop was poorly attended, students who did participate said that Dieter is an excellent instructor of self-defense techniques.

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Thursday 2 - Saturday 4

Drama Department presents
Waiting for Godot
25th Anniversary production
Tawes Theatre, 8:00 p.m.
General Admission $4.00; students free; no reservations

Friday 3 - Monday 6

Film Series: *LA Story*
Norman James Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

Friday 3

Lit House Café
entertainment, food & drink
All are welcome
O'Neill Literary House, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Ad Hoc Committe on Academic H onesty
presents: *Workshop on Plagiarism*
CAC Forum, 3:00 p.m.

Painting Orgy
Come help paint the
Awareness Week Mural
Sponsored by Visual Artists' Union
Lawn by Larrabee Art House, 3:30 p.m.*

Saturday 4

Theta Chi Heineken Party
$3.00 cover
Hodson Hall, 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Sunday 5

NOW March "We Won't Go Back"
Margaret Horsley Society & Kent County
League of Women Voters
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The Music Department presents
The WC Early Music Consort
Music in the Age of Columbus
Norman James Theatre, 4:00 p.m.†

Monday 6

Native American Film Series:
Myths and Moundbuilders
CAC Forum, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday 7

The William James Forum presents
18 Million People and the
Chesapeake Bay: Are they Compatible?
Tom Horton, Author of *Bay Country*
Hynson Lounge, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday 8

The Goldstein Program in
Public Affairs presents
Egypt, Saudia Arabia, and Syria: A
Foreign Policy Axis in the Peace Process
Louis J. Cantori, University of MD
Hynson Lounge, 7;30 p.m.

Thursday 9

Debate Society
Motion: "This House Supports the KKK"
CAC Forum, 7:00 p.m.

Women's Issues Film Series:
Women in Business
Alumni House, 7:00 p.m.

The McLain Program
in Environmental Affairs presents
Measuring the Biological Community:
A New Tool in Evaluating Estuarine
and Near Coastal Waters
George Gibson, EPA
Dunning Lecture Hall, 7:30 p.m.

GALA meeting
9:00 — Business meeting and election of officers
9:30 — Discussion:
Being Gay and Lesbian at Washington College
an informal talk with recent WC alumni
CAC Common Room

Recent Works by Simone Osthoff will be on exhibit in Gibson Fine Arts Center Wednesday - Saturday, noon - 4:p.m., through April 18.

†see related article
*see last week's issue for more info

Racial Debate to Spark Controversy

The Debate Society of Washington College has chosen a decidedly controversial topic for their April 9 debate. The Motion, "This House Supports the Ku Klux Klan," is again a hypothetical one. Debate Society Chair Kate Absher wants to make it perfectly clear that the Society does not necessarily endorse the KKK or support its views. Absher is planning on trying to get two Klan menbers to debate against two Washington College students. "The only views we get of the KKK are through films like Mississippi Burning, and I think this would be a unique opportunity to hear both sides of the story," says Absher.

The debate is scheduled for next Thursday, April 9, at 8:00 p.m. in the Casey Academic Center Forum.

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Student Profile: Tina McCuen

Tina L. McCuen is a Junior double major in German and Humanities. She is a three-semester Dean's List Student, with an approximate GPA of 3.76. A first-year RA in Queen Anne's, Tina can often be found in the Lit House, where she is an active Writers' Union member. Tina helped to formulate the idea for the Lit House Café, which is now run by Will Phipps.

Last summer she worked for the University of Delaware Center for Archaeological Research. She worked on-site at the dig with fellow WC students Justin Cann and Chris Mihavetz. On her return last fall, she was a guest speaker for the WC Intro to Anthropology classes, giving a presentation on her experience, complete with slides.

This summer, the Junior Fellows Society is sponsoring Tina in a summer study abroad program through Rutgers University. Tina will be studying in Germany, where she will be doing research for a project that she plans to spend some time completing. Her Humanities major concentrations are in Gender Studies, Anthropology, and English, and she will combine her studies of German with these fields to do research on how politics since the National Socialist (Nazi) movement have influenced the development of the masculine gender in Germany.

Tina's other activities include being President of the Anthropological Society, Treasurer of GALA, and member of the German Club. During her sophomore year, she volunteered at the Kent County Senior Center. She loves her German classes, her plants, and her two rats. After graduation, Tina would like to join the Peace Corps in Eastern Europe, or to go to graduate school to do further studies on issues of gender.

Special Report: Music at Washington College

This semester has seen quite a bit of activity from the Music Department, as well as from other areas of campus, when it comes to musical events. Besides the standby of the Concert Series, there are four separate Department-affiliated musical ensembles (Chamber Music Ensemble, which performed last Sunday; WC Jazz Band, WC Community Chorus, and Early Music Consort) with concerts this semester. The Drama Department is also getting into the act; Senior Shan Driscoll is directing *Pippin,* a musical drama production to go up later this month. Anywhere on campus, you're likely to walk through a dorm and hear some student practicing guitar or singing. This prevalence of student musical talent not only fuels the established ensembles on campus, but will be showcased in two open-mike sort of performances this month, one in the C-House and one open jam sponsored by the Drama Department to raise money for renovations to the Green Room (time TBA).

To call attention to the recent tuning of the campus towards more musical performances, I've collected four reviews of concerts that happened in the last week. John Blakelock's Senior Recital was the first Composition Recital since Kate Bennett of Cowboy Jazz graduated. The same night, John Marcus of Maintenance was thrown a benefit party in the Coffeehouse, starring "The Movies." Saturday night, I-House's Toga Party had a good party band for a good party. Last but not least, the Chamber Music Recital last Sunday was the perfect way to take a break on that lovely Sunday afternoon.

Following the reviews is a short cap of the upcoming music events for the month of April at Washington College.

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Blakelock Lets the Music Do the Talking

By **Dan Kretzer**
Staff Writer

The heavy set, six foot one senior John Blakelock does not fit into the typical stereotype of the stuffy, wimpy, overdressed music major. Indeed, just the opposite. One might easily mistake the shabbily dressed, soft spoken Blakelock for just another local farmer who took a wrong turn and wandered onto campus. So perhaps some of the estimated hundred and fifty people who attended Blakelock's Senior Composition Recital on Friday, March 27, were quite pleasantly surprised. The show was comprised of twelve original works of music written by Blakelock, and it brought together some of the best musical performers in the area, including Blakelock himself.

Blakelock proved himself more versatile than a Swiss army knife, presenting a brass quintet, a woodwind quartet, a couple of vocal pieces, selections of electronic music, a euphonium (it's kind of like a tuba) solo and a number of show stopping piano pieces. His range of instruments was also quite impressive. He performed on the piano, with a euphonium and a guitar. Certainly there was a wide variety in the music presented.

The show opened up with the brass quintet composition entitled *Tribute to Johannes Brahms.* This piece was written in the style of twentieth century composers. While many shy away from this style because of its dissonance and atonality, Blakelock himself is a big fan and his emulation of the twentieth century composers was compelling.

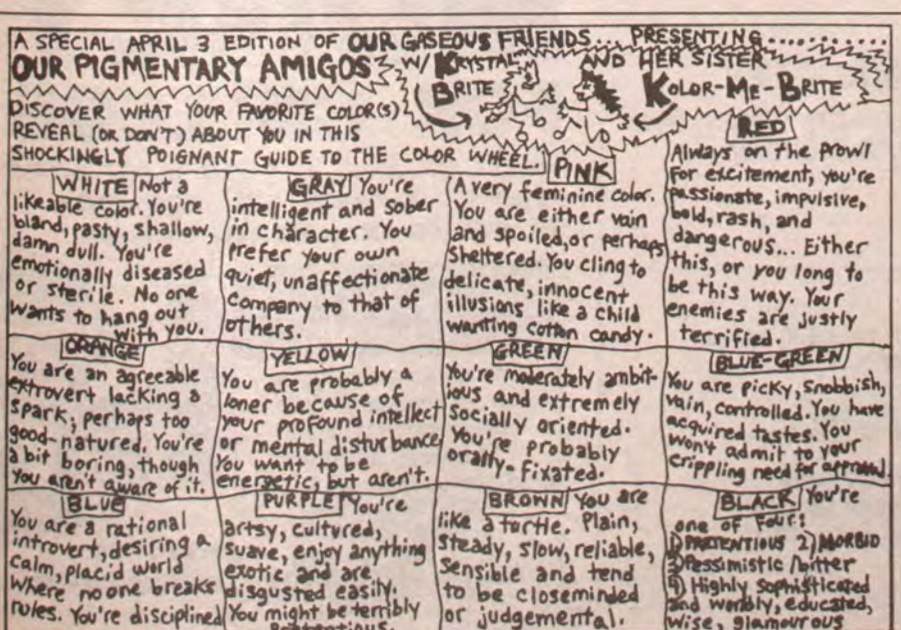
Blakelock's vocal pieces displayed a mastery of both ends of the vocal scale, one for a bass and the other for a soprano. John Farr [Kathy Mills' husband] sang bass in the majestically tongue in cheek *Emperor of Ice Cream* [based on the Wallace Stevens poem]. The Music department's Ann Mathews provided her own delicate soprano voice for *Henry Purcell*, a Gerard Manley Hopkins poem put to music by Blakelock.

In the midst of the recital, the audience was treated to something they might not have expected. The lights went out and in complete darkness two selections of electronic music were played from a prerecorded tape. The first was entitled *Exercise in Minimalism*, an entertaining piece that I still can't get out of my head. The second was a tribute to Blakelock's favorite twentieth century composer called *Sad Man Schönberg*. Schönberg was a composer who never got the following that Blakelock believes he deserved, which perhaps explains the title of the piece. A picture of Schönberg graced the recital's advertising posters (he was the handsome devil on the left).

Blakelock's solo performances were some of the evening's highlights. His euphonium solo, *Tom Hamilton*, was a very creative work for an instrument that does not usually have solos written for it. In *5 Guitar Pieces*, Blakelock showcased five short pieces that were the result of several months, or perhaps years, of playing and practicing. In the fifth piece, Blakelock had the audience laughing with delight as he loosened the strings and put a medicine bottle beneath them to lower tension and increase their length. The result was a guitar that played with a very unusual twang, and a song that pleased everyone. Blakelock's final solo, and the recital's finale, was an enraged and turbulent piano solo entitled *The Burning Barn*. This stormy piece ended with Blakelock slamming down on the piano with his hand.

Blakelock's most common form was the piano solo. Kathy Mills performed *We Thank Thee Now Our God*, and fellow student Mike Tyson joined Blakelock in *100 Beats*, a piece that had the two pianists playing at the same time. But the most moving piano solo, and arguably the best piece in the recital, was *Release No. 1 in A-flat Major*. Blakelock wisely chose the talented Tyson to play this elegant and emotionally charged piece. When *Release No. 1* finally had to come to an end, it seemed as though the audience would never stop applauding.

When the recital was finished, John Blakelock received a standing ovation. Known for his shyness, the blushing musician and composer came out for only one curtain call during which he gave the audience a look that said: "Aw, come on. You're embarrassing me." Backstage he was all smiles, basking in the compliments of friends and family who went back to congratulate him. Technically, the recital was a requirement for Blakelock's graduation, yet one couldn't help but feel that he enjoyed giving it just as much as the audience enjoyed hearing it. Blakelock, in my opinion, rates an *En Passant*.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"Movies" Reviewed

By **Greg Hickman**
Staff Writer

"The Movies" thundered through the Coffeehouse last Friday in a benefit concert for John Marcus, WC maintenance worker. The band gave such a butt-kicking performance that it was a shame that there were so few students present to enjoy the experience. "The Movies" were definitely a college band, playing classic rock tunes we all know, and even some newer "alternative" stuff which also appeals to a lot of us. The band had the full setup, which really rocked the foundations of the student center. Vocals passed easily from the bass player to the lead guitarist, and the harmonies were clear and consistent. No nasty shrieks from these guys; the group worked smoothly as an ensemble, enjoying themselves as much as we enjoyed them. Everything they played was very danceable, as witnessed by the diehard shakers out on the nearly empty dance floor. Attendance at C-house functions seems to have plummeted since the abolition of easy-to-get alcohol, and this is a shame. The alcohol has not been taken away from us entirely; it is still readily available in the Snack Bar. The CIA and Student Activities have booked some really good bands lately, including "The Movies" and others, all of which have given enjoyable, rockin' performances.

"Slam" Dancing

By **J. Tarin Towers**
A&E Editor

"The Slam" played their first gig on Saturday night at I-House's Toga Party, and contrary to popular belief, they did it for free. Lauren Montenegro, last year's Liberal Arts valedictorian, happens to have a brother who plays bass, so WC happened to be the kickoff for this new band's career. "The Slam" is a bunch of College Park-types who have the uncanny ability to make any song sound like a Ramones original. One WC senior remarked that the band

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"Slam"

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looks like their music. I suppose that this could be a compliment or insult for the band, depending on whether anyone really wants to look like the Ramones sound.

The drummer/lead singer, Carlos, kicked ass on many a tune, and he added to the effect by swinging his head around as if it were attached by a string while still playing the hell out of the drums and singing/screaming the lyrics. The strain of singing and drumming at the same time, à la Phil Collins on acid, is reported to be too much for the leader of the band, who reputedly plays every instrument at least as well as his bandmates.

Consequently, they're recruiting a new drummer, so that Carlos can play lead guitar, with their current guitarist filling in the rhythm guitar spot, now vacant. While it would be a crying shame to lose such a strong feature of the band (the drums), if Carlos can jam on guitar like he can on drums, then perhaps it would be a welcome change. At the I-House gig, the rhythm section was strong, loud, and clear, while the guitar served as fill, and the keyboards were barely audible.

This punk cover band also threw in a few (not bad) originals. Their repertoire included not just punk standards like Sex Pistols (three) and the Clash, but a hardcore version of "You Can't Always Get What You Want" by the Rolling Stones that started off the classic way, nice'n'slow, and then kicked into a slamdanceable (hence the band's name) three-minute thrash. They also pulled off a killer cover of "Grey Cell Green" by Ned's Atomic Dustbin. This band is definitely from the school of "who needs four chords," but their music was good to listen to, to dance to, and to drink to.

Chamber Music for the Masses

By **Ciaran O'Keeffe**
Staff Writer

Despite the Chamber Music Recital being poorly attended, those few gathered in Norman James last Sunday witnessed a concert that was most enjoyable and enlightening. Flutes and their players abounded at this occasion with only one item on the program without flutes. Pieces ranged from the traditional Telemann and Händel to the not familiar Farrenc and Sammartini, finally ending with a brass quartet piece by the twentieth century composer Frackenpohl.

Each piece was performed well, with the various soloist sections being handled competently by all musicians. The mixture of ensembles helped to create an interesting chamber music array with my only disappointment being with the Händel Sonata in which we only heard two movements. Jennifer Nyman, Melissa Sirick and the rest of the ensemble entertained us so magnificently it was a shame to see them leave the stage so quickly.

Greg Hickman, once again, showed that his experience and competency with the flute placing him marginally above the other performers.

All performers, again, deserve an applause, and I encourage students of Washington College to take 30 minutes out of their schedule on a Sunday afternoon and come to these concerts. They are free and well worth the effort.

April Music Events

Saturday 4 Probable Cause
Theta Chi Heineken Party
Hodson Hall, 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Sunday 5 Early Music Consort
Music From the Age of Columbus
Norman James Theatre, 4:00 p.m.

Friday 10 Washington College
Community Chorus:
A Night at the Opera
Tawes Theatre, 8:00 p.m.

Saturday 11 Awareness Week
Kickoff: Monkeyspank &
Strange Boutique
CoffeeHouse, 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

Monday 13 Concert Series:
New York Woodwind Quartet
with Gilbert Kalish, Piano
Tawes Theatre, 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday 15 Senior Recital:
Gregory Hickman
Norman James Theatre, 8:00 p.m.

Thursday 23 - Saturday 25
Pippin: A Musical Drama
Tawes Theatre, 8:00 p.m.

Thursday 23 Student Recital
Norman James Theatre, 7:00 p.m.

Friday 24 Open Mike Night
CoffeeHouse, 9:00

Saturday 25 Black Sheep
Luau/Parents' Day
Lelia Hynson Pavilion, Wilmer
Park

Sunday 26
Washington College Jazz Band
Tawes Theatre, 4:00 p.m.

And NOW for Something Completely Different

By **Deborah Boyer**
Horsley Society President

Some last minute updates in regards to the "We Won't Go Back" March in Washington DC this Sunday the 5th, sponsored by the Margaret Horsley Society and Student Affairs:

The buses will be leaving from the parking lot next to the Casey Swim Center (behind Tawes Theatre) AT 7:00 a.m.; therefore, it would be wise to be there by at least 6:45 so that we can all be together on the same bus (We are sharing the two buses with the Kent County League of Women Voters).

As long as we have your ID Numbers, breakfast and lunch will be provided, box lunch style, by the WCDS. People with special eating habits (vegetarians, etc.) may want to bring their own food in case their needs are not accommodated.

This will be a long day, so people may want to consider bringing a bag for things to drag along, including the boxed food and drinks (and don't forget to account for the weather).

Marchers are *urged* to wear white, and if you have something white that has Washington College on it, that's all the better.

We of course would have liked everyone to go together, but knowing the impossibilities of that, we are encouraging all independent travellers to try and meet up with us so that we can all march together. Either follow the buses or meet up with us in Washington. There will be WC people on the front steps of the National Gallery (across the street from the mall and down to the right) until 11:00 a.m. Meet us there!

We encourage faculty/staff/students to all walk together. This is an opportunity for all-campus unity. A few faculty members have questioned this possibility and we will certainly try our best to get everyone together.

Brief Itinerary: 6:45 arrive to lot/ 7:00 departure/ get off at new Carrollton Metro Stop/ Take Metro to Smithsonian Station/ Gather on steps of National Gallery until 11:00/ Head to the Mall and get organized by NOW/ March starts at 12:00/ Leave rally and try to be back at buses by 4:30 - 5:00 so that we can get back to school by 6:30 - 7:00.

One more thing: bring a tennis ball, as many as you have, on which to write a message to the President and the Supreme Court. These balls will be deposited in front of the White House.

Sophie Kerr Prize

The Sophie Kerr Prize is awarded at Commencement to the senior deemed by the Sophie Kerr Committee to have "the best ability and promise for future fulfillment in the field of literary endeavor." Students wishing to submit samples of their writing are invited to do so. All submissions must be in the hands of the committee by the last day of classes and may be brought to the office of the Chairman of English Department for convenience and safe-keeping. Manuscripts will be returned to their owners after Commencement. All graduating seniors are eligible recipients of the award.

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Anyone for Tennis, Wouldn't That Be Nice?

Women Netters Prove They Can Play Div. One

By **Rachael Rice**
Staff Writer

Another week of tennis action and Sophomore Pam Hendrickson remains unbeaten. Hendrickson, playing at #2, improved her record to 10-0 this week, while the team, notching two wins, including a victory against Division I Towson State University, improved to 6-4.

The Shorewomen blew into Gettysburg last Saturday to face their MAC arch-rivals, the Bullets. While high winds forced the ladies inside, only Senior Tracy Peel appeared disgruntled. "Cold, windy days are my absolute favorite playing conditions," commented Peel, who managed to shake off her disappointment and plaster Andrea Nichols at #1, 6-0, 6-0.

Hendrickson, who claimed that her heart was actually with the baseball team, managed to save a little for her own effort, knocking off Carrie Kendrick at #2, 6-2, 6-1. Miriam Dittmann, who has been playing the best tennis of her college career, gave up only five games in her rout of Mia Remis. Dittmann prevailed at #3, 6-3, 6-2.

The bottom half of the singles line-up has been struggling throughout the '92 season, as evidenced by their scores on Saturday. Jen Sloan faced Jeannie Ozanne at #4 and was bested 5-7, 1-6. Kristy Karns was stopped by Kristen Hall at #5, 0-6, 1-6. Rachael Rice outlasted Karns and Sloan but not her opponent. Barely recovered from the anguish suffered due to false rumors of a keg-draining incident, she dropped a tough 3-setter to Kelly Kane, 6-3, 4-6, 3-6.

The teams entered the doubles split at three matches apiece. Peel and Hendrickson handled Nichols and Kendrick easily, 6-2, 6-0. But Sloan and Karns, playing at #2 doubles, pulled off the win of the match, besting Ozanne and Hull, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2. Playing the best doubles they have all season, Sloan and Karns were able to shake off singles' losses and hang tough. Sloan commented "I owe this victory to all the extra attention the coaches have been giving me in practice, especially Todd Helbling." Rice and Dittmann also posted a win at #3, completing the 6-3 sweep of the Bullets and solidifying chances of a repeat MAC title.

Gettysburg was not the only victim of the Shorewomen this past week, as they handed the Division I Towson State Lady Tigers a defeat on Tuesday. Peel and Hendrickson each posted a 6-1, 6-0 victory. Peel blasted April Jourdan at #1 and Hendrickson bounced Laurie Morgan at #2. Dittmann played a hard-fought match at #3, but after 2 and a half hours, she finally succumbed to Terry Matthews, 7-7 (7-3), 4-6, 2-6. Sloan struggled at #4, losing to Jen Frank 0-6, 3-6. Diana Claussen faced similar troubles at #5, dropping two sets to Beth Flaks, 4-6, 1-6. Kristy Karns made quick work of Yana Karabelas at #6, 6-0, 6-1. When asked about her match, Karns replied, "I wasted no time out there. In fact, I don't waste anything."
Lee Russo helped the Shoremen along at #7, besting Erica Sully, 6-2, 7-6 (7-3).

The Shorewomen had to do their dirty work in the doubles once again. Peel and Hendrickson, playing at #1, trounced Jourdan and Flaks 2 and 2. Sloan and Karns did not fare so well at #2, losing to Matthews and Frank, 2-6, 1-6. Rice and Dittmann, in a hotly contested match, pulled off the Shorewoman victory at #3, branding Morgan and Erica Sully, 6-3, 6-0.
Coach Tim Grey claims that this is the most aggressive doubles he has seen out of his #3 team, but admits that the 5-4 wins have been "a little too close" for comfort.

The Women's team, who played Catholic at home on Thursday, will face Division II Millersville tomorrow at home at 11am. Grey believes the women have the potential to do well for the remainder of the season. "With hard work, determination, improved play at #4, #5, and #6, and most important, unity, the team can capture a second MAC victory and seriously vie for a bid to the Division III nationals. But unity is the key; the women know what they must do to succeed: go out there and play—and win—as a team."

Men's Tennis Starts Early in Quest for Nationals

By **Doug Hoffberger**
Staff Comedian (NOT!)

On Saturday, March 28, the Washington College Men's Tennis Team improved their modest record of 8-2, to a whopping 9-2 with a clean "Maryland Terrapin" like sweep over Ursinus. The win over Ursinus, which is located in the beautiful state of New Jersey, is the first win for the Shoremen within the MAC Southeast conference. Haverford, Johns Hopkins, and Widener are the remaining conference showdowns on the WAC Netters schedule.
The Shoremen, without the aid of two of their three top performance players, were still able to hold off the awesome, yet shallow, attack of Ursinus College, which, if I didn't mention before, is located in sunny New Jersey. The Shoremen's Frank Hartwig and Trevor Hurd were unable to overcome their injuries for this one, but should return soon to give the WAC Netters the depth that is commonplace within the Shoremen tennis program.
At the number one spot, the head honcho, the leader of the pack, the "big cheese", Alberto Diaz rolled over his opponent 6-1, 6-0. At number two, Emilio Bogato ousted Jed Levitas, 6-1, 6-3 while Carlos Nuno handily defeated Ursinus' Dave Miller by a score of 6-1, 6-0. Jeff Rexford was victorious at the fourth position as was Deepak Raja at the Fifth. And by the time Tim "BIRD" Reardon was finished toying with his opponent both teams decided to call it a day on account of the weather, apparently it was just too darn cold! Oh why oh why must April Fools come but once a year?
On March 30, the Shoremen defeated Haverford giving the Netters an overall record of 10-2, and an MAC southeast conference record of 2-0. Under the coaching masterminds of Tim Gray and Tom Finnegan the Shoremen were able to edge out Haverford by a 5-4 margin.
Alberto Diaz, due to mid-season shoreman injuries, has become very familiar with the number one position, or at least more familiar than his opponent who he beat in straight sets, 7-6, 7-5. Trevor Hurd remains undefeated this season in singles and doubles with a straight set win over Haverford's Santiago Gefford. This feat qualifies Trevor for the Walt Williams Div. 3 Tennis Hall of Fame—way to go Trevor! At the number three position, Emilio Bogato recorded the last singles win of the day for the Netters, beating Haverford's number three seed 6-1, 7-6. Carlos Nuno lost in three sets, the final score was 5-7, 7-6, 7-6 (18-16). At the fifth and sixth positions respectively, Andy Bohutinsky and Jeff Rexford came up short in two hard fought matches.
Entering the doubles portion of the match, Haverford and Washington were tied at three wins apiece. At first doubles, Alberto Diaz and Trevor Hurd spanked their opponents and taunted the relentless crowd in their 6-1, 6-1 victory. The score was now Washington College 4, Haverford 3.

Seeing the outcome of the singles matches, the masterminds of coaches Finnegan and Gray went to work pairing Diaz and Hurd together, number three seeded Bogato with number six seed Jeff Rexford, and Carlos Nuno with Andy Bohutinsky, two players full of vigor and doubles experience. The match went into a tie when the second doubles team of Bogato and Rexford were beaten 6-4, 6-2. However, the coaches cashed in when Carlos Nuno and Andy Bohutinsky reported their three set victory.

Half way through the season, the WAC Netters have their eyes fixed upon a return to nationals as well as another MAC title. A combination of good coaching and player confidence should lead the Shoremen to a stellar end of another winning season.

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WC Athletes Attacked: Racism Hits Home and Hits Hard

By Charlie Linehan
Co-Sports Editor

Warning: The following article has nothing to do with Washington College athletics aside from the mention of two WC athletes.

Was anyone else upset by the announcement of the KKK rally planned for the anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination in Galena?

Was anyone else's stomach turned by the story of the "fight" between Mike Swanson and Darren Vican, and a group of 20 people last Friday night at a movie theatre in Dover?

Finally, did anyone feel really sick when, after hearing that Swanson and Vican's assailants were black, somebody turned to you with that 'I-told-you-so' look on their face and said, "Ain't that just like a bunch a niggers?"

Okay, first let me get one thing straight. As Mike Swanson will be the first to admit, he was just as much responsible for the start of that fight as was the guy that he was originally supposed to fight—but that's not the point. The point is that all three of these events are indicators of serious racial problems within our society—problems fueles by sheer ignorance. Down here on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, a KKK rally isn't such a surprising thing, at least not judging by what I've seen and heard during my past three years here at Washington College. Having grown up in New York City, seeing one or two white guys get beat down by twenty black guys (switch the races or mix them if you want—it happens all ways) isn't so unbelievable to me either. What's incredible is the ignorance which normally accompanies the aftermath of such incidents. Wouldn't a more appropriate comment to both the rally and the fight be, "Ain't that just like a bunch a cowards?"

I just got back from watching *A Soldier's Story* for film class. For those of you who have never seen it, it's about a black captain in the U.S. Army who goes to a training base down South to investigate the murder of a black Sergeant—a man who has taken it upon himself to initiate a Hitler-like purification of the black race; to get rid of what he considers to be the "singin', clownin', yassuh bossin'" element dragging his race down. Sorry to ruin the ending but, when the main character (Captain Davenport) finally catches the murderer, it turns out to be a black soldier whom we've grown to respect. By way of explanation, the soldier points out that the Sergeant was a terrible man. Davenport simply says, "Who gave you the right to judge?" and sends the soldier off to the stockade to await trial. The point is that Davenport doesn't take pity on the guilty man because he is an upstanding black man whose worst crime was to kill a low-down slimebag who would probably have been killed sooner or later anyway. Davenport's only objective is to see that justice is done. If a white man had committed the crime, Davenport would have done everything in his power to see that the man was punished. Race is not the issue. It's a question of right and wrong, and murder is just as wrong no matter what color your skin is. Period.

So what the hell does that have to do with the KKK and the Dover incident? Just this—Davenport did more towards ending racism by ignoring the color difference in people's skin than he could ever have done by letting the educated, upstanding, black murderer go free. The incident in Dover wasn't typical of black people, just like the upcoming KKK rally won't be typical of white people. Rather, both incidents are typical of a bunch of spineless individuals who suddenly find a kind of false courage when in the company of a group people like themselves. I don't have the answers to ending cowardice in this country but I know that dealing with incidents like these as typical of cowards goes a lot further towards improving American society than blaming the incident on the color of an individual's skin. The only way to achieve equality is to ignore race and simply assume equality, and that's the bottom line. In the aftermath of these incidents, shouldn't we be shaking our heads at the cowardly actions of a bunch of people who lack the courage to stand alone rather than wallowing in the ignorance of race bashing?

Women's LAX goes 1 – 1

Kristy Hilgartner splits two tye-dye uniformed defenders to gracefully hammer one into the net

Photo by Gary Brown

By Renée Guckert
Staff Writer

The journey back from defeat can be a difficult one; but women's lacrosse proved they have what it takes to pull together and come out victorious. The score was 8-9 as the referee blew the whistle to signal the end of the first half—Washington trailed by one. But the Swarthmore team did not stand a chance as the Shorewomen raced to the field to secure ten more goals for an incredible second half come back. Not only did the lady laxers turn on the heat to defeat Swarthmore 18-9, but WC kept its opponent from scoring even one more point in the entire second half of the game.

Washington outshot Swarthmore 30-16 as Margaret Doyle and Amy McCleary scored six goals a piece. Kristy Hilgartner added four while Brigid DeVries and Kirsten Lucas each contributed one goal to the Shorewomen's first victory of the season last Thursday. Powerful assists came from Doyle with four, DeVries with three, Lucas with two, and McCurdy and Hilgartner each with one.

WC then went up against the mighty Ursinus team on Saturday, and while the Shorewomen's opponent led only by two at the end of the first half, Washington was unable to secure enough goals to come out with a win. Margaret Doyle remarked that, "the final score really didn't reflect our playing that day. I felt the team as a whole really worked well together." McCleary chalked up her first of four points with an assist from Lucas in the first seven minutes of the game, and returned the favor to Doyle to tie it up in the first half with eleven minutes remaining. WC also maintained draw control throughout the entire contest, but Ursinus came out on top to beat Washington 13-6.

Look for last Tuesday's contest against Western Maryland and this Saturday's game at Susquehanna in next week's issue. GO WAC!

Rugby Beats Arch Rival St. Mary's 14-6

By Brandon White
Staff Writer

This weekend the WC Rugby team went out to windy Worton Park and played arch rival St. Marys. Previously this year WC defeated St. Marys in the Severn River Invitational. WC took an early lead in the first half with two field goals by Shawn Hamill and a beautiful tri by Bill "Ice" Halagarda. At the half the score was 10-0. St. Marys rallied in the second half with a field goal to make it 10-3. WC came back with a tri by Peter "Stein" Hagan (his first tri in his rugby career). After the game Stein said, "We proved our dominance over St. Marys a second time. This win proved to be much more satisfying." Also on that day the B-side proved its dominance with a 10-0 win over St. Marys B-side.

This Saturday, at 1 p.m., the WC Ruggers take on Mt. St. Mary's away on their turf. It should be yet another tough battle for the boys of C-Town as they hopefully prove their worth once again.

Lax falls by narrow margin; Baseball wins big!

WC Sticks with Hobart

Pat "Stand Back I Think It's Still Alive" Lebowitz vies for a ground ball

By **Melissa Harmeyer**
Staff Writer

Due to the snow and poor field conditions up at Hobart College this weekend, the men's lacrosse team challenged the Statesmen, a team they have not beaten since 1985, in beautiful Ithaca, N.Y. on the modern day turf field of Cornell University. Last year Hobart arrived at Kibler Field and left with an easy 16-4 win and, although the losing streak stayed alive this year with Washington falling 11-7, Hobart had to work unexpectedly hard to be victorious in this one. Considering the Statesmen had lost to high caliber Division I Virginia by only 1 goal, Coach Corcoran was rather pleased with this year's Sho'men performance.

Hobart, leading 6-4 going into halftime, shortly became flustered when, with 9:12 remaining in the game, Sophomore Chris Sanchez nailed his second left handed shot of the game to put Washington within one, down only 8-7. However, when Washington lost their opportunity to tie the game late in the fourth period, the Statesmen high-scorer, James Patten, capitalized, scoring two goals to put Hobart up for good.

Defense seemed to be the key in this one as Senior All-American Kevin Doyle, with the help of Scott Overend, kept Hobart's two team leading scorers from finding the net all game. Behind the defensive wall, the cage was shut off by Toni Forti, who started in goal, and Freshman Bill Griffin, who substituted in for Forti and demonstrated his hidden talent with dazzling one on one snuffs. When it was all said and done, Griffin had compiled a total of 18 saves.

Offensively, the Shoremen scoring was spread out with Greg Lawler scoring two and Chris Cote, Jamie Carver, and Brian Flynn all contributing one a piece.

WC continues their schedule on Saturday with a home game against New Jersey based Drew University at 1:30 p.m. Come out and cheer 'em on at the Kib!!

NEWT'S
Player of the Week

Bill Griffin

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Hey, it's the **Bleacher Creatures.** Go fix us a turkey pot pie! **IN YER FACE!!** Well, it's been a pretty tough week. We even found ourselves driving by convenience stores. . . that weren't on the way home --- Sorry, did you say somethin'?

Whoa, let's slow down a little bit here. Let's focus on the real STUDS (killer T.V. show) of the WEEK, the stylin' and profilin' pair from West Genny, sportin' the toe breakin', calf huggin' knee highs in the club lax game last Saturday. That's right folks, WC has found its very own Walt Williamesque, trend settin' athletes in the form of Benny Lamana and Joey Dell. Ladies, ladies. . . please. Now we know what you're thinkin'. What's their number? How can we get in touch with them? Well, we aren't really at liberty to say (778-5044). . . Hey easy Slash, don't think we forgot you. You eat hominy & grits, bob for apples, and wear grippers.

Speaking of hominy & grits, let's get to the Newt's POW. This one goes out to Big Burly Bill Griffin for his astounding performance against Hobart last weekend. Would you believe this kid hasn't stepped in the cage all season during a regular season game and he gets the nod unexpectedly, answering the call by stopping 18 shots over three quarters. And that ain't no April Fools Joke either folks. Keep up the good work!

Baseball Stays alive in MAC

By **Jason Ronstadt**
Staff Writer

Keith Whiteford, currently with a 1.20 E.R.A. and 32 stirkeouts, extended his winning streak last Saturday, leading the Shoremen to an 8-3 victory in the first game of their doubleheader against Haverford. But on this day much of the statistical brilliance came from the bat of Junior Joe Boan, who was 3-4 on the day with two doubles and three R.B.I. Boan, a standout all season for WC, leads the team in Home Runs and is also among the team batting average leaders with .270.

But neither Whiteford's arm or Boan's bat could save WC in the next game as the Fords came back with a vengeance, exposing the gaps in the Shoremen's spotty defense. Washington did nothing to help themselves at the plate either; loading the bases twice and failing to score any runs. Leaving men on base has been a problem for the team this year and meant a 13-1 loss in the second game of this double header.

Against Lincoln College Gerry Scully had his first collegiate start on the mound. And what a start it was. From the first pitch WC controlled the game. Rory Conway lead all hitters with four ribbies as Washington rolled to a 26-5 victory. The second game of this double header was almost a carbon copy as Jerry Hunt, also in his first start on the mound, aided in a 23-0 flogging of Lincoln. Offensively, Dan Coker hit 2-4 on the day with 5 R.B.I.. But the real story of the game was Than Parker who, in his first college at bat, hit a rocketing home run, announcing his arrival onto the college baseball scene with authority.

This Wednesday WC played at Ursinus winning 8-0 and 13-0,improving their overall record to 7-7. Right now they are 3-1 in the MAC Southeast and face Swarthmore away on Saturday, April 4.

Lacrosse Club Goes 2-0 in Weekend Games

By **Brandon White**
Staff Writer

Last Saturday the WC Lacrosse Club racked up its first win of the season against Ferrum State 24-8. WC took control early, leading 5-0 in the first five minutes of the game. They continued their domination through the entire match-up, rattling off 24 goals and allowing only 8. Four seemed to be the lucky number of the day as high scoring came from Chris Seymour, Matt Newkirk, and Matt Johnson, each with four goals.

The Club then returned on Sunday to face a much more competitive squad, Montgomery Rockville. Again, WAC took the early lead in the first ten minutes going up 5-0. By the end of the half, however, the Rockvillers rallied and came within one. Yet, to no avail, The Clubmen regrouped and tightened up its defense with the help of Paul Obrecht, Joe Dell, and Shawn Hamill. At that point the offense was able to take control of the game and glide to an impressive 17-10 victory.

Thanks to the support that came out last weekend. The Clubmen will return home in two weeks to face the Washington Lacrosse Club at home at 2:00. Hope to see you there!

WC Athletes Attacked: Prompts Racist Flare-Up

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Haverford	3	13
Washington	26	23
Lincoln	5	0
Men's Lacrosse		
Washington		7
Hobart		11
Women's Tennis		
Washington		6
Gettysburg		3
Washington		5
Towson State		4
Men's Tennis		
Washington		9
York		0
Washington		6
Ursinus		0
Washington		5
Haverford		4
Women's Lacrosse		
Washington		18
Swarthmore		9
Washington		6
Ursinus		13
Washington		9
Western MD		17
Rugby		
Washington		14
St. Mary's		6

Photo by Gary Brown

Returning veterans Mike "Wiz" Hanifee (foreground) and Rory "Let's Griff" Conway (background) prepare to take on the "hot corner." This threatening dynamic-duo not only adds great defensive fielding but, they are also solid performers at the plate. Hanifee is batting a team leading .333 with Conway hitting a respectable .242. And with less than 1 error per game beteewn the two of them, they have proven their well-rounded capabilities.

Bill Griffin: NEWT'S Player of the Week

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Fri.: Var. Cloudy, H 67, L 45
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H 70s, L 40s
Sun.: Partly cloudy, cooler
H 60s, L 40s

Students and Community March for Choice in D.C.

By **Justin Cann**
Layout Editor

Photo Courtesy Vicky Sawyer

Washington College students gathering on the steps of the National Gallery, just before the March

On April 5, forty-three Washington College students, and forty-two people from the Kent County area attended the Pro-Choice March on Washington D.C. They went on two busses and a van provided by the Kent County League of Women Voters. "At least ten and probably more," students went to the March on their own, said Ramsey Bigham, the vice-president of the Margaret Horsley Society, a Washington College organization that supports womens' issues. The College and community marchers contributed to the 500,000 marchers estimated by the Park Service Police, and 750,000 estimated by the March's organizers, making this march one of the largest ever in Washington D.C.

"Students showed up without tickets hoping to get on the bus," said Deborah Boyer, the Margaret Horsley Society's president, amazed by the numbers of people who got up at 7:00 AM on a Sunday morning. "We didn't turn anybody away."

The Margaret Horsley Society and WC's Student Activities helped to defray the cost of the $10 bus tickets for Washington College students. The Margaret Horsley Society also provided sign materials for students to make their own signs, and organized obtaining box lunches for the marchers from the Dining Services. "With Ramsey Bigham and Abby Clifford, we were able to organize a successful trip with a great turnout and support," said Deborah Boyer of the pre-march preparations.

Betty Kerr of the the League of Women Voters, provided the busses, and gave a packet to each person on the busses. The packet included important information, such as the March route, pro-choice stickers and hand knitted headbands and armbands that read "PRO-CHOICE."

Many pre-printed signs said, "I Am the Face of Pro-Choice America," but many had their own original signs, such as, "Bush Stay Out of Mine!" and "Lesbians for Choice," and "If Men Could Get Pregnant, Abortion Would Be a Sacrament!"

In addition to organizing the bus trip for the community, the Kent County League of Women Voters and the Margaret Horsley Society collected about 350 signatures from the college community and about 125 from area residents. They presented these petitions to NARAL (National Abortion Rights Action League) which was one of the major sponsors of the March.

In the past, the Washington College community has been fairly active in pro-choice marches. In November of 1989, over forty Washington college students attended a march of 300,000 people in Washington D.C. Like the most recent marchers, they were confronted by Pro-Life activists who had set up a mock graveyard representing aborted fetuses.

The March route went from the Ellipse, where opening speeches were given, around the White House, where marchers were encouraged to throw tennis balls with

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Oriole Legend to Dedicate New LFC

By **Sabrina Kenny**
Bricks and Mortar and Sports Reporter

Jim Palmer, member of the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame, and former pitcher for the Baltimore Orioles, will participate in the dedication of the Johnson Lifetime Fitness Center. On April 25 a ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held on Washington College's "Family Day" to officially open the center and honor those who contributed to the funding of the new building.

At eleven a.m., Maryland Governor Schaefer and Chestertown Mayor Horsey will deliver greetings to the families and friends of Washington College. Following opening remarks, Jim Palmer, Bob Maisel, and Tom Matte are scheduled to speak on the importance athletics have played in their lives. WC President Trout and Dean Taylor will also give speeches, recognizing Benjamin Johnson for raising funds for the new building. After the dedication ceremony, various athletics and cultural events are planned. The Rowing team hosts the Washington College Invitational, an event that will begin at ten a.m. at the college's Hynson Pavilion. At one o'clock, Women's Softball plays Western Maryland College, and Men's Baseball faces Widener University. The Men's Lacrosse team challenges Salisbury State at two o'clock. From ten to four, the Annual Spring Student Art Exhibition will be open, to be followed by the college's Luau, featuring the band Black Sheep, at the Pavilion. Capping the festive day's busy itinerary will be the Drama department's performance of the musical Pippin at Tawes Theatre.

KKK Debate Postponed, WC Admin. Cites Security Issue

By **Jason Ronstadt**
Staff Writer

Following the Ku Klux Klan rally in Galena last Saturday, April 4, Washington College students Kate Absher, Lionel Dyson, and Seth Engel collaborated to organize a debate concerning the KKK and its constitutional right to assemble. But the three students soon found themselves debating the school's administration for the right to hold such a function.

The problems began when members of the Washington College administration, particularly Dean McCintire, Dean Maxcy, and President Trout, learned that Absher had invited the Grand Wizard of the Cecil County KKK to attend the debate. The Klan leader accepted Absher's invitation on the grounds that he would be allowed to bring his entourage of bodyguards with him.

When news of the Grand Wizard's scheduled appearance broke, the school began receiving calls and comments from the NAACP, local minority leaders, and Washington College students, all expressing their concern for public safety. Dean Maxcy stated, "Frankly, much of our job as Deans at the college entails overseeing the safety of students on campus, and we felt we couldn't generate enough security in the short amount of time we had." Dawn Israel, a member of the Dale Adams Heritage Exchange Society, commented, "If the President's goal is to make the campus more diverse it would be contradictory to allow a group based on hate to come to campus."

The three debaters found themselves in the midst of some heated controversy, but this never dwindled their belief that the debate was a good idea. Said Kate Absher, "I was approached by several members of the Dale Adams Heritage Society.... [They felt that] bringing the KKK to campus was legitimizing them. It seemed that they would rather ignore it (racism)." Absher continued, saying of the administration, "They're a bunch of bureaucrats who can't do anything without taking ten months to prepare." Seth Engel, another debate coordinator said, "I believe the whole security thing is just a smokescreen. Following our meeting with the Deans I went to see the Mayor of Chestertown and he told me that it would be easy to provide ample security for the

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Politically Correct Editorial

This week I was all set to blast the administration for their decision to "postpone" the Debate Society's scheduled debate titled, "This House Supports the Ku Klux Klan." I had my cap peeled back and that Casey-building editorial in front of me for inspiration. I mean I was practically frothing at the mouth for this one. But just the other day, a faculty member informed me that as editor of the school newspaper, I was, along with the SGA president, a student member of the administration. I was understandably shocked. Could this be possible? I immediately marched over to the Buntagon, Administration Control Center, where my greatest fear was confirmed by a smiling secretary. The **ELM** editor was indeed considered an official member of the Washington College Administration Society™ she informed me. How could this be? I asked the secretary. Selling out wasn't part of my job description. Mr. Attenasio, she replied, selling out was indeed a very important part of your job description, and an integral requirement for induction into the college's administration.

The secretary then escorted me into the office of a large man with a limp handshake who introduced himself as the director of administrative induction ceremonies. He had apparently just finished with Sparky, who left the office sporting an asphyxiated smile, muttering to himself, "I will not cause trouble, I will not cause trouble..." The large man then pulled a lever on his desk revealing a secret passage down to the basement. Follow me, he said, pointing down the damp, unlit passage. Granted I was nervous. But, like any good future administrator, I blindly followed him down this dark tunnel.

The large man informed me we were headed to the secret initiation headquarters. First I think we made a wrong turn and ended up on the old set of *Frankenstein*, but then I noticed some scrawling on the wall which read "Cater was Here," and I knew we were in the right place. In this room I was greeted by several gowned figures (no silly not the KKK) who were to perform my initiation. Greetings, they said, and welcome to the first of many inane, inept, boring, and pointless meetings you will be required to attend as an official administrator. They then asked me to assume the position.

I was then shackled to a sweaty brick wall at my wrists and ankles, toothpicks wedged between my eyelids to ensure, as they said, adequate attention throughout the process. Two cloaked men sat across from me smoking cigarettes. A ceiling fan slowly circled overhead, casting delayed shadows on the movie projection screen directly behind the table. I said, come on, this is a joke, right? Anytime now a couple of AO∏s are going to run out and spray us all with whipped cream or something, right? Just some sort of pledge joke involving the **ELM** editor, right? Wrong, Mr. Attenasio. This is no dream. No AO∏s will be in attendance.

A horn sounded from behind the screen. Another figure entered the room, nodded to the others, and began the initiation. He immediately removed my backbone and genitals, while presenting me with a second face. The two men behind the table rose from their seat and approached me. One turned the projector on while the other told me to raise my hand and repeat the secret oath. While "It's a Wonderful Life" showed on the screen before me, I was to repeat the secret oath, word for word, over and over, until I got it right. Then and only then would I be permitted into the exclusive society. The following is a few excerpts from that secret oath:

1). I, as an administrator, reserve the right to remain hypocritical on a continual basis. I will utilize this policy especially concerning previous remarks I have made in the **ELM**. For example, if someone asks me why I objected to this week's debate, "This House Supports the KKK," I will refer them to the April 3 issue in which I stated, "As an institution we are committed to the moral and legal principle that all members of our community enjoy the right of free speech even when the opinions expressed are very different from our own, or are perhaps abhorrent to us." If a student asks me why I made such a remark last week only to contradict myself this week, I will reply, because I am hypocrite, that's why.

2). At every possible opportunity, I will buckle under to pressure from special interest groups. In no way whatsoever will I ever make a stance besides the one I deem as politically correct.

3). I will do whatever I can to squelch any attempt by the student body to rise above their apathy. This includes any and all debate topics they feel pertinent and timely. If asked by a student why I reserve the right to such a policy, I will refer them back to pledge number two, the one that states I, as an administrator, buckle under to pressure from special interest groups.

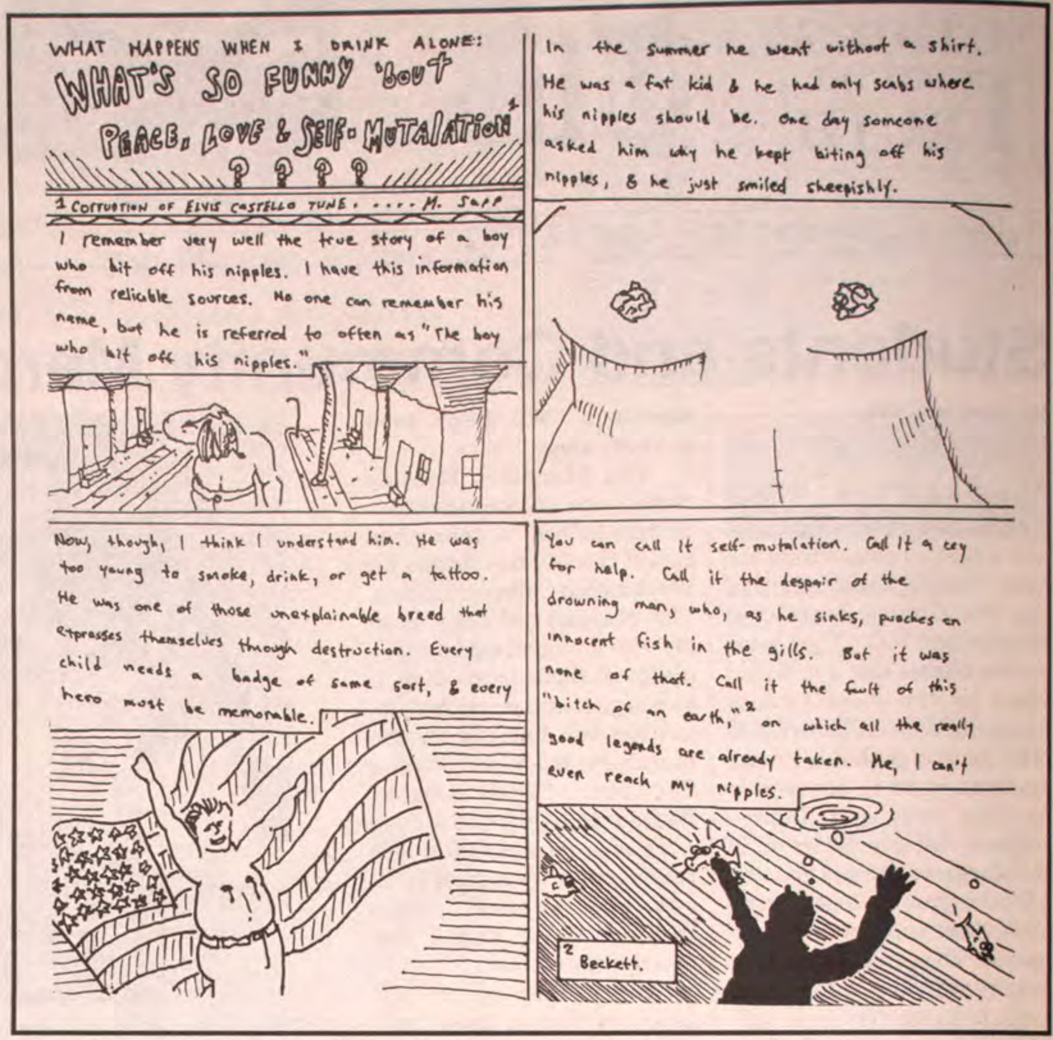
4). As an administrator, I will not be able to juggle two thoughts in my head at the same time. This pledge again relates to the KKK debate in that I will not understand that just because students wish to debate such a topic in order to obtain a greater sense of awareness, not ignorance, that they also do not support such a disgusting stance as that of the KKK.

5). I will stretch, or even create excuses, to avoid such heated debate topics as "This House Supports the KKK." Even though I realize the need for intellectual discussions at WC, I will do whatever I can to postpone such an event to a later date, in the hopes it will be forgotten. Such excuses include stating adequate security could not be provided for such a debate, even though Chestertown's mayor stated he would guarantee "more than enough" security. But he, like myself, is an administrator, and cannot be trusted.

6). And last, but not least, I will write nice, politically correct editorials. Students do not understand that being an administrator is a no-win job in such situations as this debate.

Following this oath, I was allowed to leave. On my way out of the Buntagon, I remarked to myself how offensive that huge oil painting on the first floor would be to some people. You know the one of the bareback black man laying the cornerstone of Smith Hall while several white colonial-types stand above him, smiling. I thought those same people who opposed the debate would probably find offense in that symbolically placed painting. But knowing that seemed so fitting, and put a warm spot in my gut as the newest administrator at WC.

(We at the **ELM** would like to officially congratulate Bridgette on her recent decision to legally change her surname from Ferris to Winchester.)


WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I DRINK ALONE:
WHAT'S SO FUNNY 'BOUT PEACE, LOVE & SELF-MUTALATION¹
? ? ? ?
1 CORRUPTION OF ELVIS CASTELLO TUNE. . . . . M. SAPP
I remember very well the true story of a boy who bit off his nipples. I have this information from reliable sources. No one can remember his name, but he is referred to often as "The boy who bit off his nipples."
In the summer he went without a shirt. He was a fat kid & he had only scabs where his nipples should be. One day someone asked him why he kept biting off his nipples, & he just smiled sheepishly.
Now, though, I think I understand him. He was too young to smoke, drink, or get a tattoo. He was one of those unexplainable breed that expresses themselves through destruction. Every child needs a badge of some sort, & every hero must be memorable.
You can call it self-mutalation. Call it a cry for help. Call it the despair of the drowning man, who, as he sinks, punches an innocent fish in the gills. But it was none of that. Call it the fault of this "bitch of an earth,"² on which all the really good legends are already taken. Me, I can't even reach my nipples.
² Beckett.

Letters to the Editor

Student Opposes Cancellation of KKK Debate

Dear Editor,

This is a letter in reponse to the unfortunate and distressing events that have taken place this past week at Washington College. As you may be aware, this past Thursday there was supposed to be a debate by members of the Washington College Debate Society. The topic of the debate was "This House Would Support The Ku Klux Klan". Many of you may have seen the posters advertising this debate, and I know of many people both on and off campus who were planning to attend. The timeliness of the debate was key; just this past Saturday the KKK held a march in nearby Galena. This march, combined with the racially motivated attack on two students the week before, had placed the issue of race and race-related problems squarely in front of the student population here at the WAC. For the first time in my four years here, the student apathy that we all detest vanished; people were talking about the incidents and discussing the problems behind closed doors. The student population was finally waking up to the reality that these problems existed- even in our ivory-towered setting.

Seizing the initiative, and boldly addressing the issue that nobody else would touch, Kate Absher, founder of the Debate Society, courageously planned to hold a debate on the issue. She did this under the impression that we in fact attended an institute of higher education, one where issues were free to be discussed in a reasonable and open forum, where all students could par-

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Chlorine Gas Incinerator

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter as both a concerned citizen of Kent County as well as an alumnus of the College. Many of you like myself chose to attend Washington College because of its excellent reputation, but also because of its ideal location. Some of you like my husband and myself will choose to remain and make Kent County your home. Unfortunately in recent months Kent County's residents have learned of the United States Government's plan to dispose of thousands of tons of mustard gas at Aberdeen Proving Grounds. This plan will in essence destroy the peaceful way of life that has made Kent County so desirable to all of us. The Army has proposed to build an incinerator at Aberdeen (just six miles from Kent County) to dispose of the chemical weapons stockpiled there.

The incineration of mustard gas at Aberdeen poses a number of risks to all residents of Kent County. First, we will share the danger of adding mustard gas, a known carcinogen to our atmosphere.

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Workshop Cited as Key Source in Footnoting Plagiarism Problem at WC

By **Patrick Attenasio**
Editor-in-Chief

George Gopen, leader of last Friday's **Workshop on Plagiarism**, an event which took place in the Forum Room of Washington College's Casey Academic Center, prefaced the discussion with a story involving his first encounter with undergraduate academic dishonesty.

"I didn't realize how widespread the problem was until the early 1970s when I was a beginning professor of English at Loyola University in Chicago. Halfway through the semester, I suspected one of my students of foul-play on her paper. Rather than approaching that student personally, I made an announcement in class stating that I knew someone had plagiarized on the past paper, and if that person came to my office, then we could talk about it and maybe work something out. I expected just that one person, but to my horror, four students showed up at my door!"

Since that initial encounter, Gopen has dedicated much of his time as Director of the Writing Program at Duke University to solving the problem of academic dishonesty on the collegiate level. He presented his knowledge on the subject to a smattering of WC students and faculty members at Friday's symposium, both enlightening and surprising the audience with his discoveries.

According to Gopen, well over half of college undergraduates in the US practice academic dishonesty on a continual basis. "In fact," Gopen stated, "a recent Rutgers University survey revealed that 71.9 percent of Duke's 1991 graduating class admitted to some sort of wrongdoing in their four years of college."

So why is the problem so widespread amongst college undergraduates? Gopen believes the source of this question is rooted in the grammar and high-schools that produce these students. "In these systems," Gopen explained, "the teachers are overworked, and consider it good if students just hand in their work. Students are not told to think for themselves on their assignments. They are not properly schooled on the correct techniques of proper notation. Therefore, they feel the work they are assigned is intended to make them suffer. So, in their minds, it's morally alright to cheat against this suffering."

Many students are not even aware if and when they are acting dishonestly on an assignment. According to Gopen, ninety-two percent of Duke's student body did not consider it plagiarism if someone they knew gave them the paper, or if they incorporated some of their own work into it.

But, Gopen also noted the problem of plagiarism in not solely restricted to students. He witnesses it in the law profession (he is also a practicing lawyer), and even in the writings of college professors. "The fact is that almost every article published by college faculty members, if handed in on the undergraduate level, would be considered plagiarism." Gopen believes this is true because professors often confer with their colleagues on such articles, but never cite them as sources.

So what can college's do to lessen this problem amongst their student body? Gopen offered several practical, and immediate, solutions that, under his direction, have helped Duke reduce academic dishonesty by some eighty percent in the past four years.

1). Students should be taught how to properly acknowledge sources when writing their papers. To accomplish this, teachers should provide specific examples of plagiarism. They should not assume students are already aware of these forms.

2). All teachers should state on paper their policy concerning academic dishonesty.

3). College Ad-hoc committees on academic dishonesty should handle all acts of plagiarism swiftly, fairly, and even-handedly.

4). Learning institutions should move away from a competitive to a collaborative model. Students and faculty should feel like they are "all in this together." The teacher acts as the leader in the learning process. Therefore, students and their teachers will learn to learn together.

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Administration Postpones Debate

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debate."

However, due to this concern with security, Absher called the KKK and the NAACP and told them not to come. She planned on having Washington College students debate both sides of the issue. But when she returned with this change in the format, the administration still said no, saying that the issue was "too emotionally charged." Seth Engel responded by saying, "That's the whole reason we wanted the debate now. Historically this campus has been somewhat apathetic to such an issue. We can't continue sweeping all of this under the carpet."

Caroline Housekeeper Injured:

Faces Physical and Financial Woes

By **Chris Mihavetz**
Staff Writer

One of the hardest working employees at Washington College was knocked out of commission recently. Karen Maitland, who has worked with the housekeeping staff for almost eleven years, fell from the porch of her Queen Street home on the morning of March 20 and badly injured her arm. She blamed the fall on the unseasonably cold weather that caused her front porch to ice over.

Ms. Maitland, with the permission of her family doctor, had already been working for a week with tendonitis in her left arm when she fell and did severe muscle and ligament damage to the same arm. "It seems like my arm's getting progressively worse," Ms. Maitland said, "it keeps swelling up and my doctor said the swelling should have gone down by now. Dr DuShuttle said surgery could be a possibility. If that happens I'm really going to be out of commission for a while."

Orthopedic and Sports Medicine specialist, Dr. R.P. DuShuttle M.D., told Ms. Maitland at an appointment last Wednesday that she would not be able to return to work for some time. Initially he advised her that she would be out of work for at least a month, but when Ms. Maitland complained that she would be receiving no income whatsoever during the bulk of that period, he said they would talk further in two weeks after he saw how the arm was progressing. Until then, however, returning to work is not a possibility for Ms. Maitland.

"It could be a minimum of one month before I'm able to return to work. I had five hours sick time and two and a half hours personal time, that's it, the end of my pay. I had one week's vacation left and I had to use that too. I'm on nothing right now- I'm totally without pay."

Ms. Maitland is more eager to return to work than most might be after an injury such as hers. Having recently separated from her husband, she is very concerned about keeping herself afloat financially. "I wouldn't care if I was getting the money, but I've got to keep my place going for my own sanity. I can't lose this place. It means so much, I mean I'm on my own and I'm doing everything by myself, it's really important to me."

"I mean I never thought I'd sit here and say that I want to go back to work, but I can't. When I went to the emergency room they gave me a paper to take back to the college that said I'd be off a minimum of five days. When they give you something like that, any doctor that is treating me will have to say that he has released me before the college can let me go back to work, that's college policy. I guess with the injury, if I go back and it gets worse I can hold the college responsible, I guess that's what they're saying. So until the doctor releases me from his care and says it's okay for me to go back, they can't allow me to come back to work."

Understandably, this entire incident has been a source of frustration for Ms. Maitland. "I keep getting mad at myself that I fell down. I get so angry because I finally had myself where I was living comfortably, not worrying about anything. Now I've fallen back in that same pit that I just pulled myself out of."

A number of students at Washington College have come to know Ms. Maitland personally. Her good nature and her willingness to listen and confide has made Ms. Maitland a campus favorite and she is usually visited during her lunchbreak in Caroline House by students. Currently, other members of the housekeeping staff are taking time out of their busy days to maintain Caroline while Ms. Maitland is out, and while the students seem perfectly content with the job being done, something is missing. One student remarked, "Caroline seems even uglier without Karen around."

The Board of Publications is now accepting applications for the position of
Editor-in-Chief
for the '92-'93 Washington College ELM. All letters of intent should be addressed to Chairman Richard DeProspo by April 17.

Letters to the Editor (Cont.)

Klan Debate Axed

"KKK," from pg. 2

ticipate. Is that not what we are at college for? I did not come here to be coddled and insulated from the real world- quite the opposite. I came here to recieve the training necessary to be able to deal with the real world. In the real world racial problems exist, as they do here at campus. The difference is that out there they are not just swept under the rug. However, as Kate soon found out, the ugly question of Political Correctness became paramount. Students and staff, both minority and white, were upset by the topic. They felt "scared" of the notion of discussing the KKK. In fact, members of the Dale Adams Heritage Society actually approached Kate and called her an "animal" for even suggesting the debate. Members of this group complained to Student Affairs, and the Deans, not wanting to offened anyone, promptly forbid us from having the debate.

I was supposed to argue **for** the Klan with my friend Lionel Dyson. For those of you who don't know us, I am a Jewish-American and a registered Democrat. Lionel is an African-American. Obviously neither of us support the KKK. What we do support, and what was going to be the basis of our case, was that while we may not agree with the views of certain people, in this country there is a fundamental right to expression of opinion. No matter what these views may advocate, everyone in the United States of America has a right, guaranteed by the Constitution, to freely express their views. I believe that this right, as well as our right to freedom of assembly, is the most important part of our national heritage. Where would we be today without it? How many great authors and thinkers and politicians would have been silenced without it? It is easy to look at other countries in the world where this right does not exist. The old Soviet Union for example. Iran, for example. These countries try to control their citizens views. But this is the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA! It couldn't happen here!

Of course, I was wrong. The Deans said that there was not adequate security for this type of event; I talked to the Mayor of Chestertown, who was shocked that the school would prevent a debate like this, and he guaranteed that he would provide any extra security that the school might need. The other reason the Deans gave us was that "tensions were already too high" on campus concerning the issue. Couldn't we "wait until things cooled down"? Of course, that would defeat the purpose of the timing of the debate, which I mentioned before.

In the end it was apparant that various people, both students and staff, felt that it would be of detrimental value to the students to hold the debate. I think that that is just what hate groups like the KKK want- ignorance and apathy. Just sweep it under the rug- the problem will go away, right? Well, folks, it won't go away. It's time that we stopped being concerned about not offending people. What we need is EDUCATION. Those who oppose it are merely stooges for people like the KKK. If someone gets offended by the viewpoints expressed in such a debate, GREAT. Know what that means? It means they are THINKING about the problem. If that is not what college is for, then I don't know why any of us are here.

Truly Shocked,
Seth Engel

P.S.- Perhaps the topic of our next debate should be "This House Supports Mickey Mouse vs. Minnie Mouse", because that is what this college is in danger of becoming- a joke of an institution. Of course, we wouldn't want to piss off any radical feminist animal lovers out there, either.

Aberdeen Incinerator

"Gas," from pg. 2

In a county with an already staggering incidence of cancer, this threat alone is terrifying.

Second, there also exists the threat of an explosion or other type of accident during the operation of the incinerator. In a 1988 draft report study prepared by the United States Army, should a major accident occur at Aberdeen and assuming the most favorable weather conditions, they estimate 45,500 casualties. It is a very real possibility that you, a roommate or friend could be one of these casualties.

Third, in case of emergency, the citizens of Kent County will be evacuated through an emergency preparedness plan. In essence you will have to be prepared to leave at a moment's notice, whether in class, on the playing field, at a party or in a dorm, should you hear the alarms. Is this something you desire to deal with during your college career?

There are viable alternatives to incineration. Recent case studies have shown that an incinerator currently operated by the Army (Johnston Atoll in the Pacific) has been overbudget and ineffective in performing its task. For example, in an eighteen month period at Johnston Atoll, the emergency alarm requiring evacuation was sounded 145.8 times. In addition, the Army admitted that one leakage took them four days to confirm. One alternative which was discussed and rejected by the government was transporting the additional stockpiles to Johnston Atoll for incineration. However, the Army has entered into an agreement with the citizens surrounding that facility which bars them from further action there. (The stockpiles which were burned there were from Germany and Japan. Both countries requested that we remove our chemical weapons from their soil and dispose of them. The stockpiles were transported to Johnson Atoll for incineration.) Reasons cited for this action were concern for the area's citizens' health and also the marine life in this part of the Pacific. Isn't it ironic that a heavily populated area near the Chesapeake Bay should receive less concern?

We ask that you contact your state and national officials and voice your opposition to the construction of this and all incinerators for this purpose. In addition to Aberdeen, the Army proposes to build similar incinerators at seven other sites nationwide. In addition we hope that you will attend the **April 11** symposium at Washington College on the incinerator. At that time, representatives from the Army, emergency preparedness office and opponents of the incinerator will voice their opinions on the issue. If you have any questions about the symposium or would like to help the citizens of Kent County defeat the incinerator, call 778-5968.

Sincerely,
Nancy K. Nunn

March on D.C.

"Choice," from pg. 1

messages onto the lawn. Democratic Presidential hopefuls, Jerry Brown and Bill Clinton, as well as the Rev. Jesse Jackson and Jane Fonda were among the celebrities who led the March. It ended up on the Capitol End of the Mall where more speeches were given. Intermingled with the speeches were performances by Peter, Paul and Mary, who performed, "If I Had a Hammer," and Cindy Lauper, who performed a new song. WC Junior Gehrett Ellis described the march by saying, "There was an incredible feeling of unity. It also gave one a sense of worth."

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SGA Report

The Washington College Student Government Association met on Tuesday, April 7 in the Casey Academic Center Forum. The next meeting will be held at 9 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14 in the CAC Forum.

Constitutional Amendments

Dress Code

A constitutional amendment which would have required all members of the SGA to dress in semi-formal attire was unanimously rejected by the Senate.

Absences

A constitutional amendment permitting no more than 3 excused absences from Senate proceedings per semester was approved.

In addition, several amendments which clarified provisions in the constitution were approved.

Social Chair

A constitutional amendment permitting two persons to hold the position of Social Chair was approved. In addition, the constitution was altered to state that if two persons hold the position of Social Chair, they shall split their salary between them.

Appointed Officers

The provisions relating to the selection of the SGA Parliamentarian and SCC Chair were clarified to reflect actual procedures.

Minimum GPA

The Student Academic Council met on Monday, April 6 to discuss a minimum GPA for graduation. The proposal which the SAC is considering would require a 2.0 cumulative GPA and a 2.25 GPA and no D's in major courses. If adopted, this proposal would go into effect for the incoming freshmen class.

Hot Air Balloon

On Saturday, April 11, a hot air balloon will float onto campus. The balloon will land near the Cardinal dorms. The balloon will be operating from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and rides will cost $1.

Student/Faculty Auction

The junior class is sponsoring a Student/Faculty Auction on Saturday, April 11 starting at 10 a.m. on the Campus Lawn. Proceeds will benefit a campus beautification project which is traditionally organized by the junior class.

Et Cetera

Self Defense

The self-defense workshops will be held on Saturday, April 11 at 1 p.m. and Tuesday, April 14 at 7 p.m. These workshops are for women only.

New Exec. Board Takes Power

The newly elected Executive Board will be sworn in on Tuesday, April 14 at 8:30 p.m. in the Common Room.

Funding

$100 was allocated for Hands Out.

Diving into the Wreck: Reflections on the March for Women's Lives

Bridgette Winchester[1]

Sunday April 4 at the March for Women's Lives my eyes swallowed combat-clad feminists, grandmothers, purple-headed hipsters, and fathers with kids slung on their backs, all brandishing signs reading, "Keep Your Rosaries Off My Ovaries," "Bush Stay Out of Mine," "Every Ejaculation Doesn't Deserve a Name," etc. A six-year-old boy screamed:

What do you want?

Throng: CHOICE!

Boy: When d'ya want it?

Throng: NOW! FOREVER!

Someone sounded a battle horn. The March had begun. We were drifting from the Ellipse toward Pennsylvania Ave., incited by a rousing "The Colors of My Womb" song by some unmemorable poetess. Before long, the chants died out as the procession slowed to a slug's pace. In forty-five minutes, we'd gained about 100 yards.

A rumor spread through the crowd that the March mapped out a new route, due to Anti-Choicers (or Pro-Lifers, take your pick) lying in the street before the White House. I never got that story confirmed—I just remember one man dodging tennis balls flying over the President's fence, bravely defending a forlorn Horton the Elephant and his slogan, "A person's a person no matter how small."

I was swimming amidst all kinds of people—but we weren't going anywhere. I saw the look of claustrophobia sneaking in their eyes and I thought of people getting trampled at City College, NYC at a recent rap concert, at soccer games in South America. What was I doing here? My disoriented band of friends and I sought a way out of the crowd but couldn't tell where the crowd began or where we could stop off and take a leak.

I turned and this frizzy red-headed veteran smiled at me. She works for Planned Parenthood in Topeka, Kansas and had run the lines last summer at Witchita when Operation Rescue demonstrated there. She looked weathered forty-three or forty-five and has a son about my age. She and forty others from Kansas came all the way for this. I never found out her name.

We made it past the White House, pulled over and watched. It was endless—people from Texas, Idaho, Wisconsin, Vermont, and New Jersey were all there. I turned again and looked at one of my closest friends and realized I came to the March for her.

I went for most of the women I know, who have all at one time or another had the scare of pregnancy needling their insides. There because I am here. My mother's younger than the Woman from Topeka but just as battle weary. She was my age when she *chose* to keep me.

One young impotent intellectual approached me after the March and gave me his commentary on his experience that day as a "passive activist." He probed me for my personal *Weltanschauung*. I told him I didn't hurl any tennis balls and I'm still digesting.

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[1] See Editorial

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Week at a Glance

Calandar of Events

April 10 - 16

Friday 10 - Monday 13
Film Series: *The Miracle*
Norman James Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

Friday 10
Lit House Café
entertainment, food & drink
All are welcome
O'Neill Literary House, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

The Music Department presents
The WC Community Chorus
A Night at the Opera
Tawes Theatre, 8:00 p.m.

Saturday 11
CIA presents Hot Air Balloon Demo
Field behind Cardinal, 7:00 a.m. - Noon
(Raindate: Sunday 12)

CIA presents Culture Van to NYC
Depart 7:00 a.m., in front of CAC

The Goldstein Program in Public Affairs
and the McLain Program in
Environmental Studies present
Toxic Incineration on the Chesapeake
Bay: A Public Dilemma
A symposium on the proposed US Army
Chemical Weapons Incinerator
at Aberdeen Proving Grounds
Tawes Theatre, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.[AW]

The Junior Class presents
The Faculty / Student Auction
Campus Lawn, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The Music Department presents
The Wycliffe College Chorus and
Chamber Orchestra
Christopher Swain, director
Tawes Theatre, 8:00 p.m.†

Awareness Day Kick-off Party
featuring Strange Boutique and
Monkeyspank
CoffeeHouse, 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.[AW]

Sunday 12
Awareness Day Expo
Campus Lawn, 1:00 - 5:00
(CoffeeHouse in case of rain)[AW]

Monday 13
Hands Out presents
Homelessness and Poverty in Maryland
Bea Gaddy, Homeless Advocate
CAC Forum, 7:30 p.m.[AW]

The Concert Series presents
The New York Woodwind Quintet, with
Gilbert Kalish, piano
Tawes Theatre, 8:00 p.m.†

Tuesday 14
Amnesty & SANE/Freeze present
Damu Smith: *US Foreign Policy & the*
Domestic Crisis
CoffeeHouse, 7:00 p.m.[AW]

Wednesday 15
Terra Firma presents Lenny Kohm:
The Last GreatWilderness;
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Project
CoffeeHouse, 4:30 p.m.[AW]

The Goldstein Program
in Public Affairs presents
20th Century History Film Series
Arabs and Israel since 1945
Sophie Kerr Room, 7:00 p.m.

The McLain Program in Environmental
Studies presents
The Ecology of Sea Turtles in the
Chesapeake Bay
John Musick, Virginia Institute
of Marine Science
Dunning Lecture Hall, 7:30 p.m.

The Music Department presents
Gregory Hickman: *Senior Flute Recital*
Norman James Theatre, 8:00 p.m.†

Comedy Club, $1.00
CoffeeHouse, 8:30 p.m.[AW]

Thursday 16
The Margaret Horsley Society & GALA
present
NOW: *The Feminist Movement*
& Lesbian Issues
CoffeeHouse, 7:00 p.m.[AW]

The Dale Adams Heritage Film Series:
Dances With Wolves
CAC Forum, 7:00 p.m

Women's Issues Film Series:
Goddess Remembered
Alumni House, 7:00 p.m.

The Philosophy Department presents
The Aristotelian Background of
Nietsche's Immoralism
Alban Urbanus,
University of Maryland
CAC Seminar Room 3, 7:30 p.m.

The History Department presents
Writing History Together in Good Faith
Alexandra and Noble Cook, co-authors
of *Good Faith and Ignorance:*
A Case of Transatlantic Bigamy
Sophie Kerr Room, 8:00 p.m.

Recent Works by Simone Osthoff will be on exhibit in Gibson Fine Arts Center Wednesday - Saturday, noon - 4:p.m., through April 18.

†see related article
[AW]Awareness Week: see related articles.

A&E

Balloon Launched at WC

This Saturday, April 10, from 7:00 a.m. until noon, a demonstration on hot-air ballooning will take place behind the Cardinal Dorms. Rainbow Balloon Adventures, owned and run by Bruce Fussellbaugh, will be setting up their balloon and offering tethered rides (weather permitting) as a part of their demonstration.

Mr. Fussellbaugh has entered in the Preakness Hot Air Balloon Race for the past few years, and frequently does promotions for area schools.

The reason for the early hours is that early morning is the best time to inflate a hot-air balloon and guarantee its getting off the ground. Students are needed to help set up and take down the equipment, and the entire college community is invited to come and enjoy this instructional and enjoyable event. The balloon expo is sponsored by the SGA/CIA. Raindate is April 12.

– Sally McGee

Student Profile: John Phoebus

John Phoebus is a Sophomore, double majoring in Philosophy and Political Science. He describes himself as a "basically boring person," but this is largely because he's involved in so many executive-type activities that he hardly has time for outside interests.

He's the Vice President of the Sophomore class, and is currently an SGA Senator. He was elected last month to be SGA Treasurer, and he'll be inducted on Tuesday. He received awards at the Student Leadership Ceremony for his work in these positions. His main activist role was one of safety; he has worked hard to establish an escort service, women's self-defense classes, and to improve lighting on campus. This concern for other students was the impetus for his being honored as a student leader, and he was also certified by B.U.I.L.D.

This summer, Phoebus hopes to be a volunteer intern in the Office of the State's Attorney in Somerset County, where he lives in Crisfield with his parents. He will probably also do waitering work at a local restaurant. The summer before his senior year, he would like to intern for the British Parliament and study with the Hansard Program of Great Britain. His tentative plans for after graduation include the possibility of graduate school for Law.

Phoebus is a continuous Dean's List student, with a GPA of 3.66. He is a REC Sports fanatic who plays in the softball league, as well as the basketball and soccer leagues. An avid "Trekkie," his other interests include playing guitar, piano, and trumpet. He adds that he always goes to breakfast when they feature his favorite tasty treat, scrapple (mmm).

Awareness Week

By J. Tarin Towers
A&E Editor

The big event this week is rather a series of events, one that offers something for everyone to get involved in, no matter what their interest. Awareness Day/Awareness Week is one of the biggest activist events on campus in recent memory. The list of speakers, musicians, and other activities is a large one, and the main calendar for the week has at least one thing scheduled every day from Saturday to Thursday.

The event was originally conceived by the WC Chapter of SANE/Freeze, the peace organization. They expanded their agenda from awareness of simply peace to include several organizations under the umbrella of awareness.

Participants include SANE/Freeze, WC Chapter; Hands Out; Amnesty International, WC Chapter; Margaret Horsley Society; GALA; Dale Adams Heritage Exchange; Psychology Club; Visual Artists' Union; Democratic Club; Goldstein Program in Public Affairs; Student Government Association; *Shoe Strings Magazine;* Infinity Recycling; and the Save Our Streams Co-op (Terra Firma, Kent Conservation, Chester River Association, the WC & Chestertown Community & MS SOS).

The Student organizers are Ann Veiga, George Jamison, Andrea Nolan, Rachel Fink, Jason Truax, Deb Boyer, Gehrett Ellis, Mary Holmes, Tarin Towers, and Kristin Coyne.

All Proceeds go to Pacem In Terris, a grass roots organization based in Delaware. They promote peace on the local and international levels, and have sent representatives to Northern Ireland and El Salvador. They serve as an umbrella for causes such as the environment and issues of race and gender.

Please check the calendars in this issue for the details on times and places for events for Awareness Day and Awareness Week.

Awareness Week
Saturday, April 11 - Thursday, April 19

Saturday 11
Weapons Incinerator Symposium
Tawes Theatre, 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 a.m.

Benefit Concert
featuring Strange Boutique & Monkey Spank
$5.00/&2.50 with SGA pass
CoffeeHouse, 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

Sunday 12 AWARENESS DAY
(all events on campus lawn; CoffeeHouse in case of rain)
see schedule of events for times & listings

Monday 13
Hands Out presents
Bea Gaddy: *Homeless in Baltimore City*
CAC Forum, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday 14
SANE/Freeze & Amnesty International present
Damu Smith: *US Foreign Policy and the Domestic Crisis*
CoffeeHouse, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday 15
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Lenny Kohm: *The Last Great Wilderness; Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Project*
CoffeeHouse, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday 16
The Margaret Horsley Society & GALA
N.O.W.: *The Feminist Movement & Lesbian Issues*
CoffeeHouse, 7:30 p.m.

Awareness Day Schedule

1:00 Welcome address
President Trout, Ann Veiga (WC SANE/Freeze), John Rowntree (MD SANE/Freeze)

1:00 - 3:00 Interactive Workshop: *Meeting the Challenges*

1:20 WC SANE/Freeze & Terra Firma (Environmental Organization) present *The Peace and Environmental Movement,* Jerry Shields & Sally Milbury-Steen, Pacem In Terris

1:30 - 2:30 & 3:30 - 4:30 S.E.E. Sensory Exploration of the Environment Workshop for the Environment for children, Echo Hill Outdoor School

1:40 Music by John Blakelock & Joe Hamilton

2:00 Speaker for Amnesty International (TBA)

2:20 Music by Full Swing, Chestertown Middle School

2:40 Hands Out presents Carl Mazza from Meeting Ground

3:00 *Shoe Strings* Poetry Reading; readings by students of Garnett Elementary School & WC

3:20 Speaker for GALA (TBA)

3:40 Music by Thom Canova

4:00 Margaret Horsley Society present Deb Boyer, president

4:20 Music by john Blakelock

4:40 Dale Adams Heritage Exchange presents Reverend Cordell Hunter from NAACP

5:00 Closing

Participants:

SANE/Freeze, WC Chapter
Hands Out
Amnesty International, WC Chapter
Margaret Horsley Society
GALA
Dale Adams Heritage Exchange
Psychology Club
Visual Artists' Union
Democratic Club
Goldstein Program in Public Affairs
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TAURUS: If you act like you know, people are bound to think you do.

Gemini: Things to avoid: people sneezing} the color orange} strangers who smile} Foreigners} Dining Hall vegetables} clothes that make you look stupid.

Cancer: Even if you can't run, you can hide. That might even be more effective.

Leo: (old Sioux proverb:) DO NOT JUDGE A MAN UNLESS YOU HAVE WALKED IN HIS MOCCASINS FOR A DAY

VIRGO: Some may question your actions, but they're wrong. Look them in the eye and tell them it's better to jump off a building than to be pushed.

LIBRA: Be aware of any suspiciousness you encounter. People are blaming you & using you as a scapegoat.

SCORPIO: SPRING has sprung but you have not. Why don't you spring you silly spry scorpio? Sing to the Spring. Spring to the Spring.

SAGITTARIUS: Under NO circumstances should you accept the blame for other people's inept handling of situations.

CAPRICORN: You cannot expect the world to embrace you if you do not skip through the fields of green and whistle catchy tunes.

AQUARIUS: Either pursue evil or it'll pursue you. Not everything is so simple as this.

Pisces: The weekend will be fun, in an utterly useless way. Don't kid yourself anymore.

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Concert Series Features New York Woodwind Quartet

Photo by Peter Schaaf

The 40th-Anniversary season of the Washington College Concert Series concludes Monday, April 13th with a performance by the New York Woodwind Quintet, featuring pianist Gilbert Kalish.

For its own forty seasons, the New York Woodwind Quintet has maintained its position of pre-eminence in the field of chamber music. With more than twenty compositions written for and premiered by the Quintet, the group has made invaluable contributions in the expansion of repertoire for woodwinds.

The members of the Quintet — Samuel Baron, flute; Ronald Roseman, oboe; Charles Neidich, clarinet; Donald MacCourt, bassoon; and William Purvis, horn — are well-known artists who are frequently heard in solo and chamber music performances and as recording artists. Their orchestral affiliations have included some of the country's most distinguished ensembles.

Gilbert Kalish, featured pianist, has been internationally acclaimed for his presentation of keyboard repertory, spanning from the 18th century to the present, including new works commissioned and premiered by him. He has been pianist for the Boston Symphony Chamber Players since 1969, and is a frequent guest artist with such renowned ensembles as the Julliard String Quartet, the Tokyo Quartet, and the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, in addition to his performances with the New York Woodwind Quartet.

Single admission tickets for the concert are $10.00 for adults; children under 18 are admitted free. The program begins at 8:00 p.m. in Tawes Theatre. For more information, please call 778-2800, ext. 209.

—press release

Hickman to Perform Senior Flute Recital

The Music Department will present Gregory Lee Hickman, flutist, in a Senior Recital on Wednesday, April 15. The Recital begins at 8:00 p.m. in Norman James Theatre, and admission is free.

Greg Hickman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Hickman of Huntingtown, Maryland. He is a double major in Business and French, as well as an accomplished pianist. He is the Senior Class Secretary, a member of the college honor society Omicron Delta Kappa, the Society of Junior Fellows, and he is on the Dean's List. Hickman will enter George Washington University's Graduate School of Business in the fall.

In his recital, Hickman will perform the Sonata in C Minor by Georg Philipp Telemann, the Concerto in D Major by Francesco Saviero Mercadante, the Fantaisie Brillante on themes from Bizet's Carmen by François Borne, and the Cantabile and Presto by Georges Enesco. He will be accompanied by Elizabeth Parcell, pianist and member of the music faculty at Washington College.

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British Orchestra and Choir to Perform

The Wycliffe College Choir and Chamber Orchestra from England, under the direction of Christopher Swain, will perform a free public concert this Saturday, April 11, in Tawes Theatre at 8:00 p.m.

The concert program will include selections for orchestra, string ensemble, chamber choir, chamber ensemble, and solo instrumental pieces. Featured composers include Mussorgsky, Beethoven, Vivaldi, Mozart, Vaughan Williams, Copland, Strauss, and Scott Joplin.

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For more information about this free concert, please call 778-2800, ext. 402.

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Meatsa Meatsa, Tennis Tennis!

Men's Tennis Takes It to the Wire

By **Doug Hoffberger**
Staff Writer

The WAC Shoremen bolstered their record to an impressive 11-2 with a 7-2 victory over Vassar College last Wednesday. Both Frank Hartwig and Trevor Hurd, who were troubled by early season injuries, have now returned to the Netter line-up, giving the Shoremen coaches full advantage of their tennis roster. With Hartwig and Hurd settled back into the action, the Shoremen's line-up looks as follows: Frank Hartwig at the number one spot, Alberto Diaz at number two, Trevor Hurd at number three, Emilio Bogato at number 4, Carlos Nuno at number 5, and Andy Bohutinsky at number 6. The competitive and remaining roster which includes Jeff Rexford, Tim "Bird" Reardon, Deepak Raja, And John Alexander play according to the opponents, what the coaches want, and a number of other factors that inhibit more play for them, such as injuries.

Vassar, one of the weaker teams on the Shoremen schedule, gave the coaches a chance to give some more experience to some of the WAC newcomers gracing the courts this season. Against Vassar, the Netters made a clean sweep in singles, including Jeff Rexford's and John Alexander's exhibition matches.

In the doubles segment of the match, Carlos Nuno and Andy Bohutinsky were paired together and were victorious at the number one position. At the number two spot, Emilio Bogato and Jeff Rexford, who are familiar with one another's doubles play, surprisingly lost in a ten game pro-set, 10-5. Rounding out the doubles teams, were two freshmen, Nashvillite Deepak Raja and Rehobeth Beach, Delaware native John Alexander, who lost 10-4.

On April 5, the Shoremen travelled to Skidmore and returned with only their third loss on the season to move their record to 11-3. After the loss to twelfth ranked Skidmore,the Shoremen's chances for a return to National's are slim, a first for the Netters in four years. After decisively beating Skidmore last year 8-1, the Skidmore match was a large let down for the Shoremen. Coach Tim Gray was assertive in stating the fact that the loss of top '91 Shoremen Scott Reid and Irakli Metriveli has had some bearing on the Netter's performance this season. "The gain of Frank Hartwig, who still has one year of eligibility left, has been a great asset to the team, but we have to have our fourth, fifth and sixth singles positions step up their play..... We just have to work harder at those particular spots in which we are struggling in some of the bigger matches," commented Gray.

Still bothered by some mild pain in his arm, top Shoreman Frank Hartwig, who, until the match versus Vassar, had not played since March 14, lost in three sets, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (5). Alberto Diaz and Trevor Hurd, who occupy the second and third spots for the Netters respectively, produced the only two singles wins for the Shoremen. Although all the Shoremen's top six singles players have produced respectable records, Diaz and Hurd have remained strong all season with singles marks of 12-1 and 10-0 respectively. At the number four position, Emilio Bogato lost in straight sets 7-5, 6-4. At the number five seed, Shoreman Carlos Nuno played a tough match but came up short in the third loss of the day, 5-7, 7-5, 6-4. This season Carlos Nuno has had five matches that have gone to a third set, and has been victorious only one time out of those five. The other six matches produced straight set victories. At the number six position, co-captain Andy Bohutinsky lost 6-2, 6-2.

Entering the doubles segment, the Shoremen needed a clean sweep to take the overall win. Alberto Diaz and Trevor Hurd were paired at first doubles, Frank Hartwig and Emilio Bogato at second, and Carlos Nuno and Andy Bohutinsky at third. Serving for the match in the third set, Diaz and Hurd made some crucial mistakes and eventually reported their third set tie-breaker loss shortly before the second and third doubles teams for Washington had reported straight set wins. The Mighty Shoremen had lost and their was silence in Skidmoreville.

The men's next big match is versus Rochester away on Sunday April 12. The Shoremen must win the remainder of its matches and must defeat Rochester by a margin of 7-2 or greater. The NCAA Ranking Committee picks the top twelve teams in the country to go to Nationals and their decision is not based on record alone. There are politics involved as with any major NCAA decision. The fact that the Shoremen have been a frequent visitor and solid competitor in Nationals would be enough politics for me, but then again nobody asked my opinion, oh well.

Women Netter's Slay D II Millersville

By **Racheal Rice**
Staff Writer

When Millersville arrived in Chestertown this past Saturday, the women's tennis team proved its ability to compete on any level. The team soundly defeated its Division II opponent 7-2, and improved its record to 7-4. Assistant Coach Todd Helbling, who was acting-Head Coach in the absence of Coaches Gray and Finnegan, explained the importance of this tune-up match. "The team is heading into one of its most difficult stretches with matches against Elizabethtown, Dickinson, and Catholic all falling within a 4-day period. The women needed this win under their belts to get mentally prepared for some vital MAC and D3 opponents."

Much to Tracy Peel's dismay, the weather broke by match time this past Saturday, and conditions were warm with only a slight breeze blowing. However, she quickly shook off her disappointment and turned up the heat on her opponent, Tanya Hutsko. After her 6-2, 6-0 victory at #1, Peel was asked what accounted for her spirited play. "Well, I truly believe we have all been able to refocus upon the team concept. For instance, this morning we had a pre-match, team meal at Unruh's (pronounced OON-rooh's, Afrikaans for "Ellen's") Coffeeshop. I go out there to win for the team, and it drives me to play even harder."

P. J. Hendrickson took a little more time with Tina Genay at #2, but came off the court with a 6-3, 6-2 win. Miriam "Boom-Boom" Dittmann was again tough at #3, defeating Paige Sanai 6-1, 6-2. Last week's altercation with a Towson State opponent went unreported for fear of retaliation. Saturday's match was relatively uneventful due to few problems with scoring, line calls, positioning, or cries of "Relax!" to fuel Boom-Boom's anger.

Washington dropped its lone singles match at #4. Jennifer Sloan played a grueling two sets against Christi Welcher, but came up empty-handed. Although losing 3-6, 5-7, Sloan seemed certain she would have an opportunity to fulfill another Millersville conquest in the near future. "If faced by a further Millersville challenge, I will come out on top!" she exclaimed emphatically.

Rachael Rice ponders wasted keg while exhibiting her forehand.

Photo by Gary Brown

Diana Clausen, recovering from her 17th bout with illness this season, proved that she can find her way onto the tennis court as easily as to Health Services. Clausen dropped Gretchen Price at #5, 6-4, 6-2. Kristy Karns, who started her match a little late due to a malfunctioning racket "shock-buster," was also successful, defeating Julie Hambric at #6, 6-2, 6-2. Rachael Rice set a new college record, playing—and winning—three times in the same match. She defeated Abbe Alderfer at #7 and Sue Sweet at #8. When asked about the feat, she answered "I saw the challenge, there was no danger, so I took it."

The women continued to show their muscle in the doubles. Peel and Hendrickson paired at #1 to defeat Hutsko and Genay, 6-0, 6-0. Hendrickson likened the match to a "walk in the ballpark." Dittmann and Rice won by the same score at #3. Rice claimed that her partner was hitting the ball "like a shotgun . . . we tried to play intense tennis, dropping no games . . . reflecting on the match later that evening, we were very pleased with our performance." Karns and Sloan, filling the #2 slot, were unable to capture a victory. They went down 1-6, 3-6 after a short come-back in the second set. Coach Helbling expressed his pleasure with the win in his post game remarks: "The women have been working hard and this match proves it. They have been a pleasure to coach, and I genuinely look forward to every minute I spend with them."

The team faced Elizabethtown at home yesterday. (which will be covered next week) They will play Dickinson at 1pm tomorrow and Catholic University at 12 noon Sunday. Both matches are scheduled to take place at the WC tennis stadium facility. Next week the team will travel to meet MAC foes Western Maryland and Johns Hopkins, Tuesday and Thursday, respectively. Come out and support the netters!!

Spring begins as WAC Lax and Baseball Hit Mid-Stride

A Quick Guide to WC's Real Spring Sports

By **Charlie Linehan & Chris Vaughn**
Co-Sports Editors

Well folks, at the risk of jinxing ourselves, we think it's safe to say that Spring has finally arrived. Gone for another year are the deceptive days of pre-Spring weather:

"Have you been outside yet? What's the weather like?"

"Oh, it's nice out. I mean it's not summer yet but it's definitely warmer than yesterday . . . a little colder than Monday but still pretty nice. You might want to wear a sweater or something but then again you'd probably be okay like that."

Yeah right. Rough translation of that last sentence: I'm really excited for it to get warm around here so I'm trying to ignore the fact that it's barely over 35 degrees outside and convince you to wear shorts today so we can both look like idiots.

But that's all a thing of the past. Look at the facts, there's a lacrosse game today (Wed.) and not only is it not rainy and cold, it's not even threatening to rain—in the face of that uncharacteristic set of circumstances, who could possibly deny that Spring has finally arrived?

Okay, so Spring is here—what's the big deal? The big deal is that this is easily the best time of the year to be a Washington College student (not necessarily from an academic standpoint, but in terms of sheer enjoyment it doesn't get much better than this.) This is the time when professors start teaching class outside, when stereo speakers appear in the dorm windows to accompany the festivities on the lawns in front of the dorms, and when athletic event attendance doubles (to the dismay of professors teaching afternoon classes). And . . . most importantly, this marks the opening of what some would consider the real athletic season here at the WAC.

That's right, this past Tuesday at 2:15pm, one day after the historical opening day Orioles game at Camden Yards, the boys of Caroline (and assorted others) kicked off the Spring '92 stickball season in the newly renovated stadium located in the crux between the Queen Anne and Caroline dormitories.

For those of you who have never experienced an afternoon of stickball at Caroline Yards, well, you might say you've never really experienced the joys of warm weather at WC. The first and most important thing about the event is the incredible amount of junk talking which accompanies each game. If you can't talk junk, you may as well not even attempt to play. The second important thing is a player's ability to avoid the numerous natural obstacles dotting the field—There's nothing more surprising than going back for a short pop-up and ending up in the middle of one of the bushes lining the driveway. Third and finally, in the outfield, you must be capable of watching traffic and the batter simultaneously in order to avoid getting hit by a car during an over-zealous attempt to catch a flyball. Secondary to all that is one's actual attempt to win the game, which has more to do with luck than anything else.

For those of you who might not be into the Caroline scene, may we suggest a round of campus golf? This favorite pasttime of many a Washington College Alumn tees off at hole #1 on Somerset's front lawn and, heading north, follows a counter-clockwise course around campus and back to Somerset's front door. Not only are the greens fees free, but this sport is probably the best way to catch a tan on campus and, if you utilize the pocket on your golf bag correctly, it's probably the best way to catch a buzz as well. In addition, you may want to familiarize yourselves with the course in preparation for the May Day festvities in which Ted Greeley and Dave Taibl have promised to carry on the golf tradition started by illustrious '91 grads, Greg Ruppert and Matt Petz.

Finally, for those of you lacking the stamina for a game of golf, we have always found WC croquet to be a popular sport. Now we must admit, Spiderman and the Vaughnster have not engaged in a good croquet match-up since freshman year but ohhh the memories we have. If you are looking for a nice relaxing, in fact, soothing sport this is a game for you. Set up the wickets, grab a mallet, and off you go. We recommend the well maintained grass course in front of Somerset. (the place Spidey and The Vaughnster lost their croquet virginity.)

Of course, if Spring Fever has really got you, we're always looking for a tough and rugged battle on the caps court. So, step to us and bring it on!!

WC LAX Looks Stronger Than Ever

By **Melissa Harmeyer**
Staff Writer

Last Saturday, out on The Kib, the ninth-ranked Washington College Shoremen soundly defeated visiting Drew University, 15-6. Against the Rangers, the Sophomores and Freshmen took control of this one, tallying forty-eight attempted shots on goal. The combined efforts of Chris Cote, Jason Paige, Chris Sanchez, and freshman Greg Lawler led the attack, scoring thirteen of the fifteen goals.

Brian Flynn, another Sophomore, began the scoring brigade three minutes into the first quarter which sparked a six goal run for WC to put the Shoremen ahead 7-0 by the middle of the second period. The rout continued into the second half. Early into the third period the team took advantage of a Rangers penalty when Chris Cote scored off a pass from Jason Paige in the extra man situation. Lawler, also in the third quarter, took a couple more stabs and stung another two which put Washington ahead 10-3.

During the fourth quarter, the Rangers tried to make a run of their own, consecutively scoring three goals within eight minutes to diminish Washington's lead. But Paige answered back with two goals as did Cote with one of his own, crushing any chance at all for Drew.

Freshman Bill Griffin proved his abilities once again in the goal in his second appearance, saving seven attempted shots by the Rangers. On the defensive side Senior Kevin Doyle, Junior Scott Overend, and Sophomore Dave Ratta exhibited why the Shoremen are a team that should not be underestimated. Tim Riggins and Jerry Davis also demonstrated their defensive abilities during Saturday's game.

Washington faced MAC foe Swarthmore College this past Wednesday on Kibler and have a tough match against 10th ranked Franklin and Marshall tomorrow. Don't miss 'em and look for the coverage next week!

Photo by Gary Brown

Vince Sanudo 2-1-0h cracks one deep with grace and poise.

Baseball Rolls On As They Head For The Final Stretch

By **Jason Ronstadt**
Staff Writer

Last week the Washington College Baseball team traveled north to Swarthmore Pennsylvania for a doubleheader against Swarthmore College. In the first of the two games the Shoremen started strong. John "Beast" Morall picked up two R.B.I.'s in the third inning by hitting an inside the park home run to center field with. The offense rolled on in the fifth inning as Mike Hanifee, Dan "Motion Man" Coker, and Gerry "The mack daddy'll make ya" Scully all drove in runs. But all this offense ended up amounting to a 11-7 loss as the Shoremen defense struggled. Said Coach Athey, "We played very sloppily on the defensive side, and it wasn't even poor pitching. Our guys just made too many errors." This would seem the case as five of the eleven runs Swarthmore scored were unearned.

Losing in such a fashion did nothing else but anger Athey's resilient bunch. The team rallied in the second game behind ace pitcher Keith Whiteford who posted seven strikeouts on the day. Said Coach Athey of Whiteford, whose E.R.A. now stands at 0.41, "You can really see the team's temperament change when Keith is on the mound. Everyone out there on the field believes with out a doubt we'll win the ball game." Coach Athey was also quick to credit the leadership of Co-Captains John Morrall and Vinnie Sanudo. Said Athey of the duo, "John has been consistant behind the plate and Vinnie seems to lead us by example every day. He has yet to make an error this year and time and time again has played well when injured." On this day, the team's spirit and effort payed off as Whiteford walked away with a 3-2 victory over the Swarthmore Garnets, boosting their record in the MAC Southeast to 4-2.

This Tuesday the team split a doubleheader with the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Coverage of those games and the team's up and coming battle with JHU this Saturday will be covered next week. JHU and Widener on April 25, the last remaining MAC bouts, are part of the final six home games this year and will be the deciding factors for the team's chance at an MAC championship. So don't miss what could be THE TEAM OF THE YEAR!

Softball Suffers, Women's Lax Stings, and POW Shines

Women's Lax Posts Another Win

Photo by Gary Brown

Amy McCleary snags one in mid air while streaking past a defender

By **Renee Guckert**
Staff Writer

The Shorewomen faced another tough loss last Tuesday (9-17) when they travelled to Western Maryland College. While Washington maintained draw control at midfield and beat their opponents when racing to recover ground balls, it just wasn't enough to hold off the Western Maryland squad. Margaret Doyle secured four goals and two assists, Kristy Hilgartner had three goals, and Amy McCleary had two goals and two assists.

However, every cloud has a silver lining. After losing to Western Maryland, the Shorewomen travelled to Susquehanna University to secure their second season victory. Just 2:26 into the game, mid-fielder Amy McCleary, unassisted, powered the first bullet into the upper left-hand corner of the goal past Susquehanna goalie Christi Butcher. Then, a mere thirteen seconds later, McCleary fed a pass to Margaret Doyle who proceeded to score her nineteenth goal of the season.

Despite the fact that Washington led 4-2 at the half, Susquehanna fired up in the second period, scoring three goals in a row. But Washington goalie Nancy Millhouser continued to make save after save as Brigid DeVries, Megan McCurdy, and Jessica Hall led the defense on interceptions and ground ball control. In the meantime, Kirsten Lucas, with an assist from center Kristy Hilgartner, led the attack back on its path to victory with 19:24 left to play. Following two more Susquehanna goals, the dynamic duo of Doyle and McCleary worked the ball down the field and into the net for the second time.

Finally, with only 2:35 remaining in the second period, Doyle fired once again, this time on a free position, to break the tie and ultimately give Washington the win, 8-7. Brigid DeVries commented, "it was a hard game both mentally and physically, but we pulled out a win by relying on each other as well as the fundamentals." Eleanor Shriver also revealed that "our transitions—the mid-field play—needs to be stronger, but wins are sometimes hard to come by. Even though the score was only 8-7, a win is a win, and I think the team was happy with it." Way to go Shorewomen. Keep up the good work!!

NEWT'S Player of the Week

Alberto Diaz

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Spring is finally here and so are **The Bleacher Creatures**, right in your face--**Chaa Ching!** Before we get busy we'd like to start with a small, very small, commendation to our lovely and talented Editor-In-Chief. Not only can he write (yeah right) but apparently, at least from what Pat says, he can catch as well. Of course no one really witnessed this amazing softball grab, which he described to us in finite detail, but we're willing to give him a little poetic license on this one. Hell, we figured, at least he's got that going for him, which is nice . . .

O.K. wait. Now what? Oh yeah, that's right, Newt's POW! Not only is this week's choice a stud librarian, a prolific aid to Spanish students, and a world reknowned smoother mover, Ohhhh Alberto "Why don't you attempt to return this Serve VO5" Diaz is one of WC's best players on the court. He has taken on the position as team captain and filled both the #1 spot, while Frank Hartwig was injured, and the #2 spot with confidence while going practically undefeated this season with 13 singles wins and 9 doubles victories already. Says assistant coach Todd Helbling, "Alberto is one of the toughest competitors on the team. He gives it 100 percent at every match and he leaves it all on the court. In addition, he consistently boosts the spirit of the rest of the team and keeps them going strong. We are very happy that he is only a junior and look forward to seeing the good things he will do next year." Good Job VO5!!!

Softball Off to a Rocky Start

By **Margaret Doyle**
Staff Writer

Well folks, it's been a rough early season for the WAC Softballers. Due to some pre-season injuries, the Washington College softball team has made several adjustments. Junior transfer Leeann Steuer, the Shorewomen's catcher, has been placed on the injured reserve list indefinitely, pending the recovery of her injured shoulder. Nikki Goenaga, another Junior transfer, has moved behind the plate to cover for the ailing Steuer. Senior Co-Captain Marie "DaaaCru-sher!" Mohler has moved to shortstop from her original position as centerfielder. Junior Jen Rupert has replaced Mohler in centerfield, while Freshman Denise Coleman has made the adjustment to fill Rupert's void in rightfield.

Despite these necessary but unexpected adjustments, the Washington College softball team is working quite hard. The Shorewomen opened their season against Franklin and Marshall, one of the team's toughest opponents. Senior Co-Captain Edna Diefenderfer (Sorry—Did you say something?) showed a superior effort on the mound in their 5-2 loss. Quite the team player, Diefenderfer has made a great transition from shortstop to pitcher. Washington outhit F&M 8-6, receiving outstanding offensive power from Coleman, Mohler, Goenaga, Hastings, and Rupert. Mohler remarked, "With F&M as one of our toughest opponents, coming out of our first game with a loss of 5-2 is something to be proud of and is an indication of the strength of this team and the things to come."

The team has also played Cecil Community College, Lebanon Valley, Gettysburg, and Swarthmore. The Shorewomen came close to a victory in the Swarthmore game, losing by only two runs.

Their season record is not indicative of the team's capabilities. Mohler adds, "With some players in unfamiliar territory, we are working hard to adjust and continue on with our game. We have a tight defense and with a little more confidence at the plate, along with warm weather, the scoreboard will be more indicative of the heart and skill behind this team. The ability is there. We just need to pull it all together as a team."

Come out and support the team at their next home game on the back field across the railroad tracks on Wednesday, April 22nd against Wesley!

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Women's Lax Pulls Out a Close One vs. Susquehanna

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Washington Lacrosse Regains Momentum

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Photo by Gary Brown

They call him Lawler, Greg Lawler. He's a Freshman terror from the Salisbury School who beats defenders left and wrong with an unsurpassed quickness. Here he exhibits his talents whipping by a Navy defender. Lawler has gotten consistently better each week as he has moved into the number two spot at scoring goals with 19 and achieving total points with 24.

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Washington	5	9
UMES	8	3
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Drew		6
Washington		19
Swarthmore		8
Women's Tennis		
Washington		7
Millersville		2
Men's Tennis		
Washington		7
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Washington		4
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H 70s, L mid 40s

"Toxic Incineration on the Chesapeake Bay:" Hundreds Attend Symposium at WC

By **John C. Griep**
News Editor

A public symposium on "Toxic Incineration on the Chesapeake Bay: A Public Dilemma" was held at Tawes Theatre on Saturday, April 11. The symposium was sponsored by the Goldstein Program in Public Affairs and McLain Program in Environmental Studies and organized by a group of concerned citizens from Kent and surrounding counties to examine the issues surrounding the proposed construction of a chemical weapons incinerator at Aberdeen Proving Grounds. Over 500 citizens attended the symposium.

The United States Army has already constructed one chemical weapons incinerator, which is currently operating on Johnson Atoll in the Pacific Ocean. Various chemical weapons agents are being incinerated at the Johnson Atoll Chemical Disposal System (JACADS). A second incinerator is being built at Tooele, Utah, where "over 42%" of the U.S stockpile resides. Incinerators are also planned for seven other domestic sites which house various chemical weapons agents.

Dr. J. David Newell, Professor and Chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religion, was the moderator for the symposium, which was divided into two sessions. The panelists for the morning session, which ran from 10 a.m. until noon, were Charles Baronian, Deputy Program Manager and Technical Director of Chemical Demilitarization at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, David McMillion, Director of the MD Emergency Management Agency, Pat Costner, Director of Research and Technical Studies for Greenpeace, and Craig Williams, Director of the Kentucky Environmental Foundation and Common Ground.

In his opening remarks, Baronian commented, "I think we can all agree that the chemical weapons stockpile is no longer wanted, no longer necessary and needs to be gotten rid of. The stockpile sits, it exists, and it represents a threat. And if we can get rid of that threat, once and for all, safely and environmentally sound, I think all of us can support that goal. The United States is trying to take the lead in ridding the world of chemical weapons."

Baronian stated that Aberdeen Proving Grounds currently contains about 5% of the U.S. stockpile of chemical weapons. The only chemical weapon stored at Aberdeen is mustard agent, which is stored outdoors in one-ton containers. "Mustard is a lethal, highly carcinogenic chemical weapon used in World War I, now prohibited by international treaty." (The actual number of containers stored at APG is classified.) Baronian pointed out that the "largest risk [from the chemicals at Aberdeen], according to the programmatic EIS (environmental impact statement), was associated with transportation, followed by do nothing, or continued storage, followed by ... demilitarization." A fact sheet which was distributed by a citizen's group stated, "The Army has estimated that as many as 42,000 casualties could occur in the event of a serious chemical leak or spill at Aberdeen." Baronian stated, "those 42,000 deaths came from the programmatic EIS and they are associated with the transportation option."

The programmatic EIS was completed in 1988, at which time the Army determined that on-site incineration was the best option. Baronian remarked that the Army will perform another programmatic EIS, which will examine the operating data from the JACADS incinerator, before making any final decisions for Aberdeen. For this second study, the Army will ask themselves: "If I knew then, 1988, what I know now, 1992, would I have reached the same conclusion about the environmentally preferable alternative? If the answer to that is yes, then the Army plans to create an environmental impact statement, site specific, implementing that decision. If the answer to that question is no, we'll stop and re-open alternatives."

Addressing possible alternatives to incineration, Baronian stated that the Army has asked the National Academy of Sciences to appoint a team of experts to look at new technology. Some alternatives to incineration which will be examined by the National Academy include: neutralization, biodegradation, supercritical water oxidation, molten salt, ultraviolet, and plasma reactors.

McMillion stated, "I live in Maryland and I want to make sure that we're doing everything we can to be prepared in the unlikely event of an incident at Aberdeen. . . . We have individuals in emergency management on standby 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year." The

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Newell Resigns As Graduate Program Director

By **Amanda Burt**
Staff Writer

After seventeen years as Director of the Graduate Program at Washington College, Dr. J. David Newell has resigned from his position in an effort to strengthen his commitment to undergraduate activities. He will continue to direct the twenty year old program until his current contract expires in August.

When Newell was appointed as Chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religion in 1987, he immediately began to feel the conflict between his undergraduate and graduate duties. "I made a sincere effort at doing both administrative jobs at once, but with a full-time teaching load, I knew it would only be a matter of time and I would have to choose," he says.

Though Newell claims that he enjoyed his associations with the Graduate Program and wishes it well, he is anxious to devote himself more fully to the needs and interests of the Philosophy Department. "I came here to teach philosophy to undergraduates. That is where my heart is and that is where it has always been," he notes.

He feels confident that he is leaving a solid foundation for the next Director, as a special Task Force on Graduate Education just completed a six-month study revealing that the program at WC is in good health. While Newell chaired the Task Force, other members included previous and current students of the program, faculty members from each area of graduate study as well as one faculty member who does not teach in the program, and a representative from the Registrar's Office.

Four different questionnaires were developed according to recommendations from the Administrative, Faculty, Alumni, and Current Student subcommittees of the Task Force and were then administered by Helen Kerr of of the Office of Institutional Research. Faculty members, certain administrative officials, recent graduates, and enrolled students of the program were all asked to respond.

After the raw data was simultaneously submitted to the Task Force and Dean's Office, separate reports were filed by Gene Hessey, Senior Vice President for Management and Finance, and Dr. Jack Hamiltion, WC's Registrar. A final report was sent via the Dean's Office to the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Visitors and Governors, which is currently reviewing the report's recommendations.

The report, which will serve as a basis for the Middle States self-survey to be completed next year, provides a means by which to strengthen the Graduate Program. Some recommendations include expanding the number of degree programs offered and the formation of a Graduate Student Affairs Committee that would consider the possibility of creating a lounge and organizing social activities for graduate students. In addition, the report suggested that the governance of graduate students be more fully integrated with that of the college.

Dr. John B. Taylor, Acting Provost and Dean of the College, says that it is too early to determine who Newell's replacement will be, but he claims that the decision will be made in light of the report's recommendations. "I would hope that a decision would be made by the end of the Spring Semester," he says, "but it depends on who is interested."

Newell is only the third director of the Graduate Program, which was created in the early seventies in order to provide a a curriculum of study for area teachers needing advance professional certification and graduate credit. Professor Thomas McHugh, who headed the Education Department, developed the program in the early seventies. When he left WC to accept a position at Vassar College in New York, Dwight Kirkpatrick, Chair of the Psychology Department at the time, assumed McHugh's position. Kirkpatrick found the work overwhelming and resigned after one year. Newell was then appointed as Director.

The Graduate Program at WC currently offers Master of Arts degrees in Psychology, English, and History/Social Science, as well as selected topics in Education.

Editorial

This Editorial Supports the Aberdeen Incinerator

With the current status of the KKK debate permanently in limbo, the **ELM** decided to present one of its own. This unofficial debate, moderated by Pat, Justin, and Griep, took place in the **ELM** office at 4 am on Thurs. morning. We originally planned on including members of the radical environmental group EARTHFIRST! in this discussion, but the administration squelched that idea, stating adequate security could not be provided in case these revolutionaries attempted to sabotage the college's valuable construction equipment. In their place we present three alternative speakers: Justin Jersey will debate for the proposed incinerator; Luna Stacks and John Talbot, Jr. will debate against the incinerator.

Justin Jersey, Pres., Comm. for the Mutation and Retardation of All Living Species **(MoRALS)**

You Eastern Shore types wouldn't know progress if it swam up to you and knocked you off your skipjack. First you didn't want Rt. 95 cutting through your sacred farmlands. Then you got excited about a proposed nuclear power plant. And now you're up in arms about the Aberdeen Incinerator. Well hello, and welcome to the twentieth century!

Of course this project is dangerous. Sure it'll kill people, or worse yet, make their lives a living hell. We've seen such results at the Johnson Atoll Incinerator in the Pacific. But I'm here to tell you, those people were also skeptical at first, until they realized the benefits such a project offered. Today, if asked whether or not they wanted their incinerator removed, I'm sure the Pacific survivors would reply, 'no way!'

They say the Eastern Shore of Maryland is God's Country. Well if that's the case, then God wants an incinerator. He's looking out for you as is the military on this one. Just think of the benefits. Besides the jobs created for the actual construction of the project, thousands more will develop in local health-care facilities. New hospitals, evacuation sites, and rescue squads will need to be built, along with ambulance repair shops and medical supply depots. New communities will spring up virtually overnight. Physicians, first-aid instructors, and scores of nurses will move into the area, thus increasing the demand for housing. With them will come their children, who can then be educated on the hazards of mustard gas incineration in their brand new, state of the art school system, funded exclusively by the US Army and government.

I say the incinerator is just the shot-in-the-ass this region needs. Sure some people are going to die. But, whoever survives the initial holocaust will ensure a strong, adaptive gene pool for generations of future Watermen to come. Put aside your fishing poles, midnight strolls, and unpolluted rivers. Realize your future and that of the Eastern Shore rests on the approval of the incinerator. Don't let your fears get in the way of progress.

Luna Stacks, Students Against Death **(S.A.D.)**

The Aberdeen Mustard Gas Incinerator threatens the existence of life on earth. Excess mustard gas could severely damage the microlayer of the Chesapeake Bay. This thin layer on the surface of the water provides the largest fraction of atmospheric oxygen. Ecological stresses are already accumulating on the microlayer from other pollutants and increased UV radiation.

This microlayer is also one of the most important carbon-fixing ecosystems. If this layer were to be severely damaged or destroyed altogether, we would not only face a depletion of oxygen, but an increase in atmoshperic $C0_2$, a greenhouse gas. The rest of the Chesapeake Bay would feel the effects of losing this most important primary producer.

Even if the microlayer were to survive escaped gas, the rest of the Bay ecosystem would still feel the effects. Mustard gas would be found in ambient levels in phytoplankton, the major component of the microlayer, but would be more concentrated in the zooplankton and filter feeders that feed on them. The mustard gas would be even more concentrated in higher order predators, the fish and crabs that many humans eat. This process is called "biological magnification". Mustard gas is a known carcinogen. Go ahead, eat that carcinogenic *Callinectes sapidus*.

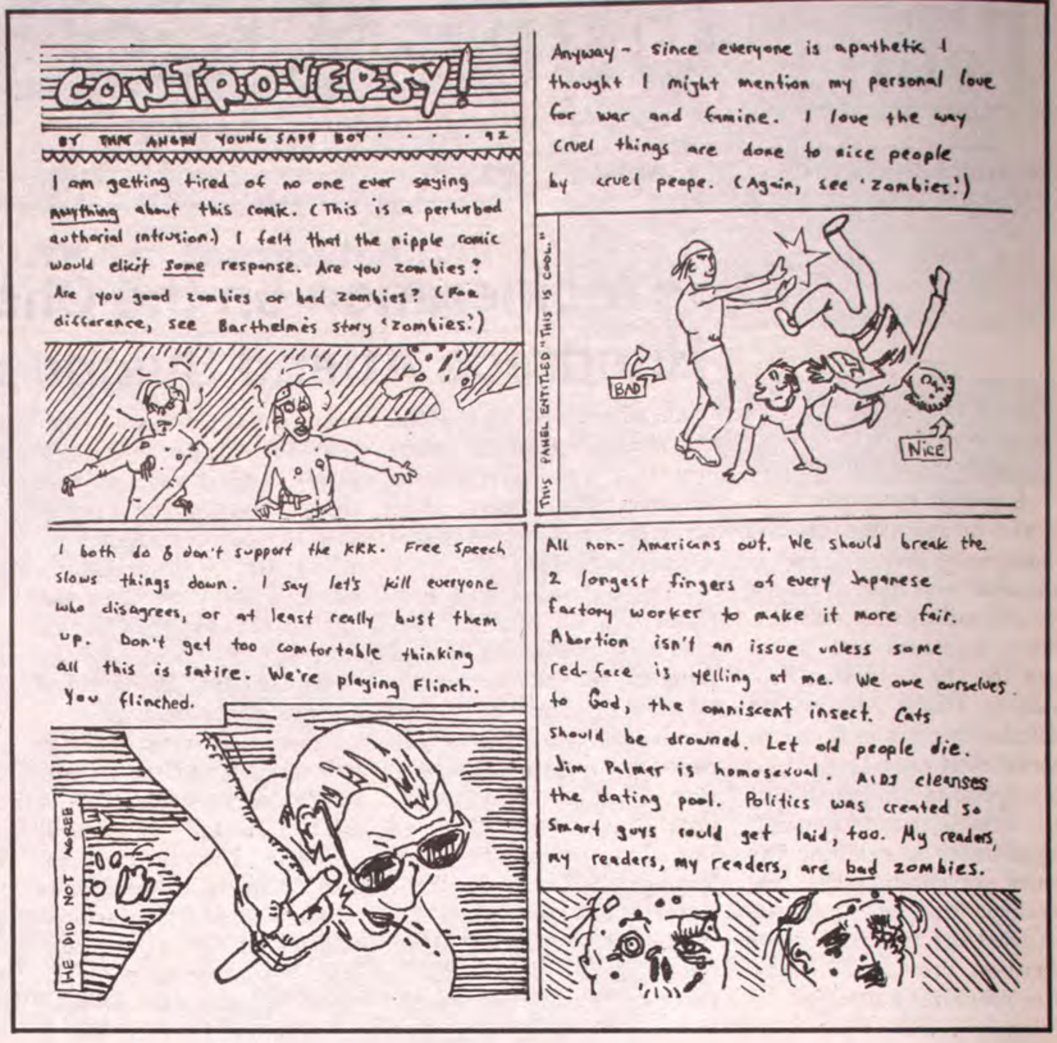
Even if the incinerator works properly and releases no mustard gas, it would emit dioxins into the atmosphere. The process of "biological magnification" would also apply to these dioxins. In humans, as well as fish, dioxins cause cancer, reproductive defects, and damage to immune systems.

The Army has a *duty* to investigate every other disposal possibility before considering such a clearly dangerous option as incineration, especially on the shores of the already ecologically wounded Bay. This horrible agent of warfare should never have been made in the first place, but now we *must* do our best to dispose of it safely. The Army made this mess, and they should dispose of it, but they also should take every ecological and safety factor into consideration. The mustard gas has been at Aberdeen for a long time, and it can stay there until some safe means of destroying it can be found.

John Talbot, Jr., Pres. of Eastern Shore Citizens Against Pollution Emissions **(E.S.C.A.P.E.)**

Maryland has the highest cancer rates in the U. S. and the Shore has the highest rates in the state. We oppose any chemical weapon detoxification program which may increase the risk of cancer in the region. According to the April 7, 1992 edition of *Rachel's Hazardous Waste News*, "Officials of EPA and private research scientists now admit that hazardous waste incinerators emit hundreds of times more dioxins and other toxic air pollutants than is allowed by EPA regulations. . . . Scientists employed by [the] U.S. EPA admitted last month that modern hazardous waste incinerators simply cannot comply with existing federal regulations because they cannot destroy all chemicals with 99.99% destruction/removal efficiency, the efficiency required by federal law." "Aberdeen Proving Grounds and Edgewood have two Superfund sites.... Such sites continuously release some amount of toxic vapor into the atmosphere."

Our group is opposed to all pollution emissions from the military-industrial complex based on the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay. Very little heavy industry is based on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and we feel it is unfair for our children to have to breathe the pollution of those dirty Baltimorons. We are already putting up with excessive automobile emissions from unwanted beach-goers, which damages our wonderful forests and cropland, why should we put up with even more noxious, toxic air pollutants from the other side of the bridge? Keep your toxins in your own backyard and out of our Bay!!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BY THAT ANGRY YOUNG SAPP BOY · · · · 92
I am getting tired of no one ever saying anything about this comik. (This is a perturbed authorial intrusion.) I felt that the nipple comic would elicit some response. Are you zombies? Are you good zombies or bad zombies? (For difference, see Barthelmes story 'zombies.')
Anyway - since everyone is apathetic I thought I might mention my personal love for war and famine. I love the way cruel things are done to nice people by cruel peope. (Again, see 'zombies.')
THIS PANEL ENTITLED "THIS IS COOL."
BAD
NICE
I both do & don't support the KKK. Free speech slows things down. I say let's kill everyone who disagrees, or at least really bust them up. Don't get too comfortable thinking all this is satire. We're playing Flinch. You flinched.
HE DID NOT AGREE
All non-Americans out. We should break the 2 longest fingers of every Japanese factory worker to make it more fair. Abortion isn't an issue unless some red-face is yelling at me. We owe ourselves to God, the omniscent insect. Cats should be drowned. Let old people die. Jim Palmer is homosexual. AIDS cleanses the dating pool. Politics was created so smart guys could get laid, too. My readers, my readers, my readers, are bad zombies.

Letters to the Editor

Debate over KKK Debate Continues

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to Mr. Seth Engel's uninformed letter to the editor which appeared in last week's **ELM**. First of all, we should make it clear that members of the Dale Adams Heritage Exchange were not uniform in their opinion of whether or not the Ku Klux Klan should come to campus. True, members of our group did confront Ms. Kate Absher about their idea of bringing the Ku Klux Klan to campus, but we did so individually. We went to her with individual complaints, not complaints which were representative of the group's beliefs. Our President, Ms. India Henson, stated in our meeting that this issue was very delicate and she said that everyone should follow their individual opinions. That's exactly what we did. Some of our members agreed that the Ku Klux Klan had the Constitutional right to speak, and some were even preparing to come to the debate. However, I, Dawn Israel, started a petition that would keep the Ku Klux Klan off the campus. This was an individual effort and the Dale Adams Heritage Exchange had NOTHING to do

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Dear Editor,

It has been rumoured that President Trout has called me "stupid" in suggesting a debate on the Ku Klux Klan. A member of the faculty has also supposedly commented, "What is a twenty-year-old student doing organizing such a debate anyway?" Furthermore, Dean McIntire accused me of being "frivolous" in attempting to hold a debate on the KKK.

In this letter I would like to discuss my alleged "stupidity," frivolity," and "youth" and defend myself against these

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Correction

In the article, "Oriole Legend to Dedicate New LFC," that appeared in last week's **ELM**, it was reported that Jim Palmer, Bob Maisel and Tom Matte would speak at the April 25th dedication of the Johnson Lifetime Fitness Center. They have been invited to speak at the Donor Preview Dinner on Friday, April 24th. Washington College is currently awaiting confirmation from Governor Schaefer and Mayor Horsey, who have been invited to speak at the dedication ceremony on Saturday, April 25th.

The **ELM** sincerely regrets any confusion that arose as the result of this article.

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Chemical Weapons Incinerator Proposed for Aberdeen

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state agency ensures that local and state emergency response personnel are adequately trained to meet any possible catastrophes. Local and state agencies must develop plans to deal with disasters and must engage in regular training sessions to demonstrate their responsiveness. "In 1988, the studies indicated that continued storage posed a threat to the communities around the stockpiles. Subsequent to that, the Army and FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Agency), came to an agreement ... that FEMA would provide resources to the state and local jurisdictions in assisting us in improving our emergency preparedness plan."

McMillion described the sequence of events that would go into effect if an incident took place at Aberdeen. Local and state emergency response plans, which have already been developed and approved, would go into effect. A recently installed telephone "hotline" system would immediately and simultaneously transmit information to state and local officials. "If evacuation is determined necessary by local officials, then you would be notified through various alert systems. . . ."

McMillion concluded by encouraging everyone to participate on the local emergency planning committees.

Costner remarked, "Greenpeace and the Army, specifically Charles Baronian, agree that the obsolete chemical weapons stock must be demilitarized. I would define that as having its potential as chemical weapons eliminated. It must be demilitarized and it must be detoxified and disposed of. It is the detoxification and disposal aspect that Greenpeace . . . and I believe the scientific information and the Army's experience at Johnson Atoll . . . all would attest to the fact that incineration is wholly inappropriate for detoxification."

Costner also stated, "No incinerator works 100%. . . . One concern, that was not well addressed at Johnson Atoll, and which has not been well addressed at any hazardous waste incinerator, is the problem of products of incomplete combustion. You always get products of incomplete combustion." Costner was also concerned with the monitoring and detection systems at JACADS. "These monitoring systems are highly unreliable."

Costner concluded by commenting, "I would say that experience with JACADS shows the same experience we're seeing with every other hazardous waste incinerator in the country in that this technology is simply inappropriate for the disposal of either hazardous waste or nerve agent."

The final speaker for the morning session was Craig Williams. Williams is currently involved in a fight against the construction of a similar incinerator in Madison County, Kentucky. Speaking of the Army, Williams said, "The reality, or better yet, the mentality, of imposing their will on the people has not changed. What has transpired now, over the years, is quite simple. A policy decision has been reached and no one within the bureaucracy that formulated the policy is willing to reconsider or adapt to concerns of the people who should have been part of the decision-making process from the beginning. . . . The decision to use incineration as a baseline technology is a perfect example of what we in Kentucky call 'backend thinking' . . . . The solution was decided upon and, ever since, the studies have been tailored to fit the decision."

"The people here in Kent County, as recently as four years ago, stopped the siting of a municipal waste incinerator in your community. . . . Now you are faced with a similar situation, but the stakes are considerably higher. Not only must we consider the dangers of incinerating a known cancer-causing substance, but we must . . . consider the potential for decades of continued use of this facility, should it ever be constructed." The Army is currently barred from using the facilities after the chemical weapons stockpiles are eliminated, however, as Williams pointed out, "the law could easily be changed."

"It is apparent that every aspect of our lives and lifestyles will be affected if this program is allowed to continue on its present course . . . . Whether you are concerned about your health or that of your family . . . whether you are concerned about your environment in general . . . or if you are just scared to death by the prospect of burning chemical weapons in your neighborhood, it is imperative that you get involved in this effort to stop this rush to burn."

Following Williams' remarks, Dr. Newell departed slightly from the program and invited Congressmen Wayne Gilchrest and Tom McMillen to speak. Gilchrest told the crowd that he introduced a bill, H.R. 4975, "which would ban incineration of chemical weapons in the continental United States until the Secretary of the Army certifies to the Congress that alternatives have been thoroughly evaluated. Although the Army studied methods of chemical disposal in 1988 and found incineration the preferred method, the technologies to dispose of hazardous waste have developed rapidly since then. It only makes sense to take a good, hard look at the applicability of these alternatives before we charge ahead with incineration." McMillen stated that he is "strongly opposed to an incinerator at Aberdeen. I have studied this proposal and have reviewed the technical arguments, but I remain unconvinced that adequate scientific research has been completed to sufficiently answer the questions which surround incinerator emissions and human health." Both men stated the need to work together on this issue.

Gilchrest and McMillen were followed by questions from the floor. Carla Massoni, president of the Kent County Council of PTAs, stated "We've been very concerned about the cancer rate on the Eastern Shore. Maryland has the highest cancer rates in the United States and the Eastern Shore has the highest rates in the state. What I am concerned about is whether the Army studies have looked at the cancer risk of the incinerator on the Eastern Shore in particular."

Baronian responded that the Army, with expert advice from the Department of Health and Human Services and EPA, has developed a "safe exposure level considering the carcinogenic properties [of mustard]." He then introduced a doctor from APG, who stated that risk assessment studies by EPA and other organizations found a neglible risk for cancer from the incineration of mustard at Aberdeen. The doctor also stated that the EPA uses the most sensitive segments of the population when computing their risk assessments. The risk assessment studies are based on optimum operation of the incerator.

The panelists for the afternoon session were Robert Perciasepe, Secretary of the MD Department of the Environment (MDE), Peter Montague, Research Director of the D.C.-based Environmental Research Foundation, and Charles Bracelin Flood, author and representative of Concerned Citizens of Madison County, Kentucky.

Perciasepe outlined the department's role in the process of demilitarization. The position of the state Department of the Environment "has been to review each situation on its own merits. . . . We feel that public health and safety are paramount." Although the department does not have a final position on the proposed incinerator, Perciasepe stated, "I want to make it clear that we are asking and have been asking the same questions that are of concern to everyone else and we expect to see the answers when we get the program analysis of this project."

Dr. Peter Montague discussed the ethical considerations surrounding the proposed incinerator. Montague stated that "the decisions that you allow to be made here . . . will be impacting people all across the United States and in fact in other parts of the world." According to Montague, the incineration of mustard gas can result in stack emissions of dioxin, which is "a truly nasty molecule . . . much nastier than mustard gas, and unfortunately it's going to be created by the machine that's intended to get rid of the mustard gas." The danger of dioxin exposure includes cancer, reproductive and developmental defects, and damage to the immune system. Montague also argued that public health programs should follow a policy of prevention, not "catch up." "What is the solution to this problem?" Montague asked. "Prevention. Prevent the incinerator from being built. Montague concluded his presentation with the projection of a cartoon which stated, "If you think you are too small to make a difference, then you have never been in bed with a mosquito."

Charles Bracelin Flood also spoke about the efforts of the Concerned Citizens of Madison County to fight a proposed incinerator at the Lexington-Bluegrass Military Depot in Richmond, Kentucky. Flood stated, "Until now, we in the bluegrass region of Kentucky, have been the leaders of this struggle. . . . Nothing would please me more than to see the citizens of your beautiful, environmentally fragile Chesapeake Bay area surpass all that we have done." Flood then outlined what the citizens of Madison County had accomplished in the last 8 years. "At the outset, we were naive. We really believed that we could make the Army change its decision to incinerate. . . ."

Flood remarked that the U.S. Congress is in charge of the Army and that pressure should be put on Congress to put a stop to incinerator construction. "Ironically, this issue, which should be decided by safety considerations, may well be determined by the cost associated with the incineration experience." According to Flood, the estimated costs for the chemical weapons disposal program have skyrocketed from $1.7 billion in 1984 to $7.9 billion. Flood concluded by stating, "Welcome to the fight. There is no doubt that we will prevail."

The Board of Publications is now accepting applications for the position of

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with the petition. The petition never even reached Student Affairs or other administrators. In discussing this issue with Reverend Cordell Hunter, President of the local N.A.A.C.P., India was informed that President Trout had written a formal letter, long before this debate was arranged, to Rev. Hunter saying that the Ku Klux Klan, would not be allowed on campus for any reason. That, perhaps is one of the primary reasons why the Ku Klux Klan was denied admission on the college campus by the administration; IT WAS NOT MY PETITION! Actually, we do not know why the administration cancelled the debate, even after the Ku Klux Klan would not be in attendance. We had nothing to do with this decision. Even those who were afraid to go to the Debate because of the presence of the Ku Klux Klan, would have willingly come to discuss the ideologies and the inhumane acts of the Ku Klux Klan.

Furthermore, Dale Adams Heritage Exchange has no problem discussing racial issues. As a matter of fact, we highly suggest that students participate in these sort of discussions. However, SOME of us felt that bringing the Ku Klux Klan on campus would be detrimental, and was not the only way these issues could be discussed. Some might say that this fear is not legitimate. This is far from true. You may not understand this fear, but it is not an ignorant one. Unless you are a target of their hatred, and unless you have been horrified with stories that your parents and grandparents have told you about what they've had to endure, then of course you don't understand. But, because one doesn't understand, one should not call a perfectly legitimate fear irrational.

I, Dawn Israel, was one of the few who felt that the presence of the Ku Klux Klan would be dangerous for most minorities, if not all, involved. Mr. Engel, you are wrong. I would love for the college community to assemble and discuss the Ku Klux Klan, the Neo-Nazis or racism in general. In fact, racism is a topic in much need of discussion. We know what the Ku Klux Klan believes: they hate people because of their color, their religion, their creed or their sexual preference. Yes, I think it's pertinent that people know that they exist, however it is also very important for people to understand the covert racism that is present here at Washington College, as well as all over the world.

So, if you want to discuss racial issues, then let's get together and arrange something. The Dale Adams Heritage Exchange would be more than happy to oblige you and the rest of the Debate Society.

A fed up "sista,"
Dawn Israel
With India Henson's
consultation

Debate Society President Clarifies Situation

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allegations. I will do so by discussing why I began the Washington College debating society; why I chose the Klan as the society's third topic for debate, and how I planned to organize the proposed debate.

I will begin my defense at the beginning. Last year I attended St. Andrews University in Scotland under the auspices of Washington College's junior year abroad program. St. Andrews University houses a thriving social and club life. The school year begins with a club fair in their equivalent to our gymnasium. At this fair each club was allotted a table in which to advertise the activities of their club and tempt students to join their organization. Practically every student was involved in a club — whether it was the wine tasting club, the Scottish reel society, the mountaineering club, or a host of others. Surprisingly, I suppose to some, this fair was organized by St. Andrews students and each club was run by the students.

Furthermore, every two years St. Andrews held a week long arts festival where plays, concerts, art exhibitions, and films were held around the clock. Also surprisingly enough this festival was completely run and mostly participated in by students. In fact last year a twenty-year-old female student organized the festival.

I am thoroughly convinced that because the students ran the social and intellectual life outside the classroom at St. Andrews that the life there, in the words of one of my Scottish friends, was and is "absolutely brilliant." During my year at St. Andrews, I never saw a top administrator, but what I did see were students administrating and passionately involved in the university.

As some may guess, I joined the St. Andrews debating society. The society met weekly and debated international, national, and university-related issues. For a university in a country deeply divided by class and ancestry, the debates were extremely healthy for the campus and the community. Communists, Socialists, Liberals, Labourites, Conservatives all came together and argued political issues in the form of a debate.

Upon returning to the United States, I thought Washington College, deeply divided by cliques and income brackets, would also greatly benefit from a debating society. Our first two debates on the Greek system and on the rise in tuition were somewhat successful. Yet I learned from the Greek debate that a debate composed entirely of the opposition is an unequal, one-sided debate.

Therefore, when the issue of the Klan presented itself as a highly relevant and controversial topic, the need for the extreme right, specifically members of the Klan, was felt necessary for the debate. It is stated in the Washington College debating society's constitution that only students are allowed to debate at the tables, and only students were debating at the KKK debate. However, when the floor was to be opened up for general discussion, two members of the Klan, and I stress the adjective two, where invited to be among the audience. Two members of the NAACP were also invited to attend.

Upon final decision of the debate topic on the Klan, I and my committee believed it necessary to have the presence of security at the debate. I myself personally called and talked to members of the State Police who assured me that whether the debate was held two months from now or two days from now they could provide adequate security. Seth Engel also called Mayor Horsey who also promised security upon request. Therefore, I would like to argue that security was not an overwhelming factor governing the administration's decision to cancel or "postpone" the debate.

The overall factor in the administration's decision to squelch our debate was that the issue to be discussed was too controversial and was opposed by a faction of the student body, faculty, and administration. The reasons the administration opposed the debate were the reasons why I chose the debate. Racism is ignored on this campus. Yet every time a student enters the dining hall and is served his meals, racism is present. I thought by choosing a sensational topic such as the KKK might awaken students to the questions of race and civil rights they have become hardened to.

My generation did not experience the Civil Rights Movement nor the race riots that succeeded it. As a child, the Klan was a hooded figure out of Roots. Through this experience I have learned the KKK are men with a very warped philosophy, yet a philosophy that should be examined and understood if racism is ever to end.

Cordially,
Katherine E. Absher

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Librarian Discusses Klan

To the Editor,

As one of those opposed to some aspects of the Debate Society's proposed topic "This House would support the Klan," I would like to throw some possible light on the cause for such opposition. First let me say that I recognize and respect the right to freedom of speech guaranteed by the Constitution and I am not opposed to a debate on the Ku Klux Klan among students. What I objected to was having this debate against the Klan as was first proposed and further modified to have Klan members in the audience by invitation. This situation though, bold and courageous would seriously jeopardize the safety of members of the community. To say that adequate protection would have been provided and that the fear was unwarranted is to ignore the history and activities of the Klan. To insist that the only issue here is freedom of speech is to deny the other rights which the Constitution guarantees to individuals.

The Ku Klux Klan has been in existence since the 1860's and their history and activities have been amply documented. Many of their atrocities were levied against Blacks as well as Whites. If the Washington College community needs a debate in the presence of the Klan to teach them a first hand lesson on racism then we definitely need to redefine the process of education. It seems to me that the planners of the debate either have little knowledge of Klan activities; no experience, even vicariously, with Klan activities; or they are being led by an illusion of grandeur. The illusion in thinking that by inviting Klan members to the college and through an intellectual academic exercise in the form of a debate, they can expose the ignorance and atrocities of the Klan without any opposition. The illusion in believing that the embarrassment of their cause and position would force them to leave shamefully accepting defeat. The illusion that this bold initiative would drive the Klan from Chestertown and its environs while at the same time bringing about the enlightenment of Washington College students. Again, I refer you to the history and activities of the Ku Klux Klan.

As I listen to the various arguments around campus or take a closer look at Seth Engel's letter I wonder what that debate would have been like. It seems that most of the arguments revolved around freedom of speech, fear of open discussion, and the need to stop being concerned about offending people. The real issue of racism seemed to have gotten lost in the shuffle. Racism is not easily forgotten or swept under the rug. It is a too frequent experience for many people of many races. There are many ways of educating people about the subject. Racism has been here for hundreds of years and it is unlikely that it will vanish overnight whether we ignore it or face it bravely with such a debate. If Mr. Engel can be so arrogant in his denouncement of those who oppose the debate as "stooges for people like the KKK," I wonder how he would handle the objection of the Grand Wizard to a Jew and an African American, "who obviously oppose the Klan," arguing objectively or factually for his side.

Ruth Shoge
Miller Library

SGA Report

The Senate and Executive Board of Washington College met on Tuesday, April 14, 1992 in the Casey Academic Center Forum. The next meeting of the SGA will be on Tuesday, April 21, 1992 at 9 p.m. in the CAC Forum.

"Sparky" Hands Over the Gavel: New Executive Board Takes Office

The newly elected SGA Executive Board members were sworn in by outgoing SGA President Kevin "Sparky" Kelly. After the brief ceremony, the former executive board members made brief comments to the Senate and then made their exit from the Casey building. Kelly stated that he felt a bit of "regret" at leaving his position after one-and-a-half years as SGA President. It was announced that Amy McCleary would not be able to fulfill her duties as Secretary. Kristen Kujawski, who received the second largest share of the votes for the position, was appointed to fill McCleary's seat. This appointment was approved unanimously by the Senate. Bridgette Winchester was appointed to the position of SCC Chair and Will Phipps was appointed to the position of Parliamentarian.

Minimum GPA

The Senate unanimously approved a resolution to support a 2.0 minimum GPA for graduation, as well as a 2.0 minimum GPA in major courses. This plan, if approved, would go into effect for the incoming freshman class.

Junior Class Auction

The Junior Class Auction, originally scheduled for this past Saturday, April 11, has been re-scheduled for Saturday, April 25th. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the junior class beautification project.

Funding

The Senate allocated $1450 for Black Sheep for the Luau on April 25th.
$500 was approved for the April 15th Comedy Club performer. An additional $600 was approved for the performer scheduled for April 29th.
$400 was allocated for a street performer to appear on Monday, April 27th.

Another Student Responds to Engel Letter

Dear Editor:

First of all may I state that I am not debating nor am I trying to convince anyone to agree with anything I have to say.

We the students of Washington College have the right to express the things that we feel affect our well being and our scholastic growth while we study on this campus. That is why I feel that the students of the Debate Society have the right to have their timely discussion on the issues that concern the Ku Klux Klan. We are not running from racism, nor are we running from the people who hate us for our natural being. We the members of the Dale Adams Heritage Exchange Organization, whose main purpose, as stated on our birth, was to alleviate the stereotypes, and misunderstandings that people have concerning others of different races, creeds, religions, and social backgrounds, so how can anyone say that we are running from racism. The main thing we want to be is a bridge, that will unite the differences we have.

As I stated earlier, if you were to ask many of the members of our society, did they agree with having this delicate debate, our answer would probably be "Yes." However, we disagreed with the fact that there was a need for the Ku Klux Klan to be brought on campus, to only strike fear in some people's hearts, and stir up possible violence. As I have personally told Kate Absher, "Some people, might call you an animal, I don't agree; just believe, but I do believe your choice to have these ignorant people on campus is a bad decision." I was totally misquoted in last week's Elm, when Seth Engel, said that some Dale Adams members called Ms. Absher, an animal. (Let's get the facts straight, before we accuse an entire organization, of saying something, which opens our entire society to bad and false publicity.)

Furthermore, may I clarify, that the views that have been stated by myself and other minority students on campus, have nothing to do with the Dale Adams Heritage Exchange Organization. Our views, are, our individual opinions and thoughts. In the mean time why, don't whose people who still believe that it is no big deal, what's the commotion all about, think how they would feel if we were to ask the Black Panthers, or Louis Farrakhann, and other hate groups to be guests on this campus, I am sure that even Mickey and Minnie Mouse would have to shed a tear for even such a thought.

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Calandar of Events

April 17 - 23

Friday 17 - Monday 20

Film Series: *High Heels*
Norman James Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

Friday 17

Lit House Café
entertainment, food & drink
All are welcome
O'Neill Literary House, 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 18

CIA presents:
White Water Rafting Trip
16 slots/$50.00 per person
sign up in Student Activities Office (or just show up with cash)
Culture Van departs from behind Bill Smith, 7:00 a.m.

Sunday 19

Easter Sunday
CIA presents
Trip: Orioles vs. Tigers, 1:35 game
Tickets/Transportation $5.00 per person
sign up in Student Activities Office (or just show up with cash)
Culture Van departs from in front of CAC, 11:00 a.m.

Monday 20

O'Neill Literary House Monday Series:
Writers Theatre
O'Neill Literary House, 4:00 p.m.†

Dance On Film: *Easter Parade*
CAC Common Room, 6:30 p.m.

The Goldstein Program in Public Affairs presents:
Prospects for Arab-Israeli Peace Negotiations
William B. Quandt, Senior Fellow, The Brookings Institution
CAC Forum, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday 21 - Wednesday 22

Actors Community Theatre presents
...Where Christ and Caesar Walk Hand in Glove
Sean O'Connor, WC Education Dept.
Norman James Theatre, 8:00 p.m.*

Thursday 23 - Saturday 25

WC Drama Department presents
Pippin
Tawes Theatre, Thurs. at 9:00 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. at 8:00 p.m.
Admission free; call ext. 269 for reservations†

Thursday 23

The Sophie Kerr Committee presents
Author Frederick Busc, reading from his fiction
Norman James Theatre, 4:00 p.m.†

The Music Department presents
The Spring Student Recital
Norman James Theatre, 7:00 p.m.•

Recent Works by Simone Osthoff *will be on exhibit in Gibson Fine Arts Center Friday & Saturday, noon - 4:p.m.* **These are the last days the exhibit will be shown.**

†see related article *see ArtBeat

A&E

The Return of Writers' Theatre

By **J. Tarin Towers**
A&E Editor

As part of the O'Neill Literary House Monday Series, next Monday the 20th will mark the return of Writers' Theatre to Washington College. Traditionally, students of the Drama Department's spring Playwrighting class and other interested playwrights share their works with an audience on the Lit House Porch.

This year, three selections from plays and one dramatic monologue, all written by WC students, will be performed. The works include Andrea Nolan's *Life Goes On;* Forrest M. George's *Paradise;* Tina Dayhoff's *Freckles, Rainbows, & Something to Do;* and J. Tarin Towers' *Passages.*

The reading will take place after tea at the O'Neill Literary House, on the deck at 4:00 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

Student Profile: Bruce Hamilton

Bruce Hamilton is a senior majoring in English. He transferred to Washington College from Montgomery County Community College, Germantown Campus, in January of 1990. Concentrating in Modern and Postmodern Fiction, Bruce has a pervading interest in the creative arts.

Bruce is possibly best-known on campus for singing, everywhere he goes — stairwells, hallways, the fire lane, and not least of all for the Sacred Cows. The Cows have two gigs planned for later this month, one at Newt's and one at the Sig farm party. The Cows were chosen as favorite band at last year's Battle of the Campus Bands, and they've played at the CoffeeHouse, Newt's and the Blackhearts Ball.

He is also visible on the stage in Tawes Theatre. Last seen playing the title role in *Cyrano de Bergerac,* Bruce also had several monologues in last spring's *Drinking In America.* He also played *MacBeth* in high school.

Bruce's greatest love may be literature. In fact, the only time he seems to be seen without a book nearby is when he's on a stage. Bruce edits the *Collegian,* and is a past Arts & Entertainment Editor of the *ELM.* Besides journalism and literary nonfiction, Bruce writes poetry, plays, and short stories, and one of his works, a prose poem, appeared in the first issue of *Crack.* He describes most of his friends a "fictional."

Bruce's future plans include "writing the Great American Novel." He may work at Camp Echo Hill this summer, and he would like to get an internship in a publications firm or magazine.

An active member of the Writers' Union, Bruce's other interests include speaking French, playing guitar, drawing and painting. Bruce has been on the Dean's List and has at least a 3.0 GPA. He lives in Port Republic with his mom.

Pippin to Close Drama Season

By J. Tarin Towers
A&E Editor

Pippin, the first musical to be staged by the Washington College drama department in two years, will be performed next weekend, Thursday the 23rd through Saturday the 25th. Shan Driscoll, a senior Drama and English major, is directing the show as her senior drama thesis.

The last WC musical was Sweeney Todd, which Peter Johnson directed and Driscoll assistant directed. Driscoll says that *Sweeney* was the show that convinced her to become a drama major. She wanted to direct a musical of her own from the start. When she arrived at Washington College she was intrigued by the fact that drama majors could stage a production, and she had planned on doing *Pippin* since she declared her major. After years of doing technical work such as lighting and costumes, she will now be working hands on with actors instead of instruments.

"Pippin is a modern morality play," says Driscoll. "The character [of Pippin] is searching for fulfillment in his life by going through a series of events alternating between Heaven and Hell, as in Medieval Catholic morality plays. The religious themes in the script were downplayed so as to make it more of a modern approach, as opposed to having religious overtones."

Senior Mike Tyson, a Spanish major, is the Musical Director for *Pippin.* Tyson was the Assistant Musical Director for Sweeney Todd during his sophomore year. He will be conducting the orchestra, which features Assistant Musical Director John Blakelock on euphonium, Ciaran O'Keeffe on piano, Sacred Cows drummer Chris Goldenberg, and Jennifer Nyman on flute, as well as many others.

The cast includes Tim Buckheit as Pippin, Bridgette Avant as the Leading Player, Jason Imber as Charlemagne, Abrah Wilberding as Fastrada, Scott Koon as Lewis, Eve Zartman as Berthe, Roxanne Seubert as Katherine, and Ed Schroeder as Theo.

The chorus consists of Tanya Allen, Kelly Burns, Katie Degentesh, Rachel Demma, Erika Fitzhugh, Elisa Hale, Kristen Hamilton, Patricia Karnes, and Stephanie Tennyson.

Choreographers are Alexandra Nader and Richard McKee. Deidre Riegel has designed the set, and Jason Imber the lights. Additional crew includes: J. Tarin Towers, Stage Manager; Ed Schroeder, Technical Director; Esther Diamondstone, Assistant Stage Manager; Steve Brown, Master Electrician and Light Board Operator; Heather Lynch, Props Master; and Sherry Menton, Costume Consultant.

All performances will be free and in Tawes Theatre. Showtimes are Thursday, 9:00 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 8:00 p.m. The show will be seated on stage, and reservations should be made in advance at ext. 269.

Kiddie Lit

By Keri Nygaard
Co-Editor, Shoestrings

On Tuesday evening The Sophie Kerr Committee presented "One Hundred Years of Children's Literature." Curtis Kiefer, the lecturer, is a Washington College alumnus, and is now Head of the Central Children's Department of the Free Library of Philadelphia. While reviewing the history of children's lit, he displayed many beautifully illustrated children's books. Most of these were from the Children's and Rare Book Departments of the Free Library, some of which have been on display in our library, but a few were rare autographed books from his own private collection.

Kiefer's fondness for his work was evident in his presentation, which began with the invitation to the audience to "Shake Out Your Sillies" with Bob, Sesame Street's famous sing-along man. Most of the all-ages audience enjoyed jumping up and down, shaking out their "sillies" before the talk began. The audience laughed and sighed in enjoyment while Kiefer read some of his samples aloud.

Kiefer's primary interests in children's lit seemed to be in illustration and book-binding. He also mentioned the continuing importance of the oral tradition and talked about the recent "Second Golden Age" of children's books, specifically referring to their beauty of design and illustration and to their cultural awareness. He stressed how much children really do love their literature, almost as much as did his audience of "grown-ups."

ART • BEAT

Spring Poetry Postcard Winners

The Spring 1992 winners of the Literary House Press Poetry Postcard Contest are as follows: Erin Page, "The Night Museum," John W. Blakelock, "Chicken," and Rebecca Bryant, "To Josephine Baker."

The postcards will be printed by April 26, the day of the Senior Reading, and packaged in a folder with last semester's winners as a complete set.

Shoestrings On Sale

Shoestrings Magazine is now on sale for $2.00 per copy. The children's literature magazine features original stories and poems by students of Garnett Elementary School and of Washington College. Proceeds from sales of the magazine will go to Pacem In Terris, the grassroots activist organization which the Awareness Week festivities supported. Anyone interested in buying a copy can contact Ann Veiga or Keri Nygaard at 778-7820.

O'Connor to Perform Improv

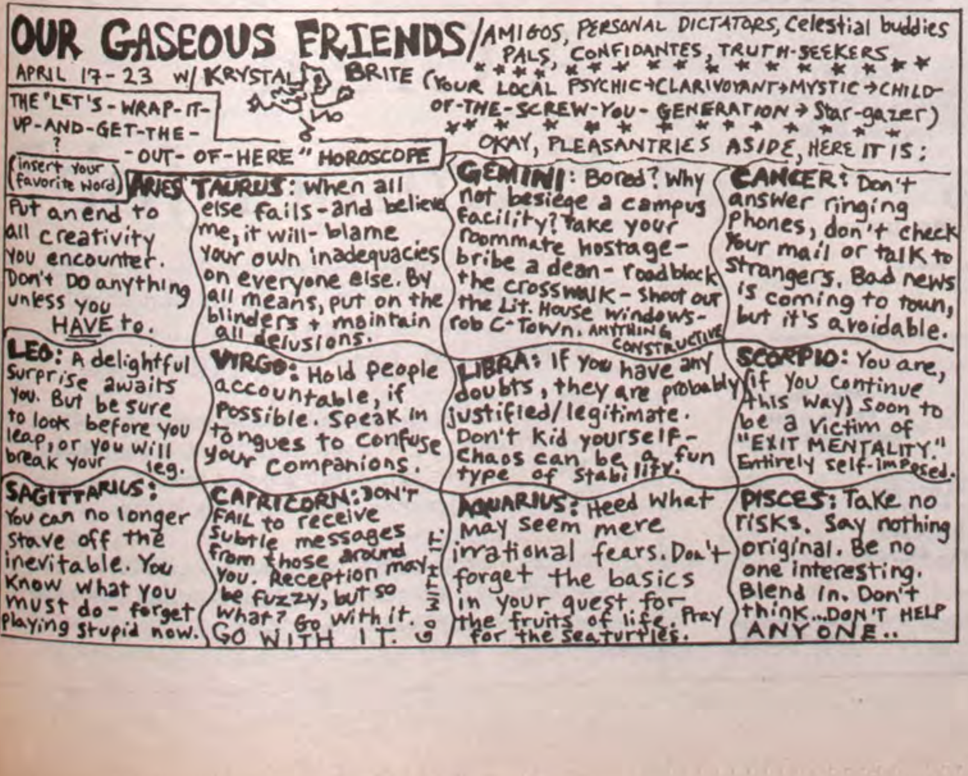
Education Department head Sean O'Connor will be performing *...Where Christ and Caesar Walk Hand in Glove,* a one-man improvisational theatre piece on the troubles in Northern Ireland. The two performances are sponsored by Actors Community Theatre to help restore the massive losses they took when their space on Spring Street was burned in a fire last fall. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated. Performances are Tuesday and Wednesday, the 21st and 22nd, at 8:00 p.m. in Norman James Theatre.

Spring Music Recital

The Music Department will present its annual Spring Student Recital, showcasing the performances and compositions of its spring semester students. The public is welcome to come view the fruits of this underappreciated department's many labors. Norman James Theatre, Thursday the 22nd, 7:00 p.m.

Student Art Show

The Spring Student Art Show will open Friday the 23rd in Gibson Fine Arts Center. Senior Art Majors Andrea Butchart, John Goebel, and Deb Kulich will be displaying their senior thesis projects, and the past year of artwork from Art Department classes will be exhibited as well.



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"Sacred Places" on Campus Next Wednesday

By **Melissa Sirick**
& Jennifer Griffin
WC Historical Society

The Washington College Historical Society is pleased to announce a lecture given by Maryland historian, Lois Green Carr, at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 22, in Hynson Lounge. The topic of her talk will be "'Sacred Places' and the Role of the Historian: Comments on the Development of Historic St. Mary's City." It will be based upon her recent research and discoveries at 17th-century excavations in St. Mary's City.

Before receiving her Ph. D. in History from Harvard University in 1968, Ms. Carr taught history at Harvard, served as a freelance editor with Alfred A. Knopf, Inc., and was the editor of the *Maryland Guide* during her employment as a Junior Archivist with the Maryland Hall of Records Commission. Presently, she is the Adjunct Professor of History at the University of Maryland at College Park, the Senior Adjunct Scholar at the Maryland State Archives, and is the Historian at Historic St. Mary's City, State of Maryland.

Ms. Carr specializes in early Maryland history, emphasizing its social structure and conditions. A selection of her publications, including *Robert Cole's World: Agriculture and Society in early Maryland* and "Maryland's Revolution in Government, 1689-1692," reflects these interests. She is also an authority on women's history as seen in her contribution to *The William and Mary Quarterly,* "The Planter's Wife: The Experience of White Women in 17th Century Maryland." In addition, she has co-edited two collections, *Colonial Chesapeake Society* and *Law, Society, and Politics in Early Maryland.*

Continuing to work for the St. Mary's City Commission without salary even though she was furloughed due to budget cuts, Ms. Carr certainly demonstrates her devotion to the historic discipline and profession.

Fredrick Busch to Read Fiction at Washington College

The noted short story writer and novelist Frederick Busch, winner of the 1991 PEN/Malamud Award for Excellence in the Short Story, will read from his recent fiction in a special presentation Thursday, April 23 in Norman James Theatre at 4:00 p.m.

Frederick Busch is the author of fifteen novels and books of short stories, including *Closing Arguments, Harry and Catherine, Absent Friends, War Babies, Invisible Mending* and *Breathing Trouble.* Busch has also written two books of nonfiction, *Hawkes* and *When People Publish.* He has won awards and fellowships from the Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Ingram Merrill Foundation, the Woodrow Wilson Foundation and the Guggenheim Foundation, and in 1986 he won the National Jewish Book Award for fiction. Busch is currently the Edgar W.B. Fairchild Professor of Literature at Colgate University.

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Crew Rows On, Tennis Makes Stab at Nationals!

Practice Pays Off for Crew in Pair of Invitationals

By **Laura Green**
Staff Writer

At 4:30 on Saturday morning, April 4, The Washington College Crew team boarded a bus headed for Baltimore, to participate in the Johns Hopkins Invitational Regatta. Gathered at the Hopkins boathouse were scores of other crews such as Loyola, Duquesne, Carlow College, U Pitt, Carnegie-Mellon, George Washington, St. John's, SUNY Maritime, Lehigh, La Salle, Mary Washington, U of Charleston, and Stockton State. The race course, which was initially 2000 meters, had to be shortened to 1000 late in the afternoon, due to inclimate weather. This change only effected the crews who raced in the finals.

The racing began with the Women's Pair. Pitted against Carnegie-Mellon's boat, the WC pair maneuvered down the course, finishing 2nd despite their hard work. Next up was the Men's Pair. The WC rowers raced their Vespoli shell admirably against the competition and finished the 2000 meter race in 4th place. Later in the morning the Novice Women hit the course and battered their competition, crossing the finish line in a strong 2nd place. The WC women had little time to celebrate their victory though, as their minds were focused on the finals in which they raced against the best boats in a challenge for the gold. The women drove their competition during the finals, finishing 3rd overall.

The Novice Men's Eight rowed their heat, combining technique and power, and finished 4th. Although the novice boat did not qualify for the finals, they put up an exciting race for the crowd as they fought their contenders neck and neck to the finish.

The Men's Lightweight Four thrilled the crowd by gliding neatly into 1st place at the finish of their race. This boat, consisting of coxswain- Cindy DeWaters, stroke- Leroy Gatell, Ray Herndon, Ari Kodek, and bow- Tim Stoltzfus, has been toiling away on the Chester River in preparation for the spring races. As they proceeded to the finals at Hopkins, their hard work and perseverance became apparent to everyone. The WC four fought the fierce competition of the finals with determination and seized the gold medal for Washington College.

The WC Men's Fours, "A" and "B", competed in different heats of this Varsity event. The "A" boat crashed through the competition and coasted to a victorious 1st place. They entered the finals later in the afternoon and finished 4th overall against some of the stiffest competition these varsity programs had to offer. The "B" boat rowed their Four in a competitive heat and gave the opposing crews an excellent race, finishing in 4th place.

The Varsity Women's Four was an exciting event. With intense desire and concentration, the women faced some very tough adversaries. The WC crew rowed a strong race and pulled through in 3rd place. In the end, the WC crew was happy with the days performances.

Last weekend, the WC crew teams continued on their domineering course, traveling to Camden, New Jersey for the LaSalle Invitational. The cold, rainy weather made for rough conditions for the racers as they rowed against over twenty crews.

Laura Green and Mary Bird raced the Women's Pair in the first event, and took third place. The Varsity Women also raced a Four, consisting of Karen Wright, Kara Wiesenbaugh, Theresa Lerch, Sue Czechowski, and Conci Pope. This competitive Four took 2nd in their heat. They then went on to place 4th in the semi-finals.

The Varsity Men raced a Pair made up of Darryl Calloway and John McCarthy who finished 3rd in a very competitive final. The Lightweight Men's boat finished 2nd to Villanova in their heat, and 5th in the final. The Varsity Men's "A" four containing Amy Osborne, Jon Mulvany, Eric Jewett, R.J. Eldridge, and Matt Conaty, placed 2nd in their heat and 3rd in the final. The "B" Four, with Maria Jerardi, Rod Benson, Glenn Warner, Will Brandenburg, and Lance Mercereau, finished 4th in their heat.

The Novice Women's Eight consisting of Amy Bortmes, Tonya Howell, Mary Clay Thomas, Jen Dougherty, Alexandra Geller, Danielle Miller, Kathy Mullen, Renee Kuhnel, and Jen Oberle, won their heat and 4th in their final. The Novice Men's Four with Lisa Brown, Doug Peterson, Matt Zimmerman, Brendan Norris, and Chip Truesdell got 2nd in their heat and proceeded on to the Petite finals which they won.

The Crew teams will be making the long journey down to Oakridge, Tennessee next for the SIRAS regatta this weekend. Wish them luck as they work to bring home the gold!!

Netters Continue Down Victorious Path But Their Chances for Nationals Look Slim

By **Doug Hoffberger**
Staff Writer

On Thursday April 12, the Shoremen played the University of Rochester in what was to be the Netters final determining factor in their bid for a return to Nationals. Although the Shoremen won by a margin of 7-2, they will play the remainder of their matches unsure of their chances of receiving an invitation to the '92 National Tournament, to be held in Miami, Florida.

In the Shoremen win, Frank Hartwig, who returned to match play for only the third time since his persistent injury, was handed a three set loss, 1-6, 6-4, 6-1. Alberto Diaz, who has been awesome all season long to no-one's amazement, bageled his opponent, 6-0, 6-0. Trevor Hurd is the only other Shoreman this year to not allow his opponent to score a single game in a match. At number three singles, Hurd retains his undefeated and almost "untouchable" status with a victory over his Rochester counterpart 7-6 (3), 7-6 (3). The latter half of the Shoremen ladder picked up play versus Rochester, with Emilio Bogato leading the way by taming his opponent 6-4, 7-6 (2). Jivan Datta, Emilio's opponent, had a solid Nationals performance the prior season and had a ranking of top 40 in the country. Question, If Emilio's opponent was ranked among the top 40 players in the country, and there were no other ranked players on the Rochester squad, it would appear that Rochester has a stacked team and are waiting to make their move next year. Or it would that I don't know what the hell I'm talking about and should just get on with the article. Co-captain Andy Bohutinsky lost 6-4, 6-0 and Carlos Nuno defeated his opponent 6-0, 6-2, rounding out the match's singles record at Washington College 4, Rochester 2.

Photo by Gary Brown

Frank "Too Tall" Hartwig volleys a scorcher

The Netters, felt good entering the doubles portion of the match leading 4-2. Their confidence shined as the Shoremen swept the doubles segment and took the match. At number one doubles, Diaz and Hurd, who are extremely familiar with each others style of play, familiarized their opponents with some basic instruction, winning 6-0, 6-2. Frank Hartwig and Emilio Bogato had little trouble with their opponents, winning 6-1, 6-3. Andy Bohutinsky and Carlos Nuno rounded out the doubles portion with a 6-1, 7-6 (4) victory, once again demonstrating that the Shoremen's doubles play has been a stronghold for them all season.

Earlier last week, the Shoremen were victorious over Glassboro State and Johns Hopkins University. The Rochester victory brings the Netters record to a meaty 13-3. As far as the rest of the season is concerned, the team has one more MAC conference match versus Widener and three other scheduled wins.........I mean matches.

The next Shoremen home match falls on my birthday, April 18, and is versus St. Mary's. But for now, the Netters must sit patiently, knowing that their chances for a return to nationals are about as good as the chances of Linehan and Vaughn winning a caps game, 50-50.

(Comments like that, ladies and gentlemen, are what earned Mr. Hoffberger, a really, truly great man, his position as staff comedian.)

Softball Makes Effort to Recover

By **Margaret Doyle**
Staff Writer

The WAC Softballers are improving everyday! After losing to Gallaudet, the team bounced back to play a strong game against Elmira. Lori Hastings made a smooth transition to shortstop while Sabrina Luginbuhl filled Hasting's void at second. Despite a great effort, the team fell short 5-2. Hastings said, "Defensively, the team was very strong. Offensively, we still need work"

Offensive power came from Nikki Goenaga and Edna Diefenderfer while Julie Dill proved to be a threat behind the plate with an RBI. Hastings stated, "Now we know we have the talent. It's just a matter of putting it all together." The team's high spirits, effort, and enthusiasm has boosted morale, improving their game greatly.

They travel to Dickinson on Friday for a doubleheader. Adjustments being made are Marie Mohler starting in unfamiliar territory as the Softballer's catcher and Denise Coleman pitching in the second game to relieve starting pitcher/co-captain Diefenderfer. Good Luck!

Take Me Out to the Ball Game. . .

By **Charlie Linehan**
& Chris Vaughn
Co-sports Editors

Last Saturday was potentially a very big day for the '92 WC baseball team. Like Coach Athey predicted in the beginning of the season, Johns Hopkins was the team to beat in order to keep the hope alive for an MAC championship. As the warm weather hit Chestertown, and the big day drew near, baseball players and fans were getting fired up for the double header showdown, scheduled to take place at Cardinal Yards—a game which promised to draw an even larger crowd than usual due to the the fact that the Varsity lacrosse game was away. At lunch on Friday afternoon, Kyle "Gomer" Hutchison, among others, expressed his desire to sweep the series against the Jays, "If we don't do it tomorrow, we're sunk as far as the championship is concerned. We've really got to take both games, which will be tough. These guys are good, but I think we can do it if everybody plays up to par."

So . . . things didn't work out the way everybody hoped. Let's not discuss the first game—I wasn't there so I couldn't really say what the problem was. Maybe Whiteford had a bad day. Maybe the batting was a little on the down side. Whatever the reason, a 10-3 loss put the possibility of a WC '92 championship all but out of reach . . . oh well, maybe next year.

But then, as WC's star pitcher yielded the mound to number two, Joe Boan . . . and as the fans settled in for what should have been a more disastrous game than the first, WC came alive. Certainly, the crowd's attitude had a lot to do with the team's rejuvenated spirit—never let it be said that Washington College lacks spirit, even in the face of a no win situation. In fact, if anything, the knowledge that Hopkins had just knocked us out of contention for the MAC championship served as a rallying factor—if we could only beat them in this second game . . .

As the sun beat down through the sparse afternoon clouds, Seymour and Snyder led the rowdy charge from the box seats behind homeplate. Adding their support, Spiderman and The Vaughnster, from their upper level seats on the roof of Cardinal G, combined forces with a number of Sigs and Thetas, occupying the general admission seats in centerfield, to put the spark into this talented baseball club.

First and foremost, Boan pitched a spectacular game. With added support from the outfield, gliding across the closely mown grass to make those seemingly impossible grabs, Boan had managed to maintain a 4-2 lead for the Sho'men. Sure JHU's Trotta crushed one deep (very deep) to tie the score late in the game, but it seemed as if everyone's spirits were too high for that to make any difference. Going into the top of the seventh tied at fours, you could almost smell victory—another scoreless top of the inning, no problem.

Problem. Baseball is baseball and it doesn't take much to turn a game around. Say . . . one lousy pitch. Or possibly . . . one fielding error. Or how about maybe two—possibly three—lousy calls from the umpire. I mean, who's to say how the game would have turned out if, in the top of the seventh, the ump hadn't allowed a Hopkins batter a free trip to first base after making no attempt to avoid getting hit by the pitch. Or, if the ump hadn't allowed a runner to come home after the batter fouled the ball back to the backstop. Or, finally, if the ump had called the runner out when Morall stood his ground and made the tag in the base path in front of homeplate on a perfect throw from right field. (Okay, so maybe he barely missed the tag—Hell, I would have given it to him anyway on account of Scully's spectacular throw.) The bottom line is that there were a number of very questionable calls made by the umpire late in the game which certainly had a very serious effect on the game's outcome.

However, like I said before, baseball is baseball. The beautiful thing is that the umpire is just as much a factor as anyone else on the field. Besides, their mistakes probably account for 75% of the crowd spirit—at least, they did on Saturday. So, at the end of seven, the Shoremen had just come up short. Still, it was baseball at its best—including the umpire's contribution. In the words of the immortal Clark Griswold from the well known production **Vacation**, "Hey, it was fun though, whadd'n it Honey?"

WC Lacrosse Club Tops Washington 14-9

By **Brandon White**
Staff Writer

Last Saturday the WC Lax Club went out and faced the Washington Lacrosse Club of DC. WC struck first and struck hard in the opening minutes with two quick goals. Washington quickly retaliated and tied it up. During the rest of the half both teams alternated scoring. But, at the half Washington had taken a one goal lead. Most of the goals scored by Washington in the first half occurred during man-up situations, due to the very tight game that the referees were calling.

WC regrouped at the half and came out strong. WC took the lead in the third quarter and maintained it for the win. The high scorers of the game were Gibby Semmes (with a game high of three goals and one assist) and Benny Lamanna(with two goals and two assists).

And let's not forget the close-to-a-bench-clearing brawl! Late in the third quarter #53 for the opposing club took a shot at one of our own C-town boys, in retaliation against a hit that came after the whistle. Out of nowhere, Paul "Obi One" Obrecht came flying in (with grace I might add) crushing the offending player. (Un)Fortunately the scuffle was quickly broken up with no penalties awarded to either side (amazing), and play continued.

WC returns in a week to face the Penn State Nittney Lions on Saturday at 2:00 pm. See you there!

Women Netters Finish Strong

By **Rachael Rice**
Staff Writer

The women's tennis team notched lucky seven this past Tuesday at Western Maryland College—seven wins in a row. The team, which has not dropped a match since being upset March 21 by Swarthmore, improved its spring record to 11-4. In addition, a win against Johns Hopkins (played yesterday) will secure for the Shoremen a third consecutive MAC Southwest sectional title and a berth in the MAC team semifinals.

The women, displaying stamina and the experience of veteran players, faced four opponents in six days. The series began a week ago Thursday against MAC sectional opponent Elizabethtown. Tracy Peel, Miriam Dittman, and Kristy Karns had little difficulty winning their matches at #1, #3, and #6 singles, respectively. Pam Hendrickson, at #2, struggled in her first set against Amy Hite. But she held on to win the tie-breaker 8-6, and went on to capture the second set 6-2. Jennifer Sloan, at #4, and Diana Clausen, at #5, fought hard but came up empty handed. Sloan lost to Michelle Artz 4-6, 5-7, and Clausen to Andrea Thornton by the same scores. The Shoremen polished off E-town at #1 and #3 doubles, and came away with a 6-3 team victory.

On Saturday the team put away another MAC foe, the Dickinson Lady Red Devils. Perhaps inspired by sunny skies or the first warm day of the season, the women quickly knocked off Dickinson, 9-0. Peel, at #1, dropped 5 games in her victory over Stella Ip, while Hendrickson allowed Emma Monkhouse only 3. Seeds #3-#6, Dittmann, Sloan, Rachael Rice, and Karns, lost a total of only 7 games on the way to victory. The Shoremen were equally ferocious in the doubles. Peel and Hendrickson won at #1, 6-4, 6-0; Karns and Sloan were victorious at #2, 6-1, 6-4; Rice and Dittmann were perfect at #3, with a score of 6-0,6-0.

Participating in the only athletic contest on campus Sunday, the team was fortunate that they had said their prayers earlier that morning. The Catholic University Cardinals, a non-MAC, Division III opponent, was kept in place—but barely—by a score of 5-4. Senior co-captain Tracy Peel said "hard work, concentration, and a lot of six-ball drills payed off in this match. Both Miriam and P.J. played very well and helped to round out the solid 1-2-3 punch." The Cardinals, who were 11-0 going into the match, found their 3 singles victories at #4, 5, and 6. Kathy Philbin defeated Sloan 5-7, 6-2, 6-1 in a contest that was continued in the LFC. Maureen Edwards dropped Rice in two close sets, 6-4, 7-6 (8-6). Karns, unable to put away Tara Dowd at #6, lost 6-4, 6-2. When asked about her match, Karns replied, "By the time I was able to figure out my opponent's style of play, it was too late—and that serve . . . let's just say that I've never seen anything like it."

The teams were tied at three matches a piece going into the doubles. Peel and Hendrickson pushed the Shoremen to 4-3 with a 6-1, 6-4 victory at #1, while Dittmann and Rice put on the finishing touches at #3. "Our 6-1,6-1 score does not tell the whole story," explained Dittmann, who is arguably the stronger half of the #3 tandem. "We had to concentrate from the moment we stepped onto the court—the girls (Philbin and Edwards) got a lot of balls back." Sloan and Karns were not as successful at #2, going down in the second set, 7-5, 6-2.

The Shoremen were undaunted by the Green Terrors of Western Maryland, dropping a total of 12 games in 9 matches. Peel, Hendrickson, Dittmann, Sloan, Rice, and Karns notched victories at #1-6. Clausen and Lee Russo, coming on in the #3 doubles position, handed their MAC opponents a 6-2, 6-1 drubbing. The tandems of Peel-Hendrickson and Sloan-Karns also won handily. This 9-0 win should fuel Shoremen confidence for the remaining MAC matches.

The Shoremen face St. Mary's tomorrow, at the Washington College outdoor stadium complex. On Thursday they travel to Baltimore to face the Division I Loyola Greyhounds. Stay posted for further MAC tournament news—continued success will ensure the team home-court advantage for next Friday's semi-final match.

Men's Lax Laces F&M, Women's Lax Gets Laced by JHU

Women's Lax Stumbles Against JHU

Photo by Gary Brown

Brigid DeVries works her way through three tenacious defenders en route to the goal

By **Renee Guckert**
Staff Writer

The women's lacrosse team battled MAC rival Johns Hopkins University here at the WAC last Thursday. While JHU secured the win 13-8, the Shorewomen walked away from the field with a sense of accomplishment. Margaret Doyle revealed, "I don't think I've ever run so hard in my entire life, and I thought we had a good chance of winning."

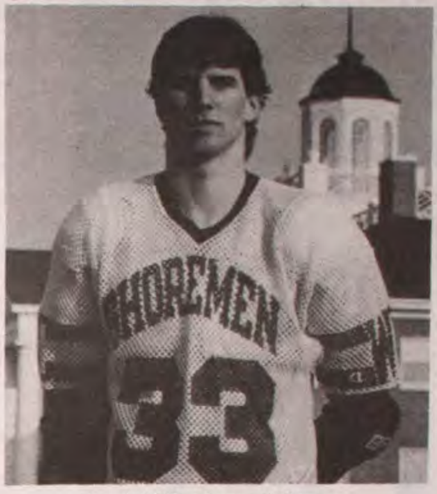
Each of the squad's players contributed a lot of soul to the game by supporting one another, both on and off the field, and attacking Hopkins with everything they had. Assistant Coach Lacy Frazer stated, "I felt the team never gave up, and they played the hardest I've ever seen them play from the first second on the clock to the very last second on the clock. They really played with heart from start to finish."

After the first goal was scored unassisted by Hopkins' Becca Savage, their leading scorer for the game, Kirsten Lucas, Margaret Doyle, and Kristy Hilgartner each fired to set the goal ablaze, making the score 3-1 with 14:35 left in the first period. The Shorewomen defense then held the Blue Jays for a full five minutes until Jessica Tropp, Shereen Chen, and, once again, Becca Savage scored to bring the competition to 5-3 in favor of the Jays. Margaret Doyle, however, with just one second left on the clock, raced into scoring range and sent yet another bullet past Hopkins goalie Brenda Yoo. When the count down hit zero, signaling the end of the half, the Shorewomen trailed the Blue Jays by one.

The second period featured two goals a piece by Amy McCleary and Margaret Doyle. Brigid DeVries, Cristin Albert, and Kristy Hilgartner exhibited dynamic defensive moves as goalie Nancy Millhouser recorded a double-digit save for her seventh game in a row.

Come out and cheer the Shorewomen to victory on Wednesday, April 22 as they take on Haverford in their final home game of the season. Let's go WAC!

NEWT'S Player of the Week



Jamie "The Carver" Carver

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It's **The Bleacher Creatures**- we're twice as big and twice as hairy this week!! **In Yer FACE!! As If. . .**

First of all, thanks to Paul's Shoe Store, obviously a member of the Better Business Bureau, Spiderman no longer has to walk around in his ripped, leaking Sambas. **BUY ALL YOUR ATHLETIC FOOTWARE AT PAUL'S!**

The sports comedy for this week came from the duo that haven't missed a baseball game all season. They call themselves BIG but we just call them bad caps players. Snyder and Seymour, those rowdy, heckling, Wild Bill Hagey type fans, made their presence felt in last week's JHU match-up when they directed a classic line towards the umpire. It came out something like this, "Hey ump, you're obviously no stranger to C-Town liquors." Well, it was funny at the time.

And of couse the really BIG news- Newt's POW is. . . Sophomore Jamie Carver. Says Coach Jim Townsend, "Carver has really come into his own lately. I have little doubt that he'll continue as a force to be reckoned with. In two years. . .whew, look out!" Jamie has tallied 10 goals and 2 assists thus far, giving him an overall twelve points on the season. This week alone he hit 7 netters in two games which helped boost the Sho'men to two consecutuive wins and a current 7-2 record. In addition, Jamie has amassed 45 ground balls, second only to defenseman Scott Overend. Good Job Jamie, keep up the hard work and impressive play!!

Lax Strives for Play-off Berth

By **Melissa Harmeyer**
Staff Writer

The Men's Lacrosse team improved their record to 7-2 after their victories against Swarthmore and Franklin and Marshall this past week. The fourth quarter of both games proved to be a tremendous period for scoring as Washington capitalized a total of 15 times in the final 15 minutes against Swarthmore and Franklin and Marshall, while their opponents combined for only three.

The Shoremen maintained a three goal advantage over their MAC Eastern Division opponent Swarthmore going into halftime leading 8-5. But they really closed the book late in the third quarter when, with only 16 seconds left, Chris Sanchez scored off an assist from Greg Lawler to begin a five goal run that put Washington from a 10-7 lead to a 15-7 lead. Jamie Carver, who totaled 5 goals of his own by the end of the game, contributed two in the run as well. Chris Cote netted four goals in the game, freshman Greg Lawler scored three, Chris Sanchez and Jason Paige had two, and Christian Boone, Bill Brimhall, and Greg Mouracade each had one.

The real match, however, was this past Saturday when Washington went up against tenth ranked F&M and came out victorious. With a scoreless second quarter and only Brian Flynn and Jason Paige scoring in the first, the Shoremen went into halftime tied with F&M, 2-2. Exploding after halftime, Chris Cote scored three goals during the third quarter, which kept Washington neck and neck with the Diplomats. The game stood about even until the fourth quarter when Jason Paige scored off an assist from Stu Warner with 11:25 remaining, a goal that broke the tight game and started yet another five goal scoring streak for Washington. Lawler, Flynn, Paige, and Carver each contributed in the scoring spurt which put the game out of reach for F&M.

Once again, Washington's defense demonstrated tremendous poise, with big games from Kevin Doyle, Scott Overend and Freshman goalie Bill Griffin, who had seventeen saves. Washington outshot the Diplomats, had eight more ground balls, and dominated the face-offs, with Chris Jones winning fifteen of the nineteen.

The Shoremen's road trip continued with a match-up against Widener on Wednesday, which will be in next week's issue, and carries over to Saturday when they face Washington and Lee. Talk about a turn around, Washington now holds the top spot in the MAC Eastern Division with a 2-0 divisional record going into these games. The win against F&M puts them in good contention in the playoffs so let's wish them luck!

Baseball's Playoff Hopes Dashed in Classic Game

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Softball Struggles with Injuries

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Ninth Ranked WC Outlasts Tenth Place F&M

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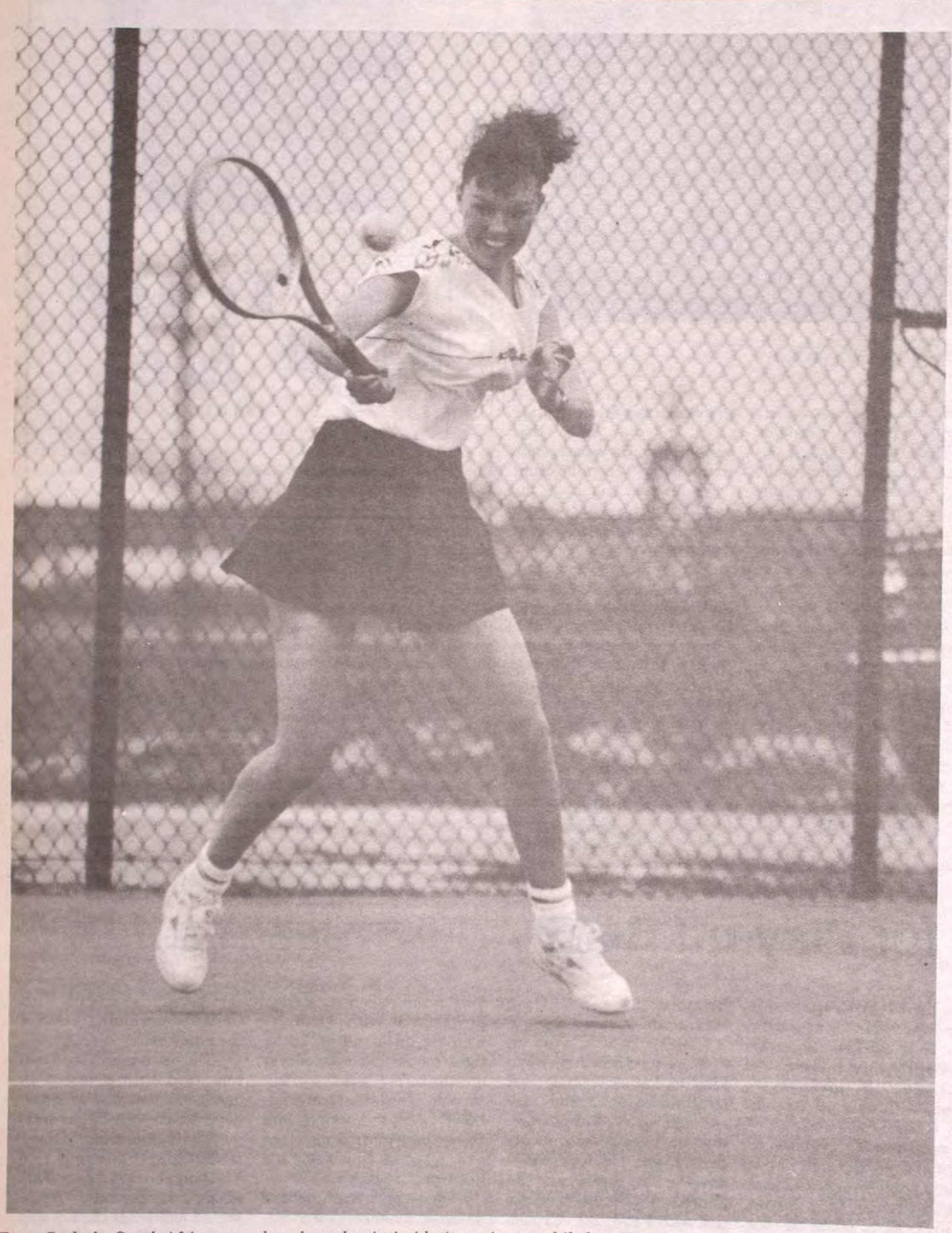

Photo by Gary Brown

Tracy Peel, the South African wonder, shows her intimidating grimace while burying one from the baseline. Don't be swayed by this senior's exotic accent because her talent and tennis force will quickly put you in your place. Tracy has gone 12-2 in singles play this season and remains undefeated in doubles competitions. Now a senior, she has shown what it is like to be a team leader and will be greatly missed next year.

Jamie Carver: NEWT'S Player of the Week

Scores

WC Baseball DH		
Washington	3	4
JHU	10	7

Men's Lacrosse	
Washington	13
F&M	8

Women's Tennis	
Washington	9
Dickinson	0
Washington	5
Catholic	4

Men's Tennis	
Washington	8
JHU	1
Washington	7
Rochester	2

Women's Lacrosse	
Washington	8
JHU	13
Washington	9
Dickinson	7

WC Rowing Goes the Distance

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WC Netters Go 4-0 This Past Week

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NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH

The Elm

TELL ME, TELL ME, TELL ME, ELM

Weather
Fri.: Poss. t-storms, H 75, L 49
Sat.: Var. cloudy, showers
H mid 60s, L mid 40s
Sun.: Same
H mid 60s, L mid 40s

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WC Admin. Freezes Departmental Budgets

By **John Griep**
News Editor

The Washington College administration announced this past week that it was freezing "discretionary" spending by academic departments and administrative offices in an effort to conserve funds. The WC administration is concerned about a potential decline in endowment income and annual fund receipts.

Gene Hessey, Senior Vice President of Management and Finance, stated that "at this point in time, any supply, travel, entertainment, or equipment money which has not been committed or expended will not be committed or expended. . . . In the fall we had to revise our budgets based on the loss of state funding as well as a reduction in enrollment. We did an across-the-board ten percent budget reduction. After making those reductions, the college's budget was still in deficit. . . . A deficit is never acceptable, but it was a level which was tolerable in that we had accumulated excess revenues from prior years which we could fall back on . . . to cover any shortfalls this year. As the year has progressed, I must say that the departments have been super-cooperative and have done an outstanding job of controlling costs. What has caused this additional stress financially is the uncertainty of the level of Annual Fund giving that we are going to receive and the level of endowment income which we are going to earn. The pain is not excruciating; obviously, we're close to the end of the program year. Most of these costs, had they been incurred, would have been for the benefit of next year's program. . . . There is something like $100,000 or more of unexpended funds throughout the college's budgets that can be used as a hedge against both the decline of annual giving or the decline of endowment income. . . . Approximately one-third of the potential cost recovery is coming from instructional departments, the balance is coming from administrative offices, Maintenance Department, Food Services, and those other areas."

The **ELM** also spoke with Dr. Donald Munson, Joseph H. McLain Professor and Chair of the Biology Department and Professor Tex Andrews, Acting Chair of the Art Department to examine how the budget freeze is affecting academic departments at WC

Dr. Munson commented that for a science department, most of the budget is for laboratory items, which are purchased well in advance. "The budget goes from July 1 to June 30 and is supposed to be for the current academic year. You're not supposed to be ordering on this year's budget for next fall. So the question is, how much is left on this year's budget that you need to get through the year? . . . The items that were cut were supplies, equipment, and travel expenses. . . . There's no major concern. . . . If you didn't spend it by now, for the academic year . . . this is an academic year budget . . . what was someone going to spend it for? What I hope doesn't happen is everybody spending all their budgets in the first two months. . . . We have not been

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Photo By Julie Greene

By **Julie Greene**
Senior Office Manager

Several members of the Washington College community have recently had the opportunity to visit the new home of the Baltimore Orioles. They found Oriole Park at Camden Yards to be not only a comfortable park, but a salute to past ballparks built during the heydey of baseball.

"It was fabulous," commented Trainer Jon Ferber. "It reminded me a little of Wrigley Field, the way it looked, and a little of old Comiskey Park."

Kevin "Sparky" Kelly agreed with Ferber, stating that "It's a field of dreams. I just like the cozy atmosphere of it. It's just the epitome of what my grandfather told me an old ballpark should be."

Oriole Park at Camden Yards was built to be a more intimate ballpark than Memorial Stadium, something the loyal fans of the Orioles appreciate greatly. There is not an obstructed view in the park. "The seating is awesome," exclaimed Ken Pipken. "You're really up close in the new ballpark. You don't feel you're left out of the game, ever!"

Born and raised an Oriole fan, Pipken couldn't help but compare Oriole Park to Memorial Stadium. "The field at the old ballpark was better. The ideas they have are great, but the grounds still need a little work. It's a pitcher's ballpark. It will benefit the new and younger pitchers coming in, because the new facilities are up to date."

Since the Orioles began their regular season the ballpark has been packed with faithful fans, as well as people curious to see what all the fuss is about. As Jon Ferber stated, "Literally, the people are going to come to the ballpark."

Student Vandalism on Campus

By **Patrick Attenasio**
Editor-in-Chief

Despite the recent increase in acts of student vandalism to the Washington College campus (including damage to the O'Neill Literary House, the Queen Anne dormitory, college athletic vans, and young tree saplings), Clint Baer, Director of Planning and Special Projects states that these incidents reflect no significant increase in damage done to the school's grounds.

"This [recent] vandalism," Baer said, "is pointless and destructive. It only destroys a significant investment by the college." Baer is especially frustrated by the damage done to the campus' landscaping, stating, "We care about how this place looks...these are big setbacks."

When asked what incidents of student vandalism have occurred over the past three to five weeks, Jerry Roderick, Director of Security at WC, cited five specific examples. The first, happening on the evening of April 11, involved several WC students spraying fire extinguishers down the first floor of the Caroline dormitory. The chemical released has been known to cause severe allergic reactions to skin and the trachea, while damaging property such as clothing and pillows. Roderick stated the students responsible have been apprehended, and have been referred to the Student Affair's Office for judicial action.

The second incident occurred on Saturday, April 18, at 12 am, when several unidentified students entered the second floor laundry room of the Queen Anne dormitory, and ripped a utility sink off the wall, sending a literal river of water down the hall. Many of the dormitory's residents were home for Easter weekend and upon their arrival back at WC, were greeted with sopping wet floor rugs and saturated mattresses. Of the few residents in the building the night of the incident, many spent several hours pushing this water down the stairwell with brooms, while others scrambled to stack student's belongings away from the mini-Niagara. According to Reid Raudenbush, Director of WC's Physical Plant, damage to the sink totalled $120. Although no suspects have yet to be charged, Roderick stated that this incident is currently under investigation.

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PAT'S Editor of the Week

I wish I was Pat
Toga '90

Charlie "Smells Like Teen Spirit" Linehan

Hey you! No, not you, the other guy! What's that on your shirt? Ohhh, **IN YER FACE!!** That's right folks, it's me again, the Patster, the big cheese, the Editorminator. The man with the nose for news is **COMIN' ATCHA!!** Before I get busy here, I've got a quick public service announcement. This past Monday evening, before a crowd of several thousand witnesses at Cardinal Yards, yours truly was involved in perhaps the most controversial play ever recorded in the modern softball era. Chris "I Need Glasses Worse Than Helen Keller" Kleberg, the game's umpire *and* opposing team's shortstop, called the Patster, left-fielder for the undefeated Lambadamen, out at second base, a move so blatantly wrong, that it sent the crowd into absolute hysterics. Said one eye-witness, "Pat's so quick, he got hit in the head by his own line-drive while sliding into second! That ump is nuts, man!" So if you see Mr. Kleberg, help him across the crosswalk, keep him away from sharp objects, in short do anything to ensure this kind of injustice does not occur again! Yo, somebody call LensCrafters!"

And now, drum roll please (ladies and gentlemen hold onto your hats!) the moment you've all been waiting for, this week's **PAT's Editor of the Week**! Yes, it's a new feature here, and what better way to christen its arrival than with the hardest working man in sports journalism-the guy who writes those cutting feature pieces, and writes them hard!-our very own Charlie "Smells Like Teen Spirit" Linehan! Says Charlie of this coveted award: "I'd like to thank all the little people who made this possible, especially my editor, what's his name? Hey Vaughnster, what's that dope's name? The one who thinks Caps is a hockey team from Washington? Yeah, that's it! **IN YER FACE!!**".......

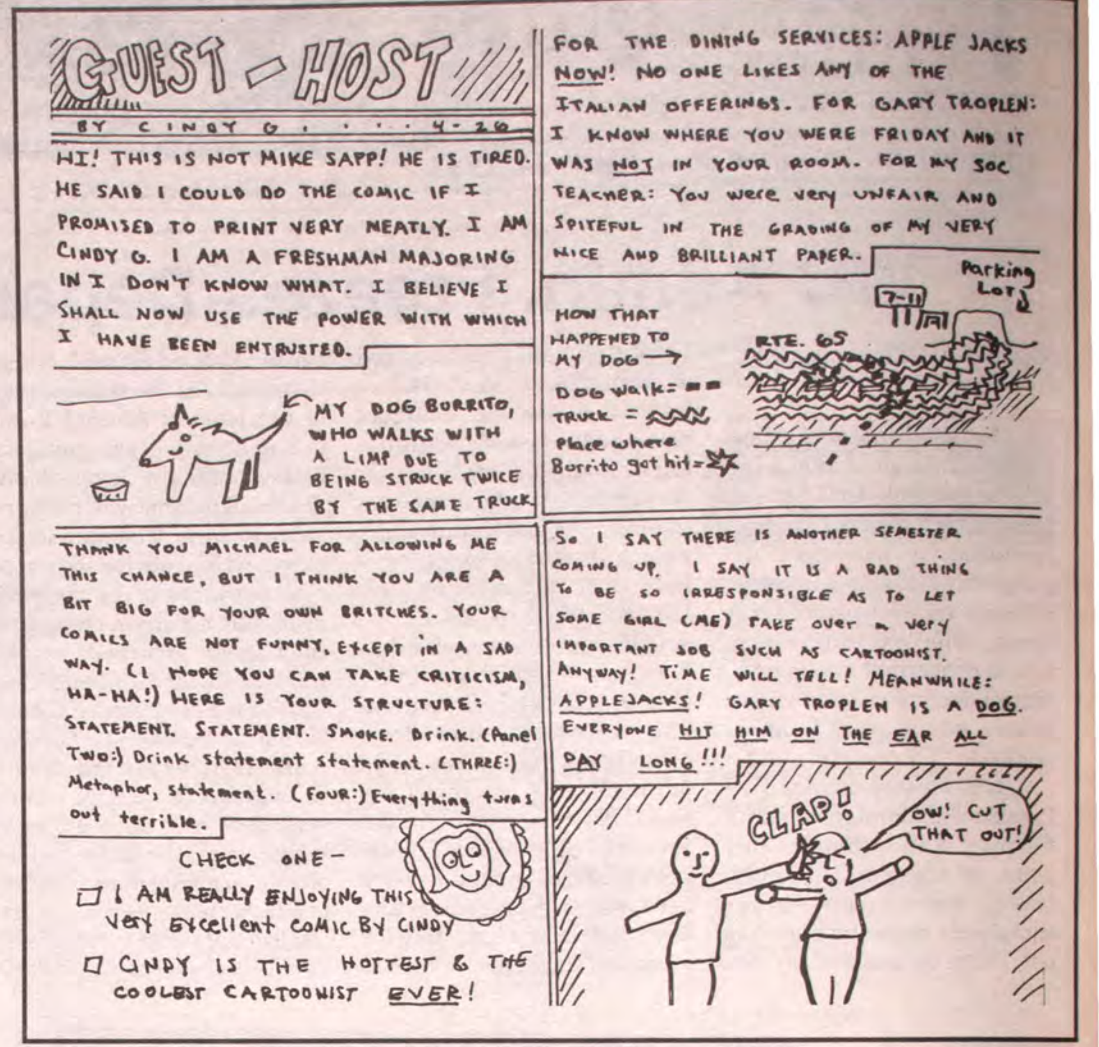
What's going on here? I go to the bathroom for five minutes, and return to find someone has vandalized my editorial space. We've all reached that point of the semester affectionately known as Crunch Time. The onslaught of papers and exams that stresses out both faculty and students. I've also reached the point of editorial burnout, having peaked two weeks ago with that politically correct one. I don't know how this happened, but I've gotten to be known for my editorials poking fun at the administration. They are depicted as brainless, evil creatures whose sole purpose is to fix what isn't broken, and to break that which is already fixed. These are only hypothetical statements mind you, but when I've got a serious point to make, especially regarding tuition hikes and the right to free speech, I expect the student body to be standing behind me. They are alright, but they're not nodding their heads or signing petitions, they're pulling out trees, pissing on monuments, ripping out sinks, and shooting out the defenseless windows of the Lit House. In short, all the activities mature, responsible Washington College students have become famous for. Do you really expect President Trout to take any of us seriously when instead of flooding him with legitimate gripes, we choose to flood the stairwells of Queen Anne?

I'm no angel when it comes to the occasional choice Wickwire quote on a desktop in Smith Hall. I might even have incorrectly footnoted something along the way in my academic career. But this crap is ridiculous. I'd much rather kick my brain back into third gear and write a whole editorial about Charlie. Again, we're all at that point in the semester. Tell me something I don't know. But if you've got some extra steam to blow off, go play with yourself at the Fitness Center, don't take your frustration out on a poor defenseless tree. Just because this place is called Washington College does not mean you get to go cutting down the nearest tree whenever the mood strikes.

When asked what he thought appropriate punishment would be for the "unidentified" sling-shot assailant of the Lit House windows, Professor Bob Day stated, "I'd like to tie him up to a tree in front of the Lit House and read Rod McCuen poetry to him all day." I think more drastic measures should be taken. Like the eye for an eye system. For instance, if you are caught ripping down a tree at WC, then President Trout and Clint Baer can go to your home and rip out one of your trees. If you tear the sinks out of Queen Anne, then Trout's gonna do some damage to your laundry room. See if your parents like that. Enough of this slap on the wrist stuff. I'm thinking the death penalty. Maybe I should get Matt and Ben going on another special report, titled "**Homophobic, Tree-Hating, Slingshot Bearing, Wish I was still in Kindergarten Because Metaphors Confuse Me Meatheads on Campus.**" Oh, if those people in the Biology department could only come up with Dutch Meathead's Disease.

As for you Linehan, we will settle our differences on the softball field.

As for the rest of you, I hope to see you all at the Senior Reading on Sunday night, 6 pm in Norman James. Attendance is mandatory.


GUEST - HOST
BY CINDY G. 4-26
HI! THIS IS NOT MIKE SAPP! HE IS TIRED. HE SAID I COULD DO THE COMIC IF I PROMISED TO PRINT VERY NEATLY. I AM CINDY G. I AM A FRESHMAN MAJORING IN I DON'T KNOW WHAT. I BELIEVE I SHALL NOW USE THE POWER WITH WHICH I HAVE BEEN ENTRUSTED.
MY DOG BURRITO, WHO WALKS WITH A LIMP DUE TO BEING STRUCK TWICE BY THE SAME TRUCK
THANK YOU MICHAEL FOR ALLOWING ME THIS CHANCE, BUT I THINK YOU ARE A BIT BIG FOR YOUR OWN BRITCHES. YOUR COMICS ARE NOT FUNNY, EXCEPT IN A SAD WAY. (I HOPE YOU CAN TAKE CRITICISM, HA-HA!) HERE IS YOUR STRUCTURE: STATEMENT. STATEMENT. SMOKE. Drink. (Panel Two:) Drink statement statement. (THREE:) Metaphor, statement. (FOUR:) Everything turns out terrible.
CHECK ONE -
☐ I AM REALLY ENJOYING THIS VERY EXCELLENT COMIC BY CINDY
☐ CINDY IS THE HOTTEST & THE COOLEST CARTOONIST EVER!
FOR THE DINING SERVICES: APPLE JACKS NOW! NO ONE LIKES ANY OF THE ITALIAN OFFERINGS. FOR GARY TROPLEN: I KNOW WHERE YOU WERE FRIDAY AND IT WAS NOT IN YOUR ROOM. FOR MY SOC TEACHER: YOU WERE VERY UNFAIR AND SPITEFUL IN THE GRADING OF MY VERY NICE AND BRILLIANT PAPER.
HOW THAT HAPPENED TO MY DOG →
DOG walk =
TRUCK =
Place where Burrito got hit =
Parking Lot
7-11
RTE. 65
SO I SAY THERE IS ANOTHER SEMESTER COMING UP. I SAY IT IS A BAD THING TO BE SO IRRESPONSIBLE AS TO LET SOME GIRL (ME) TAKE OVER A VERY IMPORTANT JOB SUCH AS CARTOONIST. ANYWAY! TIME WILL TELL! MEANWHILE: APPLEJACKS! GARY TROPLEN IS A DOG. EVERYONE HIT HIM ON THE EAR ALL DAY LONG!!!
CLAP!
OW! CUT THAT OUT!

Letters to the Editor

Students Oppose NEWT's Flyer

Dear Editor,

This past Tuesday at lunch someone distributed advertisements for the Sacred Cows, who were playing at Newt's. These advertisements were hung prominently on the walls of the Student Center, in the dorms and were placed conspicuously on each table in the dining hall. The ads featured a photo from a Calvin Klein advertisement. The photograph was of a young man holding a woman who was naked from the waist down. I recall when the ad for Calvin Klein came out I found it offensive.

This is not to say that I find women's buttocks offensive. I love butts as much as the next guy, perhaps even more. What was offensive to me was the way he was holding her. She looks precariously perched, as if she were about to fall. The young man in the leather jacket looks as if he is handling her roughly. The point could be made that she is enjoying the embrace, but we don't know that as her face is not visible. She is an anonymous sexual object.

That is what I found offensive. Images of women as sexual objects are pervasive

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To the Editor:

Walking into a student lounge tonight, two things posted on the bulletin board caught my eye: an article entitled "Who Says AIDS Is Hard to Get?"—some of you may have seen it posted on green paper around the campus—and nearly touching it, two of the flyers advertising Newt's $1.00 cover charge for Tuesday evening's festivities—you may have seen this one also: there is a woman clad in a black leather jacket, locked in an embrace with a man leaning up against a metal fence. She is wearing nothing but the jacket.

Only two weeks ago a bikini car wash was advertised on campus to raise money for a charitable cause. The photos used, and the title alone, suggest one thing: sex. I believe the idea of a clean car was lost in there somewhere.

Sex is a wonderful thing, don't get me wrong. But the two things mentioned above are appalling in a day and age where we are supposedly "educated," and therefore liberated. No human being has a right to depict another in such a limiting and degrading fashion. Female sexuality is very real, and very precious, but our society devalues it in every sense of the word by this type of representation.

I have two points to make. First, I find it amazing that this disrespect continues in light of the AIDS epidemic. This is real, folks. In January, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control reported that in our nation alone the AIDS count was 206,392 cases. There were 133,232 deaths. These people are the professionals, the unemployed, the mothers, the infants, and yes, the college students. Around the world,

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Budget Freeze Will Not Affect Classes

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really harmed by it; classes are over next week.... What could I possibly say I need to order to get me through next week? . . . I am very much more concerned about the financial status of the institution as such. Why did they have to do this? That's the crux."

Professor Andrews was also concerned about the effect that regular, year-end budget freezes would have on spending in the future. "As far as major expenditures are concerned, we've already done it. And one reason we did it early is because this [a budget freeze] happened last year. So the incentive is not to save your money; the incentive is to spend. . . . Some of the faculty wonder if that's wise. I understand that the school is having difficulties. I think there has got to be another way to do this. Coming at the very end of the year when things like this are going on, what are you going to do, screech to a halt? You can't. . . . I really feel sorry for those departments who were very responsible and saved their money because they got burned. I don't think that this is the most constructive way to do this. Maybe we should have a budget review in January.... Maybe the chairs need to give the administration an idea of what's coming. On the other hand, the administration has to tell the chairs what's going on. [They] approve our budget and then [they] say we can't have it, which is it? . . . It's certainly not an incentive to save your budget. . . ."

For They're Some Junior Good Fellows!

The Society of Junior Fellows has accepted sixteen new members this spring. Emilio Bogado (Economics); Laura Breeding, Tina Dayhoff, Kathryn Mullan, Melissa Sirick (English); Samantha Clements (Chemistry); Kristin Coyne, Laura Green (Psychology); Lionel Dyson, Nancy Whiteman (Political Science); Maria Jerardi, Andrew McKim (International Relations); Jennifer Hozik, Chris Vaughn (Business Management); Caroline Jensen (Biology); and Tarin Towers (Drama) bring a cumulative grade point average of 3.54 into the Fellows program.

While some financial grant applications for special projects are still under review, to be released shortly, eight Junior Fellows have been granted financial assistance by the Society.

In the fall senior Michelle Beattie will be serving an internship with the Hansard Society for Parliamentary Government in London. Lionel Dyson will intern at the U.S. Embassy in Manila over the summer. Bridgette Winchester received a grant to do research on the political, social, and economic forces shaping German women after re-unification. Junior Jennifer Hozik will intern in the Maryland Governor's Office over the summer. Maria Jerardi will intern with the U.S. Embassy in Dhaka, Bangladesh, while Andrew McKim will be at the U.S. Agency for International Development in Washington, D.C. Both Erin Page and Stephanie Tennyson will be spending their summer in Quito, Ecuador. While Page will be working at the Quito Language and Cultural Center, Tennyson will be interning at the U.S. Embassy.

Applications for membership and financial grants are reviewed by the Society's Advisory Council. The Society of Junior Fellows was formed last year to serve as a "collegium of scholars dedicated to the exchange of ideas." Dr. Davy McCall, Chairman of the Economics Department, serves as Curator for the Society.

Borger to Speak at Commencement

Political Commentator Gloria Anne Borger will be the keynote speaker at Commencement on Sunday, May 17th. Borger has appeared on *Washington Week In Review* and is an editor for *U.S. News and World Report*. Also present will be local philanthropist Elizabeth Moffat White. Senator Barbara Mikulski, previously scheduled to attend, will not appear during Commencement Exercises. Any senior wishing to submit a speech to present during Commencement should contact Troy Petenbrink and submit a copy of the speech by April 30th.

NOTICE: from Clifton M. Miller Library

There is a great demand for library materials at this time of year. Students are reminded to please return books as soon as possible so they will be available for others.

All materials must be returned by Friday, May 7

Graduating seniors with library obligations will be sent an estimated bill and then a final one. Bills will include a processing fee of $15 per lost item. Seniors' bills will be sent via campus mail.

After commencement, undergraduate bills will be prepared and sent to the students' home adresses.

Debts may be paid in cash or by check payable to Washington College Library at the library Circulation Desk. Ask for Mrs. Slagle or Mr. Tubbs. Bills not paid directly will be sent to the Business Office to be deducted from the deposit.

The Registrar's Office will not honor requests for transcripts until bills have been paid.

Women's Group Plans Fall Semester's Discussion Topics

By Lynn Clifford
Women's Issues Discussion Group President

The purpose of The Women's Issues Discussion Group is to provide the opportunity for open-minded people to gather and discuss pertinent issues in our society, on this campus, and for themselves in greater depth. Only by exploring these areas will we experience our potential, and ultimately our personal power, for decision and influence in this world. It starts as a small flickering within an individual's soul, but can grow to illuminate an entire culture. This desire to "illuminate" and find a connection, while encouraging growth, was the primary source of motivation behind beginning the Group in the Fall of 1991.

The Women's Issues Discussion Group has served to heighten awareness and provide an avenue for people to discover more about themselves and their personal philosophies over the year. Through a variety of activities: a panel discussion, a film series, lectures, and weekly meetings, the Group explored a variety of areas, including the female body image, sexuality, substance abuse, relationships, gender differences, balancing the masculine and feminine, and other important issues.

The mailing list currently consists of between twenty to thirty members, including interested men—although the ratio is sadly unequal. Though in the fall of 1991 the discussions were usually limited to women (this was largely because the group was in transition from an all-female support group formed in 1990) the spring semester expanded to include men as well.

Following the success of this academic school year, in the fall of 1992 the Women's Issues Discussion Group will explore such topics as *Women & the Legal System*, *Women & Politics* and *Women in Business*, and on a more personal level, *Addictive Relationships* and *Sexuality & Communication*, and may include speakers from Emily's List, The Women's Campaign Fund, The American Civil Liberties Union, and more. The discussions coordinated by the Women's Issues Group will be covering issues pertaining to everyone, not just the women of our society, and will therefore be open to anyone with an interest, regardless of their gender. In fact, I encourage men to come; do not fear—we don't burn bras or brandish clubs, but would in fact truly appreciate the balance your input would promote.

Washington College has experienced a great deal of growth over the short '91-'92 school term with the introduction of G.A.L.A., the renewed efforts of the Margaret Horsley Society, the Dale Adams Heritage Exchange, and the activities the 100th Anniversary of Co-Education brought to this campus, bringing an increased awareness for the need of human rights in this world.

To receive a calendar of events and/or to be included on the mailing list for the fall semester of the Women's Issues Discussion Group, or if you are simply interested in more information, please contact Lynn Clifford at 778-2160 or through campus mail. Any issues you feel are important? Please let me know.

The Board of Publications is now accepting applications for the position of

Editor-in-Chief

for the '92-'93 Washington College ELM. All letters of intent should be addressed to Chairman Richard DeProspo by April 29.

Letters to the Editor (Cont.)

Sexism and Plagiarism in Recent Flyer

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in our society. They are impersonal, dehumanizing and degrading. I personally couldn't care less if there were buck naked models in beer commercials on TV every evening, as long as they were presented as human beings rather than playthings for men. Moreover there must be some correlation between the sexist portrayal of women in the American media and the high incidence of violent crimes against women. This past Monday's *Baltimore Sun* reported that the rate for rape and attempted rape skyrocketed by 59% last year. I don't know how we as a society can eliminate rape, but I do know that eliminating the practice of depicting women as objects cannot help but improve the situation.

Matters of taste and personal preference aside, however, the ad was also offensive in that it was a blatant example of plagiarism. The Washington College community is in the process of trying to address this problem on our campus, and it does not help in that effort to allow outside commercial interests to display plagiarized ad copy on campus grounds. Moreover, the ad itself was possibly illegal. Commercial free speech is protected so long as it is not pornographic or an infringement of copyright law. The Newt's ad may be seen as both. It is a criminal offence in the state of Maryland to distribute material for commercial purposes if that material has been copyrighted and the copyright is held by another individual or corporate entity. I'd shed no tears if someone informed Calvin Klein of this possible copyright violation and their lawyers brought a case against Newt's. If whoever did the ads for Newt's cannot come up with something original, they should ask one of the many talented artists on this campus to lend a hand.

S. Ross Koon

Sexism and Education in the Age of AIDS

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12 million people are infected with the AIDS virus. One positive trait of the disease: it doesn't discriminate. (Kramer 1992)

A little over two years ago, 100,000 cases were reported in just 26 months. The trend continues, and the time span between the next reported 100,000 cases shortens. (Kramer 1992)

The cases from a year ago are not the same as the cases being reported now; these new and undiscovered strains are equally lethal.

Don't like those facts? You just wanted to be closer, or "didn't feel like ruining the moment?" We all make mistakes, but there's a point when we shouldn't have to "learn from experience" anymore. That 'moment' could mean your life.

These pictures not only violate my sense of dignity as a self-respecting human being, concerned for the health and welfare of the people on this planet, but as a female in a world which too often does not take my gender seriously enough as it is.

This brings me to my second point: the depiction of a female, as represented only by her body, is an insult. With the progress women and men have made over the years to gain equality in this imbalanced system of ours, we merely negate what we have achieved by subjecting ourselves to these demoralizing messages. Sexuality is fine, but as with all things, should be presented in its entirety. We have a very dim idea of what a healthy relationship consists of as it is; a bare-assed woman in a black leather jacket is far from ideal. And don't tell me she was a chemist with a PhD in law who merely wanted to "express" herself.

It is a scientifically proven fact that exposure to images such as the two mentioned above lessen a woman's perception of what sexual violence is, i.e. rape, and makes "men trivialize the severity of the violence they see against women." (Wolf 1991) Pornography is a 7 billion dollar a year enterprise; it doesn't need any assistance. (MacKinnon 1987)

Not only do images like this make it difficult for females to maintain their self-respect, but the effects on our personal and professional lives are detrimental. This is not freedom; it is an assault which takes away our sexual individuality.

Lynn Clifford

Hunger Awareness Apathy

To the Editor:

The Hunger Awareness Day arranged jointly by Maria Jerardi, a name synonymous with charity work on this campus, and Food Service Director Dave Knowles has shed considerable light on the differences between good intent and stark reality.

Held in Hodson Hall on Wednesday, April 25, the event was advertised for over a week. During that time, Maria sent individual invitations to thirty faculty members and placed a sign up sheet in the faculty lounge. The joint efforts of Dave and Maria resulted in seventy students signing up to participate in this event (approximately 12% of the 595 Board Plan students).

Even though seventy people registered for the Hunger Awareness event, only seventeen students actually participated. Obviously the need for awareness did not encompass the faculty or staff of this institution. Further, the number of "no-shows" on behalf of the students represented an unfortunate level of apathy.

This seems an appalling lack of concern on the part of those that advocate an increase of cultural diversity as a way to remain competitive in the liberal arts and sciences college market. It also mirrors the current political situation in this country that has prompted us to seek cultural diversity on this campus.

It would not have taken very much effort for anyone to stop in Hodson Hall and thank Maria and Dave for staging this event, if not to participate in it. Maybe we should look closer at how we spend money on salaries and make it relative to the contribution that each person makes toward the goals of this college. To quote ex-C.E.O. of Chrysler Lee Iococca, "You lead, follow, or get out of the way." There is a lot of pertinent wisdom in that statement.

Joseph R. Lill
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Hunger Awareness Day

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RA Positions Announced

Dormitory Resident Assistants (RAs) for the 1992-93 Academic Year were recently announced by the Office of Student Affairs. The RAs, and the dorms they will control, are as follows:

Minta Martin
2nd Floor - Renee Guckert
3rd Floor - Monita Airen
4th Floor - Christy Harris

Reid
1st Floor - Deborah Harner
2nd Floor - Kristen Kujawski
3rd Floor - Eleanor Shriver

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Kent
1st Floor S - Bridgette Winchester
1st Floor N - John Phoebus
2nd Floor S - Nancy Whiteman
3rd Floor N - Andy McKim

SGA Report

The final Senate meeting of the 1991-92 academic year was held on Tuesday, April 21, 1992 in the basement of Minta Martin. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 1992 at 9 p.m. in the Casey Academic Center Forum.

Constitutional Amendments

Student Academic Board

The selection process for Student Academic Board representatives was amended in order to reflect actual practice. Currently, the SGA Constitution states that SAB representatives will be elected by the academic majors. This was amended to state that department chairs will nominate three majors, with the final selection to be made by the SAB Chair.

Elections

The section of the SGA Constitution dealing with petitions for elections was amended to state that in the event two persons seek the position of Social Chair together, they should return a single petition of fifteen signatures with both their signatures on it.

Changes Made on Eval. Form

Senators Whitney Myrus and John Phoebus met with Dean Taylor and the Committee on Appointments & Tenure to discuss changes to the evaluation forms. The instructions will now state that the form will not be typed and students may wish to alter their handwriting. The identification portion of the form, which asks for a student's class and reason for taking the course, will be moved to the end of the form.

May Day Motion

A motion to require all members of the 1992-93 SGA Executive Board to go naked on May Day was proposed. It was amended to include the outgoing 1991-92 Exec. Board members as well. This motion was not voted on.

Class Officer Elections

Results for Class Officer Elections will be announced in next week's issue of the **ELM.** Errors on the Junior Class ballot resulted in a new vote yesterday and counting for all elections was not completed by press time.

Modify Alchohol Policy to Move Parties Back on Campus

Julie Greene & Troy Petenbrink

Over the last four years at Washington College, the college community has seen a marked change in the school's social atmosphere due to the administration's stronger position concerning the alcohol policy.

It would be difficult for a freshman to imagine a large portion of the student body gathering on-campus for an enjoyable evening. They are more likely to recall in future years the fun they had at an off-campus weekend event such as a "Farm Party."

Within the last year on-campus weekend events have become as dead as Latin. While the language and the parties still exist, the number of participants they draw are minimal.

What is the reason for such a quick turnaround? The quick and easy answer is the difficulty in obtaining, and the apparent absence of, alcohol on-campus. Unfortunately, the quick and easy answer seems the most realistic.

Forty-four percent of the student body is of legal drinking age, and the national trend is toward students entering college at older ages. With such a large portion legal, common sense would tell you that drinking at on-campus events should be an option, which it is. Registered parties are allowed to serve alcoholic beverages and must serve non-alcoholic beverages as well. However, the option seems to have been mishandled.

Evidence of this has been the shift of parties from on-campus to off-campus locations. One of the town-gown issues has been the noise caused by students at parties off-campus. Some students have pointed to the tighter alcohol policy on-campus as a reason for moving off-campus.

The alcohol restrictions have had the effect of shifting the problem from the administration's jurisdiction to the responsibility of the Chestertown Neighborhood Association.

It cannot be denied that we live in a drinking society. Alcohol is served at events attended by both faculty and students, not all of which are of legal drinking age. While some students drink responsibly, assigning designated drivers, many still do not. Transportation may be provided to "Farm Parties," but not all students take that option and may drive back intoxicated.

There is serious doubt the faculty and administration meant to encourage this type of behavior, and we know some professors who have expressed concern about the possible misdirection of the alcohol policy. Students who want to drink, will, and we would rather have them drink on-campus than drink off-campus and take the risk of someone getting hurt because a student drove home drunk. So far there have been no serious injuries due to alcohol; however, students have been involved in alcohol related accidents and arrests. The policy should be updated to prevent future accidents and arrests. Even when students walk back to campus after such an event, they are not safe. Walking back alone and intoxicated has obvious cause for alarm. Besides being susceptible to attack, some students may pass out before reaching campus.

Besides individual and student organizations practicing and encouraging each student's individual responsibility to act sensibly concerning alcohol and getting home safely, more steps should be taken by the administration to encourage safe drinking on-campus. Offering free sodas may lower the amount of alcoholic drinks students consume at events. It would also encourage athletes to attend weekend events, since they would be provided with a non-alcoholic option. Another recommendation would be to discuss responsible drinking during a freshman orientation workshop or during Freshman Common Seminar.

Most students' parents realize their sons and daughters are going to drink, but how are they going to feel knowing they will be doing most of their drinking off-campus, outside the reach of supervising students, who are responsible for the on-campus events they sponsor?

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Week at a Glance

Calandar of Events

April 24 - 30

Friday 24 - Saturday 25
WC Drama Department presents
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Fri. & Sat. at 8:00 p.m.
Admission free
call ext. 269 for reservations

Friday 24 - Monday 27
Film Series: *Trust*
Norman James Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

Friday 24
Lit House Café
entertainment, food & drink
All are welcome
O'Neill Literary House
3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The Art Department presents
The Annual Student Art Show
Gallery, Gibson Fine Arts Center
opening reception, 5:00 p.m.*

Sig Farm Party
featuring the Sacred Cows
Safe-ride vans leave from Somerset,
starting at 9:00 p.m.*

Saturday 25
Parents' Day
Dedication Ceremony
Benjamin A. Johnson Lifetime Fitness Center, 11:00 a.m.*

Luau, featuring Black Sheep
Lelia Hynson Pavillion, 5:00 -7:00 p.m.*

Writers' Union presents
Thursday Parliament Reading
O'Neill Literary House, 8:00 p.m.*

Sunday 26
Music Department presents
The Washinton College Jazz Band
Norman James Theatre, 4:00 p.m.*

Writers' Union presents
The Annual Senior Reading
Norman James Theatre, 6:00 p.m.
Reception to follow in O'Neill Literary House†

Monday 27
International Dance Week:
Jazz Class
BAJLFC, 2:30 p.m.*

Monday Series
Paul Boyer, Editor,
Tribal College Magazine
O'Neill Literary House, 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday 28
Isaac Asimov Memorial Reading
O'Neill Literary House, 7:30 p.m.*

International Dance Week
Ballet Class
BAJLFC, 5:00 p.m.*

Wednesday 29
International Dance Week
Jazz Class
BAJLFC, 2:30 p.m.*

Thursday 30
International Dance Week
African Dance Class
BAJLFC, 4:00 p.m.*

The WC Democratic Club presents
Discussion:*Populism and Progressivism*
Dave Searles, Moderator
Election of Officers
CAC Common Room, 7:00 p.m.

†see related article *see ArtBeat

Upcoming Publications

Watch for the upcoming publications to be released soon:

The Washington College Review
The Collegian
The Washington College Magazine
OtherWorlds
Translations
The Spring 1992 Literary House Press Poetry Postcard Series
(The Fall & Spring editions will be packaged together as a set)

Shoestrings is available from Ann Veiga or Keri Nygaard for $2.00. Proceeds go to Pacem in Terris.

Student Profile: Deidre Riegel

Deidre Riegel is a graduating senior Drama major. She has performed every function possible in the Washington College Drama Department, from actor to director, from scenic painter to master electrician, from stage manager to props master. Dei has acted in two plays, *Men Without Shadows* and *Cyrano de Bergerac,* but Dei's main field of accomplishment is in scenic design.

She has studied independently in scenic design with Professor Jason Rubin, who often designs the sets for the shows which are directed by professors, such as *Antigone* and *Waiting for Godot.* In addition to designing the set for her senior thesis project, *A Dream Play,* Dei has designed four other sets for senior shows. *Ten Little Indians, Seascape with Sharks and Dancer, Cyrano de Bergerac,* and this weekend's *Pippin* all got their look from Dei's drawing board.

After graduation, Dei will be taking a job at The Hill School, an all-boys' private high school in Pottstown, Pennsylvania. Hers will be a faculty position; as Technical Director and Designer for the school's enormous theatre, Dei will work on every production and teach the Tech classes. She will be provided with board, housing, and salary; yes, she will actually be making a living by doing drama.

Dei says that drama *is* her life, but when she came to WC, she was a Political Science major, interested in working in Latin America. She still holds an interest in Latin American history and culture, but finds her time consumed by the Drama Department. While free time is scarce for a major which requires eleven courses and a technical or acting role in every department production, Dei enjoys playing for the Drama softball team, dancing, and relaxing (ha!) with friends. Deidre lives in Birdsboro, PA, with her parents.

ART BEAT

Senior Reading

The annual Senior Reading will take place this Sunday in Norman James Theatre at 6:00 p.m. The reading is a showcase of senior writers of poetry and prose, from a variety of people, some of whom are completing creative writing theses, and some of whom are not even English majors. As the deadline for submitting material for the prestigious Sophie Kerr Prize approaches, seniors continue to complete and edit their works for consideration. The reading is an opportunity for some seniors to give one last reading of their work before both the Sophie Kerr Deadline and graduation.

The list of readers includes Kate Absher, Patrick Attenasio, John Blakelock, Amy Caddle, Jenifer Grindle, Bruce Hamilton, Raphael Koster, Troy Petenbrink. Attenasio, Grindle, and Koster are graduating creative writing theses; Grindle has a double major of English and History, and Koster double majors in English and Spanish. Hamilton is an English major; Absher a History major; Blakelock is Music; Caddle, French and Humanities; and Petenbrink is a Political Science major.

The Senior Reading is free and open to the public, and a reception will follow in the O'Neill Literary House.

Student Art Show Opens

The Annual Student Art Show for 1991-92 will open today, with a reception from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Gallery of Gibson Fine Arts Center. Works by Washington College students from the Spring and Fall of 1991 will be displayed, as well as the thesis projects by the three Studio Art majors, Andrea Butchart, John Goebel, and Deb Kulich. The exhibit will be open at regular gallery hours through graduation weekend.

Sig Farm Party to Feature Cows

Don't forget about the Sig Farm Party tonight. The Sacred Cows will be playing — catch them before half of 'em graduate. The cover charge is $5.00, which includes transportation, music, and refreshments. Safe-ride vans will be leaving from in front of Somerset House starting at 9:00 p.m.

BAJLFC??

Saturday morning, at 11:00 a.m., the Benjamin A. Johnson Lifetime Fitness Center (BAJLFC) will be dedicated. Don't miss it — we only dedicate one or two buildings a year around here.

Parliament to Address Public

The independent creative writing workshop known as Thursday Parliament will be reading from their past year's work in fiction and poetry Saturday night at 8:00 p.m. in the O'Neill Literary House, with support from the WC Writers' Union. Mike Sapp, Adam Brown, and Jen Reddish will be reading, and refreshments will be provided. Past members of the workshop include Roy Kesey, Morgan Huff, and Sarah Duffy.

Sheep at Luau: Bring the Family

The annual Family Day and Luau will be held at the Lelia Hynson Pavilion in Wilmer Park, down at the waterfront this Saturday.. The Luau runs from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. All Washington College students and their families are welcome, and entertainment will be provided by the reggae band Black Sheep, from Washington, D.C.

WC Jazz Concert

The Washington College Jazz Band will be performing their Spring concert at 4:00 p.m. in Norman James Theatre.

Dance the Week Away

Sunday the 26th kicks off International Dance Week (I'm not kidding). When the new Dance Studio officially opens in the Johnson Lifetime Fitness Center, special classes will be held by guest teacher Wally Dashiell. At 1:00 p.m. Saturday, Dashiell will be teaching a ballet class, followed by a Character Dance Class at 2:15 p.m.

Dance classes will be held every day for the rest of the week until Thursday. On Monday and Wednesday at 2:30 is Jazz; Tuesday at 5:00 is Ballet; and on Thursday the 30th a special African Dance class will be held at 4:00 p.m.

Contact Professor Karen Smith of the Physical Education Department at extension 225 for details.

Asimov Remembered

By **Raphael R. Koster**
Editor, *OtherWorlds*

A memorial reading will be held this Tuesday, April 28th, at the O'Neill Literary House, for Isaac Asimov, 1920-1992, at 7:30 p.m. A reception will follow.

Asimov was one of the foremost science-fiction authors of all time, and was the most prolific author in the world at the time of his death. His books total nearly 500, in all the Dewey library classifications. His classic SF novels include *The Foundation Trilogy; I, Robot;* and *The Caves of Steel.* He was known as "The Good Doctor" for his extraordinary amount of expertise in so many fields and for his degree in biochemistry.

Asimov was also the foremost science popularizer of the 1950's and '60's. He coined the word "robotics" and developed the rules for robotic programming that are used today. Among his other works are annotations of classics of literature (*Don Juan,* Shakespeare, and *Paradise Lost*), numerous mystery novels and stories, and several books of limericks and humor.

He held the title of Grandmaster of Science Fiction and also of Mystery, honors given by the Writer's Associations of each genre. He had won the Hugo, the highest prize of the science-fiction field, several times, notably for best all-time series for *Foundation*, beating out Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings.*

Dr. Beverly Wolff of the English Dept.; T. Michael Kaylor, Director of the Literary House Press; and Rachael Fink and Raph Koster, students, will be reading from various short stories and talking briefly about Asimov.

THE ANNUAL SENIOR READING

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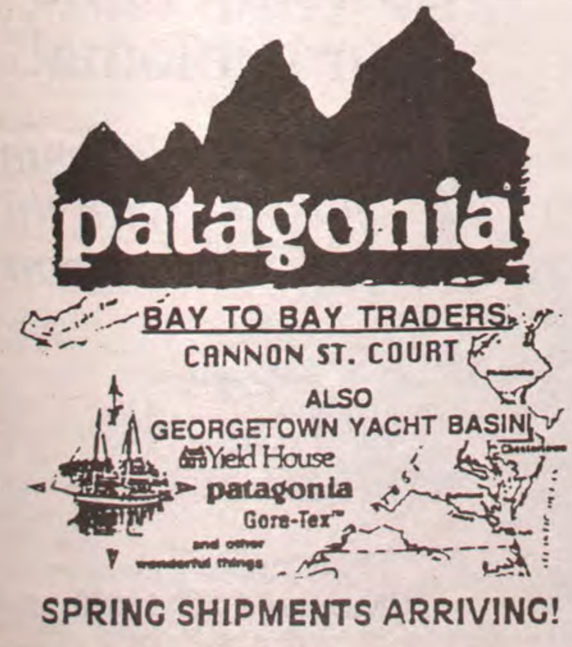

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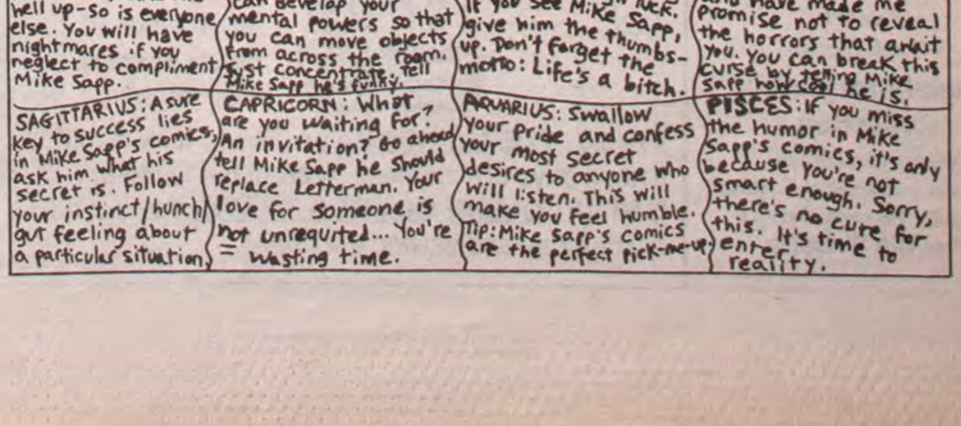

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PISCES: If you miss the humor in Mike Sapp's comics, it's only because you're not smart enough. Sorry, there's no cure for this. It's time to enter reality.

Vandalism Strikes WC

"Vandals" from page 1

On April 19, the day after the Queen Anne damage, a window of one of the college's athletic vans was broken by a golf ball from a student who confused the Hodson parking lot for Pebble Beach. Damage to the window totals $420. Roderick stated a suspect has been found in this case, and a follow-up investigation is currently underway.

Two incidents of student vandalism to the college's physical plant have occurred over the past three weeks, beginning with the Literary House Slingshot Bandit. Two weeks ago, student writers began noticing several pellet-size holes in the building's front porch windows. They were apparently shot from a wrist-rocket or slingshot from the direction of the Kent dormitory across the street. Roderick expects the case to be cleared soon, but is not yet prepared to release any suspects. According to Raudenbush, replacement of the windows will cost $300. Frustrated that the Literary House's otherwise serene atmosphere has been the target of some student's unwarranted vengeance, Bob Day, Director of the Lit House, commented, "Son of a bitch is shooting out windows, what madness is that?" When asked to comment on why the suspect's name has yet to be released by Security, Day responded, "That's because they're afraid I'd tie him to a tree in front of the Lit House and read Rod McCuen poetry to him all day. That would be appropriate punishment. But then again," Day added, "he [the suspect] probably wouldn't understand it anyway."

The final act of student vandalism, the one that has Baer especially frustrated, has been the recent attacks on tree saplings around the Dorchester dormitory, across from the Casey Academic Center, where an entire row of five October Glory Maples have either been pulled out or bent to a point beyond repair.

"This [vandalism to trees] is especially frustrating, because they were just at the point of establishing themselves in the soil." The cost to replace the damaged trees, located in such a strategic viewing area along the college's new front entrance, will total $500 per tree. Baer stated that none of the college's recently planted landscaping, designed by local landscape architect John Gutting, were funded from student tuition, but from private donations. However, once they are planted they become the financial responsibility of the college. The replacement of these trees will come directly from Maintenance's budget.

"If you look at one of the aerial maps of Washington College in the library," Baer stated, "you'll notice that up until fifty years ago, there were no trees on campus. It was just barren, flat grounds. These trees need to be continually replenished." Baer stated the college has an aggressive policy towards such vandalism, but feels something still needs be done to curtail such unwarranted damage.

Not counting the recent damages, Raudenbush stated that $4400 worth of student damage to the college's dormitories has happened from August 1991 to March 1992, a figure which is actually down from last year. "We've seen everything from graffiti on the freshly painted walls of Kent to smashed windows and exit signs on the second floor of Caroline," Raudenbush stated.

When individuals are found guilty of such destruction they are personally fined. However, when no one person comes forward, the entire hall shares in financing the damage, a move that irritates innocent bystanders and unsuspecting parents. In the case of the Queen Anne sink, although the residents of the building were not responsible for the damage, the repair costs will still come out of their building's operating budget. "When we must take money out of the building's budgets," Raudenbush said, "other things that could be done with it must be sacrificed."

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Netters May Not Net Nationals

Netters Hope for Nationals Bid

By **Doug Hoffberger**
Staff Writer

Last week the Shoremen rounded out their season and etched their record in stone at 17-3, with wins over Millersville, Trenton State, and St. Mary's. The Netters go into the final stretch with a perfect 3-0 mark within the Southest MAC conference. Leading the way for the Shoremen was Trevor Hurd, remaining undefeated all season in singles, and Alberto Diaz, who also had a strong year, dropping only one match. Hartwig, Bogato, Nuno, Bohutinsky, and Rexford all had winning records as well, aiding in yet another successful outing for WC's tennis program. Meanwhile, newcomers Reardon, Raja, and Alexander all gained the experience they will need to further help the team in the future.

Last year the Netters came away from nationals with a fourth place ranking, however, in the first rankings of this season the Shoremen were spotted a disappointing 16th in the nation among Division III schools. "We didn't do quite as well as we had expected this season," Coach Tim Gray remarked. As a team, The Netters still have about a 50-50 chance of making nationals but, these chances are hampered by a 5-4 loss to Skidmore College earlier in the season. And due to that loss the question remains as to whether or not the team will visit Emory University, in Atlanta Georgia, the location of this year's nationals competition. The NCAA ranking officials choose the top twelve teams to go, and if Trinity, Amherst, and Williams, the three teams ahead of Washington College, don't participate in nationals for one reason or another they will go. Thus, if the Shoremen are to make it this season it would be on the coat-tails of another team.

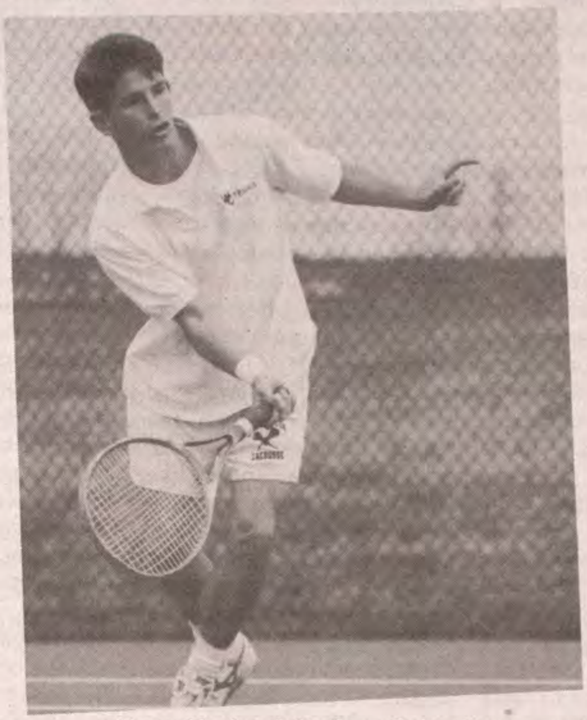
Trevor Hurd curls his lips, calls his shot, and slices it down the line

Photo by Gary Brown

Individually, the Shoremen will send Frank Hartwig, Trevor Hurd, and Alberto Diaz to compete in the 64 draw singles tournament, which is single elimination. In doubles Trevor Hurd and Alberto Diaz will enter the tournament as the 26th seed in the nation while the pair of Frank Hartwig and Emilio Bogato will enter the tournament as the 28th seed.

Yet, before the nationals tournament comes into view, the Shoremen have their eyes set upon repeating as MAC conference champions. The Netters have already won their Mid-Atlantic Southeast conference and in the first round of the championships, will play the winner of the Southwest MAC conference. Once the Shoremen tame the Southwest, they shall host the winner of the MAC Northeast and Northwest conference for the overall MAC championship.

Next Year looks promising for the Shoremen in terms of recruiting. Tim Gray has been in close contact with a top ranked Swedish junior player as well as a top notch JUCO player. The Shoremen will lose the leadership and athletic ability of the '92 captains Jeff Rexford and Andy Bohutinsky, but the recruits should help the netters retain a solid roster.

Good Luck to the Shoremen venturing to nationals this year, and, to the rest of the Shoremen, you've had a great season!

Women Netters Spank Opposition

By **Rachael Rice**
Staff Writer

The wins keep coming for the women's tennis team. This past Monday, they captured a third consecutive Middle Atlantic Conference Southwest sectional championship by defeating the Johns Hopkins University Blue Jays, 9-0. This convincing victory puts the women in contention for a repeat MAC title. In 1991, Washington College history was made when the team brought home the first women's MAC championship.

Miriam Ditman waves "HI" while hammering yet another "ACE"

Photo by Gary Brown

The women found themselves a long way from the quiet fields of the Eastern Shore and on top of the Charles Street traffic in Baltimore. While emergency vehicles flew by, the team proved its ability to play hard under difficult circumstances. Tracy Peel, at #1, defeated Tamar Hausman 6-4, 6-2, while Pam Hendrickson handled Amy Dodrill at #2, 6-2, 6-0. Miriam Dittmann, at #3, lost only three games on her way to victory over Heidi Puchner, and Jen Sloan had little difficulty putting away Katie Stein at #4, 6-3, 6-1. Rachael Rice notched a Shoreman win at #5 against Margarita Rasca, 6-2, 6-3, and Kristy Karns handed Michelle Porterfield a 6-0, 6-2 loss at #6. Diana Clausen added a win at #7, 6-1, 6-0.

The women were equally devastating in the doubles, reeling off three straight-set victories. Peel and Hendrickson paired at #1 to win 7-5,6-0. Sloan and Karns came from behind in the second set to polish off their #2 opponents, 7-6 (5), 6-4. And Dittmann and Rice rounded out the win with a 6-2, 6-0 roll over Rasca and Porterfield. According to freshman Diana Clausen, "We knew we would have to play every point as if it was 4-all in the third set. Although Trenton State is just around the corner, and it is a really big match, everyone really focused, looking no further than today."

The women also faced St. Mary's this past Saturday, and came away with a 9-0 win. St. Mary's arrived one player short; thus, the Shoremen jumped ahead to 2-0 before play commenced. Peel, Hendrickson, Sloan, Karns, and Rice won at #1-5, respectively. The tandems of Peel and Hendrickson and Sloan and Karns had little difficulty in doubles. Dittmann, who was on injured reserve due to surgery of the wisdom tooth, withstood the pain to cheer from the sidelines. When asked about her probable return to the lineup, she displayed her stitches and replied, somewhat painfully, "I'll be back!"

The team now boasts a 13-4 record. The coming week holds in store Trenton State, at Trenton, on Wednesday. A victory over this top-ten (preseason national ranking) opponent will bolster hopes for a trip to the Division III national tournament. Today (Friday) at 3pm, the Shoremen fight for the MAC Southern crown. As of press-time, their opponent was undetermined, but home-court advantage was established. Come out and support the team!

JOB OFFERING

The Washington College Sports Information Office is looking for work-study students intereted in helping out next year. Must be prompt and willing to make a commitment. Computer knowledge is not necessary, but helpful. Openings include statistics, research, sports reporting, sports writing, travel. Interested persons should contact Gary Brown, the Sports Information Director, ext. 238, or 778-7238, before the end of the semester.

Lax, Lax, & Soccer . . . Soccer?

Future Looking Up for Soccer

By Charlie Linehan
Co-Sports Editor

Last week, I dreamed we won our first soccer game next season. It was a good dream. Okay, it was a great dream. To tell the truth, it was one of those dreams where you wake up and realize it was only a dream and spend the rest of the day pissed off about the fact that it was only a dream.. I mean, let's face it, if it were to come true, it would be our second win since the end of the 1990 season and for the first time in I don't know how long, we'd be starting off the season on the right foot.

The game was being played on Kibler Field on an overcast Fall day late in the afternoon. We were playing Lancaster Bible and they were defending the northernmost goal in the first half. We took the field for the start of the game and as I looked around me my adrenaline was pumping—there were 11 guys on the field who were really psyched to play some soccer. Better still, the bench was packed with equally eager subs, a far cry from last season's bench—not that they weren't eager, it was just that we only had five of them during our healthiest week of the years. Good thoughts were flying through my head. It occurred to me that we might finally have a group of players who all had one thing in mind, winning soccer games. There wasn't one player out there who was more concerned with being a superstar than with making his contribution to the *team's* success. It also occurred to me that we didn't all have to run until our lungs collapsed and then suck it up and play out the last ten minutes of the game—we had a bench now, we could take a breather, thank God for small favors.

Then something even more amazing than having a bench happened. About five minutes into the game, we scored the first goal. We brought the ball up the left side, crossed it to the eighteen, passed it to the six, and fired it just under the diving goalie. Amazing. Last season we rarely scored, much less in the first five minutes of the game. The team was ecstatic but confident at the same time and I knew then that we would win that game. And when the buzzer went off at the end of the second half, it was 3-1 Washington.

WC Soccer has struggled for the past three years. I don't know what the problem was in '89—I decided to sit out my Freshman year, so I only heard it second hand. In '90, Peter Allen faced the impossible task of coaching a soccer team and trying to run a business at the same time. In addition, Mike Bishop was such an incredible soccer player that we depended on him too much—I know *I* used to pass the ball to him and watch, dumbstruck, as he dribbled past defenders like they were so many children. And then there was last year. Things started off on the right track—we got a new head coach, Todd Helbling, who, although a little inexperienced, displayed the care and determination which should help make his teams successful in the future. Unfortunately, last season we had very few recruits which made it difficult to stay in any given game for 90 minutes—not that that's an excuse, there were certainly a number of problems with the team itself which contributed to the poor record. However, at the end of the season, team morale was still in pretty good shape . . . that's something for WC Soccer, believe me.

So, where do we stand for next season. Without jinxing ourselves or getting anyone's hopes up—we've got near to twenty recruits, maybe more, and a core of returning players who aren't concerned about being superstars, just about winning games. In addition, Coach Helbling is already planning the season, a kind of preparation which has been sorely missed in seasons past. Finally, we've got a competitive but feasible schedule set up with enough games to give us the experience we need as a team.

Who knows how things will work out. To be successful, we'll need to work hard and play the season one game at a time and maybe . . . just maybe . . . we'll do alright. I don't know, I'm just tired of dreaming.

CLUB LAX LOSES TO DELMARVA

By Brandon White
Staff Writer

Last Thursday the WC Lacrosse Club went out under the lights at Worton Park to face the Delmarva Lacrosse Club. WC took control early but, the Delmarvans rallied, tied it up, and eventually took the lead. By the end of the first half WC was down by 4 goals and as the Worton mist rolled in and the minutes ticked off the clock it only got worse. WC lost its edge as Delmarva capitalized, taking a commanding lead and holding on to it for the win.

Team cohesiveness may have been lacking but Paul Obrecht managed to see his way through the mist with an outstanding performance as did John Nunn, who was excellent in the net.

This unfortunately was the WC Clubmen's last game of the year, as the rest of the scheduled teams had to cancel due to insufficient funds. The Clubmen had a record of 3-2 on the year—not bad for the club's first season. They would like to thank all of the fans for their support and Scott Bramble for his superior coaching.

Lax Sticks 1 and Drops 2

By Renee Guckert
Staff Writer

Washington's women's lacrosse team took on three teams last week: Dickinson, Salisbury State, and Gettysburg. After a powerful win over Dickinson (9-7), the Shorewomen lost to Salisbury State (11-20), and to Gettysburg (7-15).

The increasing drive and skill of Washington's defense was more than apparent against a strong Dickinson attack. Eleanor Shriver led the team on ground ball control followed by Cristin "Haircut" Albert. Shriver also stood out defensively around the crease and accompanied by Jen "J. B." Bornfriend, was a key connector at mid-field. Bornfriend's amazing speed was a great offensive asset in addition to her constant recovery of stray balls on defense. Goalie Nancy Millhouser played her most aggressive game to date, stepping out of the goal to attack her opponents and recording yet another double-digit save total.

Scoring for the Shorewomen were Amy McCleary with three goals and two assists, Margaret Doyle with two goals and one assist, Kirsten Lucas with two goals, and Brigid DeVries and Kristy Hilgartner each with one goal.

Again, the Shorewomen defense stood out in their contest against a very physical Salisbury State team. Four yellow cards were distributed, each to a different player, during the course of the game. Jen Bornfriend raced continuously from one end of the field to the next, connecting with such individuals as Amy McCleary who beat the odds of rain and numerous illegal checks to her head to score five of Washington's seven goals in the first period. But when Salisbury's defense seemed to shut McCleary out of shooting range in the second half, allowing her just a single additional goal, Margaret Doyle emerged to score a total of four goals followed by Cristin Albert with one.

Perhaps a more disappointing game for the Shorewomen was last Saturday's loss to Gettysburg. At half time, the scoreboard read an even 5-5 with Washington dominating over Gettysburg in shots as well as in overall field play. The second period, however, proved to be less successful as Gettysburg acquired ten additional goals. Kirsten Lucas commented on the outcome of the game: "We wanted the win really badly, but Gettysburg was undefeated in their region and there was no way they were going to let us take that away from them. We're definitely a first half team, and our drive in the second half just wasn't as strong as Gettysburg's team."

On the positive side, Amy McCleary recorded three more goals and two assists giving her the team lead with thirty-four goals and ten assists. A close second is Margaret Doyle with thirty-three goals and twelve assists (two goals from the Gettysburg game), followed by Kristy Hilgartner with twelve goals and four assists (two goals from Gettysburg). Way to go ladies!

Next week's issue will cover the Shorewomen's final game against Haverford in addition to a season wrap-up. Don't miss it!

Photo by Gary Brown

Jessica Hall, a Sophomore from Ellicot City, casually blows by a pursuing defender.

Lax Crushes, Crew Goes Country, POW Goes Ballistic!!

WC Sports

Men's Lacrosse Whips Widener & W&L

Photo by Gary Brown

Number 31, midfielder Chris Jones runs, through a straining defender

By **Melissa Harmeyer**
Staff Writer

The Men's Lacrosse team may be headed to the Division III Tournament on May 9 after two consecutive victories on the road. They improved their record to 9-2, placing them eighth in the rankings, after crushing Widener and Washington and Lee this past week. If the team wins against Haverford on Wednesday they would take the top spot in the MAC Eastern Division and it would put them in the conference championship which is to be played here at The Kibmeister on May 2.

Last Wednesday, the rampage began when the Shoremen crushed MAC Eastern Division opponent Widener, 31-6. Sixteen of the WAC players netted goals; Jason Paige tallied five, Matt Zarinko had four goals and two assists, Sophomore Stu Warner scored three with two assists, and Dave Lipinski also scored a hat trick that helped secure their win over the Pioneers. Peter Greene, Giles Beale, Greg Lawler, and Harris Murphy all netted two goals apiece while Brad Harris and Curtis Campbell had their first goals of their career at Washington College.

But the real test came this past Saturday as Jason Paige and Greg Lawler took the stage and answered the call against the W&L Generals by displaying their incredible offensive ability as they both scored five goals apiece and greatly contributed to the 16-10 victory. Harris Murphy, who has not played in the past six match-ups due to injury, came into the game in the second half to score two key goals that helped Washington break away from an 11-10 margin. Chris Sanchez contributed two goals of his own while Chris Cote and Ted "RADO Zinger" Greeley each netted one. At mid-field Blair Muneses proved to be a contributing factor in the win by controlling ten of the eleven face-offs.

Once again, the Shoremen showed how explosive they can be in this one and that they are strong if not stronger in the fourth quarter. While Washington netted five goals during the final and decisive period, Goalie Bill Griffin had six of his fifteen saves during this period as the defense kept the Generals scoreless.

With a win against Haverford on Wednesday and a win Saturday, the Shoremen will have a definite spot in the MAC Eastern Division championship. The game Saturday versus third ranked Salisbury State University, traditionally a huge game, will be a real test as the Sho'men buckle down and prepare for what is historically referred to as "The War on the Shore." So bring your parents and anyone else you can grab and come out to cheer the Shoremen to victory!

NEWT'S Player of the Week

Amy McCleary

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And back to Seymour, you all know him, the tough guy in the ugly blue shirt (which he loves by the way) who takes care of crowd control at all sporting events on the Kib. Let us all step back in awe of this guy who tried to outwit The Vaughnster (Ha, what a joke) into taking on the laborious job of ball boy at the men's lax spectacle. "Ball boy, BALL BOY?" the Vaughnster said, laughing, "Get out 'a here kid. Here's a quarter. Go get a cream soda or something."

Now. . . Let's get busy. This week's Newt's POW is. . . Amy "Big MAC Attack" McCleary. This class of '93 St. Paul's graduate is the ultimate example of an offensive juggernaut. This season alone, in just 11 games, she's tallied 35 goals and 10 assists for a total of 45 points on the year. Not only can she do the job at any given moment but she can strike just as hard when hurt. She's played the last two games of the season with an injured hand and still made her presence felt as a force to be reckoned with. Nice Job BIG MAC, LARGE FRY, & LARGE DR. PEPPER!!

Crew Heads to Tennessee

By **Laura Green**
Staff Writer

With the rowers crammed into three school vans, The WC crew teams set off to spend Easter Weekend down south. Sunny Oakridge, Tennessee was the site of the Southern Invitational Rowing Association Regatta, where crews from all over gathered along the grassy banks of the river.

The Women's Varsity four started off the day's competition by placing 5th in their heat. The Novice men's Four placed 3rd in their heat with a very fast time but were not fast enough as they were unable to make it to the finals. The Lightweight Varsity Four cruised in at 2nd place in their heat and took the silver medal in the finals. The Novice Women's Four tore through their competition with a 1st place in their heat. This boat, made up of Stroke-Tonya Howell, Mary Clay Thomas, Jen Dougherty, bow-Alexandra Geller and coxswain-Amy Bortmes, finished 2nd in the finals and brought home another silver medal. The Men also raced a Varsity Pair With Cox and finished 2nd in their final. The Varsity Women's Pair Without took 5th place in the final.

This weekend will be the Washington College Invitational Regatta. Races down on the Chester start at 10:00, so come catch the WC rowers as they row against crews such as Georgetown, Trinity, Johns Hopkins, and St. Johns University.

Also at the invitational, there will be WC crew Tee shirts for sale and of course the biggest attraction, the Hot Washington College crew team (Now that's the way to spice up an article, Laura).

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Washington	16
W&L	10

Women's Tennis

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JHU	0
Washington	9
St. Mary's	0

Men's Tennis

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Women's Lacrosse

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Salisbury	20
Washington	7
Gettysburg	15

Photo by Gary Brown

Anthony Black, former Newt's POW, kicks off to the opposing team as T.H. and Dan Kretzer look on in anticipation. If you haven't caught a match this season, the Rugby Club plays its last tournament of the year, the 2nd annual President's Cup Tournament this Saturday, the 25th, at Worton Park. Matches start at noon and continue all day. Don't miss it!

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May Day Tradition Still Strong At W.C.

By **John Griep**
News Editor

The Washington College May Day tradition began in the late 1960's with poetry readings and dancing around a Maypole. These celebrations were originally suggested by Professor Bennett Lamond. "Professor . . . Lamond's freshman English class was discussing Gerard Manley Hopkins' poem *Spring*, the traditions of May Day and how its rituals demonstrate that 'Nothing is so beautiful as Spring.' Caught up in the spirit of the poetry, Professor Lamond suggested to his class that they go beyond simply reading about May Day and hold a celebration of their own. On the morning of May 1, the class met outside, erected a Maypole, and welcomed in spring with wine, cookies, strawberries, and dancing. When the festivities ended, the Maypole was taken down."[1] "[A]fter a couple of years . . . [t]here was the May Pole that went astray. . . . [T]he streamer-covered contraption was left upon the campus lawn overnight. . . . Some students . . . relocated the pole to the front of Hodson Hall. . . . It was this rogue Maypole that kicked off the unlikely tradition that has had WC students stripping ever since."[2]

"In 1978 the naked May hordes of WC had reached a new level of audacity. . . . No longer content just to show themselves off to each other, [the streakers] . . . attempted to capture a new audience - the passing motorists on Rt. 213. . . . [A] mattress was tossed into the roadway to slow down the cars enough to allow groups of students to rush out into the roadway and put on a show for the visibly horrified drivers. . . . Students swarmed over the stopped cars, grabbing the hoods and shaking themselves for the benefit of those inside. One woman complained and Sheriff's Deputy LaMonte Cooke responded by driving slowly past the college on 213. . . ."[3]

Cooke's unmarked car was also surrounded, but the streakers fled when they realized a police officer was inside. Cooke hid behind a hedge and managed to grab Peter "Miami" Abronski. Students marched on the jail, chanting "Free Miami!" "By this time Cooke had called for a State Police backup and troopers from four counties had surrounded the jailhouse to keep the mob of students from attempting to breakout Abronski who was inside being escorted to a holding cell in nothing but sneakers and a sweater that someone had given him. 'So here I was,' Abronski was quoted as saying, 'going up there where all the inmates are. Boy did they love me. They loved it. They could hear all the people out on the street yelling for me.' The crowd was finally dispersed after Dean Ed Maxcy promised the group that he would get the partially clothed Abronski out of the clink if they would all go back home. . . . The deputies were more than happy to hand Abronski over to Maxcy."[4]

In recent years, poetry readings have been held in the O'Neill Literary House and nude volleyball and golf has taken place on campus. Streaking (through dorms, the library, etc.) also remains a favorite activity. "When asked his thoughts on what May Day has become, Professor Lamond responded, 'It's gross and disgusting... and I'm delighted.'"[5] Two years ago, the Chestertown Police "interrupted the annual May Day reading on charges that it was 'too loud.' They threatened that a second visit would enable them to press charges. . . . According to Director of Security, Jerry Roderick, Security then visited the Literary House after 'the noise level went up again. Security attempted to intervene before the police would have to come back, but students were not cooperative.' Roderick stated that subsequently several nude students crossed the road at the crosswalk. . . ."[6]

The **ELM** spoke with members of the Washington College administration concerning this year's May Day activities.

President Trout re-

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Phi Delta Theta Frat Receives National Charter

By **Patrick Attenasio**
Editor-in-Chief

After two years of existence as a probationary colony, brothers of Phi Delta Theta, a recently formed fraternity at Washington College, celebrated their final accomplishment of achieving national chapter status last Friday, April 25, in a private ceremony. The occasion took place at the First United Methodist Church in Chesterown with members from the fraternity's national headquarters and Western Maryland, WC Phi Delt's brother chapter, in attendance. A public ceremony was held at the same location the following morning for friends and parents.

What this national charter means to the Phi Delts, according to Maureen McIntire, Dean of Student Affairs, is that the fraternity now ranks equally with the college's other two official national charters, Kappa Alpha and Theta Chi. "Besides the fact that they are no longer on a probationary status," McIntire stated, "not much else changes from when they were a colony." Since their beginning as an interest group, the Phi Delts have been permitted the right to stage parties, group housing, and participate in the Greek games under their fraternity's name.

Phi Delta Theta's presence at Washington College can be traced back to the Fall of 1989, when freshman Chris Kleberg, founding member of the fraternity, was unsatisfied with the selection of Greek organizations. Said Kleberg, "My father was a Phi Delt at Texas Tech, and many of my friends were fraternity members at the University of Virginia. So I had seen first hand how organized, functional fraternities operated."

Chris Vaughn, another founding member of the fraternity along with Kleberg and Sorry Charlie Linehan, was also concerned with the condition of Greek organizations at WC in 1989. "A lot of us were afraid to join the Lambdas," Vaughn stated, "and back then the Thetas were split between the older guys, accustomed to traditional methods of initiation, and the younger guys who are in charge now...the ones who turned that frat around. And then there were the Sigs, who had just lost their charter." Both Phi Delts were concerned about joining fraternities that were not close-knit, lacked organization, or existed mainly as a drinking club. That's when the idea to start their own fraternity began.

"We [the Phi Delts] really arrived on campus at the right time," Kleberg stated. Both Kleberg and Vaughn agree the fraternity scene at WC has dramatically changed for the better since 1989. "Our presence," said Kleberg, "Along with positive changes in some of the other frats, like the Thetas, brought stability, and a new facet to the Greek system."

The founding members got the ball rolling when Kleberg's mother called the Phi Delt national headquarters, founded in 1840 at the University of Miami in Oxford, Ohio. Bob Fitzpatrick, Phi Delta chapter consultant, visited Washington College to ensure it properly represented the three ideals of the fraternity; (1) rectitude, (2) sound learning, and (3) friendship. On March 30, 1990, Fitzpatrick inducted the WC group as an official colony of Phi Delta Theta.

With only fourteen mem-

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Photo courtesy of the Phi Delta Theta

Phi Delts recieve national charter from Bob Fitzpatrick, chapter consultant

Closing Credits

I would like the public to know that I am a poet first and a would-be assassin last.

-John W. Hinckley, Jr.

Well, that's all for me folks! As much as I'd like to stay in Chestertown the rest of my life and write editorials, it's time to move on to the big leagues (**NOTE**: I haven't exactly been called up to the majors yet, so if you own a newspaper, and are looking for a young loudmouthed editor willing to work 36 hours shifts for a reasonable salary- I'm thinking in the six figure range - then I'm your man).

At this point in the year, past editors of the **ELM** have often utilized their editorial space to apologize or justify their tenure's shortcomings. I, on the other hand, feel no such need for any retractions. I accomplished everything I set out to with this newspaper, but in no way accept the credit. Credit goes to where credit is due, and my illustrious staff deserves it all. As former *Washington Post* editor Ben Bradlee explained to me several weeks ago, hire the best people available to do the work for you. I did just that.

The roots of my staff date back to the Fall of 1990, when, unsatisfied with the current status of the *WC ELM*, I conjured several of my friends into launching an independent paper, *This Is Not The Elm*. You know the rest of the story. Griep just sort of showed up and started writing articles. I dug Justin out from underneath a pile of D & D games, and told him I needed someone who could do more with a computer than play Tetris. Pretty soon, even back then, I had Tarin doing some A&E stuff. You think she's feisty now, you should have seen her back then in Justin's dorm room at 4 am. Goebel's also been taking pictures for us since the *This Is Not*...days, that is when he's not stealing rocks from Route 50.

Fast forward a bit to December 1991 when I finally received the legitimate job as official **ELM** editor. I basked in the glory for all of two seconds before realizing that after two years of mocking the institution, I suddenly was the institution, and had better put up some impressive numbers or fear the triumphant return of Laura Hopper.

I already had Adriane, Trish, and Julie from the previous **ELM** staff, three women who till this day I'm not quite sure what they do, but I know they do it damn well. Adriane tells me not to worry about the budget. Trish delivers the paper on Friday mornings long before I ever wake up, and Julie, despite being an Orioles fan, takes care of everything else. I considered Tarin perfect for the A&E job, and Justin "Font-zy" Cann (un)willingly agreed to sign up as Layout Editor. Both have done a splendid job. Along with Griepy, who again just sort of showed up and started writing articles, they are in the office most of the night, and make the calls when I'm at hope writing my thesis and editorials.

Next I needed some Sports editors. For a person whose sports interest begins and ends with the New York Yankees and Jets, I could have cared less what was happening with WAC Athletics. That's why I made sure I hired probably the two largest fans of Washington College sports that ever sat in the bleachers of Cardinal Yards. I am of course referring to the Bleacher Creatures - Oh, **IN YER FACE!** - Spiderman and the Vaughnster, otherwise known to their mothers as Charlie Linehan and Chris Vaughn. I got to tell you, I was hesitant with this one. Vaughn's application contained the phrase "Far out!" like 17 times, and Charlie...well, he came up to me one day and -burp- said he wanted to help the Vaughnster out. Believe me, I was nervous. But they have turned out to be an absolute smash, improving probably the paper's worst section until this semester, into a weekly power-packed four page section! They're always the first ones done (hussling it on over to Newt's for a little POW payola), and are probably the most read section besides my beloved editorials!

All of us, of course, would be nothing without our writers. Each section editor had their own little clique - I think the Sports guys have something like 87 people writing for them - that continually got the job done. One thing I did not want to do with the **ELM** was do all the writing myself. I think through the semester we've had a total of maybe 35 to 40 students writing for us at one time or another. Of those - and you were all terrific - let me just mention the ones I worked most closely with: Amanda Burt-without a doubt, the ace of our staff. She was our most consistent news reporter, and the staff rebel. Never needed help on a story, rode everywhere on horseback, and refused pay. A week without a Burt article was like a July afternoon without sunshine; Sabrina Kenny-our very own Bricks and Mortar and Sports reporter!; Doug Smith and Chris Mihavetz-the guys we looked to in a crunch. Sure, they might be a little scary looking, but these two could deliver the goods; Mike Sapp and Smilin' Erin Page-the people who filled your days with humor and glee!; and to those who visited us every Wednesday night-Amy, Deb, Shields, Blakey, and of course, Gehrett (happy now?).

Other people I'd quickly like to thank include President Charles Trout-he took a lot of heat from me this semester, some of it deserved, but has been a great promoter of the paper, and a terrific administrator; Dr. Anderson and Dr. Brien of the Philosophy department-two of the smartest men I have ever met, and respect dearly. Get them to run for office in November; Bob Day-who will someday explain all of this to my mother; the English department-for all their collected assistance and understanding (Chaucer!); Richard Harwood-having this journalistic giant critique the **ELM** for me every Monday was like having sunshine on a July afternoon; and finally, Stu Neiman-for those of you who'll understand this-the man who truly gave me my start in journalism.

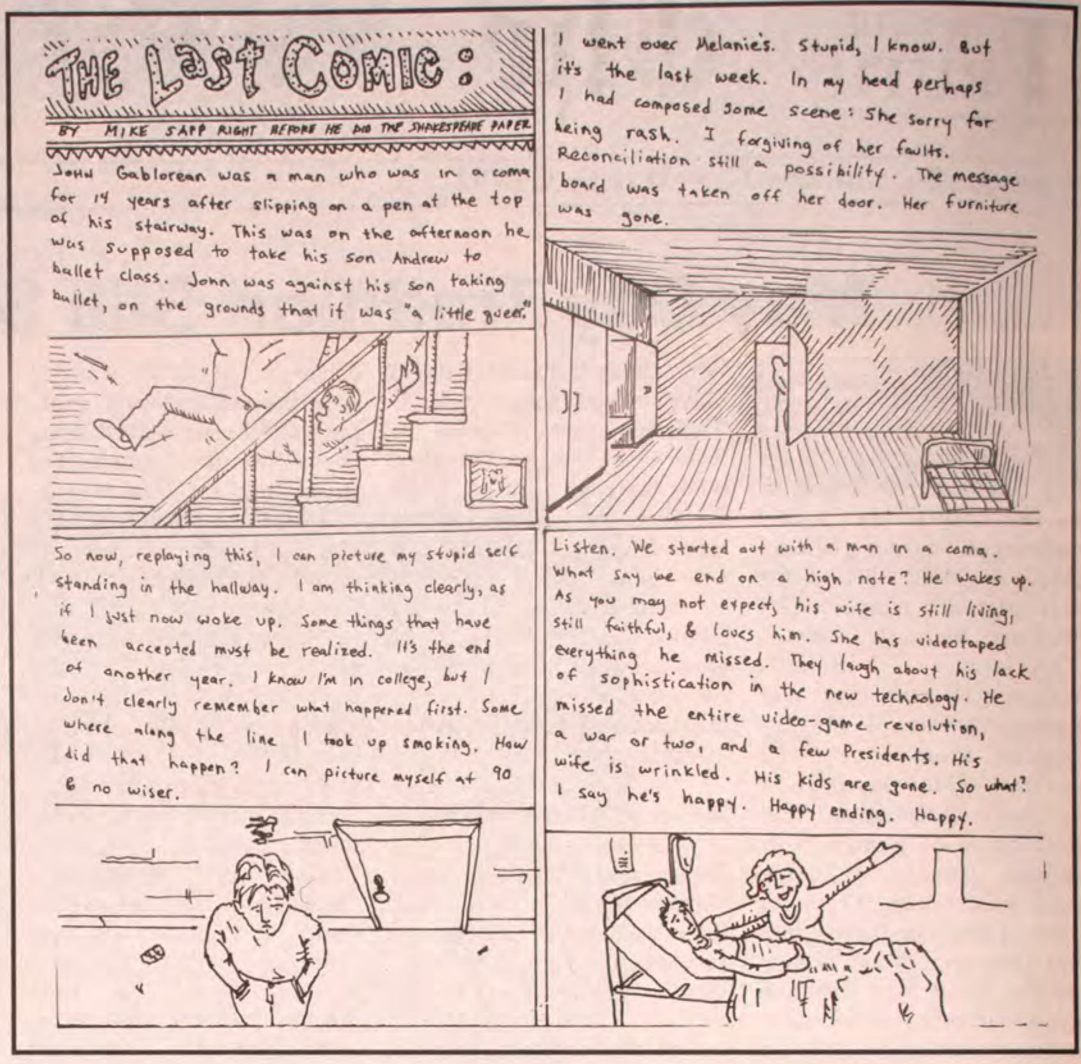
I feel like I should say one last controversial thing before I leave, so here it goes:

Congratulations to J. Tarin Towers - ELM Editor-in-Chief 92-93

I say this because, as a soon to be WC alumni, I look forward to reading Tarin's editorials next year. Watch out President Trout, she's got one heck of a backbone, and knows how to use it.

I'd also like to thank all the readers out there who have supported us over the past 14 weeks. From the get-go I understood the enormous communication value a newspaper can have on such a small college community. A quality paper could truly unite such a place, rather than alienate. You deserve a campus calendar, an SGA report, intelligent, timely reporting, fulls sports coverage, and most important, an arena to voice your opinion. For at such a place like WC, the individual's voice is still supposed to count for something. I'd like to think I did my best to reaffirm this point by resurrecting the near-dead **ELM**. I'd like to think my tenure will only be the beginning, a foot in the door, for the future success of the **Washington College ELM**. Sure *This Is Not*... was great fun, but this last semester has been much more satisfying.

That's about it for me. I've got tons more to say, but the red light's blinking, and so I must be going. So my friends, goodbye. Adios. Farewell. One last thing, can I keep the key to Reid Hall?


THE LAST COMIC:
BY MIKE SAPP RIGHT BEFORE HE DID THE SHAKESPEARE PAPER
JOHN Gablorean was a man who was in a coma for 14 years after slipping on a pen at the top of his stairway. This was on the afternoon he was supposed to take his son Andrew to ballet class. John was against his son taking ballet, on the grounds that it was "a little queer."
I went over Melanie's. Stupid, I know. But it's the last week. In my head perhaps I had composed some scene: She sorry for being rash. I forgiving of her faults. Reconciliation still a possibility. The message board was taken off her door. Her furniture was gone.
So now, replaying this, I can picture my stupid self standing in the hallway. I am thinking clearly, as if I just now woke up. Some things that have been accepted must be realized. It's the end of another year. I know I'm in college, but I don't clearly remember what happened first. Some where along the line I took up smoking. How did that happen? I can picture myself at 90 & no wiser.
Listen. We started out with a man in a coma. What say we end on a high note? He wakes up. As you may not expect, his wife is still living, still faithful, & loves him. She has videotaped everything he missed. They laugh about his lack of sophistication in the new technology. He missed the entire video-game revolution, a war or two, and a few Presidents. His wife is wrinkled. His kids are gone. So what? I say he's happy. Happy ending. Happy.

Letters to the Editor

Dr. Wolff on Sr. Reading

To the Editor:

The Senior Reading this year was a very fine thing. But the tone of the poetry, fiction, and prose was more pensive, more concerned with problems and weaknesses in the fabric of the world than what I remembered of the works read last year. Perhaps, as Troy suggested, this is because the outlook for this Senior Class is not especially hopeful: the arts, the economy, the environment—all seem threatened, all are threatened. I would rather believe that the literature reflects unusual awareness of the world condition—the kind of awareness that leads to action and to effective change. The Class of '92 is the first one I've seen through all four years at Washington College; what I know of some of its members helps me to be hopeful.

Beverly A. Wolff
Dept. of English

Criticism of Evaluation Forms

Dear Editor,

As the end of the semester draws near, faculty is beginning to hand out evaluation forms. This is the one time in the school year that I feel that I am able to contribute to the quality of the courses offered at Washington College. Also, these evaluation forms enable the students to express opinions and offer suggestions to the faculty anonymously, without fear of repurcussions.

This year, things seem to be different. On the top of the current evaluation forms is a sentence stating: "Responses are not retyped and students concerned about anonymity may wish to consider the form of their handwriting." This potentially causes a grave problem not only for the student filling out the evaluations, but for the teacher recieving them.

First, as much as the faculty and the students would hope that grades are purely objective, in reality there is a subjective influence that can not be ignored. Professors have access to a student's handwriting throughout the semester via quizzes, homework assignments, exams, etc. Professors usually recollect these assignments in order to prevent plagiarism, and therefore have an unofficial record of an individual's handwriting. Although I realize that there are sometimes hundreds of these handwritten documents in a professor's possession, handwriting is a distinctive stamp of an individual and there is that chance it would be recognized on the evaluation form by the professor. Don't try and attempt to persuade that a negative evaluation would not effect my grade marginally if I took another class by this professor. I suppose since I am right

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Faculty Provide Insight on Sophie Kerr Prize

By **Amanda Burt**
Staff Writer

Graduation this year at WC will mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the presentation of the Sophie Kerr Prize, the largest known undergraduate literary award in the United States. Established in 1968, the prize is given to the graduating senior who displays the most potential for pursuing literary endeavors. While there are currently no plans for a reunion of past winners, Professor Bennett Lamond, Chair of the Department of English, says that there may be a reunion organized for next year.

The **ELM** asked several members of the Sophie Kerr Committee to reflect on their experience with the award and found, with the exception of one, that there was a remarkable unanimity in favor of the prize and the literary opportunities that Kerr's endowment has created for WC.

Lamond has been teaching at WC since the prize was first awarded, and he explains that Kerr, a native of Denton, Maryland, was a struggling writer in the early twentieth century. Through perseverence and sacrifice, she succeeded in her writing career and continued to publish novels and short stories. When she died in 1965, her will specified that half of the interest on her bequest to WC be used for the Sophie Kerr Prize, while the other half should be allocated for scholarships, purchases of library books, and other honorable literary activities.

Lamond says that Kerr "has made the literary possibilities at WC, and we owe her a great deal." He claims that the prize only symbolizes the larger endowment, and the press often fails to recognize that her bequest is responsible for other events on campus such as workshops.

He believes that the Sophie Kerr Committee, which consists of the President of the College and the faculty of the English department, must broadly interpret what "literary endeavors" means. "We believe that the prize was meant to save writers from pragmatic difficulties. She was a struggling writer wanting to prevent others from the early days of struggling," he says. But Lamond also notes that the prize is available to any graduating senior with no stipulation as to how the money is to be used by the winner.

The amount of the prize grew to be as much as $35,000 but has recently balanced at approximately $25,000. Lamond does not feel as if the amount is excessive. "Although some people do think its excessive, I don't think so," he states. "I believe that Sophie Kerr wanted to relieve the recipient of the award of financial difficulty." He feels there is no need to split the money into several pieces so that it is available to more than one person. He claims that such an act is not feasible according to the specifications of the will. "It is not what she intended."

Dr. Nancy Tatum, a member of the department of English, was also here when the tradition of the Sophie Kerr Prize began. She also claims that while some people find the amount of money to be appalling, she finds that the prize is not excessive given the cost of graduate education today. "They worry that there are no strings attached, but Sophie Kerr didn't make any," she says. Because Kerr sympathized with what it means to have to write and provide for oneself, Tatum admits that the benefactor of the prize is given an opportunity to realize his or her literary possibilities.

She also acknowledges that Kerr's will sets wide goals. "'Literary endeavors' has to be broad in interpretation without breaking the intent of the prize," she says. Tatum notes that the money was first used to pay off undergraduate debts, while others invested the money. She claims that some recent winners were disappointed that they did not use the money more wisely and felt that it is difficult to be entirely "sane" about the prize. Tatum believes that the money is better used to advance degrees.

She is careful to say that one should not expect immediate success from the recipient of the prize. "Success comes at different times and different ways. That's a real tribute to the Sophie Kerr Prize. Generosity is when you don't tie strings." Tatum adds that Kerr's endowment has done "wonderful things" for WC, as it makes the college more attractive to potential students.

Professor Robert Day, the Director of the Creative Writing Program in the Department of English, believes that the "real prize" is the half of Kerr's bequest that benefits literary activities for the other students at WC. He lists the Sophie Kerr Scholarships enabling exceptional students to come to the college, library books, grants to the Writer's Union for literary magazines, and scholar/writer lecture series and workshops as the primary profits of Kerr's endowment.

Day arrived at WC in 1970 and claims that the Sophie Kerr Prize has consistently sought out good students and enhanced the literary program at the college. "My impression is that the prize has helped virtually all of its recipients and done exactly what Kerr intended," he says. Day notes that the prize has been imitated by "no less a philanthropic luminary than James Michener." The Michener Awards at the University of Iowa were modeled on the Sophie Kerr Prize.

"Students who don't win the prize form an honor roll of students who are successful in literary endeavors," he says. "Students who have been active finalists in the past have gone on to be publishers and editors, and scholars in Universities. It is to the credit of the other half of the prize that this happens."

Dr. Thomas Cousineau is among the faculty of the English Department, and he admits that the Sophie Kerr Prize together with the other half of the endowment is important for WC. However, he does believe that the Sophie Kerr Prize is an award based upon an expectation of an achievement. He notes that an award is usually given either in recognition of or in expectation of an achievement. "Students don't feel obligated to fulfill that expectation. The award has been most useful for students going on to graduate work which is not necessarily in the field of creative writing."

Though he does not have personal experience with students, his impression is that there is a lot of competition among students for the prize that breeds enmity and anger. "I really do believe that anyone who has any real talent doesn't care about external awards. A real writer will be indifferent to winning or losing the prize. In the past when I've heard that a student was angry at not winning, I've taken that response as a sign of lack of talent," he says.

Because he does not think that anyone deserves the excessive amount of money, he feels that a terrible injustice is not done if one of his candidates was not the recipient of the prize. He admits that the committee work is extremely difficult, as he is unfamiliar with the emotional impact of the competition on the students. Whenever he has disagreed with a decision in the past, he believes that the decision was justified on the basis of objective merit and not for political reasons.

As a new member of the Sophie Kerr Committee, President Trout understands

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1991 Sophie Kerr Prize Winner Tells What It's Really Like

Rob Thompson

When President Trout handed me the envelope at graduation last year, he said, "Congratulations." I took the envelope with my left hand, shook his hand with my right and I said, "holy shit," which isn't very eloquent at all. Nobody heard me except for him. I did not write $24,950 worth of short stories and articles in my four years at Washington College, but thanks anyway. I'll take it.

Few seniors seem to care enough about the prize to submit a portfolio. Why, on this task (reading portfolios) do we suddenly decide to give the English department a break? Why aren't there more portfolios for them to read? Is everyone at W.C. already so rich that a large sum of money is not worth the effort? Is everyone so clairvoyant that they know for sure, at age 21, that they will never write anything worth reading? Don't be stupid. Make something up. That's what fiction is all about.

Just as the prize shouldn't change your outlook on life before you win it, it shouldn't change your outlook after you win it either. It is a pat on the back from some professors - a finite pile of money - but your writing does not magically change.

To tell you the truth, nothing bores me more than talking about the Sophie Kerr Prize. No, I have not published anything yet, but I will. Don't you worry about it. Yes, I have done a good bit of writing, and I'll go back to school when I'm good and ready to do so.

Here's how I spent what I spent so far:

1 St. Croix 9 weight fly fishing outfit.

1 cap for my pick up truck.

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Happy Meals.

2 plants. Both plants are legal. Their names are Marcy and Kevin.

1 Hoover Double Duty 300 Wet Dry Mini-Vac. This is actually a glorified dust buster. It takes 16 hours to charge, but it loses that charge after five minutes of actual busting. I empathize.

Rain gear for Alaska. Alaska is the noisiest place in the world. It is full of loud float planes, and chain saws, and all manner of very loud boats. Don't go there for peace and quiet. I was almost run over by "The Love Boat" there.

I bought other stuff, too. Jonathan Newell wants to sell me the rest of his CD's to support his rafting habit. Well, that's enough of that. Hey! Would you be interested in a subscription to the Maryland Gazettte. . .

Faculty Reflect on Sophie Kerr Prize

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that the faculty of the English department takes the Sophie Kerr competition with "the greatest seriousness." Last year was the first time that Trout participated in the evaluation process of the committee. "Reading the Sophie Kerr Prize submissions was incontrovertable evidence that a great deal of positive activities are happening on campus," he says.

Trout admits he was impressed with the quality of observations made by the committee and found the whole process reassured him that WC has valuable faculty and students. "The work of the leading contenders was staggering in its excellence. I came away with feelings of great pride about student's accomplishments," he says.

He adds that the prize is very peculiar and unique to WC and that the college should showcase the competition more than it does. "I don't think the money is too excessive," he notes and explains that the money is important, as it provides recipients with an important freedom from financial responsibility.

"The prize says something symbolically about what we think is important for young people to be doing," he says. "It's a symbol of one's intellectual growth and attainment beyond WC's years."

Dr. Richard C. DeProspo, Associate Professor for the Department of English and Chair of American Studies, is the one dissenting voice among members of the Sophie Kerr Committee. DeProspo says he will attend the committee selection meeting but will neither participate nor vote for any candidate. He is concerned with the effect of the competition on those who do not win and claims that the entire process is extremely harmful for students.

"Students are encouraged to turn into servile sheep in their relations with the English faculty. They are encouraged to be cut-throat competitors with other students, and the English faculty turn into smug, pompous authoritarians to students,"he says.

DeProspo cites a Mark Twain quotation stating that "nobody with a weak stomach should be forced to watch either a sausage or laws being made." Similarly, he believes that no one should be forced to watch Sophie Kerr winners being made. "It poisons all relationships between students and English faculty," he states.

Three years ago DeProspo suggested altering the prize in order to make it less of a contest and more of an award, or scholarship. His idea was to distribute three ten thousand dollar grants that would require the English department to supplement the income. While DeProspo says he is aware that this would require Kerr's will to be broken, he claims that numerous other wills have been broken. "How could we be accused of breaking the will with a malign interest? If the English department is worried that some 31st cousin in Denton is going to sue for breaking the will, I think that cousin has more to sue about now considering the damage the prize has done," he says.

When he presented his alternative idea, DeProspo claims that the Chair of the English department threatened him with serious reprisals. "I agreed to continue to pretend to be clairvoyant and determine what single graduating student had the most literary potential even though I had become increasingly convinced after fifteen years that the prize and its aura did harm to students, encouraged the worst kind of elitism and philistinism and was against literary endeavors," he states.

DeProspo admits that he is hesitant to speak openly with the **ELM**. "The situation is so injurious to students that I'm reluctant to talk to the **ELM**. I fear reprisals to students who carry my message and people who report what I say. I feel as if talking candidly exposes students to retribution."

He conveys to all Sophie Kerr Prize contenders that he has removed himself from the process. "I want all aspirants to know that I have nothing to do with annointing the Sophie Kerr winner anymore because I don't want my relations with the students I value most to continue to be corrupted."

Evaluation Forms

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handed, I could fill out the evaluation form with my left. In this case, there is no reason to worry, as the professor wouldn't be able to read my comments.

Secondly, as in other professional areas, evaluations are used to determine promotions, raises, and possible changes that would improve performance. As students, we are the most qualified to make these evaluations and the fear of being identified may influence the honesty placed in the comments. Therefore, the faculty may not be recieving accurate feedback and ultimately the level of academic professionalism may be compromised.

I hope that hand written evaluation forms will not become standard at Washington College. An alternative solution may be to install a folder on the computer network with a standardized class evaluation form. Students then could type their comments. This would protect anonymity, while omitting the work of retyping the forms.

Sincerely,
Tanya L. Cunic

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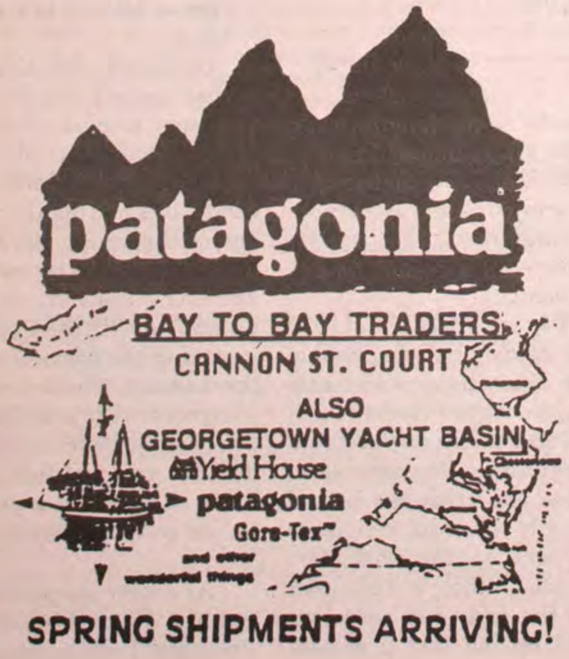

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WC Officials Discuss May Day

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marked, "From the Middle Ages and the Renaissance to the present, the Feast of the May has been a time to celebrate regeneration. With so many positive developments at Washington College, it seems appropriate that we jubilantly commemorate rebirth. At the same time, the average person in town will not understand the more picturesque aspects of this moment. I would implore one and all to be sensitive to tasteful conduct."

Dean Maureen McIntire commented, "The risk, obviously, has to do with the institution's proximity to 213 and the concern about students crossing 213 and traffic hazards, etc., as well as some almost parental-type concerns that have to do with numbers of students on the campus with not just bare feet. In the past, we have had kids who've gotten caught and one thing or the other, so there is that concern about a certain safety concern involved.

May Day is one of those funny events on this campus . . . it probably comes as close to being a traditional activity . . . there have been May Day activities on this campus since I came to the institution. They have taken on a different character almost every year, from things that were purely rooted in an academic tradition to things that were very unpleasant in nature . . . years in which large numbers of naked students were running down 213 and really making both traffic hazards and very poor relationships with the community . . . where students have been arrested as a result of their participation in May Day. Those represent the two extremes. Basically, the May Day celebration has fallen somewhere in between those two extremes. By and large, students have stayed on the campus and it's been a kind of student event without much institutional sanction or disapproval.

My concern this year, specifically, as it relates to May Day, would be the same concern that I would have about the potential for any large event is that it falls between the two days of senior comprehensives. I see that as the issue here, that for many of our seniors their chance at graduating depends on their success on their senior comprehensives. I would hate to think that anything would be more important to our student body than that."

Washington College Security Director Jerry Roderick stated, "One thing about May Day that everyone should understand is that running around naked is against the law and is subject to arrest by local police jurisdictions. What we want students to understand is that they should limit such activity to nighttime hours. Often we get complaints from motorists about students running around during the day and that gives the college a bad image and isn't good for town-gown relations.

May Day activities causes me a lot of concern because of often careless behavior by students. It is well known in this community that this event occurs every year and therefore if attracts some local people. And we've had problems every year with these people on campus. With the student body mixing with a group of observers . . . often tempers flare and some assaults take place.

We understand that it is May Day and students want to carry on their traditional activities, however, we're more concerned about students who are under a lot of pressure preparing for senior comps and final exams. Obviously, May Day activities become noisy and disruptive to those students preparing for their end of semester obligations. We are not going to allow activities to carry into the wee hours of the night this year. We're asking for everyone's cooperation in keeping the event within reason. . . . After midnight, we'll come in and say it's time to break it up and quiet the campus again. Certainly we don't condone this behavior nor do we support it. It is risky behavior and we ask that everyone act with extreme caution."

[1] Jenifer Grindle, "On the first of May - seize the day," The Washington College Elm, 27 April 1990, 6.

[2] Tom Schuster, "May Day . . . a time to go naked," The Washington College Elm, 25 April 1986, 5.

[3] Ibid.

[4] Ibid.

[5] Jenifer Grindle, "On the first of May - seize the day," The Washington College Elm, 27 April 1990, 6.

[6] Tracey Connell, "May Day revelers visited by local police," The Washington College Elm, 4 May 1990, 1.

Phi Delts Get National Charter

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bers, the fraternity faced many obstacles at first as a brand new organization. Said Kleberg, "We had a three year period to write our chapter's by-laws. In other words, we had three years to figure out what we wanted these to be." Added Vaughn, "We lacked consulting with other fraternities on campus about their by-laws. We went mostly on the hearsay of others...other Phi Delta chapters in the country."

"We didn't know anything at first," Kleberg stated. "We didn't have any alumni support, we were on our own. All we had was just our consultants."

The Phi Delts encountered further difficulties when of their original fourteen members, four dropped out, either for financial reasons, or to transfer to other colleges. However, the fraternity had the strongest pledge class of the Spring Rush 1991, with thirty members. "We were then on track to becoming a strong colony," Vaughn stated. "That first pledge class was a big obstacle for us, considering we had never done it before," said Vaughn, adding, "We had to decide what we wanted as far as an initiation went...how we were going to eliminate the traditional form of hazing. So, we decided that whatever a pledge does, so too does his big brother."

"Of the fraternities three ideals," Vaughn added, "We really stress friendship." Kleberg agreed, stating, "All of us are good friends. But that doesn't mean we come from just one element of the campus population. We are looking for well-rounded individuals, a good mix of guys, to continue on with the Phi Delt tradition."

The Phi Delts received their national charter this past weekend by successfully proving they could operate to headquarter's standards, while keeping their finances in order. To accomplish these goals, the fraternity had to complete the draft of their by-laws.

"Our main concern now that we have reached our original goal," said Vaughn, "Is not to fade away. We want to keep the same ideals, the same pledge standards, impress our new members of what this fraternity was formed for." Kleberg agreed, adding he is confident the Phi Delts will continue to

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Julie Greene

Many seniors have reached a point of internal conflict where they cannot decide whether they are glad to be out of here or they feel they are not yet ready for the real world. These fears and doubts are not unlike the ones which plagued us as freshmen.

We all know to expect to survive the period of readjustment; we are just hoping it will be as painless as possible. Our real concerns are whether or not the education and experiences we have had at Washington College will support our future endeavors. We may be experiencing feelings of inadequacy, insecurity, and unpreparedness as we wonder if we will remember all we learned. We are leaving college with more questions than answers. But that's okay. It's expected.

Like entering adulthood, joining reality does not mean automatic stability. The human race is still evolving, due largely to its undying curiosity. Along with this curiosity comes the ability to adapt. As freshmen, we were beginning our own personal era of independence. Wondering how we would discover our self identities, we learned that the values taught to us by our parents were not left at home; they shape our futures. Like those values, our education and experiences at WC will influence our futures, in whichever direction we choose.

Hopefully we also learned that no one is infallible or omnipotent. We found all too often that professors and administrators are people with their own deadlines and goals. Students must learn to represent themselves actively if they want to see the goals they envisioned completed. The experiences we have had negotiating with the faculty and administration should serve us well when we try to deal with our contemporaries and superiors in our careers.

Most importantly, we should remember the friendships that were created and maintained through our undergraduate years, especially the unexpected ones. Too many times people make character judgements quickly without an objective basis. It will serve us well to remember that not every situation is merely black or white, and to allow some degree of time and tolerance when we confront our conflicts. Without the support of our friends, as well as our families, the tasks at hand would never have been accomplished.

"What is all this juice and all this joy?"

Gerard Manley Hopkins

Moonpile

Hey freshmen! Do you remember when you didn't want to go to the prom, because it was going to be so lame, but your mom (or your 'significant other') talked you into it by saying, "If you don't go you'll regret it." So you went, and you had a really bad time anyway. I mean people were lined up at the doors to get out of there, that's how bad it was. Mostly people just wanted to get to the after-prom party at the house of some poor schlep whose folks left for prom week (duh). This immediately prompted all of his friends to plan a party in the house with seven kegs and two hundred people, all of them experimenting with cigarettes an beer, and only finding out that the cherry makes a neat hole in anything made of polyester.

Well, I kind of understand where your mom was coming from. She'd been to her own prom, and it had been a blast for her, but that was in those innocent(?) days when the dance was most of the fun. She genuinely did not want you to miss so much fun. She just didn't realize that dances like that, or the Birthday Ball, really bite.

And you did it again, you said, this time to yourself, "If I don't go to the Birthday Ball, I'll really regret it." And you did regret going, and your tux or dress cost you umpteen hundred bucks that could have just as easily gone to cigarettes and beer, and didn't fit anyway, causing you to fidget, or convincing you that you were fat.

So I'm going to say it to you, even though by now you've probably learned the lesson, "Come to May Day, and come nekked, or you'll really regret it. Besides, this time the suit is free, it fits perfectly, and it will last a lifetime." And you won't come, because you know what "you'll regret it" means (but if you will come, stop reading now, take off your clothes and join me in some vollyball).

Now *me*, I'm stupid. By May Day of my freshman year I still hadn't learned the lesson. I found myself in the showers of First Floor Caroline, thinking, "If I don't strip, I'm going to regret it."

Of course I was already nekked, being in the shower and all, so I stepped out of the shower, and dryed myself off with my towel. Instead of wrapping that towel around my waist, as was my usual practice, I simply strode proudly out of the showers and back to my room. On the way, I passed a girl who lived on my hall, who I was not particularly embarrassed to be nekked in front of (She'd tucked me into bed a few times when I was so drunk I could not move). She laughed at me, of course, and I closed the door in my room.

I was caught in a quandary. Embarrassment had set in, yet I still wanted to participate. I decided on a transitional stage; I borrowed a miniskirt from another girl on my hall. Clad in that, and nothing else, I ventured forth into the evening.

I arrived at the Lit House theater deck and began to dance with the many non-nekked people there. I was mildly confused. Why weren't these people nekked? Apparently, it was just not late enough. One person was nekked however, and everybody laughed at my miniskirt get up. Other people that didn't notice thought that I was wearing a brown towel.

So we start some reading, and the cops came because we were being to loud in cheering on the readers. People formed a human wall around the nekked person and me. I think I'd rather be nekked and in jail, than in jail in a miniskirt and nothing else. The cops went away, and eventually I doffed the skirt entirely, just as other people were beginning to become nekked. Other craziness ensued.

I was forever a different person after that night. I am a firm believer in what your mom told you. Many of you will not take off all of your clothes and prance around today. When you are forty, you *will* regret it. Since you have learned your lesson from the Birthday Ball and your mom, I will put it so that you can understand it, "Don't strip for May Day, or you'll regret it."

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would like to formally apologize to Amnesty International, GALA, and Talbot House for any mix-ups in the 1992 Pegasus. We hope everyone enjoys the yeabook. Watch out for the Spring Supplement, which will be coming your way in September of 1992

Four Years of the ELM

Julie Greene

The past four years of journalism at Washington College have culminated into what looks and reads like a real campus newspaper. Besides surviving five editorships and three underground rivals, in its attempt to serve the changing interests of the student body the **ELM** has accepted considerable criticism and has returned to its first degree caliber of journalism.

Small newspapers tend to reflect the style of the editors, mainly the editor-in-chief, and this has been especially true of the **ELM**. This may be considered an issue of criticism by some readers, but for such an intimate operation it is necessary to set the tone and succeed with a cooperative effort from all.

Four years ago, Jennifer Harrison had the monumental task of succeeding Andrea Kehoe in the editorship of this paper. Harrison maintained the **ELM**'s respectability, with the content continuing to be a good mix of campus, national, and international news.

When Susan DiLeo took over the reins in the fall of 1989, the paper added a new regular beat, the police report. While it received considerable criticism, it was also seen by many as a positive reinforcement to student responsibility. As the Cater administration faded out, and the new president prepared to move in, the staff hoped for a greater give and take relationship with the President's Office.

The next academic year was a good year for journalism on campus. Although the **ELM** was bombarded for criticism concerning its poor grammar and layout, the weak features, the cut and paste art, and the increasing amount of syndicated articles in its pages, journalism on-campus was thriving. At the time it may not have been seen by the members of the staff as positive, but the birth of *This Is Not The Elm* was the best thing that could have happened to the **ELM**.

This Is Not The Elm, and later *OffSET*, showed the potential a student newspaper could have on this campus. Besides carrying real campus news (The **ELM** that year was a puppet of the SGA presidency), for the first time in years format became a newly discovered tool of journalism.

After a dismal year, the Board of Publications decided not to hand the editorship to another senior, since they feared a senior's heavy workload would interfere with the quality of the **ELM**. The truth is it is usually the other way around, with the paper controlling the editor's life and study schedule. Sophomore Sherry Menton joined the **ELM** staff and proceeded to shape it into a once again respectable publication. The additions of the *Weekly Absurdity* and *Josephine the Fly* columns added some editorial flair to the paper.

This semester witnessed a turning point in the **ELM**'s history as Patrick Attenasio changed the direction of the campus paper while bringing a fresh look to the **ELM**. Besides experimenting with the banner and occasionally adding color, fewer jumps between pages were necessary to read through an article.

While abandoning national and international news unless it was relevant to student life and campus activities, Attenasio focused the **ELM** on campus news. News which had been present all along, but which had not been covered thoroughly in the past. Beats were assigned and regular news features included SGA and faculty meetings, and in-depth interviews with students and faculty.

Opinion editorials once again were potent, contrary to the weak featuresques of the past year. **ELM** staffers were not only reporting accurate facts and interviewing multiple sources, but interpreting the news for the campus community.

The Sports section has seen many dramatic changes over the years. This year marks the return of the Player of the Week, reminiscent of the Athlete of the Week during 1988-89. Not since Carter Boatner's supervision has the **ELM** seen such a strong sports section. Sports now dominates the back page with energetic photos of powerful athletic campus characters.

To counterbalance the Player of the Week, the Arts & Entertainment section has begun recognizing students with academic and artistic talents, who are featured in the Student Profile. Meanwhile, the campus calendar has changed over the years from a descriptive article to an accurate and brief listing of events related to the campus.

With the new appearance as well as solid content the **ELM** has featured this year, the revival of journalism on-campus could be considered by many to be at its peak. The hope is that it has only begun and that the future editors will continue to explore and improve upon the **ELM**'s stature and the quality of news it represents.

The one consistency among the editors of the **ELM** over the last four years has been the complaint on deadline night, "Where are the letters to the editor?" Let's hope the new consistency is accuracy and integrity.

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This Is Not A Commentary

John Griep

The last commentary I wrote (Off**SET**, Feb. 14,1991) probably cost me the election for SGA Treasurer (which was undoubtedly for the best since I have enough trouble balancing my *own* checkbook).

On our wall in the **ELM** office, we have a quote from Hippolyte de Villemessant, which states: "A journalist whose writing does not stir up either a lawsuit or a duel is a bad journalist." I am afraid we let ol' Hippolyte (and my mother) down. My mother told Pat and me that she liked our underground newspapers better. She feels that we have been less aggressive - less controversial - since we joined "the system." I like to think that we didn't become less aggressive, but that we did become more responsible. In our journalism course, we spent several sessions discussing objectivity. *This Is Not The Elm* and OffSET were *not* objective. I'm not sure if *underground* college papers should be. However, I do think that the official college newspaper *must* be. This is not to say that we should cater (no pun intended) to the administration's wishes. And I think it is clear that we have *not* been a mouthpiece for the administration. Mail delays, handicapped access, tuition increases, Native American artifacts (what do you mean, it's not newsworthy?), and the KKK debate all come to mind.

Objectivity and Budgets

I have been responsible for writing articles about the budget this semester. Last week I discussed the budget "freeze." During my interview with Gene Hessey for that article, he mentioned that the **ELM**'s budget is the one that is in real trouble. Unfortunately, this is very true.

The last figure I saw had us about $17,000 in the red. I am not sure how long the **ELM** has been operating with a deficit; however, I recall that one of Laura Hopper's goals in 1990-1991 was to reduce it, so it's been around for several years at least. And probably longer. Professor Wright (Business Department) has been asked to work with next year's staff and Hessey to develop a plan to eliminate the deficit and put the paper on a sound financial footing.

I see several reasons why the deficit may have increased this year. First, the paper has been consistently 12 pages, with one 8-pager and four 16-pagers. In the past, the majority of the issues have been 8 pages. Second, in addition to increased printing costs as the result of a larger paper, printing costs in general have also risen.

One solution would be to increase the amount of the student activity fee which goes to the newspaper. The SGA recently doubled its budget for next year, with more moderate increases planned for the next two years. How long has it been since the **ELM** budget has increased? And *should* it be increased in a period of economic recession? These are the questions which Wright, Hessey, and others must ask.

I also want to take this space to thank all the writers who have made my job a lot easier:

Amanda Burt, who never failed to amaze us with her ability to get more from a story than we ever thought possible; Doug Smith, for whatever it was he did; Chris Mihavetz, who came on late but came on strong; Sabrina Kenny, who got stuck writing about bricks and mortar and managed to do it with pizazz; Jenn Reddish, who gave us articles (with photos) out of the blue and who (to my knowledge) has never set foot in the **ELM** office; Scott Koon, for his guest commentaries; Chris Spezio and Adria Nesberg, for their collaborative and individual pieces; and whoever I may have missed. And I especially want to thank Martha Kimura. Careful readers of the **ELM** may have noticed that Martha, who covered the neighborhood beat for us at the beginning of the semester, has not written for the paper for several months now. Martha took a leave of absence from school at the end of February and is currently residing in Texas with her sister. We all have missed her greatly. The rest of the semester has not been as fun without her. **(Smile, Martha.)**

Beastie Boys Are Back to *Check Your Head*

By Doug Smith
Staff Reviewer

Anyone who listened to *Paul's Boutique* more than twice and realized the true genius contained within it can skip ahead to the top of the third paragraph. Anyone who didn't, or anyone who played it once and filed it among the records they bought when they were in junior high and never listen to anymore, or records they bought because the cover looked cool but the music was lame, or because the band used to be really good but isn't anymore: this part is for you. "The Beastie Boys? Yeah, 'Fight for Your Right' is cool. That other album they did, that kinda sucked though."

The musical progression from *License to Ill* to *Paul's Boutique* is one as distinct and as great as the one from *Meet the Beatles* to *Abbey Road*,[1] or for that matter, the one from Beethoven's first noodlings on the piano to the Ninth Symphony. *Paul's Boutique* easily eclipses anything else released in the 1980s, and its dense wall-to-wall samples summed up the rest of rock and roll history and provided a running commentary on popular culture.[2] And yet the album barely went gold. Great art is never appreciated in its own time. The best kept secret in music today is the fact that the B-Boys are the most innovative and "progressive" band around, simply because they were unable to shake the stigma of their first album.[3] Many of *License to Ill*'s fans were unable to adjust to the subtlety of *Paul's Boutique*, and many listeners who would have otherwise appreciated the album blew it off because they couldn't believe *that* kind of album could come from *that* kind of band. These two disparate groups of people have two things in common, however: they missed out on the greatest record ever made, and they are idiots.

The general consensus these days is that the funkiest band around is the Red Hot Chili Peppers. This is a gross misconception: with the exception of Flea, the Peppers don't have enough funk to fill a thimble. Between them. Anthony Kiedis, especially. He can't sing; he can't rap. He tries to do both. Vocally weak, lyrically crippled,[4] but he's a founding member. They can't kick him out. Sorta like that thing with Def Leppard and their drummer.[5] The rest of the Chili Peppers, I guess I got no real beef with them. Personally, I say, get rid of Fishboy and bring in "Diamond" David Lee Roth, but that's just my opinion, you know?

To get back on track, the point I was trying to make was that the Beastie Boys are back after three years to claim their rightful title as the funkiest rock band around, and send Anthony Kiedis running home to his mother. "Yeah, right," you might be saying. "They're rappers, man. They ain't no rock band. They don't even play their own instruments. And don't be dissin' on my man Anthony." Bullshit. Before they put out *License to Ill*, the B-Boys were a hardcore band. And on *Check Your Head*, the new album, they actually play.[6] And they're a tight band. They don't have the ass-so-tight-they-shit-diamonds bland precision of the Chili Peppers, but so what? *Check Your Head*'s grooves are looser, funkier, a garage band Funkadelic. They sure ain't no Body Count.[7]

As Adam Brown, noted Beasties fan and critic, pointed out, the direct link to *Check Your Head* is *Paul's Boutique*'s "Looking Down the Barrel of a Gun". Expect a fuller exploration of that sound when you pop the new album in. The songs range from heavy raps like "Pass the Mic" (the single) and "The Maestro", whose opening is reminiscent of hardcore rap acts, to hardcore grunge like "Gratitude" and "Time For Livin'", with a handful of originals like "Pow" and "In 3's", the latter of which borrows its bass line from a section of *Paul's Boutique*'s "B-Boy Bouillabaise". Instrumentals? On a rap album? Yeah. And Anthony Kiedis wouldn't paint himself silver until his mother said it was alright.

Check Your Head is remarkably sample free. Aside from an occasional lift from Jimmy Walker or Cheap Trick, most of the sounds are generated by the band, and easily played live.[8] Instead of trying to identifying riffs, listeners can relax a little and enjoy the music.[9] Any samples, musically, are self-conscious allusions to rock and roll history. "Lighten Up" is reminiscent of the mellow organ-heavy songs on the second half of *Exile on Main Street*, and "Mark on the Bus"'s opening is an updating of the intro to Hendrix's "Rainy Day, Dream Away". The record sounds like a cross between the soundtrack to an unreleased Cheech and Chong movie and the lost demo tapes of the band who wrote the theme songs to all those early seventies TV shows like "Sanford and Son" and "Barney Miller".

The question on the lips of all the hardcore Beastie fans is, of course, "What about the raps, man?" Lyrically, the album is stupendous. Rappers since the Sugar Hill Gang (remember them?) have been attempting to outdo each other boasting about themselves, and comparing themselves to everything from Oreo cookies to Captain Kirk. On "Pass the Mic", Ad-Rock ends the debate. "So whatcha got to say that I don't know already?/ I'm like God, and I'm rockin' steady," replaces Big Daddy Kane's "So full of action, my name should be a verb" as my vote for the lyrical high point of rap. Until now, nobody's had the balls to compare themselves with the Big G; then again, nobody until now could get away with it.

Another classic is, "You got the boomin' system but it's slicing out doo-doo/ You think it's chocolate milk, but it's watered-down Yoo-Hoo," from "Professor Booty".[10] The B-Boys even allude to their own work: "The Blue Nun" seems to be a little something to wash down *Paul's Boutique*'s "5-Piece Chicken Dinner".[11] And no album is complete without Ted Nugent squaring off with Biz Markie ("The Biz Vs. The Nuge").

This is not a critique: it is merely a review. The verdict? Buy, beg, borrow, steal a copy of *Check Your Head*. Drag out your dusty unlistened-to copies of *Paul's Boutique*. Hell, even *License to Ill* is a good place to start. The Beasties are one of the few bands that consistently puts out great albums, and probably the only band versatile enough to make such incredible leaps in style and pull it off. Each record demonstrates the ability to embrace and master a completely different area of music.[12] However, there isn't enough room to provide more than a rough overview of the Beastie Boys' *chef d'oeuvre* here, and it's time to put the needle back in the groove for the twelfth time today. If you wrote off the B-Boys, you oughta get your head checked. Here's your chance. So what are you waiting for? Get the fuck outta here.

BEASTIE BOYS
CHECK YOUR
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Photo by Elvismatt Shields

The Beastie Boys new album, Check Your Head – *Number One on 505 High St.'s Hit List.*

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[1] NOTE: "Sounds of Science" on *Paul's Boutique* samples the guitar riff from *Abbey Road*'s "The End", and the last song, "B-Boy Bouillabaise", is actually ten or so songs seamlessly stitched together *à la* the McCartney medley at the end of Abbey Road's second side. It is almost impossible to improve on the Beatles. Repeat: *almost*.

[2] Somebody somewhere wrote that James Joyce's *Finnegan's Wake* contains parodies of sentences that haven't been written yet. I propose that *Paul's Boutique* samples songs that haven't been recorded yet.

[3] Also the fact that they aren't from Manchester or Seattle, they don't play house music with people screaming in German over machine

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Sick & Twisted Festival of Animation

By **Andrew Stone**
Staff "Sick & Twisted" Reviewer

Now I myself can be said to have a rather twisted sense of humor, and I may be known to ramble on about some topic which may not be particularly enjoyable to some. But when I saw the "Festival of Animation: All Extra Sick & Twisted" in Georgetown late last week, I finally realized "Hey! Maybe I will get a job after college!" I mean, I don't know how much these animators make a year, but I'll be damned if they aren't enjoying it!

The Animation Festival was held at the Key Theatre in N.W. Washington D.C., right in the heart of Georgetown, and contained some of the most graphically strange, erotic, bizarre and downright gross short films I have ever seen. And while in some cases the artistic value went from hauntingly beautiful to strangely unique to incredibly simple, none of them dropped a beat in imagination. About twenty films were shown, ranging from one to ten minutes, and each had a uniquely bizarre plot.

Striking films that stick in my mind were such films as "Deadsey", created by David Anderson. This short film seemed hauntingly strange with combinations of computer-like graphics as well as actual drawings. "Lullaby" by Ken Bruce was more of a sick vision of a young child tormented by a stuffed giraffe which tries to eat him. "Pink Komkommer (Swedish for cucumber)" was a joint between eight different artists, all with their own bizarre, sexual perversities and all to the same soundtrack.

But by far the most disgusting films were by Mike Grimshaw, whose "Quiet Please" and "Deep Sympathy" were rivalled only by each other. The first, which consisted of a loud guy who screams profanities and does various disgusting things, was probably surpassed by the second, which had to do with a fake priest who takes perverted liberties with a dead woman. In general, the entire festival had to do with the dangers of inbreeding, questioning the sexual persuasion of the Lone Ranger, and the maiming of children, animals, and just about anyone in the vicinity.

If I could, I'd say "Hey, a must see!!" But unfortunately, the last night was last Thursday. Too bad, it was great! But don't worry, just look in the papers for the Key Theatre, or the Biograph, both of which occasionally show animation festivals of different types. Both are located in Georgetown. To quote one of the film credits: "To those who disapprove but continue to watch."

Beastie Endnotes

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noises, and they don't call themselves "Live", who incidentally are about to go on the road with a band called "In Concert". Basically, "progressive" music seems to be split between the equally stagnant Cure, a bunch of guys who have been churning out the same riff for ten years while Robert Smith (no relation) waxes melancholy over the stupid haircut he can't seem to shake, and REM, a bunch of redneck art-school dropouts fronted by the vapid Sassy pretty boy Michael Snipe and who are lauded by people who think playing three chord songs, mumbling lyrics into intelligibility, and ripping off the Byrds' guitar sound is being original. Recycle *this*, buddy.

[4] The Beastie Boys kick lines like "You're all mixed up, like pasta primavera/ Yo, why'd you throw that chair at Geraldo Rivera?" ("What Comes Around") or "Long distance from my girl, and I'm talking on the cellular/ She said that she was sorry, and I said, "Yeah, the hell you were"" ("High Plains Drifter"), while Kiedis has to consult a rhyming dictionary to get "Under the bridge downtown is where I drew some blood/ Under the bridge downtown, I could not get enough" ("Under the Bridge"), and even that's a weak rhyme.

[5] Brion Gysin said that the novel was fifty years behind painting, and adapted the collage into the cut-up. Forty years later, the cut-up technique has been filtered through fiction into the aural montage of rap music. It is ironic to note that, at the end of "Give It Away", the first single off the last Chili Pepper's album, the guitar plays the riff from Black Sabbath's "Sweet Leaf". The first song on 1986's *License to Ill*, "Rhymin' and Stealin'", samples the same riff. Oh yeah, and Rick Rubin, who produced *Blood Sugar Sex Magik*, got his start working with the Beasties. So it appears that the Chili Peppers are only now arriving at the point the B-Boys embarked from, six-and-a-half years ago. Somebody want to give these guys directions?

[6] Ad-Rock plays guitar, MCA plays bass, and Mike D's on drums. Somewhere between this album and the last one they picked up a keyboardist/carpenter, too. An interesting sidelight: the first single off of *Check Your Head* was supposed to be a cover of Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody". It seems the B-Boys are big Queen fans, and were struck pretty hard by AIDS poster-boy Freddie Mercury's untimely death. But don't look for the song on Check Your Head. Somewhere between recording and mixing the album, liking Queen and doing Queen covers became trendy. Not wanting to compromise their artistic integrity, they shelved the single indefinitely and dropped "Bohemian Rhapsody" from the new album's lineup.

[7] You know, Ice-T trying to do hardcore. "Who gave those black boys... those big guitars?" Interesting concept, but then again, the AMC Pacer probably looked good on paper, too.

[8] The B-Boys didn't tour for *Paul's Boutique*. Neither did the Beatles when *Sergeant Pepper* came out. Both records were impossible to reproduce live at the time. However, the Beasties are touring for *Check Your Head*, which is more than I can say for the Beatles. I've got my ticket.

[9] My roommate swore that he heard the sound of the intercom from the old "Star Trek" TV show somewhere in the middle of "Finger Lickin' Good". Needless to say, we spent half an hour of painfully close listening trying to find it again, unsuccessfully. Sort of like cold fusion.

[10] Adam's personal favorite. He was supposed to tag-team this review with me. It's 12:15 in the AM, Wednesday. Where the hell were you, dude?

[11] Jim Seeley's personal favorite on *Paul's Boutique*. Said it reminded him of south Jersey.

[12] Basically, the only two acts in rap worth following these days are the B-Boys and Public Enemy, and the Beasties are the only band breaking any sort of musical ground. While I respect PE, and they do put out consistently good work, they haven't really moved musically since 1987, and *Nation of Millions*. This is not a bad thing, since most bands can't even see that far ahead into the future of sound. Sorta like Beefheart's *Trout Mask Replica*: when you redefine the concept of music on your second album, it's difficult to do anything but follow through with your new definition. PE seems to be caught in a stylistic sandtrap.

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LEO: Some people will do anything for you... now you just need to find them. Choose your words well. Don't pass up anything for free, just be sure to get a receipt.

VIRGO: After one more harrowing year, the end is finally in sight. Your wanderlust soars to new extremes, as does every other type of lust. Do not restrain.

LIBRA: A fantasy of yours actualizes this week. And it's a really good fantasy. Avoid authority figures trying to wreck your fun. Procrastination will be harmful.

SCORPIO: If you're normal, you might be wondering if your classmates have parents or if they've all been cloned on Tony's xerox. It's an optical illusion. They're real. Fortunately, you're about to escape.

SAGITTARIUS: Befriend some seedy characters. They tend to be interesting. Then again, they might just be slimey. Anyway, they'll be entertaining.

CAPRICORN: Allow superstitious behavior to control you - you have nothing better to do. Be weary of instant gratifications.... (They're cheap)

AQUARIUS: Everything you touch crumbles. Lighten the pressure. A delicate situation arises - go easy on it. Also, Forgive + forget. Stop paying so much attention to yourself.

PISCES: Face it. You need some excitement in your life (something other than the KKK on campus). We're talking major excitement (not a new red tie).. Figure out how to give yourself an emotional face lift.

Butchart Wins Lynette Nielsen Art Award

The Lynette Nielsen Art Award, given annually to acknowledge excellence and achievement in the visual arts, was presented last Friday the 26th to Senior Art Major Andrea Butchart, for her charcoal self-portraits. Past winners include Vicco von Voss and Becca Hutchinson, who was a Junior at the time.

The award was presented at the annual Student Art Show, held in Gibson FIne Arts Center Gallery. The exhibit also includes photography and sculpture from John Goebel, and mixed media projects by Deb Kulich, both Senior Art majors. The show also includes the past year's works by the art classes at Washington College, and will be open through graduation weekend.

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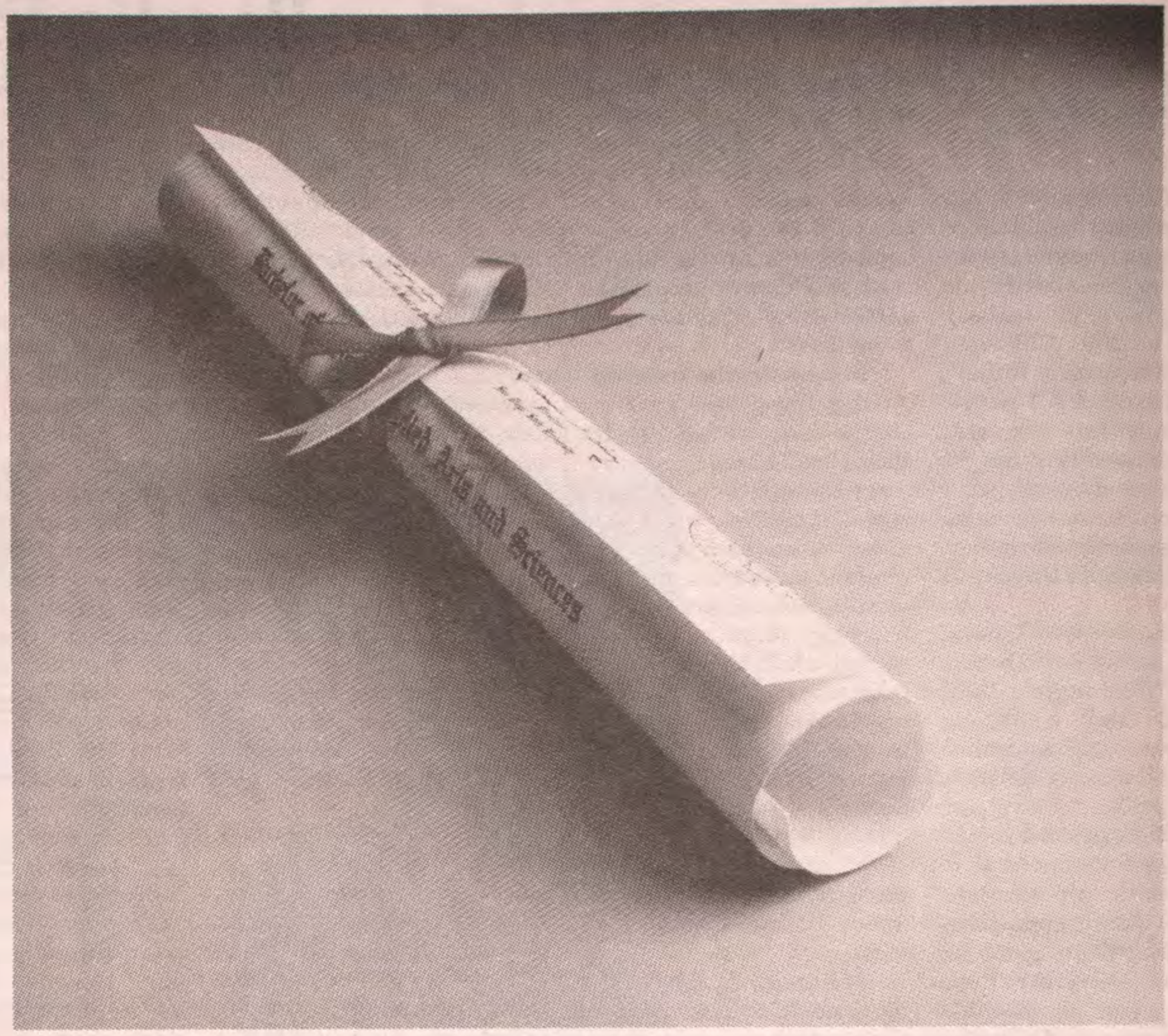

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Lambadamen Spank KA

By Dan Kretzer
Staff Writer

On Wednesday afternoon, April 29, the Lambadamen (the Forbidden Team) knew they were up against their toughest opponent in the best one out of one REC Sports Softball Coed League Championship series. In their two previous games, the Lambadamen tied and just barely beat the brothers of Kappa Alpha B team. The Team That Sets The Night On Fire (the Lambadamen) went into the game with an undefeated record to defend... and that's just what they did.

Leadoff batter Dan Kretzer ripped the first pitch down the third base line. Somewhat unwisely he tried to stretch the triple into a home run and the throw beat him home. But the Lambadamen would not be denied. Kretzer put his head down and knocked the KA catcher and the ball in two completely different directions for a home run. Pat Attenasio (4 for 4, 4 RBI) followed Kretzer with a double. He scored after being batted to third by Chris "Pike" Mihavetz and knocked home by Dan "the Man" Dutton. In the bottom of the first, the KA's answered with two runs of their own, but after that it was all Lambadamen.

Offensively, the Lambadamen were red hot. Dutton's two home runs (one being a grand slam) broke the will of the opposing team, and every Lambadaman hit well. Mike "Catch" Sapp, Nate "the Snake" Harned and Rod "the Bod" Benson all were impressive at the plate. "Lightnin" Ramsey Bigham arrived late, but just in time to tear a single up the middle of the infield. It was an offensive orgy that resulted in eighteen runs in four innings, but it was the defense of Team Lambada that stole the show.

Behind pitcher Sally "Fireball" Hayensworth, the Lambada fielders shut the KA's completely down. Chris "Pike" Mihavetz at shortstop, Benson at second and Harned at third teamed up with John "W" Blakelock at first for a tight infield game. Kretzer, Dutton and Attenasio shut down every KA shot into the outfield. It was Chris "Beetle" Griep who picked up a hit in right field and threw home to Sapp, gunning down a KA runner like a fat duck. The second and third innings were hitless for the KAs. In the bottom of the fourth, with runners on first and second with two out, Mihavetz scooped a grounder, fired to Harned at third for the force and the ten run mercy killing rule came into play, ending the game.

The Lambadamen would also like to recognize outfielder Pat "Red Lova" Lebowitz who missed the game due to lacrosse practice. This game, more than any other was a total team effort by the Lambadamen. It seemed that things might go against them when Dennis Berry made them censor their battle cry of "F*** YEAH!" to "SHUCKS YEAH!" But the Lambadamen pulled together and watched their language. The Forbidden Team danced their way to an undefeated season this year. Said Attenasio: "We came, we saw, we parked it over their heads. Now all that's left is a certain bunch of no-names who will soon be owing us a keg... ."

However, the brothers of Kappa Alpha did not go home complete losers for the day. In the championship game for the REC Sports Hi-comp Softball League, the Kappa Alpha A Team managed to squeak out a 15-13 win over the Theta Mo'Fo's. This game came down to the wire, with two outs and the bases loaded with Thetas in the bottom of the ninth. Unfortunately, the Mo'Fo's were unable to capitalize and the Kappa Alphas walked away with the win.

In other softball news, the Vaughnster and Spiderman, after seeing the powerful Lambadamen destroy KA-B, decided not to try their luck against the Forbidden Team. According to **ELM** sources, Linehan was quoted as saying, "I wouldn't dare get on the field with those Lambadamen." Anyone wishing to buy a glove can probably get one cheap from Chris Vaughn or Charlie "Brown" Linehan at Phi Delt Headquarters.

What did you do today?

Thursday, January 25, 1990

“Me and my sisters went down to the center to play with the disabled kids. You know, to just be with them.”

Beth Kerby
Troy, MI

Tuesday, January 23, 1990

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Women Netters Fall to #1 Swarthmore

By **Rachael Rice**
Staff Writer

The Women's tennis team suffered a devastating loss last Saturday, putting a halt to their effort for a repeat MAC title. Despite being bested by Swarthmore in the Southern division contest, as of press-time, Division III Nationals hopes were still alive.

The women travelled to Swarthmore on Saturday with Coach Todd Helbling. Swarthmore entered the match both undefeated and ranked #1 in the East region. The Shoremen squad, tied for #2 in the East, knew they would be in for a battle. Tracy Peel justified her #3 national ranking with a crisp 6-3, 6-2 victory over nemesis Julie Shapiaro. Pam Hendrickson, Rachael Rice, and Kristy Karns, playing at #2, 5, and 6, each forced a third set but not the victory. Suffering her first singles defeat of the season, Hendrickson went down 6-1,3-6,4-6. Rice lost her first set 3-6, came back in the second, 7-6 (4), but earned only 1 game in the third. Miriam Dittmann, another key player throughout the season, was unable to come through at #3, losing 2-6,1-6. Sloan was defeated at #4, 0-6,4-6.

The Shoremen were slated to play Trenton State this past Thursday. As Washington is currently tied with Trenton at #2 in the East region, a victory could give the women a shot at attending the national tournament in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

In other tennis action, the MAC individual tournament begins today at Gettysburg, the home of the Bullets. Hendrickson and Sloan will represent the team in singles; Rice and Peel will pair for doubles. A strong showing for Hendrickson will greatly enhance her chances for an individual bid to the Division III national tournament. As for the doubles, Peel claims, "Rachael and I are anxious to defend the YMCA title we earned this past fall. The teams we will face should be tough, but we are a veteran team." The tournament runs today and tomorrow, pending rain delays.

The women would like to thank their many supporters throughout the season, as well as those members of the faculty and staff who helped to make this season possible. In addition, they extend a special thanks to Coaches Finnegan, Gray, and Helbling whose hard work and motivation have made the season a success.

It has been a real turn around for the Shorewomen netters and their program. Gray looks towards the '92-'93 season with great hopes and aspirations, seeking only improvement and furthered success for the squad. Good Luck and cheers to a great season!!

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Miriam Diitman, Pam Hendrickson, & Tracy Peel display tennis apparel

Crew Places Well On The Chester

By **Laura Green**
Staff Writer

Saturday was a record day for the rowing team, with Washington winning a phenomenal six out of eleven events (What is it about being on our home turf?). The banks of the Chester were packed with fans, alumni, and parents screaming for the sleek boats filled with determined athletes.

Amazingly enough, the races began at 10:00 as opposed to the usual break of dawn type stuff the crew team is so familiar with. The Varsity Women's Pair took first place with the power of Theresa Lerch and Sue Czechowski. John McCarthy and Darryl Calloway took 2nd in the very competitive, Varsity Men's Pair. WC raced Rod Benson and Lance Mrecereau as a Pair, this duo came in 4th. The Men's Pair With Coxswain raced in this event as well, and finished 5th overall despite the fact that they were racing against the Pairs Without.

The Varsity Women's Four, with coxswain Karen Wright, stroke-Laura Green, Mary Bird, Kara Weisenbaugh, and bow-Conci Pope, broke through the competition of five other boats and stole the gold.

The Novice Men's Four came in 2nd in a strong race. The Novice Men's Eight also rowed hard and finished 3rd in their race.

The Novice Women's Eight sliced through the somewhat choppy water and took first place beating out the crews in their path for the gold medal. The Novice Four that made such a big splash down south continued to show their potential by finishing 2nd.

The Varsity Men's Lightweight Four, true to form, raced an incredible race taking 2nd place by 9/10ths of a second. The Men's Varsity four won their race and took home another gold medal for Washington.

The WC Varsity Women's Eight dazzled the crowd by winning 1st place and redeeming the Betsy Beard Cup from last year's winners. The Men's Varsity Eight followed suit by dominating this outrageously competitive event and bringing home the winning cup.

The crew teams celebrated their victories at a party at the Country Club. New members were inducted into the Washington College Rowing Association (WCRA): Ari Kodek, Rod Benson, Mary Bird, Laura Green, Sue Czechowski, Kara Weisenbaugh, Cindi DeWaters, Amy Osborne, Darryl Calloway, Glenn Warner, Conci Pope, Theresa Lerch, Lance Mercereau, Ray Herndon, Tim Stoltzfus. The Oarsmen-of-the-Year awards were presented to Darryl Calloway and Laura Green. Fine food and good company completed the evening for the elated rowers.

The WC crewsters had Sunday to bask in their glory and then it was back to the drawing board. The team will be racing on the Potomic River at the Cadle Cup Regatta this weekend; come out and enjoy the great weather as WC beats up on a few more crews.

But the really big news is the fact that four of the five men's boats, the fifth is waiting on the rowing committee's decision, will be participating in the national championships, otherwise known as the Dad Vails held in Philadelphia PA. This means WC has placed in the top 18 in the country according to the committee. The women's team will know within the next 24 hours (as of Thursday). Congratulations Crew crew!!!

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Courtesy of Mike Davenport

The men's lightweight crew celebrates

Griep: "You know Pat, Many Babes Cling to The Creatures."

Washington College Will Join Centennial Conference for Athletic Competition in 1993

By Gary Brown
Sports Information Director

Washington College will change its athletic conference affiliation in 1993, moving from the Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic Conference (MAC) to the Centennial Conference, President Charles H. Trout announced today.

President Trout expressed his "immense satisfaction" with this new athletics arrangement. "All who care about the destiny of Washington College," he commented, "should be jubilant to be part of this outstanding group of schools. I look forward to spirited athletic and academic competition in the years to come."

At a press conference today in Lancaster, PA, Gettysburg College President Gordon A. Haaland announced that the Centennial Football Conference was expanding to an all-sports conference and would include Washington College as a charter member.

The original CFC institutions include Dickinson College, Franklin and Marshall College, Gettysburg College, Johns Hopkins University, Muhlenberg College, Swarthmore College, Ursinus College and Western Maryland College. Haaland, the acting chairman of a committee of presidents representing the eight member institutions, also announced that besides Washington College, Bryn Mawr College and Haverford College would be extended charter membership in the Centennial Conference.

A purpose and mission statement adopted by the presidents states: "Recognizing that our fundamental purpose is the academic mission of our institutions, we agree to establish an all-sports conference in the spirit of rationalizing our competition by controlling travel, schedule, and costs. The Conference will be controlled by the presidents of the member institutions."

The Centennial Conference will encourage athletic competition among national liberal arts colleges and universities that share similar academic aspirations and a commitment to the importance of the total educational experience of students engaged in sports. Intercollegiate athletics programs are an integral part of life of member institutions and flow from their educational objectives. Each member institution provides a comprehensive, broad-based athletics program. All varsity sports are treated equitably, and every sport is important. The Centennial name will be retained because all the institutions are more than 100 years old.

Ten of the eleven schools (with Bryn Mawr as the exception) have held membership in the Middle Atlantic Conference almost since the conference's inception in 1912. Those schools will continue to participate in
the MAC through the 1992-93 athletic year.

The MAC has a current membership of 26 institutions with diverse philosophies. For that reason, on June 4, 1981, Keith Spalding, then president of Franklin and Marshall College, made the announcement that, "eight private colleges found it timely and appropriate to form a round-robin football schedule among institutions with similar attitudes and practices in intercollegiate football competition." With that statement the present Centennial Football Conference was born.

Because of their success in operating the CFC, the presidents formed an ad hoc committee early in 1991 to study the possibility of an all-sports conference involving the original eight schools. On Thursday, March 26, 1992, the presidents received a positive report from the committee, with the additional recommendation that three schools — Haverford College, Bryn Mawr College and Washington College — be invited to join as charter members.

The Centennial Conference member institutions will have the latitude to maintain relationships with other institutions for scheduling and the perpetuation of traditional rivalries.

Among the major points agreed upon by the presidents were the following:

- The conference schedules will be implemented for the 1993-94 academic year.
- The Charter Members will establish a presidential committee to review the bylaws and present them for approval by June 15, 1992.
- The criteria for membership include the following provisions:
  - a) all members will be NCAA Division III members
  - b) all members will be able to demonstrate agreement with the purpose and mission of the conference.

The presidents approved the establishment of a search committeee to advertise immediately for an executive secretary. They have set January 1, 1993, as the target date for closure and for deciding administrative logistics of an office and support services.

– Press Release

WC Trounces Haverford, Gets Stung by Salisbury

By Melissa Harmeyer
Clutch Staff Writer

Photo by Gary Brown

Sanchez makes his move

The Sho'men stomped on Haverford at Kibler Field last Wednesday, but the roles were reversed on a rainy Saturday afternoon as the Shoremen fell to the visiting Salisbury Sea Gulls 22-8. Washington was 10-2 as they went into Saturday's game and even though they lost, their winning record will take them into the MAC Championship game this Friday afternoon.

The Shoremen got off to a great start in Wednesday's game against the Fords. Chris Sanchez scored his first of four goals in the first :40 seconds of the game. Sanchez's goal began the scoring brigade that lead to an eight goal lead after the first five minutes of the second quarter. Harris Murphy started a second scoring streak when he scored off a pass from Jason Paige. The Shoremen scored twelve more goals before the Fords put another one into the net. Twelve players scored for the Shoremen with twenty-eight more shots on goal than the Fords. Washington also controlled the face-offs, 31-9. Bill Griffin proved exceptional in the goal for both of the games. He saved 10 shots in the game against Haverford and tallied six saves in the Salisbury game.

Only five players scored for the Shoremen against Salisbury, with Chris Cote leading the team at five goals and one assist. Washington's first goal did not come until the last three minutes of the first quarter. Although the Shoremen had 27 shots on goal, it did not compare with the Gulls 49 attempted shots. Washington had the advantage over the Gulls in faceoffs, but it did not prove to be enough. Jason Paige, Chris Jones and Harris Murphy added to Chris Cote's five goals to give Washington their eight goals of the game. Andy Manos stepped into the goal and tallied six saves, adding to Griffin's six saves earlier in the game. The match-up against Salisbury State University has proved to be very challenging the past two years and let's hope next year proves to be more successful.

The team's next game is the MAC Championship game at Kibler Field against seventh ranked Gettysburg College. If they beat Gettysburg, the Shoremen will have another go at Salisbury the following weekend in the opening of the DIII playoffs. Good Luck!

RUGBY TEAM TAKES THIRD IN SECOND ANNUAL PRESIDENTS CUP!!!

By Brandon White
Staff Writer

The second annual President's Cup was held last Saturday featuring four teams: WC, Salisbury State, St. Marys, and the President Cup defending champions, Severn River Men's Club. The first match featured WC going against the much experienced Severn River Men's Club. The match started out pretty evenly matched, but as the match progressed Severn River's experience took over. The final score was 19-0. The second match featured Salisbury State against St. Marys. This turned out to be the most uneven match of the day. Salisbury took the early lead and continued to build on their lead resulting in the final score being 53-3.

The consolation game featured WC going against St. Marys. This was the third time this year that the two clubs had gone head to head, with WC already winning the first two handily. The game started out looking as if it was going to be a real grudge match. Shawn "The Ham" Hamill struck first with an outstanding tri. Then Peter "Stein" Hagen kicked the extra point to make it 6-0. St. Marys then converted on a penalty kick to get their only score of the match making it 6-3. Dave Snyder then retaliated with a tri to make it 10-3. WC then struck with a third tri in the second half to make the final 14-3.

The championship game featured Severn River against Salisbury State. This match was very evenly matched. Both squads had a successful first half, but Salisbury turned it on in the second half and captured the Presidents Cup with a 17-10 victory. The final results of the day were: Salisbury first, Severn River second, WC third, and St. Marys forth. The WC Rugby Club would like to thank all of the fans for their support this year and they look forward to seeing you all next year.

Pat: "I only wish I could be a Newt's POW, ONCE."

Women's Lax Ends Rough Season with High Hopes for Next Year

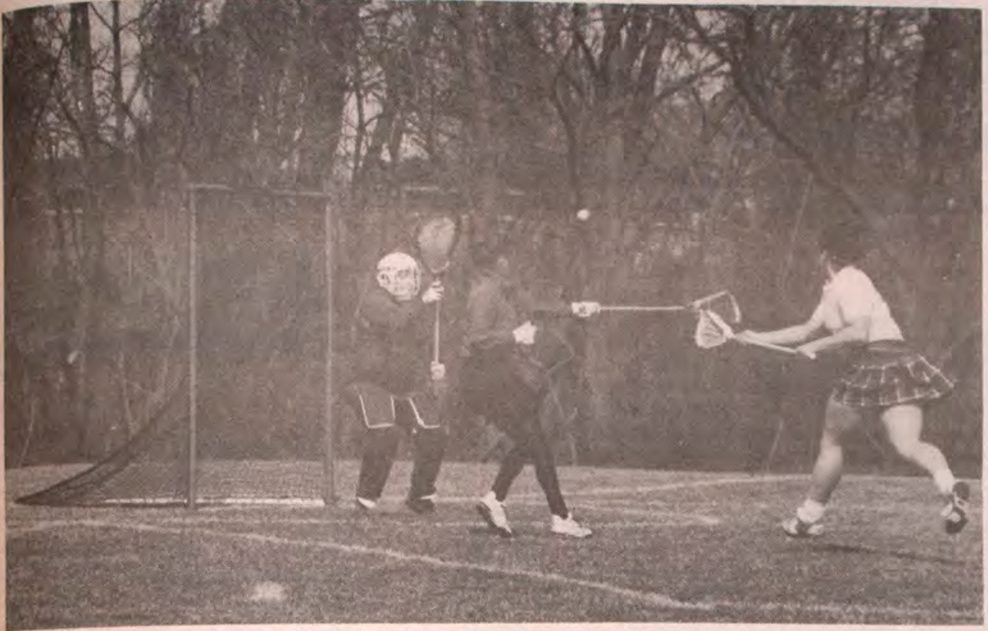
Photo by Gary Brown

She may be faceless in this one, but Margaret Doyle performs her trademark here, scoring goals high, hard, and often

By **Renee Guckert**
Staff Writer

Women's lacrosse completed their season last Wednesday with a battle against Haverford. Amy McCleary scored the Shorewomen's very first goal in the first minute and a half of the game. Haverford came back to score five goals, making the score 6-1, when Margaret Doyle fired it up, scoring five goals in a row, two of which were assisted by McCleary. Washington dominated on both draw and ground ball control, and when the first period ended, the scoreboard read 7-6 with the Shorewomen down by one. The second period, however, was less successful in the scoring category for the lady laxers as Haverford pulled out a 14-7 victory.

At the season's end, Margaret Doyle recorded a total of thirty-nine goals and twelve assists, giving her the lead scorer position for the 1992 season. Followed by Doyle was Amy McCleary with thirty-five goals, twelve assists and Kristy Hilgartner with twelve goals and four assists. But beyond the number of goals, shots, saves and overall record (3-8), there stands a victorious women's athletic team.

Going into the season, the team knew their fight would be long and difficult as they faced the odds of inexperience and a grueling game schedule. This schedule included approximately three squads which were ranked among the top fifteen teams in the nation. Washington's women's lacrosse team, however, faced each of their opponents with "dignity and pride," according to Coach Diane Guinan. "This could easily have been the type of season where the players gave up and felt sorry for themselves after a number of losses, but the team stuck together, learned from each other, and worked game to game."

With each contest and each practice, Washington's squad grew stronger, holding their own against teams such as Gettysburg, ranked fifteenth nationally. (The score at the half in that contest read an even 5-5.) "People think we should have regrets about the season," said Guinan, "but I don't have any negative feelings. Success is: did we do everything we were capable of doing, did the team progress and work well together, and did they learn from each other? I can answer yes to all of those questions." Freshman Julie Klein shares her coach's view of the season: "I feel that it was a successful season because we were a close team, we learned how to work together, and that's what mattered over anything else."

Although the Shorewomen must say good-bye to two of their strongest players, captains Margaret Doyle and Kristy Hilgartner, the team will undoubtedly take what they have learned from the 1992 lacrosse season, put it to good use, and walk away victorious in 1993.

Baseball Ends Early

By **Julie Greene**
Staff *Saviour*

WAC baseball swept Widener in a double header on Parents Day, improving the Shoremen league record to 6-4. Sophomore Keith Whiteford earned his eighth win of the season while Dan Coker and Rory Conway, in the extra innings, helped to pull out a 3-2 victory. Joe Boan pitched a 4-1 win in the second game.

The Shoremen were not as fortunate in a doubleheader against Wesley College, Tuesday afternoon. Whiteford put in a strong effort on the mound, but Wesley took the first game 6-1 after a few controversial calls.

With the first game loss behind them, the Shoremen got on the board early in game two, scoring four runs in the first inning. Joe Boan held Wesley to one run until the fourth inning when, once again, Wesley took a formidable lead, scoring six more runs and winning 8-4.

The Shoremen ended their season with an overall record of 12-16. Senior John Morrall finished his WAC career with a fine performance and a team leading batting average of .360, while teammate Keith Whiteford finished the season with a 2.22 ERA. Good Job!

NEWT'S
Player of the Week

Kevin "Duck" Doyle

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First, Blakelock, John Blakelock, a Talbot resident for fourteen years, deserves praise, glory, and all the lovin' he wants for saving our ceremony this weekend with a little improv down at the church. Blakelock, YOU DA MANG!

Pat- It's been a great time working with you, you're not that good in softball, and good luck begging in the streets of D.C. next year! HA, HA, HA... Take it easy, Pat!

Now, drum role please, for the final Newt's POW of the year. . . the one we all know and love, the red headed defensive monster from Loyola High School, Kevin "Duck" Doyle. Kevin has returned this year with an unfulfillable appetite for success on the Kib and has demonstrated it all season long. He has 48 ground balls and an uncountable amount of take aways. With this season's performance there is a possibility of Kevin becoming an All-American. Way to go Duck- yet another Doyle legacy here at WC!

Mens' Tennis Still Hoping

By **Tim "Bird" Reardon**
Responsible Staff Writer

On Saturday, Washington College's tennis team captured their seventh straight MAC title. On Friday they won the southeast title by beating Dickinson at Dickinson, 6-0. Coach Gray chose not to play the doubles because of the long drive back to school. Then on Saturday, the team captured their seventh straight title in as many years. They beat Kings College (PA.), 6-0, after sweeping every singles match. At this point, the King's coach, apparently wowed by WC's stealth on the court, decided his team had had enough and didn't want to play the doubles. The singles play belonged to WC after 55 minutes. The top six seeds had no trouble winning their matches.

The team finds out Sunday night if they make it to the national tournament. The chances have become better with last week's Suny Binghampton loss to the University of Rochester. Suny Binghampton, ranked thirteenth, beat U. C. San Diego, ranked fourth in the nation. Washington beat Rochester 7-2 so there is still a chance to make the tournament.

WC Invited to Join New Centennial League Next Year

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K.A.'s Win Rec Softball, Lambadamen-Who The Hell Cares

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Lax Loses Battle but May Not Have Lost The War!

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PUCH
ATHLETE of the WEEK!

Photo by Gary Brown

Ladies and gentlemen, this photo personifies Newt's Player of The Week. Now, don't be fooled by the cheap costume which adorns this spirited imposter. If you'll look closely at the dark, plastic wig, you will see the bright flecks of tell-tale golden, wispy hair. And notice the nose, Oh my GOD, THE NOSE. Could this be any other than our fearless editor-in-chief vying for POW status in a previous life? Hey Pat . . .
IN YER FACE AND IN YER FACE HARD!!

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Kevin Doyle: NEWT'S Player of the Week

Scores

Men's Lacrosse		
Washington	25	
Haverford	9	
Washington	8	
Salisbury	22	
Women's Tennis (MAC)		
Washington	1	
Swarthmore	5	
Men's Tennis (MAC)		
Washington	6	
King's College	0	
Women's Lacrosse		
Washington	7	
Haverford	14	
Baseball		
Washington	4	7
Delaware Valley	1	11
Wahington	3	4
Widener	2	1
Softball		
Washington	2	
Elmira	5	
Washington	4	2
Western MD.	8	11

Crew Shines At Home

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